



Fall 2014

The Global Cardinal

International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) E-Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Message from Sharolyn Pepper; Associate Director of International Student & Scholar Services:

Plato wrote, *"The beginning is the most important part of the work."*

As we start the Fall 2014 semester, I welcome our 133 new international students and welcome back returning students. Whether you are just beginning your educational pursuits, graduating this semester and moving on to employment opportunities or returning to your homeland, I hope that the fall semester will be academically rewarding and successful for you.

I would like to extend an invitation for a reception to honor you and to celebrate the value that international students and scholars bring to this University. The event is part of the International Education Week celebration and is held on Wednesday, November 19 from 5:00-6:30 in the Multipurpose Room. Please mark your calendar and more information will be forthcoming.



The Office of International Student and Scholar Services is here to assist you with immigration, financial, academic, employment, social and personal issues throughout your stay in Louisville. We collaborate with resources on the campus as well as in the community. Review our webpage at <http://www.Louisville.edu/internationalcenter> and join us on [Facebook](#) to view the most up-to-date events to stay involved and engaged. [Please look below at our fall 2014 events!](#)

Student Spotlight – Sara Kim



Welcome to the United States, the land of opportunities. You must have come here with the coexisting feeling of excitement and nervousness when you came to America. Now, what makes your heart beat?

"Well begun is half done," if you have determined to do something and started, you succeeded in half of your goal already. Many people fear changes in life, and some only "dream" their dreams. But, among many people in the world, you stepped up and came here to achieve your dreams. How exciting! Being ready for challenges is halfway done. Do it, if you want to. Ask, if you want to know. There might be many situations that frustrate you, but remember the confidence you had in yourself, the confidence that your beloved people had in you. You've already left the past, why not try anything new?

Picture yourself in a week, a month, a semester, and a year. How do you want to make changes? If you want to make a lot of friends from many different countries, join the international relations club or meet friends of your friends. If you want to get a GPA 4.0, get together with your friends and make a study group or get help from SI sessions or REACH. Of course, the best way is to go to class and ask your professor via email or by visiting them during office hours. If you want to improve English skills, spend more time outside your own room, less time using your language with friends from your country. Draw the image or write the plans somewhere you can see very well, that will also help you to keep moving forward and will motivate you from the blues.

International Center- Do not forget about it! There are great people working, who love different cultures, who know more about international students' lives. They will be more than happy to help you. Last thing I want to say is set an event on your calendar in a semester or year or so, asking yourself how much you challenged, how much you grew up. Do not let your anxiousness make your heart beat, but let your passion be!

ISSS Scholarship Opportunity



Ten Scholarship Awards of \$500 will be given for the fall 2014 semester. Application deadline extended to: October 15, 2014



- Awards are based upon need and merit.
- Must be in "Good Academic Standing" at the time of application.
- Students must have completed two semesters as a full time student at the University of Louisville in order to be eligible to apply.
- Students must be in full time degree status and on a non-immigrant F1 or J1 visa.
- Students who are registered for Candidacy or IESL program are not eligible to apply.
- If you are receiving financial awards such as a scholarship or assistantship that pays the cost of your entire tuition or you are classified as Resident for tuition purposes, you are not eligible to apply for this tuition support.
- If you are currently participating in optional practical training or full time paid curriculum practical training, you are not eligible to apply for this tuition support.
- You must provide proof of any financial awards you currently receive (scholarship, assistantship, tuition remission, etc.). Providing inaccurate information will result in being disqualified.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. A completed application
2. A transcript from UofL (may be unofficial).
3. A typewritten essay (approximately 500 words) describing your academic and professional goals and reasons for financial need.
4. One letter of recommendation from a faculty or staff member familiar with your academic work.

Application: <http://louisville.edu/internationalcenter/iss/documents-and-forms/international-student-tuition-award-app>



Submit application to: International Center (ISSS Office) in person or email intcent@louisville.edu



Maintaining Status: F & J Immigration

Listed below are guidelines that international students should follow to make sure their visa status remains valid. Although other situations not mentioned here may lead to the loss of status, following these guidelines will help you to avoid many unnecessary problems. If you have questions, then email intcent@louisville.edu.



Keep your passport valid for at least 6 months in advance.

Contact your [home country's embassy in the U.S.](#) for information about renewing your passport validity.

Keep your local address updated.

Keep your local mailing address current through [ULink](#) within 10 days of the change. Also, notify the [ISSS office](#) with the new address.

Maintain full-time enrollment.

You must be full-time for both the fall and spring semester. For immigration purposes, undergraduate students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester and graduate students must complete a minimum of 9 credit hours per semester. Remember, no more than 3 credit hours of online courses can count towards your full-time course load.

