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## Greetings from the Editor

Welcome all new and returning international students! Another semester kicked off several weeks ago and I hope you are having a good start this fall.

Ahead of us is an exciting and challenging time. For those of you who are still new to the learning environment, my suggestion is that you take time to meet your professors. All of the professors will be happy to help you out; it is also a great chance to get to know one another. (Many

other universities do not offer students this opportunity.) Besides, various activities take place every day on campus, and you can find lots of opportunities to get involved in our community through student organizations, sports, volunteer work, etc. Whatever you choose to participate in, I hope you will enjoy yourself and get the most of your Puget Sound experience in upcoming years.

You will find a wide variety

of services included in our International Programs office that are always available for you. Do not hesitate to ask for help if you have any concerns.

In the meantime I hope you will stay healthy and enjoy the sunshine before it is completely gone!

Best,

\*Uyen



## Note from Sally

Welcome back to campus!

We started the year off with a welcome celebration for all the new students and mentors on September 12th and it was delightful to have both new and familiar faces around the room. We seem lucky enough to have a few warm days of "Indian Summer" lingering between days of rain that preview the coming fall. I encourage you to explore the area as much as possible before the rains come along with midterms and papers, Pt. Defiance

Park, the mountains and Puget Sound all provide a welcome break between papers.

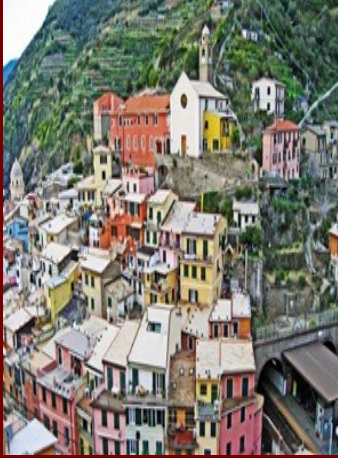
The International Student Mentoring Group is starting up under the direction of Ana Pischl. Mentors are Abigail Struxness, Shelby Cauley, Uyen Nguyen and Riccardo Frisardi and Sarah Homer. This year, the Mentoring events will be open to all International Students so consider a visit to the Corn Maze, a Christmas Tree Farm or Ice Skating with other students as a

way to take a break from studying. Watch the newsletter for announcements.

As a note to all international students: This newsletter is the place you can expect to hear about immigration updates, and any other important news that is specific to International Students on campus. I encourage you to review the newsletter to make sure you aren't missing important information on your immigration status. I wish you a great year to come.—Sally

# Welcome to Puget Sound!



Warm greetings to all new international students on our campus! If you run into each other, don't hesitate to say hi.



1st Place  
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Adam Moulton  
(Study Abroad  
Photo Contest)

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Shu-min Lin	MOT	Taiwan
Yumiko Miyamoto	Business/Economics	Japan
Nguyen Nguyen	Communications/ Politics	Viet Nam
		

## Who we are

### Sally Sprenger International Student Advisor



The experience of living and teaching in Mexico fueled Sally's desire to work with International Students facilitating their cultural transition. Her work in the IP provides continuous variety as she coordinates student and faculty exchanges, works with International Student Mentors, and is the International Programs liaison to the campus community.

### Jan Moore Study Abroad Advisor



Jan received her undergraduate degree from the University of Washington in History and over the years has continued her education by taking a variety of university courses in languages and social science. She has been working in the field of international education for over 25 years and has an extensive international travel experi-

# Student Assistants

**Sammy Brown** is a sophomore, and this is her second year as a student assistant for International Programs. Before starting college, Sammy spent part of her summer as an exchange student at Ichinishi High School in Nishinomiya, Japan; she is now very excited to be part of the 2011-2012 Pac Rim trip! Currently Sammy is a declared Japanese Language and Culture major hoping to major in Math as well. Some of her interests include traveling, cooking, and watching movies.

**Alyssa Koida** is a senior, and she has just returned from a year abroad. Alyssa did a summer program in Cambodia and Thailand, studied in Milan last fall, and ended the school year in Tokyo! She is a Japanese Language and International Business major. Some of her interests include traveling, music festivals, camping, and shopping.

**Uyen Nguyen** (aka UN) is a sophomore this year. At the present Uyen is majoring in Business (Leadership), but she plans to major in International Political Economy as well. She is an international student from Viet Nam, and she has loved her abroad experience so far. She hopes to study or do an internship in other countries such as South Africa, UK, etc. during her junior year. Uyen has lots of different interests, but she enjoys traveling and reading the most.

