

WELLESLEY COLLEGE

# SLATER INTERNATIONAL CENTER NEWSLETTER



Dear Students,

We hope that you are having a good Fall semester!

This newsletter will highlight the remaining programs and events for this Fall as well as important reminders related to immigration and on-campus resources. We are also happy to announce that Wellesley's inaugural International Education Week this past October was a great success. Thanks to all of those who came!

Be sure to check our website at [www.wellesley.edu/international](http://www.wellesley.edu/international) for access to important forms and resources. You can also like our Facebook page and join our LinkedIn group to stay connected with all of the latest events.

Cheers,  
Karen & Kelly



# Programs & Events


**Global Tea Series**

*Every Friday from 3:00pm to 4:30pm, Slater International Center*

Join us at Slater for our weekly informal gatherings focused on intercultural exchange, learning, and support. Each week we will chat about different topics and hear from special guests. Tea and cookies always served!

**Diwali**

*Sunday, November 3rd, 5:30pm – 9:00pm, Slater International Center*

Come celebrate the Festival of Lights with performances, Indian dinner, firecrackers, and more!

**Working In The U.S. #2**

*Wednesday, November 13rd, 6:00 pm– 7:30pm, Library Lecture Room*

An information session for F-1 International Students. If you are graduating this winter or spring, and you are interested in working in the U.S., you should attend this session. This is a repeat of the 1st Working in the U.S. Info Session that we had earlier this semester.

**Slater Thanksgiving Dinner**

*Thursday, November 28th, 4:30 - 8:00pm, Slater International Center*

On Thanksgiving Day, representatives from the Slater E-Board will host a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at Slater International Center. (RSVP to [kwebber@wellesley.edu](mailto:kwebber@wellesley.edu) by Friday, November 20th.)

**Wrentham Outlets Shopping Trip**

*Saturday, November 30th, 9:00am - 5:00pm, Wrentham, MA*

Need holiday gifts or retail therapy? we have organized a bus to take students shopping over Thanksgiving Break! The bus will leave from the Chapel at 9:00am and return by 5:00pm. Reserve your tickets (with a deposit of \$5) with Kelly Webber at Slater International Center by November 20th.

**Travel Signature Day**

*Tuesday, December 12th, All Day, Slater International Center*

Slater staff will be available all day to sign your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 for travel. No appointments necessary. Bring all of your immigration documents: your passport, Form I-20/Form DS-2019 and printed copy of Electronic I-94 with you. If Travel Signature Day is not convenient for you, you can stop by during Walk-In Hours for a travel signature to beat the crowds.

**End of Semester Gathering**

*Wednesday, December 11th, 5:30pm – 7:00pm, Slater International Center*

Join the Slater E-Board and Slater International Center Staff in celebrating the end of the semester and hear updates on what's happening at Slater! Light food will be served.



## Immigration Reminders

**Declaring a Major/Updating your Form I-20**

If you have recently declared or changed your major, you must request a new Form I-20 to reflect your new major. The Department of Homeland Security requires that your immigration document reflects the most accurate and up to date information about your program of study.

**Print Out Your Electronic Form I-94**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has automated Form I-94 processing at air and sea ports of entry. When you travel and re-enter the U.S. you will no longer receive the small white card (Form I-94) that is usually placed in your passport when you enter the U.S. You should continue to receive an admission stamp in your passport as evidence of your legal entry. It is recommended that you print out a copy of your Electronic Form I-94 each time you enter the U.S. at [www.cbp.gov.I94](http://www.cbp.gov.I94).

**ATTENTION SENIORS:** *If you are thinking about remaining in the U.S. after graduation and working in the U.S., it is highly recommended that you attend the "Working in the U.S." information session.*

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### **Travel**

If you are traveling outside the U.S. and plan to re-enter in F-1 or J-1 status, you must have your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 signed for travel. For F-1 students, the travel signature is valid for one year and is located on page 3 of your Form I-20. For J-1 students, the travel signature is valid for the duration of your form and is located in the lower left corner of your Form DS-2019. Please carry the following documents when you travel:

- 1) Valid Form I-20 or DS-2019 – with valid travel signature (12 months for currently enrolled students)
- 2) Valid Passport (at least 6 months into future)
- 3) Valid F-1 or J-1 visa
- 4) Proof of financial support
- 5) Current transcript or Enrollment Letter (optional).

