

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES NEWSLETTER

## April Birthdays

APRIL 4, 2014

**April 1:** Bimalsen Rajbhandari

**April 3:** Fei Gao

**April 3:** Mesphina Kudowor

**April 6:** Jisu Park

**April 14:** Ryan Robertson

**April 17:** Yuchen Wang

**April 17:** Blake Roubos

**April 19:** Armelle Otou

**April 19:** Zain Ali

**April 22:** Dan Nguyen

**April 24:** Korapin Kuo

**April 26:** Yimeng Jiang

**April 26:** Saki Tsubokawa

**April 27:** Rachel Spielvogel

**April 28:** Thomas Skoog;

**April 29th:** Carl Anton Olsson



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, April 12: Waseda Easter Celebration**—Come decorate Easter eggs and participate in an Easter egg hunt at International House. Time: 2:00-4:00pm

**Tuesday, April 15: Pa Lee's Asian Noodle Fest at Diversity Center**—Come learn about the origins of pho noodle dishes and learn how to make your own dishes from Assistant Dean of Students for Multicultural Affairs Pa Lee Moua.

**Wednesday, April 23: Immigration Lawyer presentation**— More info to follow.

**Friday, May 9: 2014 LI Cabaret**—Please join us for the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Cabaret where more than 100 Lawrence students will be participating in the show "Cultural Connection: Arriving at the Global Terminal." Time: 7:00-9:00pm

**Monday, April 28: Career Services Visit to "Omni Resources"**— Register for Career Services TGEL to visit a technology company with locations in Appleton and around the Midwest. It's a great way to get an inside view into a technology solutions firm – tech and non-tech jobs. Time: 4:30-6:30pm

## REGISTRATION REMINDERS FOR RETURNING STUDENTS:

- **Academic Advising:** April 14-25, 2014
- **1st Round of Advance Registration:** April 27—May 6, 2014
- **Advance Registration continues:** May 14—June 6, 2014
- **Registration Periods during Fall Term (2014):** Sept 15-26, 2014
- **Advance Registration for Winter & Spring Terms (2015):** Oct 13—Nov 20, 2014
- **Registration Periods during Winter Term 2015:** Jan 5-16, 2015
- **Advance Registration for Spring Term (2015):** Feb 3-March 13th, 2015



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## Upcoming Event Spotlight:

For those of you interested in discussing topics related to diversity, Marquette University in Milwaukee will be hosting this year's **WAICU** (Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities) Student Diversity Conference. Three students from LU will be going so take this chance to connect with students from all across the state of Wisconsin to discuss issues relation to diversity and social justice. Contact Leah McSorley for more information.



## IMMIGRATION REMINDERS: REGARDING EMPLOYMENT

**On-Campus work:** F-1 students can work on-campus for up to 20 hours/week during the academic year and 40 hours/week during breaks.

**Off-Campus work:** F-1 students can be authorized by ISS to participate in U.S. internships off-campus after 1 academic year of study. In order to be eligible for CPT (Curricular Practical Training), students must take course credit connected with their internship.

**Outside of the U.S.:** There are no U.S. regulations that affect international students working in their home

country or other countries outside of the U.S.

**After graduation:** F-1 Students can apply for OPT (Optional Practical Training) during the spring of senior year and are eligible to work in the U.S. for up to 12 months (with a 17-month extension for STEM graduates) after graduation.

**Unauthorized work:** Working without proper authorization is a serious violation of F-1 status which can result in deportation and denial of future visa requests. Contact ISS with any questions.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: VICKY JHONG CHUNG



**Year:** Senior

**Major:** Economics and Government

**Country:** Peru

**Career Aspiration:** Peruvian politician

### Why did you choose Lawrence?

A Peruvian alumnus from Lawrence told me that Lawrence was the best experience of her life so far! I also wanted a change in my life, especially in terms of weather since I am from the desert region of Peru.

### How has your adjustment to a new country and university been?

First year was very hard due to weather but after that, I have loved it here!

### Are you involved with anything at Lawrence?

I am the finance representative of LUCC and the VP of "Glamour Gals", which is a volunteering club where we go to a senior home and paint their nails!

