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# International Programs Newsletter

## From the Editor

Hello all!

Can you believe the semester is almost over? I guess it is time to get serious and face the worst of all our nightmares: finals!!!! Finals are right around the corner, but there is no need to panic. We are all on the same boat, so here

are some easy tips to help you survive the finals' week. First, set a study schedule. Second, try to keep a good balance between study time and a little rest and relaxation. Second, eat healthfully and stay hydrated - try to stay away from acid or greasy

food. Finally, get a good night's sleep, which can be really hard sometimes, but it is very important to your learning and memory.

Good luck on your finals and have a wonderful break!

- Carol

## Note from Sally

The semester is winding down but doing so rather frantically. This is the challenging part, when all of the projects that seemed like they might be able to be postponed, are now falling due. I wish each of you good luck with finals and your final papers. Remember the resources you have to complete your last few projects. The Center for Writing, Learning and Teaching has tutors available for the last few days before finals and they also offer proofreading and assistance with final papers. Try to allow a few days before the deadline to give the writing assistants time to review your writing.

For many international students, the challenge of where to spend the holiday break looms large, since all the residence halls are closed and the entire campus closes from Christmas until the 4th of January. I have spoken to nearly everyone and know that you have plans for the break, whether it's a trip home, visiting friends in New York, traveling 5,000 miles to take the TOEFL test, or remaining in Tacoma to savor the Northwest at Christmas.

As point of interest, I am working with Yoskiko in Multicultural Student Services to arrange for housing over the break. We didn't have it in place this year; however, I would really appreciate hearing from the students who would made use of campus housing from the end of fall semester through January 19th when spring semester begins.

If you have a moment during reading period or between finals, stop by the office to say "hello". I am always delighted to see you. I wish each of you a wonderful holiday! -Sally



# Upcoming Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Logger Lunch	2 The Future of Food	3 New Light Celebration	4 Staff Senate Bake Sale	5 Holiday Concert
6 Festival of Lessons and Carols	7	8 Banff Mountain Film Festival	9 Last Day of Classes	10 Reading Period	11 Reading Period	12 Reading Period
13 Reading Period	14 Final Exams	15 Final Exams	16 Final Exams	17 Final Exams	18 Final Exams	19 Residential Facilities closed
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**Saturday, Dec. 5**  
**Holiday Concert**  
**Kilworth Chapel**  
**7:30pm**

Tickets available at  
Wheelock Info Center

**Sunday, Dec. 6**  
**Festival of Lessons**  
**and Carols**  
**Kilworth Chapel**  
**7:00pm**

Readings and music  
for the holiday  
season. **Free.**

**ISM Skating Party**

This Sunday December  
6th ISM is hosting an Ice  
Skating party at an ice  
rink in South Tacoma.  
Meet outside Diversions  
at 6:45 p.m. and join the  
fun.  
Planned return to cam-  
pus around 9 p.m.

## USCIS Corner

### TRAVEL SIGNATURES!

Please make sure to check the travel signatures on your I-20 to confirm that it has been signed by Sally in the last 8 months. If you need to have me sign it again, please come to the office before December 16th when I will be leaving for the holiday

### Travel Documents

Before you head out for vacation or a visit home, **make sure you have all of your documents that verify your student status.** When you travel *anywhere* in the US or abroad you should carry with you:

- 1) valid passport
- 2) I-94
- 3) properly endorsed I-20\* or DS-2019 \*signed by me within the last 8 months
- 4) proof of enrollment or official transcript (available from the Registrar's Office)

5) My business card This is always a good back-up document to carry because, if for any reason you are stopped at a Port of Entry, I am the first person that the Customs Officer will call to verify your status

### Finals Fruit Bags

Once again the members of Circle K have prepared bags of fruit and treats for international students to enjoy during the finals.

You may pick them up in the Sub either across from the dish area or outside of WSC 101.

They will be there from 10 am to 4 pm on Wednesday, December 9th (the last day of classes)