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1) The Most Entertaining Multicultural Event at Wright State : 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





2) Valentine's Day Celebration 2015:

A UCIE AND INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PRESENTATION

5TH ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE PARTY

WHEN - FEBRUARY 13TH, 2015
WHERE - ENDEAVOUR ROOM (SU)
TIME - 7:00 PM TO 10:00 PM


university center for
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EDUCATION**
AT WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

- DJ MUSIC
- WSU SAXOPHONE QUARTET
- FRENCH PASTRIES
- EIFFEL TOWER PICTURE BOOTH
- BEST DRESSED (MALE & FEMALE)
- BEST DANCER (MALE & FEMALE)

CELEBRATE THIS VALENTINES DAY WITH FOOD, DANCE & MUSIC HOSTED BY ICE AND UCIE WITH THE THEME FRENCH JAZZ CAFE

FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES.

FREE ADMISSION TO ALL STUDENTS!!!

CONTACT - **ANOOP** (UCIE19@WRIGHT.EDU), **CHUGO** (UCIE18@WRIGHT.EDU)



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



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

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

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-



4) 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

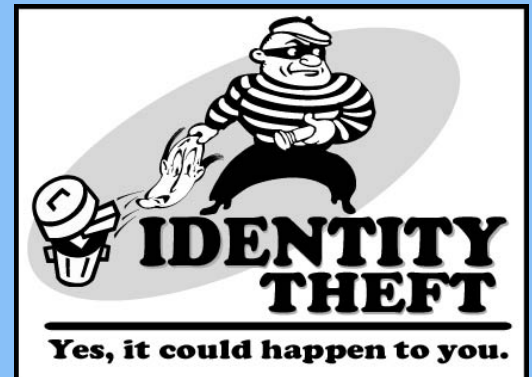
5) Immigration Requirement:

All international students must have a local physical address and an international address listed in WINGS. To update your local address please log into your WINGS account (<http://wingsexpress.wright.edu>) and update it. In order to update your international address, please email changes to Kimberly.Brumbaugh@wright.edu



6) ATTENTION STUDENTS - Keep Your Personal Information (Passport, SSN, etc.) Safe:

Please be advised that no one from the **Internal Revenue Service (IRS)** will not request information or money from you over the phone. Only through official mail. **NEVER give out your personal information (passport information, SSN, etc.)** to anyone of the phone. If you have any questions about your taxes and whether or not you need to submit payment please stop by the UCIE office.





7) Tax Tips: 1098-T, W-2, and 1042-S

Each week until the tax filing deadline, which is 15th of April 2015, UCIE office will supply you with information briefs about various tax topics and forms. Below is a list of some of the tax related forms you may be receiving over the next few weeks.

1098-T

Some international students may receive a form in the mail from WSU called 1098-T. This form (1098-T) may be the first of many forms that some of you will receive. Most of international students will not be able to use the 1098-T form. The 1098-T form is excluded from filing purposes for nonresident aliens (i.e. F-1 students and J-1 scholars who have been in the country for 5 years or less and 2 years or less respectively). Only resident aliens for tax purposes and U.S. citizens are allowed to make use of the 1098-T for tax filing purposes.

W-2

W-2 is the form that an employer must send to an employee and the IRS at the end of the year. The W-2 form reports an employee's annual wages and the amount of taxes withheld from his or her paycheck.

1042-S

1042-S is the form used to report all non-employee payments made to nonresident aliens and payments made to nonresident employees who claim exemption from federal income taxes due to a tax treaty. Types of income reported on this form are scholarships, fellowships or grants awarded to students.

A student may receive all the forms 1098-T, W-2, and 1042-S respectively or he/she may receive only one. You will be receiving the forms either electronically and by mail. Therefore it is necessary for you to ensure that your current local mailing address is accurate in WINGS EXPRESS located in the WSU WINGS portal.

