October 2013

Happy Halloween

ISAs Wild West City Trip

Changed your address? Know when you need to update the ISC!

Moving or have a new e-mail address? USCIS/DHS (United States Customs & Immigration Service/Department of Homeland Security) requires all F-1 students to notify the ISC of ANY home address changes within 10 DAYS of the move. In fact, if you have ANY contact information changes, like change of e-mail, or phone number, let us know! To notify the ISC, simply visit us in C-102, fill out the F-1 Change of Data Form, and we will change the information. This form is also available online at www.bergen.edu/isc/forms.
Immigration News

- **I-20 Extension Season**—check your I-20 program end date and if you will still require additional time to complete your degree, you will need to complete the [I-20 Extension Packet](#).

- **Travel Season is around the corner**—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.

- **Optional Practical Training (OPT)** — any student interested in applying for their F-1 work benefit must attend a workshop. Please refer to workshop schedule.

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**Academic Reminders**

**Registration for Spring 2014**

Students can begin to register for Spring 2014 classes starting November 11th. This is a great opportunity to get the classes YOU want. Early bird catches the worm in this case.

Questions about which classes to take—visit your counselors in the International Student Center. We are here to help!

**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!

**Tutoring**

Don't wait until the last moment to seek out help—begin now! Tutoring is free to all BCC students. Make the most out of the resources that are available to you.

- **American Language Program (ALP)**

  ⇒ [English Language Resource Center](#) in Ender Hall (E-156)

  ⇒ [Intercultural Conversation Partners](#) program meets in the Cerullo Learning Assistance Center in the Pitkin Education Center (L-125).

- **College Level**

  ⇒ [Cerullo Learning Assistance Center](#) in the Pitkin Education Center (L-125)

  ⇒ [Math Walk-in Center](#) is located in the Pitkin Education Center (A-113)

**E Grades:**

Failure to attend classes and/or submit assignments may result in an E grade. An E grade is an unofficial withdrawal. F-1 students who earn a grade of E may end up losing their F-1 status.
Stay connected to the International Student Center Facebook! Be sure to ‘Like’ us—International Student Center at Bergen Community College. We will keep you posted on upcoming events, workshops, scholarship opportunities and much more!
ISA Club had a wonderful time at Wild West City! The ISA is looking forward to their next event and wants you to attend. Come to the weekly meetings in C-102 at 12pm.