



# *Lawrence International Mema*

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## Current Events

### **OPT Workshop**

ISS is organizing a session on post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) on Monday, **February 3rd at 5:00p.m** in the Barber Room. You are welcome to eat dinner during the meeting. At this session ISS will explain what OPT is, how to apply, and what the deadlines are. This is a great opportunity for you to ask questions. ISS will also explain how to have your immigration record on SEVIS transferred to the new graduate school if you are planning to attend graduate school this fall or following OPT. The session will focus on those graduating this year, but all are welcome to come.

### **General Meeting**

There will be a general meeting on **January 23<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 6pm in Downer F**. It is an important meeting as we will discuss Cabaret. If you would like to be a part of Cabaret, please join us for the meeting!

### **Cabaret**



LI's biggest event of the year is coming up! Cabaret will be on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel. You can be involved in Cabaret in the following ways:

1. Choreographer/Performance leader
2. Participant in a group performance
3. Emcee
4. Fashion Show
5. Volunteer (ticket taker/stagehand, etc.)

A variety of acts including dance, vocals, martial arts, instrumental, theatre and many more are encouraged! If you would like to be involved in any of the above mentioned ways, please **sign up by: Jan 28**. To sign up: e-mail Tanuja at [devarajt@lawrence.edu](mailto:devarajt@lawrence.edu).

## **ISS in Facebook**

ISS now has a Facebook account! It will serve as a secondary means to communicate important information from the office as well as to connect past, current and prospective international students. Please note that e-mail will still be the primary means of reaching Tim. We encourage you to add 'ISS Lawrence' as a friend!

## **Virtual Career Fair**

This is an opportunity to connect with interested employers through a virtual career fair just for international students. It is sponsored by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), and it is FREE and open for international students to register since Lawrence University is now a member. Through the fair, you'll have access to interested employers and their full-time, internship, and co-op opportunities. To register go to [http://lawrence.edu/dept/student\\_dean/career/nacelink/nisvcf.shtml](http://lawrence.edu/dept/student_dean/career/nacelink/nisvcf.shtml) and click on the "NACE International Student Virtual Career Fair" button. Then, select "Candidate Registration" and follow instructions!

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Bjorklunden**

LI will be going to Bjorklunden on Feb 11<sup>th</sup>-Feb 13<sup>th</sup> of reading period. It is a great time to relax, and enjoy the company of fellow LI members! Sign-up will be soon.

## **Tax Information Session**

There will again be two tax sessions held this year. They will be held on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-9p.m. at the ITC. Darin Anderson from the Payroll Office and Tim Schmidt will assist you with filing your taxes.

Please bring your passport, I-20/DS-2019 together with your tax documents. Your form W-2 or 1042-S issued by Lawrence will be brought to the session by Darin. You do not need to pick yours up beforehand. If you are not going to attend one of the sessions, you should pick up your tax documents from Darin after February 24<sup>th</sup>. You are encouraged to make it to one of the sessions!

## **Announcements**

1. You may request an invitation letter for family members from Lawrence University if they are visiting for commencement or for another purpose. Contact Tim for additional information.

### **Holiday Birthdays:**

Thai Tran	Jan 25
Sveinn Sigurdsson	Jan 26
Tu Nghiem	Jan 27
Songxun Zou	Jan 27
Raj Mani Shakya	Feb 2
Yang Hu	Feb 10

If you prefer that your birthday is not listed in the LI memo, please contact Tanuja Devaraj.

## Shopping Run



There will be a shopping run on Wednesday from 6:00-9:30pm from Plantz parking lot and one on Sunday from 1:00-5:00pm from the International House. A detailed schedule can be viewed in previous LI newsletters found in the LI newsletter archive.

[http://www.lawrence.edu/dept/student\\_dean/international\\_services/newsletter\\_archive.shtml](http://www.lawrence.edu/dept/student_dean/international_services/newsletter_archive.shtml)

## Office of International Student Services

Tim Schmidt is the coordinator of international students. His office is located on the second floor in LI House. Please feel free to stop by during office hours if you have any questions or concerns. Office hours are 9:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00 Monday through Friday. Tim can be reached at x6509 or

[timothy.l.schmidt@lawrence.edu](mailto:timothy.l.schmidt@lawrence.edu).

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*If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.*

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