December 2013

Quick ISC Update!

- Spring 2014 Registration Alert—All students must be registered by January 17. There will be no new registrations after this date.

- Planning on graduating this May ’14? Stop by the ISC and see your counselor. Your counselor will make sure that you have met all degree requirements for your program and will have you complete the Application for Degree Form.

- BCC will be closed starting December 24th and will reopen on January 2, 2014. All current students are strongly advised to come in early and meet with your counselor to discuss your academic program/COOP eligibility/candidacy for graduation/etc. As the Spring ’14 semester draws near, the office will become busier assisting new students with immigration and registration needs.

- January 16, 2014 is new F-1 Student Orientation. If you should be on campus and you see a student in need, ISC encourages you to extend a warm welcome and assist the student.

- Spring 2014 workshop schedule will be sent out in the February Newsletter!

Important Message to the Fall 2013 Graduates!

Those students who have completed their program this term will be given a 60 day grace period to do one of the following: transfer out to another U.S. institution, apply for post completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) or make preparations to return home.

Any student who has yet to attend an OPT workshop will need to call the ISC and make an appointment to see an ISC Counselor immediately. Call: 201.689.7601
Immigration News

♦ Updated Information—All students need to report to the ISC any of the following changes within 10 business days:
  ♦ foreign and home address,
  ♦ name,
  ♦ financial sponsorship.

♦ Change of Major—All change of major requests are handled by the ISC. Any student that wants to change their major should contact the ISC and schedule an appointment with their international counselor.

♦ Travel Season is here! — It’s time to make sure that you have a valid travel signature on your current I-20. Dependents also need a valid travel signature. The signature can only come from a designated school official (DSO) that is located in the ISC. Travel signatures are found at the bottom of page 3 of your I-20. Students may have multiple signatures because the signature is only valid for one year from the date that it was last issued.

Registration for Spring 2014

Any student that needs help picking classes for the Spring term should stop by the ISC and meet with Laura or Mine.

ALP Students

♦ The speech (SPE) courses are required for the ALP. Students may be exempt. If you don’t know if you are exempt, please visit your International Student Counselors today!

♦ ALP students that completed level III this Fall 2013 can begin to take college level courses. It is strongly advised that students take the math placement exam. Visit the Testing Office in S-127 or www.bergen.edu/testing.

Academic Standing

Any student who is not in good academic standing after the cumulative grade point average has been computed will be required to see your International Counselor. Students will not be permitted to register for Spring 2014 classes until they have received permission from their International Counselor.