Tax Workshops

Please watch for more tax-tips and tax workshop announcements in future newsletters. UCIE plans to offer the workshops beginning in the 2nd half of the month of February. *At these workshops you will be able to receive assistance in preparing your US tax forms.*

Please Note: The Access Codes for GLACIER will be made available by mid of February. The exact dates will be announced in the upcoming newsletter.

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding tax please feel free to email Arjun Jagadeesh at ucie.26@wirght.edu or Surjeet at ucie.23@wirght.edu.





8) UCIE Immigration Advising:



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.



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 :

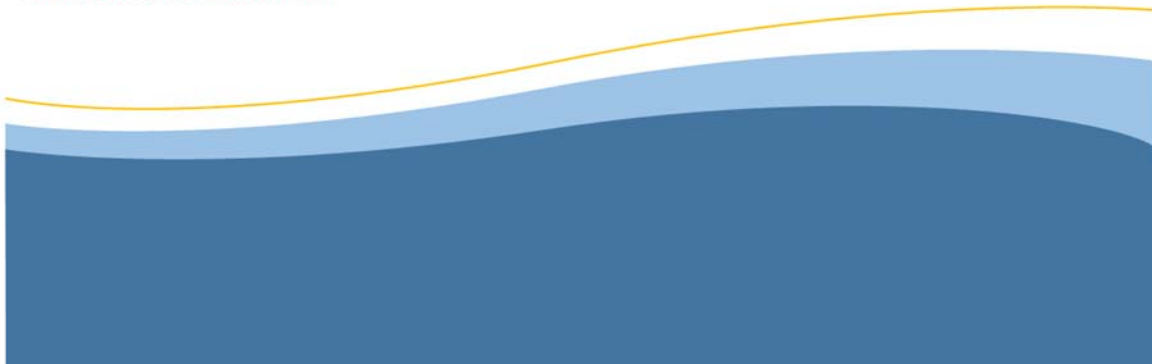
Tuesday — 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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.





9) Raider Round-Up Free Spirit Rally!!:

RAIDER roundUP

Free Spirit Rally for Students

Thurs. Feb. 12, 5-7 p.m.

McLin Gym

DJ Martee McFly

T-shirt

Prizes

Food

Laser Tag

**and a raffle with a basketball
shootout for a chance at \$10,000!**



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Alumni
Association**
at WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY





10) Retention Scholarship Program:

The Graduate School at Wright State University is accepting applications for the 2015-16 Retention Scholarship Program. This program is designed to help successful graduate students complete their degrees and is open to applications from students who meet the following criteria:

- Has completed at least 9 credit hours towards a master's or 40 credit hours towards a doctoral degree program at Wright State by the end of Fall 2014.
 - Does not also hold a Graduate Tuition Scholarship (GTS), Graduate Assistantship (GA/GRA/GTA), Graduate School sponsored scholarship (Graduate Council Scholar, Wright Fellow, etc.), or any other form of tuition remission in the same terms for which the Retention Scholarship is requested.
 - Has at least a 3.3 accumulative grade point average in their graduate career at Wright State.
- Students must submit a completed application in addition to the following materials in order to apply:
- A statement of progress regarding the student's graduate program and plans for the future. Please include comments about how this scholarship can help you achieve these goals/complete the program.
 - Letter of support from the student's graduate advisor, graduate program director, or graduate program faculty member.
 - A transcript of the student's graduate work (unofficial transcripts are acceptable).

To be considered, students must submit a completed application form and the above listed items to the **Graduate School by 5:00 pm on February 27, 2015**. **Please note: Only complete applications with all forms included will be accepted. Only paper applications will be accepted. (E-mailed or faxed applications will not be accepted.)**

<http://www.wright.edu/graduate-school/academics/graduate-retention-scholarship>



11) Valentine's Day Dance Party Decoration:

Are you interested in decorations? Are you creative? Want to help us with set up for Valentine's Day Dance party? Please join us in this fun filled experience and display your creativity and talent decorating and setting up for the event.

When: February 13th, Friday, 2015

Time: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Where: UCIE conference room.

