

SLATER INTERNATIONAL CENTER

Dear Students,

We hope your semester is going well and that you are taking the time to enjoy the fall weather on our beautiful campus. As November begins, we want to update you on a few exciting things that are coming up and remind you about some items you may need to take care of for the Thanksgiving and Winter breaks. Please take the time to read through this Newsletter so you are informed and can have a rejuvenating holiday break!

Warm Wishes, Karen & Averie

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Marketing Your Global Competency

Monday, Nov. 14th, PNE 239, 4:30pm

Come learn how, as an international student, you can stand out in the job market by selling your global competency skills. International Student Career Development Packet & refreshments will be provided. Space is limited. RSVP to **kpabon**.

Working in the U.S.

Wednesday, Nov. 16th, Library Lecture Room, 6:00pm

An information session for F-1 International Students. If you are graduating this winter or spring and you are interested in working in the U.S. you should attend this session. **A must for all seniors.** *Pizza will be served!*

End of Semester Gathering

Wednesday, Dec. 7th, Slater International Center, 5:30pm

Join the Slater E-Board and Slater International Center Staff in celebrating the end of the semester and hear updates on what's happening at Slater! *Dinner will be served.*

Travel Signature Day

Friday, Dec. 9th, Slater International Center, 9:00am-4:00pm

Slater staff will be available all day to sign your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 for travel. No appointments necessary. Bring all your immigration documents with you

Global Tea Series

Every Friday from 3:00pm to 4:30pm at Slater International Center

Join us at Slater for our weekly informal gatherings focused on intercultural exchange, learning, and support. Each week we will chat or hear special guests share their thoughts and perspectives on intercultural issues. *Tea and cookies always served!*

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Alumnae Match Program

Sign up by Thursday, Nov. 19th at 4:00pm

Looking for a place to celebrate Thanksgiving? If you are interested in joining a member of the Wellesley community (alumna, faculty, or staff) for the Thanksgiving holiday, please complete this form:

https://secure.wellesley.edu/alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/WLS/event/showEventForm.jsp?form_id=115674.

Contact Mary Casey in the Alumnae Office at mcasey@wellesley.edu or 781-283-2336 with any questions.

Slater Thanksgiving Dinner

For International Students – Thursday, Nov. 25th, 4:00pm

On Thanksgiving Day, representatives from the Slater E-Board will host a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at Slater International Center. RSVP to **aseskin** by **Fridav. November 19th**.

Wrentham Outlets Shopping Trip

Saturday, Nov. 26th, 9:00am-5:00pm

Need holiday gifts or retail therapy? We have organized a bus to take students shopping over Thanksgiving Break! The bus will leave from the Chapel at 9:00am and return by 5:00pm. Tickets are \$5 round trip and can be purchased from Averie at Slater by November 23rd. *After Nov. 23rd, domestic students remaining on campus may purchase tickets if available.*

IMMIGRATION REMINDERS

Travel

If you are traveling outside the U.S. and plan to re-enter in F-1 or J-1 status, you must have your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 signed for travel. For F-1 students, the travel signature is valid for one year and is located on page 3 of your Form I-20. For J-1 exchange visitors, the travel signature is valid for the duration of your form and is located in the lower left corner of your Form DS-2019. Please carry the following documents when you travel:

- 1) Valid Form I-20 or DS-2019 – with valid travel signature (12 months for currently enrolled students)
- 2) Valid Passport (at least 6 months into future)
- 3) Valid F-1 or J-1 visa
- 4) Proof of financial support
- 5) Current transcript or Enrollment Letter (optional)

If you need a travel signature you must bring all your immigration documents (including your I-94 card) to Slater International Center during Walk-In Hours. You may also call or email Averie to make an appointment (781-283-2082).

Declaring a Major/Updating your Form I-20

If you have recently declared or changed your major, you must request a new Form I-20 to reflect the appropriate major. The Department of Homeland Security requires that you are in possession of the most accurate and up to date information about your program of study.

Practical Training

If you are thinking about doing an internship over the summer or if you are graduating in May, you should start learning about your employment authorization options. As an international student you will need authorization to work off campus. Attend the “Working in the U.S.” information session and/or refer to the employment section in the International Student Handbook on our website.

WINTER HOUSING

Residence Halls will be closed between fall and spring semesters (**December 17th to January 21st**). Limited winter session housing is available. International students who are not able to return to their home countries over the winter break will be eligible to remain on campus. Temporary winter session housing will be assigned to eligible students in one of three residence halls that will be open. If you need to remain on campus during the winter break please contact Kristine Niendorf at the Office of Residential Life. **Please Note:** Priority will be given to students who will be on-campus for the complete break; students seeking temporary housing (1-10days) may be asked to share rooms for their short stay.

RESOURCES AND REMINDERS

Dining and Transportation Services *change* during Thanksgiving and Winter breaks. For more information, please contact Dining Services, Residential Life, or the Housing & Transportation office. For Dining Hours: <http://www.wellesleyfresh.com/hours.html>. For Housing: <http://www.wellesley.edu/ResLife/index.html> For Transportation: <http://www.wellesley.edu/Transportation/>

Host Families – Reconnect with your host family over the holiday breaks to learn more about North American culture and to share your culture with them too! They would love to hear from you.

Spending Time At Slater – Don’t forget you can always spend time at Slater! Swipe access allows you to come, relax, eat snacks, or watch movies anytime! Just remember to follow the clean-up guidelines posted. Please be respectful of the Slater space.

Going Global – Check out “GOING GLOBAL” – a new Wellesley College resource that links students to a comprehensive database of international employment opportunities and country-specific information on industries and networks. You can access Going Global through the Information Resources tab in MyCWS or on-campus at: <http://online.goingglobal.com/>

WALK-IN HOURS

Mondays & Wednesdays 1:00pm-3:00pm, Thursdays 12:00pm-2:00pm

Appointments can be made by calling 781-283-2082 (No same day appointments)