**Jessica Otaguro** is an 18-year-old sophomore hailing from Honolulu, Hawaii. Growing up in such a culturally diverse community, she developed a love for foreign cultures and travel. Currently she is pursuing a degree in Business with an International emphasis in the hope of working internationally in the future and/or interacting closely with international individuals. Next year she is hoping to study abroad in South America and/or Japan.

# Upcoming events

Events	Schedule	Details
<b>Classic Greek Theatre of Oregon presents "Oedipus the King"</b>	September 20, 2010 @ 7:30pm — Schneebeck Concert Hall	
<b>Study Abroad Fair</b>	September 21, 2010 @ 11:00am — WSC, Rotunda	Annual Study Abroad Fair
<b>Guest Artist Recital and Master Class by Molly Barth, flute</b>	September 21, 2010 @ 7:00pm — Schneebeck Concert Hall	Grammy Award-winning flutist Molly Barth is an active solo, chamber and orchestra musician, specializing in the music of today. Barth is assistant professor of flute at University of Oregon. Free
<b>Hispanic Film Showing</b>	September 22, 2010 @ 6:30pm — Rausch Auditorium, McIntyre Hall, Room 003	Part of the Hispanic Film Series Free
<b>Interfaith Council</b>	September 23, 2010 @ 5:00pm — WSC 201	Interfaith Council is the perfect place to continue discussion about topics raised at I am Puget Sound and Eboo Patel, or even current national events, in an intellectually and personally supportive environment (plus fun).
<b>Pierce County AIDS Walk</b>	September 25, 2010 @ 9:00am — Downtown Tacoma (between 9th and 11th on Broadway)	The Puget Sound Team is Loggers of Love. For more information about the Puget Sound Team and how to participate contact Skylar Bihl at sbihl@pugetsound.edu.
<b>Woman's Soccer vs PLU</b>	September 29, 2010 @ 3:30pm — Peyton Field	
<b>Tibetan Film Festival-Life in the Slow Lane</b>	September 30, 2010 @ 7:30pm — Rausch Auditorium, McIntyre Hall, Room 003	"Unmistaken Child" Free



*Riccardo Frisardi*  
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## Fall 2010

### Important Dates

**Oct 11:** Last day to DROP with automatic W

**Oct 15:** Mid-Term

**Oct 18-19:** Fall Break

**Nov 5-12:** Spring registration

**Nov 23-26:** Thanksgiving Holiday

**Dec 8:** Last day to drop classes

**Dec 9-12:** Reading Period

**Dec 13-17:** Finals Week

## USCIS Information Corner

### Planning on working?

This year a record number of international students are looking for work. Please read the following information for authorization.

If you are planning on working this year, please remember that students who maintain J-1 or F-

1 visa status are allowed to work **on campus** for **no more than 20 hours per week** while school is in session. You can only work off-campus with a written approval from International Programs **and** the US Customs and Immigration Service.

If you have any questions, please send me an e-mail

[ssprenger@pugetsound.edu](mailto:ssprenger@pugetsound.edu) and I'll prepare the necessary paperwork for on campus work authorization. I am also happy to arrange for a trip to the Social Security office to obtain your SSN which is the document required to work in the U.S.



## Student Services

Different services are available for all students on campus, and here is the list of some that will come in handy for you.

<b>Collins Memorial Library</b> Mon -Thur 7:30am - 2am Fri 7:30am - 9pm Sat 9am - 9pm Sun 9am - 2am	<b>Multicultural Student Services</b> Wheelock 203 253.879.3374
<b>Center for Writing, Learning &amp; Teaching</b> Howarth 105, 253.879.3395, <a href="mailto:smunson@pugetsound.edu">smunson@pugetsound.edu</a> Tutoring, Howarth 109, <a href="mailto:cwl@pugetsound.edu">cwl@pugetsound.edu</a> , 253.879.2960 Writing, Howarth 109, <a href="mailto:writing@pugetsound.edu">writing@pugetsound.edu</a> , 253.879.3404	<b>Counseling, Health &amp; Wellness Services</b> Wheelock 216 <a href="mailto:chws@pugetsound.edu">chws@pugetsound.edu</a> 253.879.1555
<b>Career &amp; Employment Services</b> Howarth 101 <a href="mailto:ces@pugetsound.edu">ces@pugetsound.edu</a> 253.879.3161	<b>Security Services</b> 3206 N. 15th St. 253.879.3311

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For other resources, please visit our website

[www.pugetsound.edu/academics/international-programs/](http://www.pugetsound.edu/academics/international-programs/)