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1) 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.

The event includes an entertainment program featuring performances from a wide variety of international groups, flag parade, international fashion show, table displays featuring various artifacts, and a variety of door prizes donated by local ethnic restaurants.

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.

Performance – If you want to put on an artistic performance such as dancing, playing instruments, singing a song etc., please contact **Nam** at 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 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

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2) Travelling during Spring Break

Any student travelling outside the United States of America for this Spring Break 2013 (Feb 23 - Mar 3, 2013) must submit the Travel Request Form as soon as possible. Please be reminded, processing time for all immigration documents is 5 - 7 business days.

- Kimberley Brumbaugh



3) Coffee Hour: Volley Ball

Have you ever played Volleyball before? Do you want to learn or just try playing the game. If you would like to play Volleyball, come to this coffee hour (No experience necessary) and get involved with the game. This activity will be held in the Student Union Gym and will be loads of fun!!!

Where: Student Union Gym

When: Friday, February 1, 2013

Time: 3:00PM

Host: UCIE & ICE



4) 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:

February 1st, 3PM - Volleyball

February 15th, 3PM - Valentine's Day

March 8th, 3PM - Counseling / Acculturation

March 22nd, 3PM - France

April 5th, 3PM - Potluck

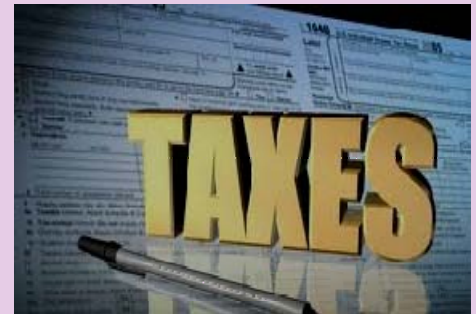
April 12th, 3PM - Flag Parade Rehearsal





5) Tax Season Is Here!

Even if you were in the U.S. only one day in 2012 (and despite the fact you may not have earned any income during 2012), you will still be required by federal tax laws to file at a minimum the IRS Form 8843 this spring? Don't worry; over the course of the next couple months, we (at UCIE) will be sharing a helpful hint or two every week to inform you about these responsibilities. UCIE will also be providing the FNTR (tax) software (and workshop sessions) again this year to help you with your tax filing obligations.



All those who employed (on or off campus) last year should expect to receive their "W2s" by the end of this month either electronically or through the postal mail. All Graduate Assistants should also expect to receive form 1042S in addition to (or in place of) their W2s by March with plenty of time before the April 17th tax filing deadline. **All F-1 or J-1 international students will be eligible to pay a nominal \$4 fee to purchase the FNTR password in order to gain access to FNTR for use in accurately preparing their Federal Income Tax forms.** FNTR passwords are on sale now and below are the UCIE tax workshop schedule for Spring 2013.

TAX WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Room	Home Country
2/11/2013	1:00 PM	012 Library Annex	All Students
2/12/2013	12:00 PM	012 Library Annex	All Students
2/18/2013	1:00 PM	012 Library Annex	All Students
2/19/2013	12:00 PM	012 Library Annex	All Students
3/5/2013	12:00 PM	012 Library Annex	Indian Students Only

More workshops are available in March and April. Please stop by UCIE front desk or keep checking newsletter for the other dates. Sign up for one of the above UCIE Tax Workshops. *You should only register for the workshop if you have received your W-2 or as a GA you have received your 1042-S.*

Please Note: Filing federal income tax is the **personal responsibility** of each international student and scholar who is an "F" or "J" status holder. You can only prepare your state and local tax forms after your Federal tax forms have been completed. Also, there will be instructions on the UCIE Website informing you how to file your city, school district, and state taxes. If you use software other than FNTR to do your taxes, there is a high probability that the software will produce inaccurate or inappropriate tax returns and you could end up owing IRS fines and interest on unpaid taxes. **Please be aware that each student/scholar is ultimately responsible for the accuracy of his/her income tax returns and any resulting penalties or interest.**

What Happens If I Fail to File My Taxes?

The IRS can assess **penalty and interest** and seize U.S. bank assets for repayment. Fines and penalties can often amount to more than the original tax debt. There can also be **immigration consequences** for failing to file taxes. Applicants for permanent residency "green cards" are frequently asked to show proof of tax filing for previous years in the U.S.

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.



6) Off Campus & On Campus Events

WSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. Green Bay

Date: Mon, Jan 28

Location: WSU Nutter Center

Time: 7:00 p.m.

WSU MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. Detroit

Date: Wed, Jan 30

Location: WSU Nutter Center

Time: 7:00 p.m.

WSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. Valparaiso

Date: Thu, Jan 31

Location: WSU Nutter Center

Time: 7:00 p.m.

