

May 26, 2009

# Seattle Central International Student E-NEWSLETTER

## IEP Workshops and Information Sessions

### Graduation Workshop

**Wed, May 27 at 10 am in BE 3211**

Stop by and learn about how to transfer to another college when you graduate, the 60 day grace period, OPT, and lots more!

### High School Completion Workshop

**Thurs, May 28 at 3 pm in BE 4168**

Learn about how you can earn your High School diploma while attending Seattle Central! We will discuss the requirements and go over everything you need to know to get started with high school completion!

### Employment Workshop

**Wed, June 3 at 2pm in BE 3211**

Come and learn about the different employment options for international students, including on-campus jobs and Optional Practical Training (OPT).

### Important Reminder

Tuition for your Summer classes is due within 7 business days! If you do not pay within 7 business days, you may be dropped from your classes. Don't forget!

## Level Five students that are passing up to Level Six:

If you missed the other two Registration Meetings, there is one more **Registration Appointment Meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in BE 1110**. Level Six classes are available for online registration only, so you will not be able to register for your level six ESL classes if you have not attended one of the meetings.

Registration for **Returning Level Six ESL students will end on June 16<sup>th</sup>**. (We will be registering the new students at Orientation at this time and online Registration will not work.) Please don't miss your opportunity to register online for classes.

If students are on **Vacation or Quarter Off**, please come to the ISC before June 16<sup>th</sup>, so we can help you register. Otherwise, classes will be offered on a first come -- first serve basis at the end of the first week of classes.

**Students who are going on to full college should register for both Summer and Fall right away as classes are closing rapidly!**

<http://www.siff.net/index.aspx>

## Positions Available Soon in the International Student Center!

The International Student Center will begin recruiting now for student workers to start in August, in preparation for Fall Quarter. Job applicants should have strong English / communication skills, computer experience, and be detail-oriented. Students with previous office or customer service experience are encouraged to apply. The deadline for applications is July 1st.

## Volunteer for International Student Orientation

The International Student Center is looking for volunteers to help out new students at our Summer Orientation on June 22nd, 23rd, and 25th. This is a great opportunity to make a difference and to help make our students' first experiences at Seattle Central positive ones!

Applications are available in the Intercultural Activities Board Office. Stop by and fill out an application!

The IAB office is located in the Mitchell Activity Center in room 205H. For further information, please contact Hoang Lam at [IABorientation@myseattlecentral.com](mailto:IABorientation@myseattlecentral.com). Applications are due by June 3rd.

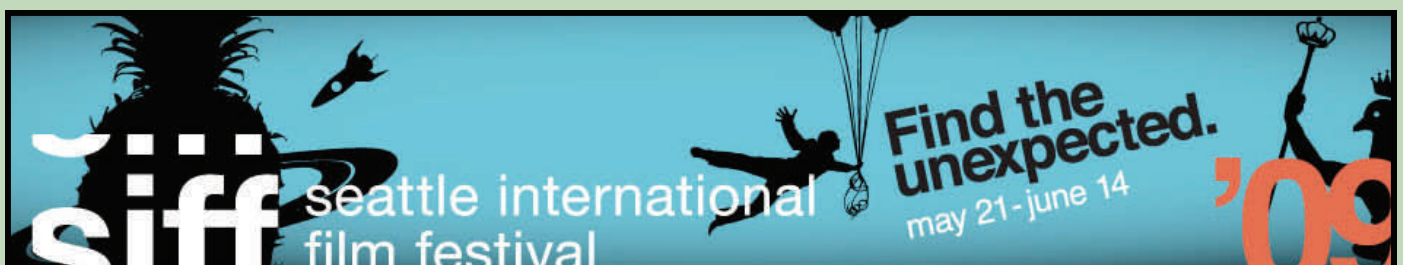
## Seattle International Film Festival

The Seattle International Film Festival (SIFF) has begun! This year, the festival will span from May 21 through June 24 and will showcase more than 400 movies and short films!

SIFF features movies from countries all around the world, including Brazil, China, Estonia, Germany, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Romania, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, and the United Kingdom.

Films will be shown at theaters all over Seattle, including the Egyptian Theater (across the street from the main building!) and Pacific Place (downtown). Several famous directors including Sophia Coppola and Spike Lee will be there. You might even spot some celebrities or news media from the US or from your country!

For more information, to search for movies and show times, or to purchase tickets, please visit <http://www.siff.net/index.aspx>



## City University is Awarding Scholarships to Seattle Central Transfer Students

City University is awarding 20 scholarships of \$10,800 for the school years 2009-2011. This is enough for a student to complete their additional two years to finish a BA or BS degree at the Seattle City University location! The scholarship amount covers 6 quarters of tuition at \$1800 per quarter. Students who did not make arrangements for transfer may now have a second opportunity to transfer to City University (Seattle) in fall, 2009! Students must attend full time and must attend one of the following programs:

- B.A. in Applied Psychology
- B.S. in Accounting
- B.S. in Business Administration
- B.S. in Information Systems
- B.A. in Management
- B.S. in Communications
- B.S. in Marketing

Students who are eligible (graduating from SCCC with A.A.-T or A.S.-T by summer 2009)  
Can pick up an application packet in the Career Services Center in Room 1102E.

