International Student Bulletin Winter 2013

Center for International Programs, Kalamazoo College

Winter Quarter Reminders!

Follow international students on their study abroad adventures at kintlstudentsabroad.wordpress.com/

Winter mid-quarter break day: February 8, 2013

Asia Fest: February 15, 2013

La Fiesta Desi Soul: February 23, 2013

Angela's Office hours: Wed & Thurs 2pm—4:30pm

Idah's hours: M on & Wed 9:30am—12pm; and Fri 9am—12pm

Check out the International Student Voice magazine featuring a variety of topics on international student life at http://www.isvmag.com

Brrrrr, It's Cold

But The Snow's So Delightful!
We hope you are enjoying the snow and staying warm!

2013 Field Experience Opportunities

The CCPD posted Internship/ externship opportunities for 2013 summer. Make an appointment with a career counselor to update your résumé and cover letter. The deadline for the round one opportunities is **February 12 at 2pm!** For more information, visit the CCPD website at:

http://reason.kzoo.edu/ccd/programs/opportunities/ If you have any questions regarding OPT or AT, please see Angela or Idah.

Monte Carlo Night!

Monte Carlo is an annual winter quarter event at K where Hicks Center is transformed into a casino for one night. Students dress up and play to win pretend money for great prizes. There is also a DJ, dancing, and good food. This year, it will be on **Saturday, February 16** and it will take place at WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Fetzer Center!!!

Look out for more details from the Office of Student Involvement!

World Night Preparations

Check your e-mail for information from ISO regarding the preparations for World Night during Spring Quarter. We set a high record last year and we have to maintain it, hence practice needs to begin in Winter Quarter.

Ice Skating!

ISO will be having an ice-skating trip on **Thursday February 7!**

You need to sign up early because the event is open to the entire campus.

More information coming soon!!

Let's Party!!

The CIP will throw a party for students to interact with each other and with the CIP staff. There will be doughnuts and hot chocolate to pamper you + more!

Look out for the date and venue!

Some Reminders...

Taxes

"As an F-1 or J-1 international student you MUST file U.S. income taxes, even if you do not work on campus or receive a fellowship.

Optional tax meetings will be scheduled if you'd like some help on filling out your tax forms--more information to come so please keep an eye on your K email!"

Holidays!

Valentine's Day—Feb 14 Don't forget to show your loved ones how much they mean to you!

St. Patrick's Day is a cultural and a religious holiday celebrated on **March 17** internationally. It commemorates the arrival of Christianity in Ireland. People dress in green on this day and attend church service.

Daylight Savings

Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 10th 2:00am.**

Make sure you reset your clock 1hr forward before you go to bed on March 9 to avoid confusion in the morning.

Fun in Downtown Kalamazoo even in Winter!

Bronson's Winter Farmer's Market - Are you interested in delicious, fresh local food? Every other Friday, Bronson Hospital hosts a Farmers' Market from 10:30am to 2:30pm.

It is located in downtown Kalamazoo at 601 John Street. It is open on the following days:

- Feb 3 and 17
- Mar 2, 16, and 30
- Apr 13

Blue Dolphin at 502 S. Burdick Street has not only good food, but also entertainment. Latin Salsa Night is every Saturday at 9:30pm No need to be 21 to enter.

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum will be featuring planetarium shows until March 16. Visit kvm.kvcc.edu/planetarium/public_programs.html for more information.

Water Street Coffee Joint: www.waterstreetcoffeejoint.com

Art Hop downtown is the first Friday of every month.
See http://www.kalamazooarts.org/org/detail/2003/Art_Hop

Kalamazoo 10 located at 820 Maple Hill Drive www.ggti.com/theaters.aspx?theaterid=1453

For more downtown Kalamazoo events, visit: www.kalamazoocity.org

Thinking about Spring Break?

Valid travel signature: Make sure the travel signature on your I-20 or DS-2019 is valid. Also, if you are visiting another country, like Canada, find out if you need a visa.

http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp

Travel within the U,S:

Train: http://www.amtrak.com/servlet/ContentServer?pagename=Amtrak/HomePage

Bus: www.grehound.com

Plane: www.orbitz.com

Transport within Kzoo:

Metro bus schedules and routes: http://www.kalamazoocity.org/portal/metro.php?page_id=427

Taxis:
-Big Daddy (269-492-4999)
-Bronco Express (269-343-3000)