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## Greetings from the Editor

Hello everyone!

It's December already. Can you believe that we only have a few days of classes left?

This is probably the busiest time for us as finals are around the corner. A friend of mine who came to the U.S. at the age of 15 was once asked about her greatest challenges studying in the U.S. Her first response was "finals, finals, and sleepless weeks." My friend reminded me of how

stressful this time of the year could be, even though finals are not the worst nightmare for everyone. So I hope you all will do well with finals and take good care of yourselves.

By the way, do you notice that people have started to put up Christmas decorations around the campus? The Writing Center has a small Christmas tree with bright lights, and two lovely wreaths on the door! Christmas is in

the air. It's my favorite Western holiday as I enjoy writing, receiving greetings cards... and exchanging presents! I can't wait much longer for that.

Let's work hard, breeze through finals, and celebrate!!

Best of luck,  
\*Uyen.



## Note from Sally

The Library is open all night long, Midnight Breakfast, frantic late night study sessions.

Welcome to the end of the semester!

The count-down to the last day of classes, reading period, finals and then it's over.

Many of you will be joining the lines of travelers in airports, train and bus stations as you make your way back across the ocean to your family's home for the long winter break. How fine to spend the holidays with family and friends.

For the first time in many years, I'll be spending the holidays in the U.S. so I'll be in the office through finals week. Please be sure to check your I-20s to assure you have my signature within the last 12 months.

The winter storm that hit right before the Thanksgiving break caused attrition to guest list for the ISM pie party at my house.

Temperatures in the 20s kept students cozy in their nests, but the ones who braved the cold

feasted on pumpkin pie, fruit mousse cake and lots of hot tea.

Due to the finals schedule we will plan more events for the ISM group and all international students after the break.

This year the International Club has plans to resume after the break as well with new activities.

Have a successful experience with finals and all of the end of semester wrap up! Travel safely to have a wonderful holiday and we'll see you in January!

Sally

# USCIS Corner

Have a great holiday and be sure your I-20s are signed. Enjoy your fruit bags from Circle K!



*“The big secret in life is that there is no big secret. Whatever your goal, you can get there if you’re willing to work.”  
~ Oprah Winfrey*

## Finals Fruit Bags

Members of Circle K have prepared fruit bags for all current international students as part of their service project.

Circle K will be distributing them on the last day of classes, Wednesday **December 8th** in the **SUB** across from dish return.

You may stop by and pick up your bag any time **between 11am and 4pm.**

Many thanks to the students in Circle K who hope you will enjoy the fruit and treats!



## Academic Calendar

- Dec 8, 2010:** Last Day of Classes
- Dec 9-12, 2010:** Reading Period
- Dec 13-17, 2010:** Final Examinations
- Jan 3, 2011:** Final Grades Due
- Jan 14, 2011:** Open Registration for Spring Closes
- Jan 18, 2011:** Classes Begin

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