**The deadline for application submissions is May 31st, 2009!**

## Important Reminder!

F-1 students may work on campus up to 20 hours a week while school is in session and full time during breaks and vacations. However, immigration regulations state that international students **are not allowed** to work off-campus without obtaining special permission.

Following this regulation and refraining from working off-campus is an important step in maintaining your immigration status. If you are interested in learning more about opportunities to work off-campus, including economic hardship, CPT, and OPT, stop by one of our employment workshops! The next employment workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3 at 2pm in BE 3211.

### Coffee: The World in Your Cup

An exhibit of photos, maps, text, selected artifacts, audiovisual presentations, and hands on demonstrations that show how coffee has impacted cultures, economies, and environments across the globe.

**Where:** Burke Museum  
N.E. 45th St. and 17th Ave. N.E.  
University District

**Cost:** Free

### Unity Fair is Coming!

The Seattle Central Unity Fair is coming soon! Unity Fair will have lots of great food, music, games, prizes, and free performances by Mas-sive Monkees, The Saturday Knights, The Quiet Ones, Gabriel Teodros, The United Band of Seattle Central, and C-Style Dance Crew

**When:** Thursday, May 28, 10am-3pm  
**Where:** South Plaza

## IMMIGRATION UPDATES & REMINDERS:

- **Address Updates:** If you have recently moved, we may not have your correct mailing address! Please update your new address and phone number online via the Student Online Services website: <http://seattlecentral.edu/sos/>

Remember: **F-1 students are responsible for reporting new addresses within 10 days of moving.** Otherwise, U.S. Immigration will consider you out of status.

- **Withdrawing from Classes:** Please come and speak with an Advisor in the International Student Center before dropping a class or taking an "NC" grade. International students must be enrolled in at least 12 credits at all times, and withdrawing from classes or taking an "NC" may affect your immigration status.
- **Optional Practical Training (OPT):** If you will be graduating this quarter and are interested in applying for Optional Practical Training (OPT), please fill out an Optional Practical Training Request Form at the International Student Center to see if you may be eligible.

Eligible students may apply for OPT up to 90 days before the end of their program and up to 60 days after. However, it's always a good idea to apply early so that you can receive permission to start working sooner!

- **Registration:** Please remember when registering for classes that international students must be enrolled full-time and that only 3 credits of online or distance learning classes count toward the full-time requirement. If you have any questions or would like to discuss taking a vacation quarter, quarter off, or reduced course load, please come to the ISC and speak with an Advisor.

### Travel Signatures

**Check your I-20 NOW if you will plan on going home or travelling outside of the country during Summer.** Check page 3 of your I-20 to make sure you have a valid travel signature. If the date will be more than six months old when you return to the U.S., you will need a new travel signature before you leave. Remember-- we need three days to process a travel signature. Advisors may not be available to process last-minute requests for travel signatures. **PLAN AHEAD!**

### Vacation Quarters

If you will not study full time during summer quarter, you must **submit a vacation quarter request form before spring quarter ends.** We need to put a note on your immigration record so that you will not be out of status. Once we have reviewed your record, we will contact you to confirm that you are eligible to take a vacation quarter. **Don't wait - Act now!!**

### Important Dates

May 29.....	Last day to with draw
June 19.....	Spring quarter ends
June 29.....	Summer quarter begins
July 3.....	Fourth of July, (College closed)
August 13.....	Deadline to pay for Fall classes
August 20.....	Summer quarter ends
September 29.....	Fall quarter begins



# International Student Spring Activities

(Sign up at the IAB Office)



## Bainbridge Island Tour

May 30th

Enjoy a serene and relaxing cruise across the Puget Sound of the Bainbridge Island Ferry! View the spectacular Seattle skyline and visit the various shops and art galleries in downtown Bainbridge!



## Volleyball Game at Alki Beach (Free)

June 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday 1pm-5pm

Come and Join us for Volleyball Game at Alki Beach.  
You can bring your friends!

Additional information will be available at the Intercultural Activities Board Office **2 weeks** before each activity. For more information, come to the IAB Office Room 205H, MAC building (behind the pool room) or email us at [sccintlactivities@sccd.ctc.edu](mailto:sccintlactivities@sccd.ctc.edu)

## A Glimpse of China

Enter a virtual Chinese garden and partake in cultural traditions covering 5,000 years of China's history in this celebration of one of the world's oldest cultures. "A Glimpse of China" explores the rich traditions of China's graceful dance, music, martial arts and brilliant costumes. Gift booths offer authentic Chinese goods, and nationally acclaimed artists from the Northwest and China share their crafts and talents. Presented by the Washington Chinese Art Culture Committee.

When: Saturday, May 30, 2009

[http://www.seattlecenter.com/events/festivals/festal/detail.asp?EV\\_EventNum=44](http://www.seattlecenter.com/events/festivals/festal/detail.asp?EV_EventNum=44)

## Pike Place Market Street Festival

Kickoff parade down Pike Place, 10 a.m. May 30; art demonstration and sale, beer garden, music on Main and Busker stages, food, kids activities. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. May 30, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 31; Strut Your Mutt dog contest and parade, 10 a.m. May 31, Steinbrueck Park, \$5 entry fee.

When: Saturday, May 30 – Sunday, May 31, 2009

<http://www.pikeplacemarketstreetfestival.com/>