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**International Coffee Hours: Graduation Celebration, This Friday!**

As this semester ends, we must also bid farewell to our graduates. Come listen to some of our international students talk about their Mustang experience and find out what words of wisdom they will share with you at our last ***International Coffee Hours this Friday, April 30 at 3:00-4:30PM*** by the CIE. Graduates, stop by to pick up your sashes, a Mustang lapel pin, eat cake, and take photos with your friends. See you there!

**Fall 2021 Registration Sweepstakes**Have you registered for Fall yet? The Student Success & Advising Center is hosting a “Registration Sweepstakes”. SMSU students who register for fall semester by ***11:59pm on April 30th*** will be eligible to win a variety of prizes. The sooner a student registers, the better the prizes!

Open to both undergraduate and graduate students. Prizewinners will be contacted directly during finals week (May 3-6). A special thank you to the Foundation Office, Barnes & Noble, and Chartwells for supporting this retention initiative and providing this year’s prizes!  For more information visit: [www.smsu.edu/go/sweeps](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.smsu.edu%2Fgo%2Fsweeps&data=04%7C01%7Cmaylee.moua-vue%40smsu.edu%7C074f694639e4478a12d408d8fb6ebeec%7C5011c7c60ab446ab9ef4fae74a921a7f%7C0%7C0%7C637535801216277863%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=BeAYZInHTTB4KnQ0LLHWgJDoeqtcmtTsnZmStFmUBB4%3D&reserved=0)

**ISO Awards Ceremony**

International Student Organization (ISO) is hosting an Awards Ceremony. This is formal event will recognize members and allies that holds special meaning to ISO and will include the announcement of next year’s elected ISO leaders. Please sign up to attend this event at the CIE.

***ISO Awards Ceremony***

***Thursday, April 29th, 8-10PM***

***Lower Conference Center (Lower Ballroom)***

If you have any additional questions or comments about the ceremony, please feel free to contact the ISO club secretary/event coordinator via email at Rebecca.gezahegn@my.smsu.edu or President at moshood.agboola@my.smsu.edu.

**Are You Travelling Out of the US?**

If you plan to travel outside of the US during summer break, please remember to stop by the CIE first. We do not recommend you travelling out of the US due to the pandemic, travel restrictions, and visa delays.

* If you must travel, please remember to get an official Travel Endorsement from the CIE on your I-20. Keep in mind this could take up to ***2 business days*** so plan in advance and stop by early to get your I-20 signed for travelling.
* Check with [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel-during-covid19.html) and [US Department of State](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html) guidelines. CDC requires that you have a negative COVID test 3 days or less before departure.
* Check your Passport expiry date. It must be valid at least 6 months or more upon your entry to the US or you will be denied entrance.
* You must also have a valid F-1 visa at entry, if yours is expiring, make sure you apply for a new one in time before your return trip back. Keep in mind many US Embassies are closed for visa applications and those open are experiencing a long waiting period for appointments.

**Tips for Studying**

Get ready for finals week. Here’s a great article on [Tips for Studying](http://www.bu.edu/articles/2020/tips-for-studying-from-home/).

**Fine Arts Celebration**

After a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Department of Fine Arts and Communication and the Creative Writing Program will again offer events for the Fine Arts Celebration.  Events and links to virtual events will be available on the Fine Arts Celebration webpage [www.smsu.edu/go/fineartscelebration](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.smsu.edu%2Fgo%2Ffineartscelebration&data=04%7C01%7Cmaylee.moua-vue%40smsu.edu%7C074f694639e4478a12d408d8fb6ebeec%7C5011c7c60ab446ab9ef4fae74a921a7f%7C0%7C0%7C637535801216287856%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=jcObSzKIYI8EC5Y%2BdhHE7Y4Fqe3sPoDa%2FHtqiJf6qak%3D&reserved=0).



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