### Do you have any plans yet for life after Lawrence?

I have been admitted into the Master of Development Studies program in the Gradu-

ate Institute of Switzerland in Geneva.

### Do you have any advice for students struggling with adjusting?

Get involved! Spending time with people you like and share interests with helps you adjust to a new culture smoothly.



To nominate someone for the International Student Spotlight submit a form at: <http://www.lawrence.edu/mm/1388>

## ASK THE ADVISOR

Submit a question to ISS at: <http://www.lawrence.edu/mm/1388>



Dear Leah,

I am thinking of applying to a graduate school in the US after Lawrence. Do I have to apply for a new F-1/J-1 visa? Are there any other procedures that I should be aware of as an international applicant?

Hello and thank you for the question!

Transferring to a graduate school is relatively easy provided you stay in communication with ISS. The main thing to remember is to let ISS know about your plan to transfer to graduate school and request individualized advice based on your situa-

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tion. Here are some items for graduates to consider when choosing their graduate school transfer date: F-1 student grads can remain in the US for up to 60 days after graduating. This is called the “grace period”. Be sure to transfer your form I-20 to your new school prior to the end of the 60 day period if you want to remain in the US throughout the whole summer or maintain the same SEVIS number on your form I-20. F-1 student grads with OPT authorization can continue to work throughout the summer on OPT, however, as soon as your form I-20 is transferred to your new school, your OPT authorization will automatically end. I recommend working with ISS, your new school, and your employer to determine the best transfer date. **F-1 student graduates cannot work on or off campus without proper authorization.** If an F-1 student graduate intends to enroll in graduate school eventually but not in the fall immediately following graduation, the student **would** need to request a new initial I-20 (with new SEVIS number) and visa as well as pay the fees associated with the new I-20 and visa.

## LAWRENCE RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: CAREER SERVICES



**Career Services** is a comprehensive on-campus program with the aim to support the relationship between academic planning and career planning within a liberal arts environment. This includes collaborating on strategies to support internships, pre-professional advising, graduate/professional school, scholarships/fellowships and job placement. ISS spoke with Dean of Career Services, Mary Meany, in order to find out what Career Services is all about.

**Is Career Services only for American students or students planning on staying in the U.S. after Lawrence?** Career Services is for *everyone*—freshmen through 5th years!

**When would be a good time to begin using Career Services?** We welcome students to visit us starting freshman year. However, we can customize our assistance to where a student is at in his/her major selection or career/grad school exploration process.

**What are good resources/websites to use to find employment or internships while I am at Lawrence and thinking about life after Lawrence?**

There are many, many websites available to use to search for employment such as **LUworks**, [www.internships.com](http://www.internships.com); [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com) and [www.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org). Specifically, international students may find [myvisajobs.com](http://myvisajobs.com) helpful. There are many other resources available on our website from ArtSearch to Current Jobs to Bridge Worldwide Music Connection and more. If you have not attended **Internships 101 or 102**, please plan to attend this term for more info.

**Where can I find career assistance online and offline?**

If you have not done so, all students should create a short profile in **LUworks**, our 24/7 online career management tool. **LUworks** contains postings for jobs and internships, a calendar of Career Services events, and resources to help you with your search. Stop by during drop-in hours if you have any questions. Offline, you should stop by during daily Drop-in Hours, or when you see us on campus during our Career Cart hours,

attend any of our programs and we are also available for 1:1 appointments. Participate in the various Career Conference and Lawrence Scholars events and network with alumni.

**Is there somewhere I can find help in writing effective resumes and cover letters?**

We have a whole section on our website dedicated to a variety of resources, including guides on how to write resumes and cover letters.

**What is the best way to find out about scheduled Career Services events?**

Our events are advertised on the weekly table tents in Kaplan’s Grill and Andrew Commons, through our bi-weekly newsletter and sometimes through targeted emails. Events can also be found on **LUworks**, the Career Services website and the University calendar.

To suggest a campus resource to be featured in a future newsletter, go to:  
<http://www.lawrence.edu/mm/1388>