

ISSS Connections

International Student and Scholar Services
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K-State Internationals explore Kansas City

For the final ISSS excursion of the Fall 2010 semester, K-State international students, scholars and friends traveled to Kansas City. Once in Kansas City, the group made their first stop at the Historic City Market where there is an outdoor farmer's market with a lot of fresh produce in the summer and fall, and many restaurants with foods from around the world. The group was able to find foods from Vietnam, the Middle East, Italy, Poland and more!

After lunch the group traveled to the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. The museum has an extensive collection of international paintings and sculptures. On this day we were able to take a guided tour of the outdoor sculpture garden surrounding the museum before heading inside to check out the rest of the artwork.

We finished our day at the Country Club Plaza. This Kansas City Historic neighborhood is full of shops, restaurants, beautiful architecture and fountains.

ISSS staff is beginning to plan the trips for the Spring 2011 semester. Do you have somewhere in the area that you really want to go? Something that you really want to see or do? Please send your trip ideas to Caitlin at cokelley@ksu.edu.



Film: God Grew Tired of Us

On Tuesday, November 16, ISSS along with UPC and Friends of International Programs will host the film "God Grew Tired of Us." This is an award-winning documentary that explores the journey of three "Lost Boys" from the Sudan who are forced to leave their homeland due to civil war and endure great hardship. They are eventually resettled in the U.S. where they build new lives but remain deeply committed to helping the friends and family they left behind.



Date: 11/16/2010

Place: Forum Hall

Time: 7:00 p.m.

There will be a follow up lecture, "The Sudanese Lost Boys in the U.S." by Danvas Mabeya. He will examine the lives of those that are living in Kansas City and how they have adjusted to living in the U.S.

Date: 11/18/2010

Place: Union Room 212

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Change in ISSS Office Hours and Services Nov. 15-17

Most of the ISSS staff will be attending a professional conference in Omaha, NE on the workdays of November 15-17. Because of this, there will be some adjustments in services. On Monday, November 15, there will only be walk in advising from 10am-1pm. On the same day, there will be no chat service offered. Generally, work processing time will be extended, so please plan accordingly. Thank you for your understanding and patience!

International Education Week

November 15– November 19th is International Education Week! Schools, universities, businesses and organizations across the United States will be celebrating international education and exchange. Kansas State University will be participating too! Throughout the week, there will be events that highlight and promote internationalization at K-State. Here is a link to the international events taking place on campus: <http://www.k-state.edu/cgi-bin/eventview/oip/calendar/international>.

INTERNATIONAL
education week

November 14 - 20, 2010

Jilin University Artists and Musicians

Next week during International Education Week, the Office of International Programs will be coordinating two separate events to showcase the exceptional talents of the visiting Jilin University Artists and Musicians scheduled to arrive this week from China. You are welcome to join! Both events are free and open to the public. Please visit the website to learn more about each artist and musician from Jilin University <http://www.k-state.edu/oip/jilin>.

The first event will be a reception for the Jilin University Artists and Musicians on Monday, November 15, 7:30 p.m., at the International Grain Science & Industry Complex. The event will have two exhibits - a miniature art exhibition, by Professor Liming Fu, which includes over 30 pieces of artwork and a Chinese painting exhibition, by Professor Weishun Lei, which includes 20-30 pieces of art works.

The second event, a musical performance by Jilin University Musicians, will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 6:30 p.m., at All Faiths Chapel. It will feature group, double and single performances of traditional Chinese music using four of Chinese music instruments: the Chinese flute, also known as the vertical bamboo flute and cucurbit flute; the pipa, a four-stringed musical instrument; the erhu, also known as the Chinese fiddle; and the yang qin, a dulcimer.

From: Kathleen Witcher, Office of International Programs

Travel Reminders

International students and scholars, if you are planning a trip outside the U.S. over the Fall or Winter Break, be sure all of your immigration documents are in order before you leave Manhattan. Travel outside the U.S. requires a travel signature on your I-20 or DS-2019 from an advisor at ISSS. Please plan ahead and bring your I-20 or DS-2019 to ISSS several days before you leave.

Also, if you plan to travel outside the U.S., be certain your U.S. visa will be valid on the date of your return. If it will not be valid, you must make an appointment at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate to obtain a new visa so you can reenter the U.S. and resume your studies at Kansas State.

You can get information on the wait times for appointments at the Consulate at http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/temp/wait/wait_4638.html. For individuals who had to go through the Special Registration process at the port of entry, be sure that you exit through one of the designated airports. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you register with immigration authorities upon exiting and returning to the U.S. For more information on Special Registration, go to <http://www.ice.gov/nseers/>.

Travel inside the U.S. does not require a travel signature on your I-20 or DS-2019. Have your passport, I-94 and I-20 or DS-2019 with you wherever you go.

Contact ISSS if you have any questions about traveling.



INTERNATIONAL TRIVIA CHALLENGE 2010

GAME BRACKETS

Winner's Bracket



Friday, November 12th at 6pm
• Game 5 (Team 2 VS Team 5)
Thursday November 18th, 6pm
• Final (Team 4 VS ?)

The International Trivia Challenge kicked off on Wednesday, November 10th. Four teams met in the Union to compete in the ISSS trivia competition. In this competition, teams are asked questions from a wide variety of academic disciplines from geography to arts to science. The first team to buzz in and answer correctly earns points.

Each of the four teams played two games on Wednesday night. The semi-final round will be played on Friday the 12th and the finals (with awards) will take place next Thursday, the 18th. Spectators are welcome! All of the remaining games will be played at 6pm in room 207 of the K-State Union.

Newsletter Update:

The Fall Semester will be ending soon. This is the last ISSS Connections Newsletter for this semester. We will resume writing the newsletter in the spring semester. If you ever have an article or event that you would like to publish in the newsletter, please contact Caitlin at cokelley@ksu.edu.

From all of the ISSS staff, we hope you have safe travels during the Fall and Winter breaks, and may you be successful on your final exams!

CHAT Advising



ISSS is piloting a new service called CHAT advising. This service was first available on October 22, 2010. We are excited to offer this service and hope students will utilize this quick and accessible means to connect with an ISSS advisor.

Students who have used the service indicate they love the easy access to an ISSS advisor. We have had a good number of students utilizing the service during the available times.

We will pilot this service for the remainder of the Fall 2010 semester and then evaluate its success. We hope you all will visit our webpage and try out our new service! The link for the CHAT window can be found at <http://www.k-state.edu/iss/services/chat.html>.

If you have feedback or questions about this service, please feel free to contact ISSS at iss@ksu.edu.