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### 1) Coffee Hour: Valentine's Day Celebration

It is that time of the year when we celebrate Love! Come and join our unique twist for the celebration of this Valentine's Day with a treasure hunt. This classic game of clues will help you find treasure for you or your significant other on the Valentine's Day.

Join us for this coffee hour in the celebration of "Agape".

**Where:** UCIE Office, E190 Student Union

**When:** Friday, February 15, 2013

**Time:** 3:00PM

**Host:** UCIE & ICE



### 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) Ice Skating Party –Invitation**

LEAP Intensive English Program at WSU has invited all WSU international students and friends to go ice skating at the Kettering Ice Rink the evening of February 15th. If you would like to go, transportation will be “on your own” and when you enter the rink area, you should tell them at the ticket window that you are with the “LEAP/WSU Group” to get the group discount. With the discount, your total bill will be \$10 which will include admission and ice-skate rental. **If you would like to go with a friend and just to watch (not skate) then you will need to pay a \$1.00 admission fee.**



UCIE office is suggesting that if you have a car and would like offer a ride (“car-pool”) to other WSU international students, you could list your name and contact information at the UCIE front desk for students who do not have a ride. You should also specify how many students your car can accommodate. Students needing a ride should also stop by UCIE to indicate their need for a ride and pick up the contact information of volunteer “car-poolers”. The suggested car-pool meeting time and place would be at **the front of the Student Union at 7:30PM on Friday, February 15th.**

**Where:** Kettering Recreation Center on 2900 Glengarry Dr., in Kettering, Ohio (about 15-minute drive from WSU).

**When:** Friday, February 15, 2013

**Time:** 8 -10 PM (Meet at the front of the Student Union for car-pooling at 7:30 PM)

**Price:** \$10 (with group discount)

**Host:** LEAP Intensive English Department

### **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 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 Tips: Form 8843

### Why File Form 8843

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?

\*\*\* Filing Form 8843 does not mean you owe the government money but rather to explain the basis of your claim that you can exclude days of presence in the United States for purposes of the substantial presence test. If you didn't work last year, this will be the only form for you to file and it is a very simple form due by June 15, 2013. If you do not file Form 8843 on time, one of the penalties would be that you could be considered a U.S. resident under the substantial presence test. You do not need social security number or individual taxpayer identification number to file this form.



Note: If you made any income in 2012, you will need to file Form 8843 with 1040NR or 1040NR-EZ by April 15, 2013

### What if Form 8843 is not filed?

There is no monetary penalty for not filling Form 8843. However, your days of presence cannot be excluded from the substantial presence test unless Form 8843 is filed.

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.

### **\*TAX WORKSHOP SCHEDULE\***

Date	Time	Room	Home Country
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	<b>Indian Students Only</b>
3/11/2013	1:00 PM	012 Library Annex	All Students
3/12/2013	12:00 PM	012 Library Annex	All Students

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.***

### Questions?

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



## 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.

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.

## **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.

**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](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 contact **Belinda** ([belinda.grody@wright.edu](mailto: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](mailto:ucie11@wright.edu) or [ucie4@wright.edu](mailto:ucie4@wright.edu)

## 7) OPT Employment Authorization Application Deadline

This message is for those students graduating this **Winter 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 Winter 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>