Dear Students,
We hope that your semester is going well and that you are taking the time to enjoy the fall weather on our beautiful campus. As November begins, we want to update you on a few exciting events that are coming up and to remind you about some items you may need to take care of for the Thanksgiving and winter breaks. Be sure to check our website at www.wellesley.edu/siciss/ for more detailed information and be sure to like our Facebook page and join our Linkedin group to stay connected. Please take the time to read through this newsletter so that you are informed and can take a relaxing winter break!

Cheers, Karen & Kelly

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Marketing Your Global Competency
Wednesday, Nov.7th, 4:30pm-6:30pm, Clapp Library Lecture Room
Come learn how, as an international student, you can stand out in the job market by selling your global competency skills. International Student Career Development Packet & refreshments will be provided. Workshop is currently full. Will be offered again in Spring 2013.

Working in the U.S.
Thursday, Nov.29th, 6:00pm-7:30pm, Clapp Library Lecture Room
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. A must for all seniors. Pizza will be served!

End of Semester Gathering
Tuesday, Dec. 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! Food will be served.

Travel Signature Day
Friday, Dec. 14th, 9:00am-4:00pm, 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 your passport, Form I-20/Form DS-2019, Form I-94 with you.

Global Tea Series
Every Friday from 3:00pm to 4:30pm at 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 certain regions or hear from special guests. Tea and cookies always served!

Thanksgiving Alumnae Match Program
Sign up by Thursday, Nov. 19th at 4:00pm
Looking for a place to celebrate Thanksgiving? If you are interested in joining a member of the Wellesley community (alumna, faculty, or staff) for the Thanksgiving holiday, please complete this form: https://secure.www.alumnicontnections.com/olc/pub/WLS/event/showEventForm.jsp?form_id=138673. Contact Mary Casey in the Alumnae Office at mcsey@wellesley.edu or 781-283-2336 with any questions.

Slater Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday, Nov. 22nd, 4:30pm -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 by Friday, November 16th.

Wrentham Outlets Shopping Trip
Saturday, Nov. 24th, 9:00am-5:00pm
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. Tickets are $5 round trip and can be purchased from Kelly at Slater by November 20th. After Nov. 20th, domestic students remaining on campus may purchase tickets if available.
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 the appropriate major. The Department of Homeland Security requires that you are in possession of the most accurate and up to date information about your program of study.

Practical Training
If you are thinking about doing an internship over the summer or if you are graduating in May, you should start learning about your employment authorization options. As an international student you will need authorization to work off campus. Attend the “Working in the U.S.” information session and/or refer to the employment section on our website.

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 exchange visitors, 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 (including your I-94 card) to Slater International Center during Walk-In Hours. You may also call or email Kelly to make an appointment (781-283-2082).

Housing: Residence Halls will be closed between fall and spring semesters (December 22nd to January 26th) Limited winter session housing is available. International students who are not able to return to their home countries over the winter break will be eligible to remain on campus. Temporary winter session housing will be assigned to eligible students in one of three residence halls that will be open. If you need to remain on campus during the winter break please contact Kristine Niendorf at the Office of Residential Life. Please Note: Priority will be given to students who will be on-campus for the complete break; students seeking temporary housing (1-10 days) may be asked to share rooms for their short stay.

Dining and Transportation Services: Dining and transportation services change during Thanksgiving and Winter breaks. For more information, please contact Dining Services, Residential Life, or the Housing & Transportation office.
For Dining Hours: http://www.wellesleyfresh.com/hours.html For Housing: http://www.wellesley.edu/ResLife/index.html For Transportation: http://www.wellesley.edu/Transportation/

Host Families: Reconnect with your host family over the holiday breaks 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! Swipe access allows you to come, relax, eat snacks, or watch movies anytime! Just remember to follow the clean-up guidelines posted. Please be respectful of the Slater space.

Going Global: Check out “GOING GLOBAL” – a new 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/