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I. WELCOME & WELCOME BACK!!

The International Services Office would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning students to the University of Rochester! With another academic year upon us, we are thrilled to see so many students back on campus and hope you will stop by the ISO as needed or just to say hello. If you are new to UR, this will also be your first introduction to “ISO News”, our electronic newsletter. This is our primary means of communication for upcoming events, changes to U.S. regulations, and reminders about immigration responsibilities and benefits. New issues are sent to your current UR email address. If you prefer using a personal account, please be sure to forward your campus email so you will continue to receive this important resource.

II. START-OF-TERM REMINDERS

Just a few reminders that international students should stay aware of:

- * All F-1 and J-1 students must maintain full-time registration each term. If you will need to take a reduced course load, please make an appointment to see an International Student Advisor *before* you drop below your required credits.
- * New students, those returning after an absence of more than 5 months, and Change of Level students beginning a new degree program must complete the Immigration Check-In process as soon as possible, if they have not done so already.
- * International students must have appropriate employment authorization *before* they begin working. F-1 and J-1 students are allowed to work on-campus up to 20 hours per week during the school year while maintaining their immigration status. Any other employment, both on- and off-campus, must be specifically authorized and documented. Questions on your work permissions or limitations should be directed to an advisor in the ISO.

III. 2007-2008 ISO OFFICE HOURS: RIVER CAMPUS & EASTMAN SCHOOL

The ISO is located at 209 Morey Hall, River Campus. The office is open 9 am to noon & 1 pm to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Students may stop by during these hours to discuss small

matters, request forms or letters, or receive an updated travel signature. Other issues will require additional time and students should call ahead to schedule an appointment at 585-275-2866. Appointments will not be available on Wednesday mornings to allow for document processing.

An ISO advisor will also be available at the Eastman School of Music on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to 12:00 and Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30 pm in Room 506 of the main building. Students planning to stop by during these hours should call ahead to the ISO (275-2866) so we are able to bring your file and offer better advising. Many forms and handouts are available on the ISO website and for pick-up in Room 506, even when an advisor is not available. If you need immediate assistance, please make an appointment at our River Campus location.

IV. RIC SPOTLIGHT: SOCCER GAME (9/8) & WELCOME PICNIC (9/9)

The Rochester International Council (RIC) is a local community group dedicated to bringing Rochester's local international students and families together with the community to develop friendships and promote understanding. We hope that you will become involved and join in the many social and educational events that RIC has to offer throughout the year. Please visit their website at www.rifc.org for more information. Each issue of "ISO News" will feature a section highlighting RIC's upcoming events and various programs.

September 8th: Rochester Rhinos Soccer Game! Sign up in the ISO for a ticket and a ride for \$2! Meet at the Interfaith Chapel at 6:45 to get your ticket, bus will depart at 6:55 sharp. <http://www.rhinossoccer.com/> This event is sponsored by ISO of UR and is definitely going to be a good time, don't miss it!

September 9th: 3:00 pm-7:00 pm Annual Welcome Picnic at Greece Canal Park, 241 Elmgrove Road, Greece. This is a great opportunity to meet international students from around Rochester, socialize with RIC members and enjoy lots of good food! There are outdoor activities such as volleyball, table tennis, and basketball. Bring your friends and family. Sign up in the ISO for a ride.

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