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### 1) Coffee Hour: Get around Dayton without a car

Would you like to learn how easy and cost effective it is to get around the Dayton area on the RTA? Find out at this coffee hour about the Greater Dayton RTA and how to use the service the get around Dayton area.

**When:** December 6th, 2013

**Where:** E190 Student Union (UCIE conference Room)

**When:** 3 PM



### 2) Start Smart Salary Negotiation Training for Women

Start Smart is an interactive workshop designed to teach college women the confidence and skills to negotiate fair and realistic compensation. Start Smart Workshop includes: Personal budgeting to determine minimum salary needs, Benchmarking realistic salaries and benefits, Negotiation skill-building exercises.

Please register through The Wright Search; space is limited.

[https://www.myinterfase.com/wrightstate/event\\_view.aspx?token=UfEanjnnB7CaHX5NmpPdJA%3d%3d](https://www.myinterfase.com/wrightstate/event_view.aspx?token=UfEanjnnB7CaHX5NmpPdJA%3d%3d)

Click on “More Information” to register. Please email [lisa.duke@wright.edu](mailto:lisa.duke@wright.edu) if you have questions.

**When:** December 4th, 2013

**Where:** Mariner Room - 105 Student Union

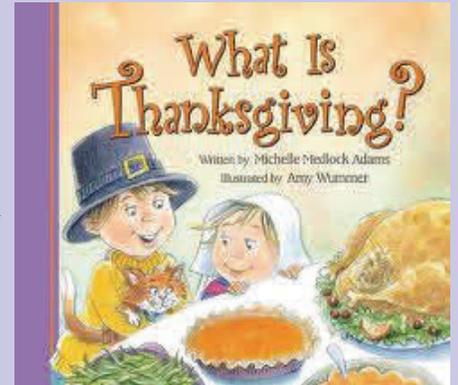
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### 3) What is Thanksgiving?

**Thanksgiving**, or **Thanksgiving Day**, is a holiday celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday in November. It has been an annual tradition since 1863, when, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens", to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26.<sup>[1]</sup> As a federal and public holiday in the U.S., Thanksgiving is one of the major holidays of the year. Together with Christmas and New Year, Thanksgiving is a part of the broader holiday season.



The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in 1621. This feast lasted three days, and was attended by about 53 Pilgrims and 90 American Indians. The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating "thanksgivings"—days of prayer thanking God for blessings such as military victory or the end of a drought.

U.S. tradition compares the holiday with a meal held in 1621 by the Wampanoag and the Pilgrims who settled in Plymouth, Massachusetts. It is continued in modern times with the Thanksgiving dinner, traditionally featuring turkey, playing a central role in the celebration of Thanksgiving.

In the United States, certain kinds of food are traditionally served at Thanksgiving meals. Firstly, baked or roasted turkey is usually the featured item on any Thanksgiving feast table (so much so that Thanksgiving is sometimes referred to as "Turkey Day"). Stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, sweet corn, various fall vegetables (mainly various kinds of squashes), and pumpkin pie are commonly associated with Thanksgiving dinner. All of these are actually native to the Americas or were introduced as a new food source to the Europeans when they arrived. Turkey may be an exception. In his book *Mayflower*, Nathaniel Philbrick suggests that the Pilgrims might already have been familiar with turkey in England, even though the bird is native to the Americas. The Spaniards had brought domesticated turkeys back from Central America in the early 17th century, and the birds soon became popular fare all over Europe, including England, where turkey (as an alternative to the traditional goose) became a "fixture at English Christmases".

The poor are often provided with food at Thanksgiving time. Most communities have annual food drives that collect non-perishable packaged and canned foods, and corporations sponsor charitable distributions of staple foods and Thanksgiving dinners.

### 4) CPT/Internship Engineering Student Panel

The University Center for International Education and the College of Engineering and Computer Science are **sponsoring a panel that will feature students who have been successfully placed in internships and CPT training**. This event will be held in the **Nutter Center's Berry Room from 1-3:00 pm on Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in attending this event we ask that you register through the link below:

[https://wright.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_6rKEvfrCoQVajS5](https://wright.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6rKEvfrCoQVajS5)



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DISCUSSION**



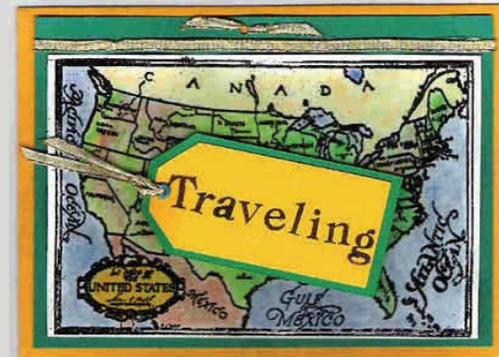
## 5) Travelling During the Break

Those choosing to travel outside the US between Fall and Spring semester should turn in a request for a Travel Signature ASAP. Please submit the request form along with your I-20/DS-2019 at the front desk.

<http://www.wright.edu/ucie/student/files/immigrationI20DS2019.pdf>

Delaying this process will put you at risk of not obtaining a travel signature before you leave for your trip. **\*\*\*It takes about 5 - 7 business days to process a travel signature.\*\*\***

\*\*Please be reminded that each travel signature is good for 1 year, so if you have a signature on your I-20 that is less than 1 year old, you do not need a new one.



## 6) Scholarship Opportunities Available

Students who have trouble affording a college education can now look to outside sources for assistance. There are currently 3 available scholarships for international students looking to apply and they are:

- A) **UCIE Scholarship for Continuing International Students**
- B) **The Raj Malhotra Education Scholarship for Indian Students**
- C) **The FETSKO Memorial Scholarship for International Students**



Each scholarship will be awarded to an international student who meets all of the criteria listed in each application form and is selected by the scholarship committee. **The deadline to apply is December 13, 2013.**

Please visit the following website for more information and to access the application forms for each application: <http://www.wright.edu/ucie/resource/finance.html>