If you need a travel signature, you must bring all your immigration documents to Slater International Center during Walk-In Hours. If Walk-In Hours are not convenient for you, you may contact Kelly to make an appointment: [kwebber@wellesley.edu](mailto:kwebber@wellesley.edu) or (781-283-2082).

## **Wellesley's Inaugural International Education Week**

This fall, Wellesley College successfully celebrated its inaugural  
International Education Week (IEW) October 22 -29.

### **IEW Begins at Wellesley**

IEW was initially conceived as a joint initiative between the US departments of State and Education, and is now celebrated annually in more than 100 countries worldwide. As an institution that prides itself on its commitment to diversity as well as its global consciousness, Wellesley was excited to use IEW as a platform for a yearly celebration of the benefits from international education and exchange. Every year, a significant number of Wellesley students embark on semester abroad programs and global internships, while others have the opportunity to participate in the Madeline Korbel Albright Institute for Global Affairs. Wellesley is also proud to represent over 300 international students from more than 60 countries, who bring with them a blend of interests, cultures, and experiences. Beginning a yearly celebration of IEW was therefore a wonderful opportunity to tap into these varied experiences, and elicit the ideas and enthusiasm that will spark thought-provoking conversations in the College community.

### **Wellesley's IEW 2013**

At this year's inaugural celebration, some notable events included the International Faculty Panel, the Slater Cultural Show and the film screening of *Girl Rising*. The International Faculty Panel kicked off IEW with a great discussion featuring 8 international faculty members and researchers. Students had the opportunity to learn about the backgrounds of these faculty members and researchers, and to relate to their personal stories of why they came to the U.S. and how they continue to reconcile the often-conflicting demands of work opportunities and a sense of obligation to their home countries. The song, dance and comedy of the Slater Cultural Show and as well as the screening of the film *Girl Rising* were also noteworthy events that brought in large audiences.

### **Thank You and Suggestions**

Slater would like to extend a warm thank you to the wonderful collaboration between academic departments, administrative offices and student organizations that made Wellesley's inaugural IEW such a huge success. We welcome suggestions for next year's event. Email Kelly at [kwebber@wellesley.edu](mailto:kwebber@wellesley.edu) to send in your suggestions.

# Resources

## Going Global

Check out “GOING GLOBAL” – A Wellesley College resource that links students to a comprehensive database of international employment opportunities and country-specific information on industries and networks. You can access Going Global through the Information Resources tab in MyCWS or on- campus at: <http://online.goingglobal.com/> It is recommended that you set up your own account, to save searches and information.

## Online Resources and Social Media

Our website ([www.wellesley.edu/international](http://www.wellesley.edu/international)) gives you access to important forms and resources. There is information on everything from immigration to employment as well as resources relevant to living in the U.S.

All the key forms that you will need are also available to be printed on the website, under the “Forms and Resources” tab. Save yourself a trip to Slater!

To stay up to date on all of the latest events, we encourage you to follow us online:

Facebook: <http://facebook.com/SlaterInternationalCenter>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/SlaterCenter>

And join our LinkedIn group to connect with Slater students and alumnae.

## Dining and Transportation Services

Dining and Transportation Services *change* during academic breaks. For more information, please contact Dining Services, Residential Life, or the Housing & Transportation office.

For Transportation: <http://www.wellesley.edu/Transportation/>

For Dining Hours: <http://www.wellesleyfresh.com/hours.html>

For Housing: <http://www.wellesley.edu/ResLife/index.html>



## Reminders

### Host Families

Reconnect with your host family this semester to learn more about North American culture and to share your culture with them too! They would love to hear from you.

### Spending Time at Slater

Don’t forget you can always spend time at Slater! Your Wellesley ID gives you swipe access and allows you to come, relax, eat snacks, meet with your friends, or watch movies anytime! Just remember to follow the clean-up guidelines posted and return all DVDs after use. Please be respectful of the Slater space.

### Suggestions are welcome.

Do you have a great programming idea you would like to see offered by Slater? We’re always looking for new ideas to build community and encourage dialogue and reflection. Email [kwebber@wellesley.edu](mailto:kwebber@wellesley.edu).