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1) The Road Towards 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*





2) Attention International Students - Tax Workshop Instructions:

The Glacier Tax Prep (GTP) passwords are now available from Thursday (Feb 19th 2015) for **\$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 or **Tanuja Reddy** at ucie7@wright.edu stating **Tax Workshop** in the subject line. You must include the following details.

NAME:

UID:

COUNTRY:

NUMBER (Phone):

WORKSHOP DATE you intend to **ATTEND:**

Some of the workshop schedules are mentioned below:

02/24/2015 Tuesday	1:00 PM	Millet Hall 033	All International Students
02/25/2015 Wednesday	3:00 PM	Millet Hall 033	Indian Students Only
03/03/2015 Tuesday	1:00 PM	Millet Hall 033	All International Students
03/04/2015 Wednesday	3:00 PM	Millet Hall 033	Indian Students Only
03/10/2015 Tuesday	1:00 PM	Millet Hall 033	All International Students

NOTE: It is your responsibility to bring all the necessary documents for the workshop sessions. Please refer TAX Newsletters for the List of document



3) 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-



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



4) 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.



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- 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>

5) Paint Your Own Pottery (For Ladies Only):

Ladies! Are you wishing you can own your personally painted pottery? If yes, then wait no longer and be one of few lucky ones to register for free pottery painting this coming spring break.

Date: Tuesday March 3rd, 2015

Time: 10:45 AM – 1:15 PM

Venue: Cozy Melts (Meet at the UCIE for free transportation)



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Please note that space is limited to first 14 (fourteen) ladies that register and this event is by registration only

To register, contact: Stephanie Cheeseman at

Stephanie.cheeseman@wright.edu



6) Chinese New Year Party:

The **Chinese New Year** is an important festival celebrated at the turn of the Chinese calendar. In China, it is also known as the **Spring Festival**, the literal translation of the modern Chinese name. Come celebrate with Wright State University's Chinese Student Association and members of Dayton's Chinese-American Community on **March 1st** in the Student Union.

德頓華美聯誼會羊年新年/元宵聯歡會

Chinese New Year Party

March 1st (Sun) 2015 at 3:00pm

Student Union Apollo Room

Wright State University

3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy, Dayton 45435

2015



**Grand Prize
50" TV**

Followed by dinner in China Garden Buffet

DACA members get complimentary dinner. New membership and renewal processed at the party starts at 2:00pm. The membership fee is \$20 for family, \$10 for individual, and \$5 for student.

Co-sponsored by DACA, UD-CSSA, WSU-CSSA, WSU-CECS and WSU-UCIE



7) 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 :

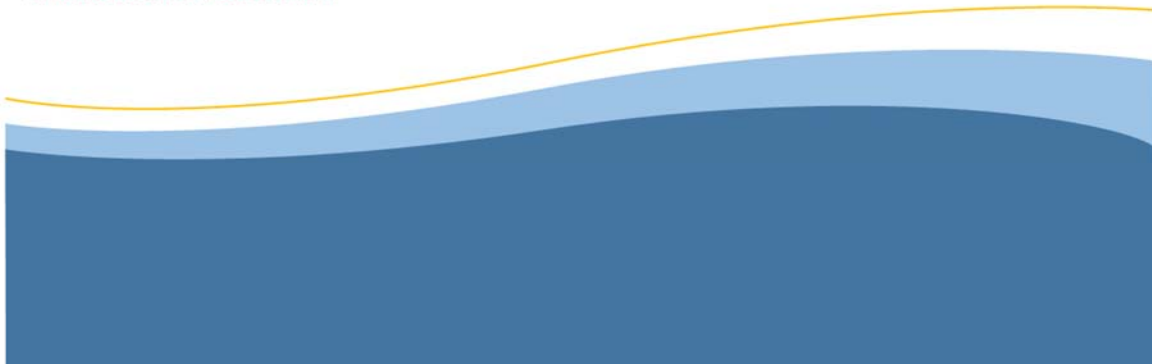
Tuesday — 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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.





8) 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.

Optional Practical Training

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

9) 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>

