**Dear Students,**

Welcome back to campus! We hope everyone had an excellent winter break - wherever you spent your time. This newsletter will spotlight upcoming programs and events as well as important reminders related to immigration, taxes, travel, and on-campus resources. Be sure to check our website at www.wellesley.edu/international/ for more detailed information, like our Facebook page and join our LinkedIn group to stay connected with all of the latest Slater information, news and events.

We look forward to seeing you at Slater this semester!

Cheers, Karen & Kelly

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**WALK-IN HOURS**

Mondays 1:00 pm-3:00 pm  
Wednesdays 2:30 – 4:30pm  
Thursdays 12:00 pm-2:00 pm

If Walk-In Hours are not convenient for you, appointments can be made by calling 781-283-2082 or emailing kwebber@wellesley.edu (no same day appointments).
UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Global Tea Series  
Slater International Center  
Every Friday from 3:00pm to 4:30pm  
Join us at Slater for our weekly informal gatherings focused on intercultural exchange, learning, and support. Each week we will chat about different topics hear from special guests. Tea and cookies always served!

Now What? Life After Graduation Senior Workshop  
Library Lecture Room  
Wednesday, 2/05, 12:30 – 2:00pm  
A workshop for seniors focusing on the next steps after Wellesley; returning home, transferring to graduate school or applying for OPT and working in the U.S.A.

Tax Information Session  
Collins Cinema  
Thursday, 2/20, 6:00 – 8:00pm  
This session will provide an overview of the U.S. tax system, review your tax responsibilities as an international student, introduce the WindStar FNTR Tax Prep software, and provide you with some helpful information and handouts.

Working in the U.S.: Summer Internships  
LCW 413  
Tuesday, 2/26, 12:30pm – 2:00pm  
Come learn about working in the U.S., the difference between CPT and OPT, and everything you need to know about summer internships!

Tax Prep Workshop #1  
Library Lecture Room  
Wednesday, 03/05, 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
The first of two informal and interactive workshops to help you navigate the Windstar FNTR software. Bring your laptop to begin working on your taxes!

Immigration Attorney Visit  
Library Lecture Room  
Thursday 03/13, 6:00 – 7:30pm  
Are you an international student interested in working in the US after you graduate and complete your OPT? Come hear an overview of common visa options from an immigration lawyer!

Tax Prep Workshop #2  
Library Lecture Room  
Thursday, 04/03, 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
The second of two informal and interactive workshops to help you navigate the Windstar FNTR software. Bring your laptop to begin working on your taxes!

Spring Festival  
Tishman Commons  
Saturday, 04/19, 12:30pm -3:30pm  
Spring Festival is a celebration of traditions from around the world to mark the beginning of spring, featuring food, performances and fun activities for all!

End of Semester Gathering  
Slater International Center  
Wednesday, 05/07, 5:00pm -7:00pm  
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.
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.

Employment Practical Training (CPT & OPT)
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 our Now What? Life After Graduation Senior Workshop, Summer Internship Workshop, and Immigration Attorney Visit and refer to the employment section on our website for more information.

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 “Now What? Life After Graduation Senior Workshop” information session.

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 or (781-283-2082).

Form I-94
Upon arrival to the U.S. an electronic Arrival/Departure document/Form I-94 will be created for you. Please print out a copy of your Form I-94 from the Department of Homeland Security website at www.cbp.gov/I94 after each entry to the U.S. If you have problems retrieving your Electronic Form I-94, please see the handout on our website or contact our office for assistance.

TAXES

Tax Season is coming! Taxes are complicated, especially for international students and scholars. Slater International Center will provide support for you as you try to navigate the U.S. tax system. Remember that the deadline to file your taxes is April 15th! It is your responsibility to understand and comply with U.S. tax regulations in a timely manner. Keep your eyes open for more details on the availability of our tax preparation software and mark your calendars for these two important upcoming tax programs:

Tax Information Session
Thursday, February 20th 6:00pm -8:00pm, Collins Cinema
This session will provide an overview of the U.S. tax system, review your tax responsibilities as an international student, introduce the GLACIER Tax Prep software, and provide you with some helpful information and handouts.

Tax Prep Workshop 1 & 2 (Repeat Workshops)
Wednesday, March 5th 5:00 -7:00pm Library Lecture Room
Thursday, April 3rd 5:00-7:00pm Library Lecture Room
These will be informal and interactive workshops to help you navigate the Windstar FNTR software. Bring your laptop to begin working on your taxes!
RESOURCES & 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.

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.goinglobal.com/

It is recommended that you set up your own account, to save searches and information.

Dining and Transportation Services change during academic 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/

Social Media
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

THANK YOU SLATER E-BOARD FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK!