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1) 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.

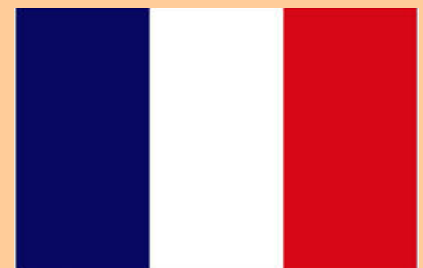
Where: E190 S.U (UCIE Conference Room)

When: Friday, March 22, 2013

Time: 3 - 4 PM

Presenter: Marie Jergens

Host: UCIE



2) IFA Flag Parade

If you would like to carry your country's flag in this year's IFA Flag Parade, please email Kim Brumbaugh at kimberly.brumbaugh@wright.edu. **The first person to email Kim back gets the honor to carry their country's flag.**

The following flags have already been claimed:

China, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Libya, Saudi Arabia.





3) **IFA Table Display Deadline Approaching Fast!!!**

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.

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.



Deadline to sign up for a table is March 29, 2013

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

4) **Walk the Runway at the IFA!!!!!!!**

Have you ever thought of walking the IFA Fashion Show runway? Do you want to share your tradition with others?

Here is your chance to participate in the **International Fashion Show** and model your country's traditional attire.

UCIE invites you to be a part of the **International Friendship Affair (IFA) 2013**, which will be held **on April 13, 2013** from 1.00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. This invitation also includes US students wishing to represent the US or a different country in the fashion show.

If you are interested in participating for the International Fashion Show please sign up for the event at the UCIE front desk. There will be a practice session for the Fashion show on April 12, 2013

The deadline for the sign-up is Friday, April 5, 2013.

This event is open for Males and Females.

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





5) Spring 2013 Graduation/Commencement Ceremony

Graduation registration has begun!!!! Graduating students can register online for the commencement walk at the following link: <http://www.wright.edu/commencement/>

Also, the UCIE will be hosting a graduation reception for all outgoing international students. If you are interested in ordering sashes for your countries or just signing up for the reception, there is a sign-up sheet at the UCIE office. The sashes are \$15 for each country. **DEADLINE to order sashes is Tuesday, April 2nd.**



6) 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>



7) 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



8) 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.



9) Filing Status and Dependent Issues

All married nonresident aliens must file their income taxes as “Married Filing Separately”, even if their spouse is not present in the U.S. Also, the “Head of Household” status cannot be used if you were a nonresident alien during any part of last year. Basically, this means that there are only two filing status options available to nonresident aliens and they are: “Single” and “Married Filing Separately”.



****Nonresident aliens who are married to U.S. citizens or other residents for tax purposes can elect to be treated as a resident alien and file a **joint** return.

As a general rule, nonresident aliens can claim only one personal exemption. That is, most nonresidents **cannot claim an exemption for their dependents even if the dependents are U.S. citizens**. Exemptions apply to nonresidents from **Canada, Mexico, India, and South Korea** who may be able to claim their spouse and children as dependents. Every one claimed on the return must have either a social security number or an Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN).

TAX WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Room	Home Country
3/26/2013	12:00 PM	012 Library Annex	All Students
4/2/2013	12:00 PM	012 Library Annex	All Students
4/8/2013	1:00 PM	012 Library Annex	Indian Students Only
4/9/2013	12:00 PM	012 Library Annex	All Students
4/15/2013	1:00 PM	012 Library Annex	All Students
4/16/2013	12:00 PM	012 Library Annex	All Students

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.



10) Study Local –An Informal Avenue to Interact with American Students

Study Local is a new event which will present an opportunity for fun, learning and a chance for acculturation through off-campus group activities.

International students will be matched with American students from Wright State University in order to gain:

- New American friends
- A guide to the local area and customs
- An English language partner



Students are recommended to attend a pre-event meeting on **Friday, April 5** between 3 - 5 PM to meet their partners and discuss a choice of location for the Saturday outing. Food and fun will be provided at this pre-meeting, as it will be a part of the University Center for International Education's (UCIE) Coffee Hour event, which happens to be an end-of-the-semester potluck.

Sign-up sheets are available in the UCIE office at E190 Student Union. Interested students must **sign up by March 29** to be considered for the first event and will be notified by April 2 as to whether they have been paired for the first Study Local event (notifications will be sent to your e-mail address). **The actual event/outing will be on Saturday, April 6.**

Participants will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.