Report a withdrawal or a drop below full-time status

If for some reason you must withdraw from your program or drop below full-time, you are required to inform the ISSS office before doing so. Please stop by the ISSS office during normal office hours or send an email to intcent@louisville.edu.

Attend the school noted on your I-20/DS-2019.

You must have a current, valid I-20 from the school you are attending.

Keep your I-20/DS-2019 valid at all times.

Have your academic advisor send an email to one of the International Advisors if you need a Program Extension. This is when the completion date on your I-20 will expire before you complete your program of study. You must also request a new I-20 if you change your major or your degree level, e.g. Master's to Ph.D.



Get a travel signature

Request a signature for re-entry from an International Advisor if it has been a year or longer since you have traveled home. The signature is valid for one year from the time it was signed. You will also need a valid passport and visa to reenter the U.S.

Get proper employment permission:

- **On-campus employment** - Employment is limited to 20 hours per week during the fall and spring semesters. Employment on-campus may be full-time in the summer and vacation periods. Email intcent@louisville.edu for more information.
- **Off-campus employment** - Do not work off-campus without permission. For more information visit our website at: <http://louisville.edu/internationalcenter/iss/current-f1-j1-students/employment>.

Get Involved

AIRC's mission is to promote greater understanding of the cultures of the world; to offer enrichment to the campus community in the international areas not necessarily inherent to the classroom experience and to encourage cross cultural exchanges.

Every academic year, AIRC hosts a banquet that highlights music, dances, food, poetry and fashion from around the world. Events such as movie & bowling nights and community service projects are planned throughout the year. If you are looking for a fun way to get involved on campus and to make an impact, please follow the directions below or click [Join AIRC!](#)



How to become an AIRC member:

- Go to the link <http://www.orgsync.com/>
- Click on Log in
- Choose University of Louisville as your community
- Try to log in first with your university email and password. If it doesn't automatically allow you in, then you have to register for a new account by clicking the "Register Now" button
- Follow the instructions and fill out the text boxes as required with your personal info

- Always use your university email address when asked, since orgsync requires that for networking purposes. Other email accounts will not be accepted.
- Once your account is set and ready log in into your profile, click on the Organizations tab at the top of the page and click on "Add Organization"
- Search for AIRC and ask to join
- Please provide a small paragraph about the reason/interest of joining
- The current president of the club will review and approve your joining request as soon as possible
- Stay alerted for messages concerning upcoming events



ISSS Upcoming Events

Meet and Greet Luncheons

Thursday, October 16, 2014 - Noon @ Red Barn
Co-Sponsored by: Dean of Students Office

Tuesday, November 18, 2014 – 12:30pm @ HSC
Nursing Building, Room HK2003
Co-Sponsored by: Office of Graduate and Post-Doc Studies

Thursday, November 20, 2014 - Noon @ Red Barn
Co-Sponsored by: PEACC, Campus Health Promotion and
College of Business (MBA Office)

H1B & LPR Workshop

Wednesday, October 22, 2014
Ekstrom Library, Room W104
5:30pm-7pm

Town Hall Meeting

Monday, October 27, 2014, 5 -6:00pm



Come voice your concerns that you may have as an International Student/Scholar. Concerns? Problems at the university? Administration officials will be there to address your concerns; free pizza will be served afterwards

International Welcome Reception

Wednesday, November 19, 2014
Multipurpose Room EFGH
5pm-6:30pm

Other Upcoming Events

Masters of Business Administration (MBA) Luncheon

Have you thought about furthering your education? The MBA Office & the International Center would like to invite you and your friends to lunch. This is a great opportunity to meet faculty, staff, and some of our current students in the MBA program. Get your questions answered; learn more about the UofL MBA and how it can assist your career goals.

Date: 10/14/2014

Time: Noon – 1:30pm

Location: University Club (UCLUB)

U.S. Student looking to tutor

I'm looking to tutor primarily undergrad students who want to learn or improve on their English. I can meet up at least once a week, possibly twice. I'm interested in tutoring any student eager to meet up and learn. If any students are interested my email is jhshoe02@cardmail.louisville.edu

UofL Free Store open Thursdays

Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Unitas Tower basement, Free At the Free Store, any student or employee can donate or "shop" for free. Clothing, shoes, electronics, appliances, household supplies, books, school and art supplies, non-perishable food, etc. The Free Store keeps useful items out of the landfill while helping those in need. It's a volunteer-powered initiative of UofL's Sustainability Council and the RSO GRASS. Additional Information: Facebook page.

