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I. ISO EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS: NOV. 21ST & DEC. 12TH

Friday, November 21st or December 12th, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

205 Morey Hall (River Campus)

Many students are already looking for summer internships or jobs for after graduation. Therefore, now is also the time to begin thinking about work permissions! The ISO will be holding two comprehensive workshops this fall to talk about all aspects of F-1 and J-1 employment options. Whether you are almost done with your degree or just getting started, this workshop is designed to address your possibilities and concerns! The information presented will touch on available authorizations, the process and timing of your application, and help you in knowing what questions to consider along the way. Both workshops will present the same material, but is offered twice for your convenience. Please see the attached flyer and we hope to see you there!

II. UPCOMING TRAVEL PLANS?? DON'T FORGET YOUR DOCUMENTS!

Despite mid-terms and papers, many students are beginning to plan trips home or other vacation spots for their winter break. If you plan to travel, please check that the travel or validation signature on your I-20 (page 3) or DS-2019 (page 1) is up-to-date. The ISO recommends that students have a signature from the current academic year when planning to cross the U.S. border. Therefore, if you think you may be traveling overseas and your document has not been signed this fall (August 2008 or later), please visit the ISO to request an updated travel signature.

Also, please remember to have your original documents (passport, I-20 or DS-2019, and I-94 card) with you, even when you are traveling within the US or around the Rochester area. This is especially important when you are traveling by plane, bus, or train. Given how close we are to the US border, there are more border patrol officers in this area asking travelers to show proof of legal status.

III. IMPORTANT: CHECK YOUR GLACIER RECORD FOR ACCURACY

Students enrolled in GLACIER to monitor their payments from the University of Rochester must ensure that their record is active and up-to-date. Certain pieces of information are particularly important, including your **address, email, and exit date** (which determines whether your record remains active). The exit date in GLACIER should match the completion date on your I-20 or DS-2019, not necessarily the date you expect that you might finish your studies. As the year comes to an end UR Payroll and administrators of the GLACIER system will be working to generate necessary tax forms and report payment information to the government. If your information is not accurately reported in GLACIER now, you may have problems when it comes time to file your taxes in April.

If you are not receiving payments from UR but would like to use GLACIER and its companion program, CINTAX, to file your taxes next year, you will also need to verify that your GLACIER information is accurate. This includes students who are currently away from the University while pursuing authorized employment under F-1 OPT or J-1 Academic Training.

IV. ISO GOES TO WASHINGTON DC!

Make a weekend getaway this spring to the nation's capital, [Washington D.C.](#)! Our trip will be the last weekend in March, leaving Friday, 3/27, and returning Sunday, 3/29. The bus will begin pick-ups at 6:15 Friday morning, making stops at RC Interfaith Chapel, Whipple Park, and the Eastman School of Music. We will return around 9:00 pm on Sunday. The cost of the trip is \$165, which includes transportation and accommodations in DC (all students will have their own bed in a group room of the same sex). There will be some group sightseeing available or you can explore the city with your friends on your own schedule!

Please contact Stephanie Johnson in the ISO [sjohnson@iso.rochester.edu, 275-2901] with any questions or to book your spot. Payment in full is required to reserve your seat (cash, check, or money order only). Cancellations can only be refunded in full when another student is available on the waitlist to take your place. This trip has become very popular among our international students and 2009 promises to be another great one. We hope you can join us!

V. RIC SPOTLIGHT: A NIGHT WITH GARTH FAGAN DANCE COMPANY – DEC. 7

Rochester International Council is cooperating with Garth Fagan Dance to offer our international students discount tickets to a wonderful dance performance. Award-winning choreographer and Rochester native, Garth Fagan is well known for his remarkable and innovative dance creations. Fagan received a Tony Award (which honors Broadway productions) for his choreography for "The Lion King". You can see clips online: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fn07ziEnAlk>. You can also visit the Garth Fagan Dance website at: garthfagandance.org. While The Lion King will not be included in this performance, it is still sure to be an exciting evening!

The performance will be Sunday, December 7, 2008, beginning at 7:30 pm. After the show, Garth and other members of the dance troupe will meet with RIC audience members. The performance will be held at:

The Calkins Road Middle School Theatre
1899 Calkins Road (near Clover)
Pittsford, NY 14534

A limited number of tickets are available through RIC at the discounted rate of \$10 (normally \$20 to \$40). Tickets are non-refundable and must be paid for in advance. Rides will be available as well, but students should not purchase their ticket until a ride is confirmed. Please stop by the ISO or RIC in 229 Morey Hall (down the hall from ISO) to sign up for a ride or buy your ticket!

VI. *CAMPUS FOCUS*: FLU VACCINE CLINICS THIS MONTH

The University Health Service is holding flu vaccine clinics for students in November. The cost is \$25 if not covered by insurance; the student BCBS insurance covers flu shots. No appointment is needed to come to the clinic. Spouses of students can receive their flu vaccine at the clinic as well. Students who prefer to come to UHS for a flu shot should call 275-2662 to schedule an appointment. Please see the attached flyer. If you have questions about these flu vaccine clinics, you can call UHS at 273-5770 or e-mail ldudman@uhs.rochester.edu.

Flu Clinic Dates

Thursday, November 6	11:30-2:00pm	Gowen Room, Wilson Commons
Tuesday, November 11	6:15-7:30pm	2nd floor, UHS Building
Thursday, November 13	11:30-1:00pm	Cominsky Promenade, Eastman School
Thursday, November 20	11:30-2:00pm	Green Lounge, Hutchison Hall

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