Welcome back! We hope you had an exciting winter break and are ready for the Michigan winter. Remember to stay warm and find ways to enjoy this yourself. If you have any questions, please direct them to Alayna (Alayna.Lewis@kzoo.edu), Christian (Christian.VanHouten@kzoo.edu) or Terence (Mingyue.xu13@kzoo.edu).

Happy Winter!
Alayna, Christian, and Terence

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**Sophomore Declaration of Major Day!!!**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 2nd, 2016  
**Time:** 11:30 am  
**Duration:** 1 hour  
**Location:** Hicks Banquet Room

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**Travel Resources**

**Take the Bus:**  
- Greyhound.com  
- Indian Trails  
- www.megabus.com/us  
- http://www.kmetro.com/

**Take the Train:**  
- Amtrak.com

**Find cheap airfare:**  
- www.studentuniverse.com  
- www.cheapflights.com  
- www.expedia.com  
- www.orbitz.com

**Find Places to stay:**  
- www.hostels.com  
- www.booking.com  
- www.expedia.com  
- www.orbitz.com

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**Winter 2015 Events**

- Monte Carlo  
- Tax Meetings  
- MLK Day  
- Declaration of Major Day  
- Mid-term Break  
- Internships  
- International Student Lunch  
- ...And more!!

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**final thoughts...**

Come see us during our office hours if you have an issue or need to talk.

- **Christian Van Houten**  
  Monday-Friday: 2:00pm-4:30pm

- **Mingyue (Terence) Xu**  
  Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 10:00am-12:00pm

- **Alayna Lewis**  
  Thursday: 2:00pm-4:30pm

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**Reminder!**

Always check your K email!!!

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**Come to our International Student Lunches this quarter!**

**When?** Thursday, Jan. 21st (Week 3) ; Thursday, Feb. 18th (Week 7)

Look for details in upcoming emails!
Daylight Saving

Daylight Saving Time is the adjusting of clocks so that afternoons have more daylight and mornings have less. Clocks are adjusted forward one hour in the spring and are adjusted back in the fall. In theory, this saves energy since less artificial light is needed in the evening. The United States has used this system of Daylight Saving Time since 1918 and we are currently on a time schedule adjusted for Daylight Saving time. Soon it will be time to adjust our clocks forward one hour. This year you should all set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 12th since the change officially takes place at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 13th.

Monte Carlo

Monte Carlo is the annual winter quarter event. It’s the school’s casino night, you’ll have the opportunity to gamble with fake money and it’s a great evening to dress your best. The dealers are usually faculty and staff. There will be a dance floor and lots of snacks. This year Monte Carlo is in the Hicks Student Center on 7th Week Saturday, February 20th.

TAX Meeting

As international students you MUST file taxes. Some of you will have to do both Federal and Michigan taxes. We will be having several tax meetings if you need assistance in doing this. Taxes are officially due April 15th. There will be Tax Meetings for International students late Winter and early Spring quarters. Dates & Times will be announced!

Q: Can I stay on campus during the spring break?
A: Yes, you will have to e-mail housing@kzoo.edu by 9th week Friday.

Q: Can I work off campus during the summer?
A: Come to the CIP/CCPD’s Employment Workshop to find out more!

Having trouble managing your time?

Here are some tips for you!

1. Write a “to-do” list.
2. Prioritize your work constantly.
3. Find a dedicated study space and time.
4. Budget your time to make the most of it.
5. Work out your optimum study method.
6. Be realistic about the time you spend studying.
7. Focus on long-term goals.
8. Solicit help when you need it.
9. Don’t be afraid to say “No”.
10. Review your notes regularly.

Employment Workshop

Jackie Srodes, a Career Counselor in the CCPD, will provide a brief overview of job/internship searches and resumes in the US, and Alayna Lewis and Christian VanHouten will provide an overview of the rules and regulations for F-1 & J-1 students in regard to OPT, CPT, and Academic Training.

Thursday, February 25th, 4:00pm-5:00pm Dewing 305

Hosted by CIP and CCPD