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1) Next Coffee Hour: France

What do you know about France's Sports, Culture, and Demography? Join us to share what you know and to learn about each of France's extremely diverse regions, their characteristics, and their opportunities for business and pleasure.

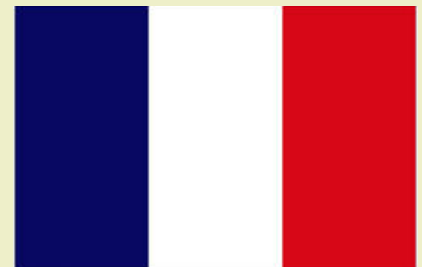
Where: E190 S.U (UCIE Conference Room)

When: Friday, March 22, 2013

Time: 3 - 4 PM

Presenter: Marie Jergens

Host: UCIE



2) Dropping Summer Classes

If you need to drop summer classes and are not able to do so due to minimum registration restrictions, you must email kimberly.brumbaugh@wright.edu.



3) Journey Across Cultures - University of Dayton International Festival

The annual International Festival offers international cuisine, performances, a fashion show, cultural booths and an opportunity to learn about the many international cultures found at the University of Dayton. This event is sponsored by the University of Dayton International Club and the Center for International Programs.

Where: University of Dayton - Kennedy Union Ballroom

When: Saturday, March 16, 2013

Time: 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Cost: Free admission. \$4 food ticket.



4) OPT Employment Authorization Application Deadline

This message is for those students graduating this **Spring Semester**.

If you have already applied for OPT then you may ignore this message. However, this message is to inform those international student who have not yet applied, **YOU HAVE UNTIL THE END OF Spring Semester (April 30, 2013) TO APPLY FOR THE "OPT"**

Please note that application processing usually takes up to 3 months.

If you want to apply for OPT, please do so **IMMEDIATELY**—go to the web site below to prepare and submit to UCIE the OPT application: <http://www.wright.edu/ucie/student/files/optApplication.pdf>



5) Spring 2013 Coffee Hour Schedule

The International Cultural Exchange (ICE) is planning an event for every other Friday this semester. ICE is a student organization that sponsors events to allow international students to experience American culture, culture of other nations and have fun in an informal setting. Our upcoming events are:

March 22nd, 3PM - France

April 5th, 3PM - Potluck

April 12th, 3PM - Flag Parade Rehearsal





6) Participate and share your culture

The University Center for International Education (UCIE) organizes the Annual International Friendship Affair (IFA) Festival to give the WSU and surrounding communities an opportunity to learn more about the cultural heritage of WSU students.

pARTicipate The Cultural Advantage

Would **YOU** like to participate in the **International Friendship Affair (IFA) Festival 2013** on Saturday, **April 13th**? This year's theme is **"Celebrities around the World"**. If you would like to participate, please view the message below.

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 contact **Belinda** (belinda.grody@wright.edu) and she will provide you with the information that you need. The table displays must be ready by 12:30 pm on April 13th, 2013 and the displays are expected to be open until 4:30 pm.



For more information contact Nam or Dammy at ucie11@wright.edu or ucie4@wright.edu

7) Recruiting Days by Career Services

Students and alumni who are interested in networking with employers for internship, co-op, or career employment are invited to participate in the following events:

Public Service and Creative Careers Recruiting Day:

(Government, Social Action, Healthcare and Communication/Entertainment Industry)

Wednesday, March 13, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

STEM Recruiting Day:

(Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)

Thursday, March 14, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Business Recruiting Day:

Thursday, March 14, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Participants should register in advance in [The Wright Search](#).

A list of participating employers is available in <http://www.wright.edu/career-services/about-us/the-wright-search-for-students-and-alumni>

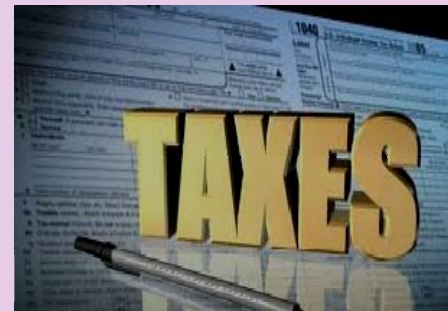
Visit the Events tab at <http://www.wright.edu/career-services/events> for more information.





8) TAX FACTS – Social Security (FICA) and Medicare Withholding

F-1 and J-1 students who have been in the U.S. in this status for 5 calendar years or less (2008 or later), and J-1 scholars in the U.S. in this status for 2 calendar years or less (2011 or later) 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.

If that employer does not refund the withheld taxes, file Form 843, Claim for Refund and Request for Abatement. 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. 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. Mail Form 843 (with attachments) to the following address:

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service Center
Philadelphia, PA 19255

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding tax please don't hesitate to email Jiao Li at ucie9@wright.edu or visit UCIE website at <http://www.wright.edu/ucie/student/tax.html> for more information.