

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS NEWSLETTER



Greetings from the Editor

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Dear everyone,

Only 3 more days of classes left in the semester! Isn't it incredible? Your summer adventures are in sight. Some of you will head back to your home country, and others will go on exciting trips within the U.S. or to another country. Wherever you will be, it is such a great thing to know that you always take opportunities to explore and enrich your life, be it through an internship, a dream job, or simply an exotic vacation. The International Programs will be open over the summer, so don't forget to update us on your adventures!

Before you take off, please take

a moment to read through this issue so that you won't miss Sally's important reminder about your I-20, Yumiko's reflection among other information of interests.

To close my greetings with some cheers, I like to spread the news of recent leadership awards of Thien Vu and Gyeong-A Kang—both of whom have made our small international community much more visible. Thien is recognized for his outstanding work with Blood Drive and in Greek Life as he has demonstrated a balance between Greek involvement and academic achievement and has increased awareness of service within the

Greek community. If you are familiar with Thien, you will find these words describe him well :). Gyeong-A is recognized for her exceptional involvement as a Diversity Theme Year coordinator and as a student leader to promote identity and cultural awareness and give visibility to underrepresented groups (like ours) on our campus. Who forgets Taiko drumming, lion dancing, and many other festive activities she has organized this year?! Congratulations to both! And to the rest of you that haven't let us know your awards or are too shy to do so.

Good luck on finals and enjoy your adventures! *Uyen

Note from Sally

Congratulations NARAE and KENTA!
PARTY AT SALLY'S

Farewell Yumiko!
NEW MENTORS
PLL SIGN YOUR I-20.

This will be the year that flew past! It seems just a few weeks ago that we were preparing for the reception at the President's house and now it's the end of the term.

Please check your mailboxes for an invitation to the end of the year party at my house for all students and mentors. It

will be Sunday, May 8th at 6 p.m. It is a joint celebration for our returning Miki Scholar, **Yumiko Miyamoto**, celebration of completion of the Master of Arts in Teaching for **NARAE JUNG**, and completion of BA in Politics and Government Degree for **KENTA KAWAMURA**.

Incoming students are from China, Thailand, Japan and India. I'm excited to welcome them to campus in the fall

And for each of you it's a celebration of the end of the year and graduating mentors. We

have a new group of mentors and international students coming in the fall. Four new mentors: Jasmine Kaneshiro, Thao Tran, Phillip Brenfleck and Sahalie Clapp.

We have selected the mentor coordinator for fall; Christina Miller will be taking over for Ana Pischl who was this year's coordinator.

I've made a note elsewhere in the newsletter. Please make sure your I-20's are signed.

Good Luck on Finals!
Have a Great Summer!

Thank you for reading and contributing to our newsletters this year.

If you have any comments, suggestions, or news to share within the international community next year, please contact Uyen Nguyen at unguyen@pugetsound.edu. Much appreciated!

USCIS Corner

I-20s need to be signed!

Dear Students: One of the most important issues for you to take care of before you depart from the U.S. is to have the travel page of your I-20 signed by me prior to departure. In most cases, I signed your I-20s last spring before you returned to your home country. They must be signed every 12 months, this means that you'll need to assure you have a signature good through next August when you return to campus. My goal for the current summer is to have 100% on current I-20s so please take a few moments to make sure yours is signed.

Thanks, Sally

"This whole one year would be definitely an unforgettable period later in my life."

From Yumiko:

My precious experience at Puget Sound

I have experienced many precious things here that I couldn't experience if I were in Japan. This whole one year would be definitely an unforgettable period later in my life. My English is not enough good so I have had a difficult time here. However, not to speak of Sally, other international students and my mentor, Abigail, many people are really nice and they help me a lot. I'm pleased to meet these people here. I think I will miss Puget Sound life after going back to Japan but I will try to improve myself by putting my experience here to

use.



Yumiko Miyamoto is an exchange student from Osaka University. On a trip to Vancouver, Canada, Yumiko realized how beneficial it was to speak fluent English and acquire a good understanding of different

cultures. She later decided to apply for the Miki Exchange Program and got awarded its scholarship to study at Puget Sound.

Yumiko wants to develop "a cosmopolitan sensibility" and compare Japan with the U.S. and other countries with her hands-on experiences in the U.S. She hopes to apply the knowledge she gains abroad to make a difference in Japanese education.

Her hobbies are calligraphy, watching sports and DVD. On campus she is a member of APASU club and the Japan House.

CAMPUS EVENTS



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Adelphian Concert Choir Spring Concert @ 2pm in Kilworth Chapel	2 Percussion Ensemble Concert @ 7:30pm in Schneebeck	3 Chorale and Dorian Singers Spring Concert @ 7:30pm in Kilworth Chapel	4 Pops on the Lawn Wind Ensemble with Student Conductors @ 4pm at Karlan Quad	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Academic Convocation 2—3 pm at Schneebeck
15 Commencement @ 2—4:30pm at Baker Stadium	16	17	18	19	20	21

The Office of International Programs sends out birthday wishes to all of you who celebrate your birthdays over the summer. Hope you will have a wonderful birthday!

- Nguyen Nguyen 6/14
- Uyen Nguyen 7/10
- Narae Jung 7/20
- Yumiko Miyamoto 7/29
- Phuong La 7/31
- Thien Vu 8/5
- Kenta Kawamura 8/19

Special Interests

Fruit Bags



Circle K is once again kindly preparing fruit bags for all international students to enjoy during the final week.

You may pick them up in the SUB from 11am to 4pm on Wednesday, May 4—the last day of classes.

24/7 Hours

Library is open 24 hours on May 1—3 and May 8—12 to help you prepare for finals. Some delicious free tea will be provided in the Break Zone downstairs for your study break. The Break Zone is a great place for snacking, visiting, and mobile phone use.



Photo courtesy of Collins Library

Star Wars in 60 Minutes

The theater department's production of *Star Wars in 60 Minutes* is shown in Rausch Auditorium on May 2, May 3, and May 4 starting 9pm. Just in time for finals, it will give you many good laughs and act as an entertaining relief from the stress of finals.

The show is free to all Loggers.

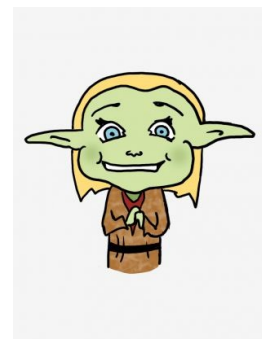


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