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1) Participate and share your culture—International Friendship Affair

International Friendship Affair (IFA) is an annual event organized by the University Center for International Education to give the WSU students an opportunity to share their cultural heritage with surrounding communities.

This is a chance for you to share your talents and cultural heritage with every one by performing (Dances, songs, play instruments etc).

Do **You** want to participate in **International Friendship Affair (IFA) 2014** on Saturday, **April 5th** ? This year's theme is **“Birthday's Around The World”**. If interested in participating please view the message below.



Performance – If you want to put on an artistic performance you may dance, play instruments, sing 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.

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



3) Coffee Hour next week: Volley Ball

Have you ever played Volleyball before? Do you want to learn or just try playing the game. If you want to play Volley Ball, come to this coffee hour (No experience necessary) and not just hear but get involved with the game. This activity will be held in the Student Union Gym and should be loads of fun!!!



Where: Student Union Gym

When: Friday, January 31, 2014

Time: 3:00PM

Host: UCIE & ICE

4) Spring 2014 Coffee Hour Schedule

The UCIE office and the International Cultural Exchange (ICE) will be hosting several events for students 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:

January 31st, 3 PM - Volleyball Tournament

February 14th, 3 PM - Valentine's Day

February 28th, 3 PM - Resume Writing & Job Search Tips

March 14th, 3 PM - Movie Night

April 4th, 3 PM - Flag Parade Rehearsal

April 18th, 3 PM - End-of-Semester Potluck

*****Please note that this is a tentative schedule and subject to change.**

Join our Facebook group to stay up-to-date with new events being planned for this semester:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/8651726324/>





5) Tax Season Is Here!

Did you know that 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. The deadline to complete these responsibilities is in mid April so there is still plenty of time.



Very soon in February, UCIE will also be providing for WSU international students access to a type of tax preparation software titled "FNTR". This is a special software for Wright State University students and scholars to use. We caution you not to try and prepare your taxes on any of the tax software products you can find in the local stores like TurboTax, TaxACT, or H&R Block, since these software products do not take into consideration the special situation of international students and scholars as temporary residents in the United States. Please wait for UCIE instructions coming in February through this newsletter before preparing your tax forms. International students who attempt to file taxes using one of the above software products (TurboTax, etc.) are likely to find themselves receiving eventually a notice of "audit" by the IRS and may be subject to IRS fines and interest payments.

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 Steve Lyons at steven.lyons@wright.edu or visit UCIE website at <http://www.wright.edu/ucie/student/tax.html> for more information.



6) Study Abroad Fair

Are you ready for a life changing experience? Studying abroad can be one of the most enriching experiences a student can have while in college. Wright State provides students with the opportunity to study in more than 40 countries on 6 continents. Would you like to know more about the Study Abroad options that are available to you through Wright State University? Then please mark your calendar to attend the upcoming study abroad fair. There will be a D.J., music, games, and study abroad advisers.



When: March 11th, 2014

Where: Student Union Atrium

Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Come out and have a great time!