Greetings to all new and returning international students. Please join me in celebrating our first edition of The Division of International Programs’ newsletter. Inside you’ll find updates about our initiatives, profiles of international students and faculty that enrich the excellence of OSU, information about upcoming events and links to resources that highlight our vibrant global community.

Please take time to visit our website to learn more about who we are and what we do [http://oregonstate.edu/international](http://oregonstate.edu/international), or stop by and see us in one of our three locations, depending on your interests:

- International Living and Learning Center (ILLC)
- Kerr Administration
- Snell Hall

Sunil Khanna, Associate Provost for International Programs

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News You Can Use...

New International Living and Learning Center (ILLC)
On Oct. 10, INTO Oregon State University and OSU's International Programs held the grand opening for the new International Learning Center (ILLC). The facility, which is the new home for the INTO OSU Center and OSU’s International Programs, is a testimony to Oregon State University’s enduring commitment to internationalization.

The new, state-of-the art building provides not only housing to more than 320 US and international students but also workspace for more than 100 staff and faculty, 24 classrooms, and 15 conference rooms. The ILLC provides additional opportunities for students across the campus to come together and enjoy being part of a diverse global community.

The ILLC also offers a Peet’s Coffee and Cascadia Market, two great places to enjoy a variety of beverages and grocery items.

Meet the INTO OSU Center Director - Amy McGowan

Amy McGowan has over 16 years experience in international education in a variety of capacities, including teaching ESL in the US and Japan, serving as an academic director, developing coursework, and managing a number of language schools on the West Coast. Amy joined INTO University Partnerships in April 2008 and played a senior role in the development of INTO Oregon State University. Amy was the first employee at INTO OSU serving as Marketing and Operations Manager. She was later promoted, and has served as Center Director for the INTO OSU Center since October, 2009. Amy earned a B.A in International Studies from St. Edward's University in Austin, TX and an M.A. in TESOL from the United States International University in San Diego, CA.

International Education Week  Nov. 14-18

One week before the US holiday of Thanksgiving (Nov. 24-25), OSU will celebrate International Education Week (IEW). Established by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education in 2000, International Education Week is an opportunity to showcase international activities and celebrate the benefits of international education and worldwide intellectual and cultural exchange.

Statement on International Education Week 2011 by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan

I am pleased to announce the 12th annual International Education Week starting on November 14. This year’s theme is International Education: Inspiring Students Locally to Succeed Globally. International Education Week is a joint initiative of the U.S. Departments of Education and State. It celebrates the benefits of understanding the world around us so we can better communicate and collaborate with others from different cultures. It is an ideal opportunity to inspire students to broaden their horizons through global learning, foreign languages and international exchange. President Obama and I are passionate about providing all of our children with an education that will enable them to succeed in a globally competitive economy where knowledge and innovation are more important than ever. And, with the world’s economies and societies becoming more and more interdependent, it is almost impossible to distinguish between domestic and international issues.
Therefore, we must work together to give all of our students an outstanding education, which includes learning about our global partners – their cultures, histories, languages, values, and viewpoints. We must focus on integrating international perspectives into our classrooms. It is through education and exchange that we become better collaborators, competitors and compassionate neighbors in this global society.

There is no longer any doubt that local actions have international effects and consequences. International Education Week 2011 is a time to celebrate our connection with the world around us. I hope that you will join me this November in highlighting the importance of international education and exchange.

Three workshops that may be of special interest to you include:

**Employment/OPT Workshop**

Optional Practical Training (OPT) is an employment benefit available to students in valid F-1 status. It allows students to work in a temporary position that is directly related to their field of study. Who is eligible for OPT? When and how does one apply for OPT? Come to this workshop and find answers to all of your questions about OPT.

**When:** 3:30 – 5:00PM, Monday, November 14th

**Presenters:** Cynthia Cox – International Student Advising and Services

**Location:** 448 Snell Hall

**Travel Workshop**

Planning to travel outside the U.S. soon? International Student Advising and Services and INTO OSU invite international students to attend an information session about what you need to know before you travel outside the U.S. Come join us for a brief presentation and discussion at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 17 at the International Learning Living Center Auditorium. Bring your original I-20 or DS-2019 document with you between 1:30 and 4:00 p.m. and we will provide a travel signature for you during this session (provided that you meet the eligibility requirements). All F-1 or J-1 students must have a signature on the I-20 or DS-2019 (given within the past year) in order to re-enter the U.S.

**When:** 1:30 – 4:00PM, Thursday, November 17th

**Presenters:** Multiple - International Student Advising and Services staff and INTO OSU staff

**Location:** International Living and Learning Center 155 Auditorium

**Employment /H1-B Workshop**

In this workshop, you will gain an understanding of the H1-B visa, eligibility requirements, and how a U.S. employer assists you with the application. Meet an expert and have your questions answered.

**When:** 3:30 – 5:00PM, Wednesday, November 16th

**Presenters:** Jennifer Doreen – Procurement/Contract Services

**Location:** International Living and Learning Center 155 Auditorium

**Support and Activities for International Students**

**International Student Advising Services (ISAS)**

Need information and advice on visa and immigration regulations, scholarships, personal, financial, social, and cross-cultural issues? International Student Advisors are available Monday through Friday in A110 Kerr Administration Building.
and the International Living and Learning Center (ILLC) by appointment and on a ‘drop-in’ basis. ISAS has five advisors who are available to meet with you: Cynthia Cox, Shain Panzeri, Ismail Warsame, Rachael Weber and Nan Xie.

**How do I make an appointment?**

To make an appointment, call 541-737-6310 or stop by the International Student Advising and Services (ISAS) office in A110 Kerr Administration Building. Advising is also offered in the International Living-Learning Center (ILLC) by calling 541-737-4660. Appointments are generally scheduled for 20 minutes at a time. If you are not able to keep your appointment, please contact our office in advance to reschedule.

**Funding/Scholarships for International Students**

If you are looking for scholarships or financial aid that is available to fully-admitted, degree-seeking international students, you’re welcome to view a list of resources both at OSU and beyond here: [http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/scholarships](http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/scholarships).

**International Student Circle**

Every Tuesday, from 5-6pm, in the MU’s International Resource Center, Counseling and Psychological Services and International Programs are co-hosting a ‘circle’ in which international students are welcome to come together and share both their exciting as well as challenging experiences of being an international student in a supportive environment. Topics of discussion will include: adjusting to a new culture, building friendships, understanding the American academic environment, handling homesickness, and time management. For more information, contact Salaheddine.Ziadeh@oregonstate.edu or call 541.737.2131.

**OSU Diversity Summit II**

[c.a.r.e.] harmonize our voices, transform our world

Nov. 2 & 3 at OSU’s CH2M Hill Alumni Center

Registration is free and open to everyone - [http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/care/registration/](http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/care/registration/)