

OIS Newsletter – April 17, 2007

Hi! Hopefully you are not too stressed out, with final exams and projects approaching! Remember to keep calm, get enough rest and prioritize ...

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Virginia Tech University Tragedy

Many of us in the EMU community are feeling shock and grief over the tragic events at Virginia Tech University. Traumatic events like this can cause people to feel sad, anxious, or helpless. If you would like additional support or to talk with someone about these distressing feelings, please call either the Snow Health Center Counseling Services at (734) 487-1118 or the College of Education Counseling Clinic at 734-487-4410 to schedule an appointment.

Pre-Departure Lunch

It's that time of year – students are **graduating**, exchange students are **returning to their home country**, and others will be transferring from EMU – **WE'LL MISS YOU!!!** We're planning a short lunch gathering to thank you for spending a part of your student years with us and to update you on a few details to make the transition go smoothly!!! Hopefully you'll be able to join us on:

Friday, April 20th from 11am – 12 noon for our Pre-Departure Lunch

Please email me (ssohn2@emich.edu) to let me know you will be attending – that way I'll have plenty of food



Fall 2007 Class Registration Available



NOW is the time to **register for Fall 2007** classes! You don't have to pay for classes yet, so don't worry - Get the Best Selection of Classes **BEFORE** the new students start to enroll and fill up the classes you need.

Updating your I-20 (or DS-2019) for Travel

If you plan to travel outside the USA and to re-enter to study again in fall, you must have your **I-20 or DS-2019 Updated for Travel**. Bring your original I-20 or DS-2019 to OIS for updating as soon as possible, but make sure you're registered full-time for next fall *prior* to requesting an update. **Allow 24 – 48 hours to receive your updated document.**

Be sure to have the following items with you when you return to the USA:

1. **Current Updated I-20 or validated DS-2019**
2. **All I-20's or DS-2019's** you have ever had
3. **Proof of financial resources** indicated on your I-20
4. **Passport** which is valid at least 6 months later than your return date
5. **Visa stamp in your passport** which is **valid** for re-entry on your anticipated return date



✈ Remember to turn in your I-94 card as you depart the US

✈ If you are an NSEERS registrant (have a FIN#) don't forget to leave enough time for your exit interview at your last port of departure.

✈ It is your responsibility to determine if the country you plan to visit requires a valid visa for you to enter

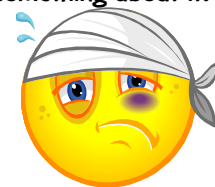
WARNINGS:

- ! **ANY** time you leave the USA, there is no guarantee you will be allowed to return
- ! If you have applied for an extension of stay or change of status, these procedures must be completed before traveling outside the USA

Health Insurance Coverage during Spring & Summer

International Students who have purchased EMU Health Insurance – your **winter coverage ends on May 6, 2007!!!!** If you are registered for classes during Spring & Summer, your student account will be charged as usual, and coverage will continue. However, if you are **NOT registered** for classes, your **coverage will end**, unless you do something about it. If you wish to purchase Student Health Insurance for spring and summer, you need to

- fill out an **application** AND
- submit a **payment** of \$378 to the Snow Health Center Student Insurance Office by **May 31st**



Warning: If you have **sought medical treatment** for an illness or condition during the past year, you need to understand the meaning of **Pre-Existing Condition**. This **WILL** affect your decision on whether to continue coverage or not. Please see Pat Short in the Snow Health Center Student Insurance Office for assistance (734)487-3048.

Spring 2007 – New International Student Orientation – May 3rd

Yes, Spring ISO is almost upon us! *Group Leaders and Volunteers are needed!!*

Orientation	Group Leader Training
Date: Thursday, May 3 Time: 9am – 5pm Place: EMU Student Center, Room 310	Please attend one of the following sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, April 27, 5 - 6pm <li style="text-align: center;">OR • Tuesday, May 1, 5 – 6pm



Group leaders are expected to:

- attend 1 training session
- be available orientation day from 7:30am until 5:30 pm
- email & contact their group members several times during the term

Group Leader Registration Form – [click here](#)

If you can't be a group leader the following opportunities to assist our new students in other ways include:

New Student Support	As available April 25 – May 8	Giving campus tours, assisting with shopping, airport pick-up assistance,	As available April 25 – May 8
Orientation Preparation	Any time before 5/2	Making signs	2 - 4 hours
Orientation Volunteer	Thursday May 3	Jobs such as: Greeter, distribute name tags, distribute tote bags	8am – 10am
Orientation Volunteer	Thursday May 3	Registration Table	8am - 11am
Orientation Volunteer	Thursday May 3	Placing signs	7:30am – 8:30am and/or 4:00pm – 4:30
Orientation Volunteer	Thursday May 3	AV tech – turning lights on/off, music on/off, photographer	8:30am – 4:00pm
Orientation Volunteer	Thursday May 3	PowerPoint operator	8:30am – 3:45pm

If you're interested in being a volunteer, email Sue: [ssohn2 at emich dot edu](mailto:ssohn2@emich.edu)

This e-newsletter originates from Eastern Michigan University's Office of International Students (OIS) and is intended for international students and their friends. We will relay timely information on EMU events, immigration-related issues, as well as community activities. The information contained in this email is given in good faith based upon available information. OIS/EMU accepts no legal responsibility for its accuracy.

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