Diversity Events Calendar Fall 2014

<http://www.louisville.edu/diversity>

Facebook: University of Louisville – Office of Diversity

Twitter: @UofLDiversity

Save the Date

International Education Week 2014
November 17-21, 2014

Commencement for December 2014 graduates is December 18, 2014. Commencement for May 2015 is May 9, 2015.

Please visit the Commencement website for further information. The website is as follows:
<http://louisville.edu/commencement>.

Academic Calendar

Mid-term break Oct. 6-7, 2014 (Mon-Tues)
Last day to withdraw Oct. 23, 2014 (Thurs)
Thanksgiving break Nov. 26-30, 2014 (Wed-Sun)
Last day of classes Dec. 8, 2014 (Mon)
Reading day Dec. 9, 2014 (Tues)
Final exams Dec. 10-16, 2014 (Wed-Tues)
Degree date Dec. 16, 2014 (Tues)
Commencement Dec. 18, 2014 (Thurs)

Spring Semester Start Date: Jan. 7, 2015

Calendar for all of the Diversity Units (ISSS, Study Abroad, Women's Center, LGBT, Cultural Center and Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace and Justice)

Need to Rent a Car? Try CarShare

Location: 4th Street & Cardinal Blvd.

More info on their website at:

<http://www.enterprisecarshare.com>



Events may change or be added at a later date. Check your email regularly to stay up-to-date on future events

10 Things to do in Louisville in the Fall



1. Explore Old Louisville and its [thousands of historic homes](#).

Old Louisville is [one of the largest Victorian districts](#) in the United States, and "beautiful" is an understatement. It isn't quite as spooky as the [Waverly Hills Sanatorium](#), but it does have a [history of ghosts](#).

2. Check out the Louisville Slugger Museum.

It doesn't matter if you're a baseball fan or not -- you'll still get a kick out of seeing the [World's Biggest Bat](#), checking out the [Signature Wall](#), posing with sculptures of old players and possibly taking home a personalized bat.

3. Take in a Louisville basketball game... if you can get tickets.

University of Louisville fans are crazy for their Cardinals, and the best example of that is the atmosphere in the [KFC Yum! Center](#). The powerhouse program has some of the best fans in the world, spearheaded by Coach Rick Pitino and an awesome cheering section.

4. Or just tour the University of Louisville's beautiful grounds.

Go Cards! U of L has gorgeous grounds -- a perfect mix of green grass, brick buildings and white columns. Also look around town to see if you can spot any [crazy Cardinal tattoos](#) or [lawn art](#).

5. Check out the home of the Kentucky Derby

It's always Derby Day at Churchill Downs, home of one of the [world's best horse races](#). Glimpse down Millionaire's Row where all the fancy people sit, take the kiddos to the [Junior Jockey Club](#), and try your [luck on one of the races](#).

6. And remember, the Hot Browns, your new favorite sandwich.

As one of the most famous (and delicious) Louisville traditions, Hot Brown sandwiches are so ooey-goey good it's no wonder the birthplace of the sandwich, [The Brown Hotel](#), sells [more than 800 in an average week](#). See how many you can eat by chowing your way through [The Hot Brown Hop tour](#).

7. Tour one of the [most haunted places on Earth](#).

Waverly Hills is a [historic gothic sanatorium](#), and it doesn't get much scarier than that. It was once, according to [the Waverly Hills history page](#), "a city in and of itself, complete with its own zip code" that housed patients with tuberculosis. Today it's visited by shows like "[Ghost Hunters](#)" and "[Paranormal Challenge](#)" and a hot spot for some [Halloween fun](#).

8. Take in the street art.

When you think of Louisville, the words "street art" probably don't come to mind, but they should, [because it's everywhere](#). The [Louisville Street Art website](#) keeps tabs on the art -- the most well-known being "[Kentucky Rushmore](#)." Painted by artist Margaret Morely, it depicts Muhammad Ali, Abraham Lincoln, Colonel Sanders and Secretariat -- some of the most famous figures to come out of Kentucky.

9. Float like a butterfly and sting like a bee at the Muhammad Ali Center.

Head down [Museum Row](#) to the Muhammad Ali Center, and come away with a "[greater sense of self, a greater sense of others and a greater sense of purpose](#)" after learning about the world's greatest heavyweight.

10. And at night, head to The Louisville Palace.

[The Louisville Palace](#) is the place for all your favorite shows and concerts in the [Theatre District](#), and [according to reviews](#), there isn't "a bad seat in the house." Located [close to The Brown Hotel](#), you can eat a Hot Brown and then hop over to the Palace for some good old-fashioned fun.

Remember to get your coat and winter gear ready because it is about to get cold outside!

Have a Great Fall Semester!

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