



International Student Newsletter

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From the Editor

Hello everyone! I hope you all enjoyed this semester as much as I did! As a new student here, so as many of you, this semester required a lot of hard work and posed many challenges, and I have to admit that I can't wait to get it done and enjoy some well-deserved rest. Christmas is getting closer – my favorite holiday of the year – and if you are planning to go home, you should check the travel information below to make sure you get back to school on time.

Happy Holidays!

- Carolina

• Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December, 10 - De-Stress Fest

This is a wonderful place to relax after a last day of class. There will be 20 minute massages, finger painting, chalking, board games, coloring, gingerbread house making, and of course healthy snacks. This will be free of cost and it will take place in Rotunda, from 12 pm.

Saturday, December 13 - Writing Party!

Want help with all those paper? The ISM have partnered with the Center for Writing, Learning and Teaching to help you both with general essay writing and some specific English grammatical questions. If you have any difficulties on that, this is your last chance to get help on this semester!

Check the campus event calendar for more information: <http://events.ups.edu/>.

• Note from Sally

Holiday Greetings to all!

I had very successful travels in Canada and I was pleased to see so many of you at the Pie Party in between trips! As I have mentioned, I will be leaving on December 14th and I think that everyone has brought in their I-20s to make sure they have been signed for travel.

Please make certain you have all the paperwork you need to renew your visa if it has expired.

I look forward to next semester when Charlie and Clinton will from their study abroad adventures and will have great stories to share with everyone. Happy New Year- see you next semester!

- Sally

Happy Birthday!

Charlie Guiget

12/19/1987

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12/10/1981



• Travel Information

If you are planning to go home for the holiday, or travel out of the country, please make sure you have all of your documents that verify your student status:

- **Valid passport;**
- **I-94;**
- **SEVIS I-20.** Please check the last page of your I-20 – **it must be signed by Sally** to be valid for travel out of the country;
- **Proof of enrollment** or official transcript (available from the Registrar's Office) to show that you are registered for Spring Semester 2009;
- **Sally's business card** or contact information.

For more information, please check out the U.S. Customs and Boarder Protection website at: http://www.customs.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_visa

• Visa Renewal

If you have an **expired visa** and will be leaving the US, you will have to apply for a new visa in order to re-enter the country.

Expect a delay in visa processing in your home country; apply early!

If you have any questions about immigration regulations, please contact Sally right now at ssprenger@ups.edu or at x2871.

Want to return your books for cash?

The bookstore will pay you for your books! Buyback for Fall Term will be December 15-19, 9am to 4pm, and December 20, from 9 am to noon. Don't forget to take your Student ID with you, as well as the receipts of your books.

• ISM Holiday Greetings

Dear International Students,

Thank you so much to all of you who have been able to attend our events this semester. This program would (obviously) be nothing without your participation. We understand that you are all very busy and we thank you for setting aside some time to be a part of this program. The Mentors, Programmers, and I have really enjoyed getting to know all of you throughout this semester and we look forward to seeing you even more in the spring. To those of you who haven't been able to come, we haven't forgotten about you. We hope you will be able to attend some of our events in the future and get to know our newer international students. Again, thank you everyone!

Have a great winter break,
Kelly LaMar



All of us from the International Programs Office wish you good luck on your finals and a wonderful winter break!