

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEWS

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Check out our NEW WEBSITE!
www.d.umn.edu/internationalstudents

Reminder!

Winter is still in full force, so please dress accordingly. This means, hat, mittens, winter coat, AND BOOTS! If you need a ride to the store to purchase these items, let someone in ISO know!

Welcome New Students!

This semester we have new students arriving from China, The Czech Republic, India, Italy, Nigeria, South Africa, Vietnam, Kenya, and Pakistan. Stop by the office if you would like to arrange to meet them!

\$Taxes\$ ALL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS MUST FILE TAXES

All international students present in the U.S. in 200 must file U.S. income tax forms, whether or not they have been employed. Students who were employed in 2008 will receive a wage and tax statement (W-2 form) in the mail. If you have not received your W-2 form by February 1 you will be able to access the information online. Beginning on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, ISS will be holding income tax workshops to aid in completing your 2008 tax forms. You must be signed up in order to attend. **All sessions begin at 3pm in the Knowledge Management Center in Solon Campus Center, the cost is \$6.**

The scheduled dates are:

FEBRUARY: 10, 20, 24.

MARCH: 5, 12, 26.

APRIL: 7, 14.

Downhill Skiing Rescheduled Date: February 6th at 3:30pm

The international Student Skiing trip has been rescheduled for Friday, February 6th. We will be meeting in the Solon Campus Center at 3:30pm and returning around 9pm. The cost is \$22 per-person, which includes a lesson and rental. Please sign up in Karin's office if you would like to attend.

Graduation Deadlines

If you are planning to graduate in Spring Semester 2009, May 2009, or during the Summer session 2009 the deadline for your graduation application is February 2, 2009. Go to the website below to complete the forms.

<http://www.d.umn.edu/registrar/eDegree/index.htm>

Worried you are missing something? Take a look at the **Graduate Checklist:**

<http://www.d.umn.edu/fareg/forms/seniorchecklist.pdf>

Tuition Due Date: 2/12/09

Spring Semester 2009 tuition is due on Thursday, February 12, 2009.

To view the statement and/or pay make a payment on the balance due, visit

<http://www.d.umn.edu/umdbo/umpay.html>

U of M Job and Internship Fair, Monday Feb 9, 10am-4pm

Nearly 200 organizations will be recruiting for hundreds of jobs and internships. The fair is free and open to all U of M undergraduates, graduate students and recent alumni. To pre-register, and to see a list of employers, go to www.umjobfair.org.

There will be a FREE BUS leaving from Solon Campus center on the day of the convention. You must sign up by February 4th in Career Services, and put down a \$10 deposit to hold your seat (you will get the money back after you take a spot on the bus).

REMINDERS

University-assigned e-mail accounts (your d.umn.edu account) are the official means of communication.

You NEED to check this account daily.

Save the date:

Feb 2: Graduation Sign-up Deadline

Feb 9: U of M Job Fair

Feb 12: Tuition Due

Feb 17: Switch to Digital TV

March 7: Feast of Nations

April 21: ISS

Volunteer Appreciation Party



“I do not want my house to be walled in on all sides and my windows to be stifled. I want all the cultures of all lands to be blown about my house as freely as possible. But I refuse to be blown off my feet by any.”

Mohandas Gandhi

2009 Annual Sleigh Ride: Sunday, February 22

The Sleigh Ride activity will take place on Sunday February 22 at 4pm. We will be meeting in the Solon Campus Center.

The sleigh fits about 25 people and is pulled through snow by horses. The day will also include lunch, hot chocolate, and a campfire. The price, including lunch, will be \$10. You can sign up in Karin's office.

Feast of Nations: March 7, 5:30pm, UMD Ballroom

The 40th Annual Feast of Nations is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, at 5:30pm. This is the biggest event of the year for the International Club! If you want to volunteer or would like to participate in the show, please stop by the International Student office or send an e-mail to admissa@d.umn.edu or to Dipti at shar0316@d.umn.edu.

Report Your Address Change!

Foreign Nationals are required by U.S. Law to report change of residential address within 10 days of making the change. For more information about the requirements for your visa type visit: www.iss.umn.edu/INSGen/adress.html

The Switch to Digital TV

At midnight on February 17, 2009, all full-power television stations in the United States will stop broadcasting in analog and switch to digital broadcasting. In order for your TV antenna to continue working (cable will still work) , you must purchase a TV converter box. For more information, go to: www.dtv2009.gov

Successful Winter Activities!

ISS would like to thank everyone that helped with the winter break activities this year! Special thanks to everyone who offered to drive for the events, and to all the people at Health Services who planned the pot luck and took the students sledding.

have been possible.

