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### 1) Holi Festival of Colors:

Holi is a popular festival primarily observed in India, Nepal and other regions of the world, and is also known as the festival of colors or the festival of love. Participants play, chase and color each other with dry powdered colors and colored water. The festival signifies the victory of good over evil, the arrival of spring, end of winter, and for many a festive day to learn about this intriguing celebration of play, laugh, forgiveness and relationships.



The Indian Students Association (ISA) invites you to join her in celebrating this year's Holi festival of colors.

**Date: March 13th 2015**

**Time: 5pm**

**Venue: Baseball Court Lot 4**

\*There would be performances displayed to reflect the colorful theme of this celebration\*



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:isidore.munyeshuli@wright.edu) or [ucie5@wright.edu](mailto: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](mailto:ucie19@wright.edu) or [ucie18@wright.edu](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> International Friendship Affair. **Nomination forms and documentation must be submitted to UCIE no later than Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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**

03/17/2015 Tuesday	1 - 2:30 PM	Millet Hall 033	All International Students
03/18/2015 Wednesday	3 - 4:30 PM	Millet Hall 033	Indian Students Only
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

**\* 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) Raider for Life Grad Fair:**

The WSU bookstore would be hosting a graduation fair titled “Raider for Life Grad fair”. This fair would be of importance especially to graduating students who are yet to purchase their graduation wears.

**Date:** March 18th and 19th 2015

**Time:** 11am-6pm

**Venue:** WSU Bookstore , 182 Student Union

### **Sales attraction :**

**10% & 20% off graduation gowns, \$200+ savings off class rings, \$200**

**Visa gift card raffle and free gift bag.**

### **For questions contact:**

Mike Gessner

(937)775 5600

Wright State University Bookstore



## **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/wsuiig>) to get the latest information concerning starting their journey to WSU!



For any other admissions related questions please  
**contact: [intgateway@wright.edu](mailto: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 :

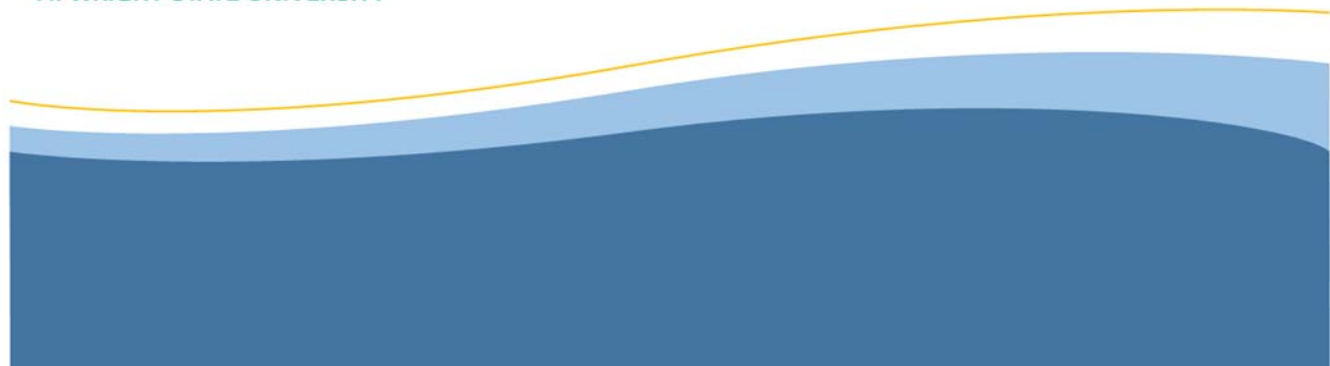
Tuesday — 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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) 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

## 9) 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. This attractive sash will highlight your country at the Spring Semester 2015 WSU graduation commencement ceremony. You will be eligible to receive the sash only if you are scheduled to participate in the Spring Semester 2015 WSU Graduation ceremony and paid for the sash online.



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](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](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](mailto:ucie18@wright.edu) or call 937-775-574 for enquires or questions.