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1) Be a Flag Bearers at IFA:

It's almost here! The most exciting international event at Wright State University is coming once again to the **Student Union Apollo room on Sunday April 19th - The International Friendship Affair (IFA).**

You do not want to miss this event! There will be flag parade, musical and dance performances, international food, and table displays from countries from around the globe. The event will be held in the Multipurpose Room of the Student Union from 1-5 P.M.

In order to carry the flag of your country in the flag parade you must attend rehearsal on Friday April 17th, during the UCIE Coffee Hour and must be in the UCIE by 12:45 on the day of the event.

To register to be a flag bearer at this event, please email **Kim Brumbaugh** at kimberley.brumbaugh@wright.edu

Priority will be given to the first person to send Kim an email





2) Countdown to The International Friendship Affair (IFA):

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.

If you are 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 **Anoop** at ucie19@wright.edu and he 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 **Dez** or **Dubem** at (isidore.munyeshuli@wright.edu or ucie5@wright.edu) and they will provide you with the information that you need. The table displays must be ready by 12:30 pm on April 19th, 2014 and the displays are expected to be open until 4:30 pm.

*For more information contact **Anoop or Chugo** at ucie19@wright.edu or ucie18@wright.edu*



3) International Friendship Affair 2015 Nominations Are Being Accepted For:

WSU Global Citizen Award

WSU International Student/Scholar Advocate Award

The WSU University Center for International Education (UCIE) is currently seeking nominations for the two Awards listed above. Individual who are nominated and selected will be recognized at the April 19th International Friendship Affair. **Nomination forms and documentation must be submitted to UCIE no later than Friday, March 20th to be considered.**

A \$250 cash award will be provided to nominee selected for each award. Nomination criterion and forms can be found on the UCIE websites below:

Global Citizen Award (Student Award)

<http://www.wright.edu/ucie/resource/files/globalCitizenAwardForm.pdf>

International Student/Scholar Advocate Award (faculty, staff, or community member award)

<http://www.wright.edu/ucie/resource/files/advocateAwardForm.pdf>





4) Attention International Students - Tax Workshop Instructions:

The Glacier Tax Prep (GTP) passwords are available for purchase at **\$4**. Please visit the link for purchasing the tax password and any further details:
<http://bit.ly/ucie-tax-glacier>

Please Note: You must purchase the tax password only if you earned any sort of income in the year 2014.



You will receive a confirmation email with your password along with all the instructions after you purchase your tax password. Please wait for at least three working days to get your confirmation email from the date of your purchase.

Avoid the last minute hassle by purchasing the tax password and registering for a workshop. Registration for the workshops will be on first come first serve basis. To register for the workshop, and any other details/questions, you need to send an email to **Arjun Jagdeesh** at ucie26@wright.edu stating “**Workshop Registration**” in the subject line. You must include the following details.

NAME:

UID:

COUNTRY:

NUMBER (Phone):

WORKSHOP DATE you intend to **ATTEND:**

***See table below for upcoming workshop schedule**

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|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 03/24/2015 Tuesday | 1 - 2:30 PM | Millet Hall 033 | All International Students |
| 03/25/2015 Wednesday | 3 - 4:30 PM | Millet Hall 033 | Indian Students Only |
| 03/31/2015 Tuesday | 1 - 2:30 PM | Millet Hall 033 | All International Students |
| 04/01/2015 Wednesday | 3 - 4:30 PM | Millet Hall 033 | Indian Students Only |

*** It is your responsibility to bring all the necessary documents to the workshop sessions. Look out for weekly TAX Tips for the required documents***



5) Deadline Approaching For Sash Order and Graduation Reception Registration:

The deadline to order your sashes through the UCIE office at the cost of **\$15** for the international graduation reception is **April 3rd 2015**.

This UCIE Graduation Reception will be held on **Friday, May 1st at 2:30 P.M. at the Student Union Atrium** and will include light refreshments, brief tributes and congratulations by representatives from UCIE and College Deans' Offices, and a recognition ceremony for the graduates with their country sashes. Although the cost of the sash is \$30 (+tax), the UCIE office is sharing this cost and you will pay only \$15 at the time you sign up.



