Hello all!
The Holiday season is coming up! One of my favorite things about American tradition is Thanksgiving. The food is delicious...the turkey, the cranberry sauce, and the stuffing, sweet, sweet stuffing. But even better... the post thanksgiving sale! So if I can give a little holiday advice, cash in that plane ticket your parents bought you and go nuts on Black Friday. Just kidding, but if you want to get good deals go to the malls this Black Friday, and spread some holiday cheer. But don’t forget that Thanksgiving it’s all about being thankful for all we have. What better way to express your thanks this holiday season than being involved in volunteering and donating activities?

The Community Involvement and Action Center will be having a Canned Food Drive from November 9th-20th, and it will be collecting boxes in the sub, in the cellar, and outside the bookstore.

Happy Thanksgiving!

- Carol

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**Immigration Updates and Advisor updates**

**Important Immigration Reminder** – Preparing for Holiday travel? If you are planning to travel out of the country for one of the holidays, please make sure that you have a **VALID TRAVEL SIGNATURE** from Sally on the last page of your I-20. A valid signature means that the signature must be current in the last year. Please note that if you don’t have a current travel signature while traveling abroad, you might not be able to get back into the country when you return. I am scheduled to leave campus on the 16th of December when I travel to France to help my daughter restore her 300 year old farmhouse outside of Rennes. Please make sure you get travel signatures before December 16th.

**International Student Insurance:** I have provided a link on the webpage and in the newsletter for your **international student health insurance**. Here you can print new cards if you lost yours, check your policy and coverage details download and print claim forms. If you need answers to routine health questions and middle of the night questions, check the **MyNurse 24/7** line on the Lower website.
Campus Updates from Sally

On Campus employment
More international students have applied for work this year than in the past. Unfortunately, the same is true for Puget Sound students in general. For that reason, there are many fewer jobs available and more students competing for those jobs.

Career and Employment services reported they expect to have more students looking for work this summer. For those of you considering remaining on campus through summer to attend classes, please be aware that campus employment may be scarce.

Midterms are behind you:
Now you are heading into the final push for papers and completion of big projects as you approach the end of the semester. I encourage everyone to try to find balance between studying and getting sufficient rest to make it through the rest of the term healthy and reasonably happy.

While you were studying for midterms and taking fall break, I was traveling for the Office of Admission in Asia and Canada.

I am pleased to be back in the office and to report that school visits in Tokyo, Hong Kong and British Columbia were successful. They provided an opportunity to meet some outstanding prospects who will apply to Puget Sound in the next few months.

I look forward to seeing all students and mentors at the November Pie Party at my house on the 18th. Last year, it was my favorite gathering.

Sally

Community Service

Sock Drive
The CIAC is currently holding a drive until November 23rd to collect socks to distribute to Tacoma’s shelters.

Canned Food Drive
CIAC’s Food Salvage Program is holding a canned food drive from now until November 20th. Help feed the homeless by donating canned food for general need.

Hunger Week
During the week before Thanksgiving, Puget Sound will be hosting several events to bring greater awareness to the problems of hunger and homelessness, such as Food for Fines, Points Donation, and Hunger Banquet.

For more information, visit the CIAC office on N. 13th St. or email at ciac@pugetsound.edu.
Upcoming Events

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ISM Programs’ Corner

"After finishing a piece of great pie, you always wish there was just a little bit more... one more mouthful to savor or linger over.” – Anne Dimock

The ISM Program invites you to a PIE PARTY! This event will be a thanksgiving themed get-together with all the mentor/mentee pairs bringing some sort of pie to share. Pies can be made or bought. Come for a study break and have some great food!

All international students are invited to come join the feast!

When: Sunday, November 22, 2009, from 4:00 to 6:00pm
Where: Sally’s house 3718 North 8th Street

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, Nov. 10
School of Education Info Night
Howarth Hall Room 212
7:00pm
Is a career in teaching or counseling for you? Information night open to campus and community.

Nov. 13-14
RDG presents “Hit the Lights, Steal the Night”
Wilson HS
7:00pm
Tickets available at Wheelock Information Center. They are $5 with student ID, $7 for general admission.

Sunday, Nov. 15
STUFF SWAP!
Rotunda
10:00am- 3:00pm
A place to get what you want by swapping for it. FREE

Nov.27 - Dec. 31
Seattle Wintefest
Seattle Center
Seattle Wintefest celebrates the holiday season traditions by offering classic holidays foods, activities and concerts throughout a 5-week period.