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### 1) Travelling Outside The U.S for Spring Break?

**This is a reminder!!!**

Please make sure to turn in your travel request form with your I-20/DS-2019 for processing at least 5 business days prior to your travel date. The travel request form is on the web page:



### 2) Coffee Hour: Peace Rally 2012

All students are invited to the Peace Rally this Friday. This an annual event organized by UCIE, ICE, and WSU Student Government to raise awareness and promote our desire for peace in general. This Peace Rally preaches personal, rather than as "World Peace" so please join us and spread the word of peace. Peace starts within the spirit of each one of us and radiates from us to others like light from a candle.



**Where:** Student Union Atrium  
**What:** Peace Rally  
**When:** Friday, February 17, 2012  
**Time:** 1 – 4 PM  
**Host:** UCIE/ICE/WSU Student Government



### 3) Participate in IFA 2012

Do **YOU** want to participate in **International Friendship Affair (IFA) 2012** on Saturday, **April 21<sup>st</sup>**? This year's theme is "**Arts around the World**". If interested in participating please view the message below.

**Performance** – if you want to put on an artistic performance you may dance, play instruments, sing a song etc. Please contact **Nam** at [ucie11@wright.edu](mailto:ucie11@wright.edu) and she will provide you with the information that you need. The performance slots are expected to be no longer than 15 minutes.

**Table Display** – you can help to create the most colorful and interesting features of the IFA the Table Displays. This is your opportunity to present your culture and traditions of your home country by using interactive media, posters, books or any artifacts that you may have brought from your country. You are more than welcome to talk **Belinda** ([Belinda.grody@wright.edu](mailto:Belinda.grody@wright.edu)) and we will provide you with the information that you need. The table displays need to be ready by 12:30 pm on April 17 and the displays are expected to be open until 4:30 pm.

The University Center for International Education organizes the Annual International Friendship Affair (IFA) to give the WSU and surrounding communities an opportunity to learn about the cultural heritage of WSU students. The event includes an entertainment program featuring performances from a wide variety of international groups, flag parade, table displays featuring various artifacts and a variety of door prizes donated by local ethnic restaurants.

For more information contact Nam or Joe or Dammy at [nam\\_ucie@yahoo.com](mailto:nam_ucie@yahoo.com) or [joe\\_ucie@yahoo.com](mailto:joe_ucie@yahoo.com) or [dammy\\_ucie@yahoo.com](mailto:dammy_ucie@yahoo.com)



### 4) Attention Students Voting for ISA President

Students interested in casting a vote for the President of the INDIA STUDENT ASSOCIATION are able to vote in the UCIE Office during the next three days (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday). Be involved and VOTE today or no later than Friday. Bring your WSU –ID (or an Ohio ID) to be eligible to vote at the UCIE front desk.





## 5) Attention Students Violating Immigration Status

It has come to our attention that there are some international students working off campus without employment authorization.

REMINDER\*\* International students on an F-1/J-1 visa are not permitted to work off-campus without authorization. This is a serious violation of your visa status and can result in termination in SEVIS, detention by Immigration Control and Enforcement officials and eventual deportation.



## 6) TAX FACTS – Social Security (FICA) and Medicare Withholding

This fact sheet is about incorrectly withheld Social Security (FICA) and Medicare Tax from earnings (wages), and how to get the money refunded to you.

F-1 and J-1 students who have been in the U.S. in this status for 5 calendar years or less, and J-1 scholars in the U.S. in this status for 2 calendar years or less who have been employed ON CAMPUS are generally exempt from Social Security and Medicare Tax (boxes 4 and 6 of your W2). F-1 and J-1 students who worked off campus with the appropriate work authorization (economic hardship employment or practical training) may also be exempt from these two taxes. However, F-1 and J-1 students in the U.S. in this status for more than five years, J-2 dependents, J-1 scholars and faculty in the U.S. for more than two years, those in other non-immigrant statuses, and those who worked without authorization ARE normally subject to Social Security (FICA) and Medicare Tax.

If you are an F-1 or J-1 student who thinks that Social Security and/or Medicare Taxes were withheld from your pay incorrectly, because you were in the U.S. in this status for less than five or two years, respectively, and had appropriate work authorization, then U.S. federal regulation requires that you contact the employer who issued you the W-2 and inform them of the error, AND ask that they refund you the money. If the employer cannot or will not issue the refund, there is a special procedure you can use to obtain a refund of Social Security and Medicare Tax. This procedure is entirely separate from filing your income tax forms.

You need to file two special IRS forms, Form 843 and Form 8316. You will be required to show on the forms that you attempted to contact your employer first. You will also be required to attach copies of your work authorization, a copy of your I-94 card, I-20 or DS-2019, and a copy of your W-2 form. It all gets mailed to the Internal Revenue Service Center, Austin, TX 73301-0215. You should keep copies of everything you send and allow up to 6 months for processing. You can find out more about this procedure in IRS Publication 519.







## 7) Current Situation in Middle East

All Students especially those from the Middle East are encouraged to utilize the university's services available to students like the Counseling and Wellness and remembering to attend the Friday prayers. These resources are in place to help students cope with the stress of the emerging issues in their home countries.



## 8) Join the Celebration of Research, Scholarship & Creative Activities

The Celebration of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities is a salute to the scholarly explorations of an incredible variety of Wright State's undergraduate and graduate students.



Open to all disciplines, this daylong event showcases lectures, posters, videos, slideshows and other presentations of research, scholarship and creative activities produced during the past year. Presentations are 20 minutes in length and include a brief question-and-answer segment with the presenter.

April 13th, 2011

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Register by March 7, 2011 at [www.wright.edu/urop/news.html](http://www.wright.edu/urop/news.html)

Please direct any questions to Dr. Dominique Belanger.

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## 9) Travel around the World – A Story

Come and hear Mike Fanelli and his daughter's story about putting their life on hold for a year and touring around the world. Their goal: to see the wonders of the world, sample exotic foods, and to learn about different cultures and customs.



**WHEN:** Thursday, February 24th,  
**TIME:** 7-9 PM  
**WHERE:** WSU Student Union Endeavor Room  
**COST:** FREE

## 10) Secrets of a Successful International Entrepreneur

Wright State alumna and creative entrepreneur Monaqui Porter-Young will share the successes of her career and the launch and growth of Srina, her international organic tea company

**Thursday, March 10, 2011**  
**10:30 - 11:30 a.m.**  
**E157 Student Union**

*Please see attachment for more details*