All students planning to participate in the Graduation Reception **must register by April 22nd** online via the link:
https://wright.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_24xZdX9xiPFZOpD

To **only order sash** without registering for this event:

https://epay.wright.edu/C21810_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=1508&SINGLESTORE=true

Students who do not RSVP and pay \$15 by this due date will NOT be able to receive a sash at the discounted rate.

Please contact **Chugo at ucie18@wright.edu** or call 937-775-574 for enquires or questions.

6) Important Information For Current International Students At Wright State:

Do you have friends or family members who are interested in studying at Wright State? Then have them “like” Wright State’s International Gateway’s Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/wsuiug>) to get the latest information concerning starting their journey to WSU!



For any other admissions related questions please
contact: intgateway@wright.edu



7) UCIE Immigration Advising For Spring Semester:



SPRING Semester Open Immigration Advising

STARTING FEBRUARY 2ND in E190 Student Union

For More Information:

University Center for
International Education,
E 190 Student Union,
Wright State University.



university center for
**INTERNATIONAL
EDUCATION**
AT WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY



Check out the days and times below to consult with one of
the **University Center for International Education**
immigration advisors !

CPT, OPT, Work Authorizations Advising :

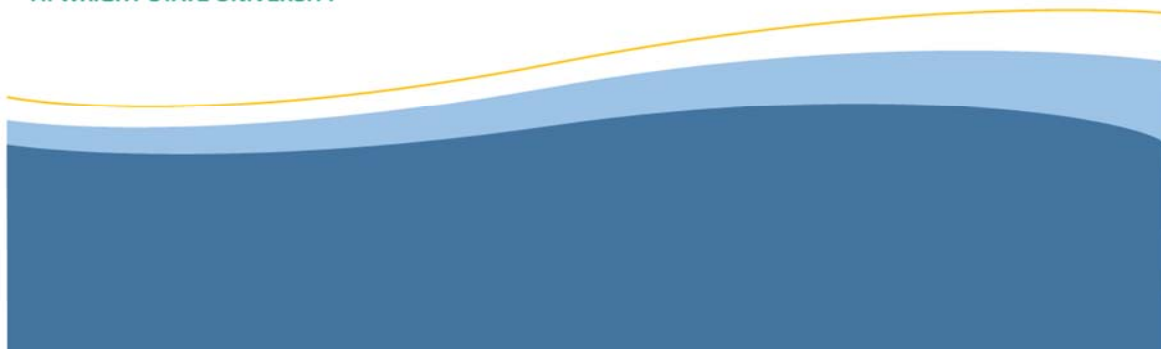
Tuesday — 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday — 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Non Work Related Advising:

Monday — 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday — 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.





8) Get Your I-20 Signed for Spring/Summer Break Travel:



GET YOUR I-20 SIGNED FOR SPRING/SUMMER BREAK TRAVEL!!

*Student must not have any holds, have 6 months validity on passport, have valid I-20 for next semester and be in good academic standing to receive immediate travel signature.

-Refreshments will be served-



I-20 Signing Sessions

Come have your I-20
signed for
Summer Break
traveling

February 25,
10 am - 12pm

April 8,
11 am - 1pm

April 22
10 am - 12pm

2nd Floor Student
Union

Room E244 C



9) OPT Applications for Spring 2015 Graduates:

International students graduating Spring 2015 may begin applying for OPT now. Choose a start date between **5/2/2015** and **7/1/2015**. If you have reservations or doubts regarding Spring 2015 graduation, please do not apply for OPT until:

- 1) Mid term grades are posted
- 2) You have met with your academic adviser
- 3) You are confident about graduation.

PLEASE NOTE: Getting approved for Post Completion OPT and ultimately not graduating could result in losing your OPT privileges at this academic level.

Optional Practical Training

10) Open Letter Requests Signing Party:

International students can use this opportunity to get their letter requests processed and signed on the same day. If you have a letter request, say Graduation Invitation Letter, General Student Certification Letter or other letter requests, don't miss this opportunity.

When: **March 25th, 2015.**

Where: **UCIE Conference Room**

Time: **3:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

PLEASE NOTE: You have to complete the letter request form on the day of the event.