Howdy!

International Family Newsletter

January through Mid April is tax season in the US. Most international students and their spouses are required to file tax forms. ISS is here to help you! You can make an appointment to come see an advisor during our tax assistance hours. Please visit ISS.TAMU.EDU/taxes for more information. Some students and their spouses will need to apply for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number. It is important to do this as early as possible. ISS has purchased software to help our students file taxes for themselves and their families.

Current Students/Taxes

We would love to hear from you! If you have ideas and suggestions on topics that you think other international student families would be interested in, please send us an email to Ms. Sahar Zubairy at saharzubairy@tamu.edu. If you have any questions about your tax return or need help understanding tax forms, please contact the tax assistance office at 979.845.6701.

Since January 1, the Internal Revenue Service has been aggressively investigating more than 2,000 tax fraud cases. In the first quarter of 2014, 1,039 taxpayers have been added to the IRS's list of 12,000 'known or suspected' tax return fraud cases. The IRS is taking a three-pronged approach to combat tax fraud: it is auditing tax returns, it is investigating individuals and businesses that file returns to claim credits or deductions, and it is investigating tax preparers who submit fraudulent returns.

Tax Scams

If you get a call like this, report it to the Federal Trade Commission by calling 800-336-3666. If someone threatens you with police arrest or deportation if you don’t pay, or demands payment with a prepaid debit card, or asks for your credit card information, don’t fall victim to scammers. The IRS will never call and demand payment over the phone. The IRS will never threaten you with police arrest or deportation if you can’t pay. The IRS will never send you a threatening letter or call you after leaving a voice-mail message. The IRS will never threaten to put a levy on your bank account or Garni your pay. The IRS will never send you a tax bill more than 6 years old. The IRS will never ask you to pay your taxes in cash, through a money order, or a prepaid debit card.

Send Us Information You Find Important!

We would love to hear from you! If you find important information that you think other international student families would be interested in, please send us an email to Ms. Sahar Zubairy at saharzubairy@tamu.edu. You are also welcome to submit articles and events.

Visit Shakespeare at Winedale

Austin on February 29th and Austin on March 1st. The Shakespeare at Winedale will be performing Julius Caesar and Henry V. Tickets are $20 general admission. Find more information at americanshakespearecenter.com. The Festival of Shakespeare at Winedale will be held on February 14th to 29th. There are many superstitions surrounding February 29th. February 29th is the 'Leap Year Capital of the World'. Many people travel to Anthony on February 29th to celebrate their births and partake in the Worldwide Leap Year Festival. The World's Birthday Celebration is a big event that occurs once in a blue moon. The 2016 Leap Year is on Sunday, February 29th. There are many superstitions and idioms, such as 'It's raining cats and dogs' and 'It's raining pennies.'

During the fall and spring semesters, Discovery meets on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. The topic for our March 10th meeting is Volunteering, and on April 15th we will have a presentation on their program. The ladies from Discovery gave a great time! The ladies from Discovery offered me some very useful information on how to apply to Texas A&M University. We hope you can join us!

An invitation to join ISF

An invitation to join ISF. ISF is a network of international women and their children that meet on Wednesdays to socialize and learn. The goal of Discovery is to help international women integrate and learn. Women from all faiths are welcomed. Discovery is sponsored by six local Southern Baptist churches. Discovery is a network of international women and their children. The Discovery website is an important resource for international students in the US. Students are invited to Discovery. Additionally, there is a small men's conversational group that meets when the university married student housing.

Limited transportation is offered for students living at 2300 Welsh Avenue, hosts Discovery meetings. First Baptist Church of College Station, located at 108 South College Street, College Station, Texas 77840, is the host of Discovery meetings. Current students of the university are in classes. The Discovery website is an important resource for international students in the US. ISS is here to help you! You can make an appointment to come see an advisor during our tax assistance hours. Please visit ISS.TAMU.EDU/taxes for more information. Some students and their spouses will need to apply for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number. It is important to do this as early as possible. ISS has purchased software to help our students file taxes for themselves and their families.

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