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TAX SEASON / TAX WORKSHOPS FOR INTERNATIONALS

Next Steps for Tax Season
If you worked at OSU in 2015, you either received your W-2 in the mail where you work or at your home, or you received an email from Payroll Services that your W-2 is available. What’s the next step? You will need to complete a federal form and an Oklahoma form, called a tax return. (Not the same thing as refund). However, it’s too early. Some of you will also have a Form 1042-S and those are not ready yet. Also, the tax preparation software that we provide for our international students and scholars is not ready yet. It will be ready around the beginning of February. Please be patient.

Tax Return Information – Avoid Rumors and Get the Facts!
There has been a lot of talk lately about getting a refund of tuition on your tax return. That is simply NOT possible. There are some tuition deductions and credits, but these are ONLY available to resident taxpayers. Remember that international students in F or J status are considered nonresidents for tax purposes for the first 5 calendar years in the U.S. If you are a nonresident for tax purposes, you must file a 1040NR or 1040NR-EZ. Tuition deductions and credits are not available on those forms. DO NOT jeopardize your immigration status by filing an illegal resident tax return. If you use an online program that transmits electronically, you are automatically filing a resident tax return.

Volunteers Needed
Linda Dunbar Garmy is looking for volunteers to help with her tax workshops. She requests that you have completed your own tax return at least one time. She will have a training session for you. If you are interested, please contact her at linda.dunbar@okstate.edu.
TAX WORKSHOPS

Don’t miss these helpful workshops that show you how to use special software for international students, and how to complete Oklahoma tax forms! Bring any tax forms you have received, such as W-2, 1042-S, or 1099 (NOTE: Not everyone has all these forms. Some people only have a W-2). **You must know your passport number.** If you have a copy of last year’s tax return, bring it with you.

Taxes are due on **April 18, 2016**, since April 15 is a holiday. Taxes forms must be in the mail (post marked) by **April 18, 2016**.

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Download the printable schedule [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact the ISS Office at 405-744-5459 or su-iss@okstate.edu.

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**OPT WORKSHOPS**

It’s time again for OPT! The ISS Office will be holding a series of OPT Workshops during the Spring semester. If you are graduating this May and are planning to apply for OPT, you are strongly encourage to attend these helpful workshops.

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When you’re ready to apply, visit the ISS Office to meet with an advisor. As always, you can contact us any time with questions – su-iss@okstate.edu or 405-744-5459.

**Immigration & Employment Presentation with Vance Winningham**

An immigration and employment presentation will be given by E. Vance Winningham, an immigration attorney from Oklahoma City. Mr. Winningham will discuss the employment opportunities and pitfalls for international workers in regards to current U.S. immigration law. Many U.S. immigration laws, regulations, and policies are constantly changing. This presentation is intended to highlight several areas of concern for those hoping to enter the U.S. work force, either temporarily or permanently. The presentation be followed by a question-and-answer session.
SRI LANKAN NIGHT 2016

*When:* Saturday, February 6 at 5:00pm  
*Where:* Student Union Theater  
*Admission:* $6 OSU students; $8 general admission; $10 at the door

For the first time in the history of the Sri Lankan Student Association we present *Sri Lankan Night 2016 – Taste of the Resplendent Island!* This is an event where you can enjoy the great cultural heritage of Sri Lanka. There will be cultural dancing and singing, along with guest performances. Dinner is included! The performance starts at 5:00pm and doors open at 4:30pm. Tickets may be purchased at the Student Union Plaza from 11:00am – 1:00pm on January 25 – 29 and February 1 – 5.
CHINA NIGHT 2016 – YEAR OF THE RED FIRE MONKEY

*When:* Sunday, February 7  
*Times:* Dinner at 6:00pm; Show at 6:45pm  
*Where:* 111 Wes Watkins Center  
*Admission:* $8 for Dinner; $6 for Show

Join the Chinese Friendship Association for China Night 2016! Come celebrate Chinese New Year – Year of the Red Fire Monkey with great food and wonderful performances! Tickets may be purchased at the Student Union Plaza from 11:30am – 12:30pm on January 25 – 29 and February 1 – 5. Reserve your ticket today by sending your name, CWID, and contact information to taoc@okstat.edu.

OSU OPERA – SUSANNAH

*When:* Friday, February 5 – Saturday, February 6 at 7:30pm  
*Where:* Seretean Center Concert Hall  
*Admission:* $8 general admission; $6 Students and senior citizens

The OSU Opera and Orchestra will present a performance of Carlisle Floyd's Susannah. Tickets for this performance are available in the Music Department Office (132 Seretean Center) or online at music.okstate.edu. Tickets will go on sale at the box office one hour before the performance.

For more information contact April Golliver-Mohiuddin, Associate Professor in the Music Department, at 405-744-8986 or april.golliver@okstate.edu.
COWGIRLS EQUESTRIAN

When: Saturday, February 6 at 10:00am  
Where: Totusek Arena  
Address: 2720 W McElroy Rd.  
Admission: FREE

Don’t miss the Cowgirls Equestrian Team as they take on the Kansas State Wildcats! Come support the Cowgirls as they continue their winning season. Admission is FREE! Visit okstate.com to get more info or to see schedules for other OSU sporting events.
RICHARD TUTTLE: A PRINT RETROSPECTIVE

When: February 6, 2016 – May 7, 2016  
Where: OSU Art Museum  
Address: 720 S Husband St.  
Admission: FREE

As the first comprehensive survey of Richard Tuttle's prints, this exhibition reveals the artist's profound interest in the ambiguous and transitional nature of this art form. Since the 1960s, Richard Tuttle has created poetic, often ephemeral, works which – resolutely material and arranged with seemingly minimal interventions – address at closer inspection profound issues of material and illusion, of what we see and what we understand. Prints with their unusual ability to render visible also hidden information of process and change offer for Tuttle's artistic research a vital field of experimentation and cognition. Since the 1970s, he has created a diverse printed oeuvre collaborating with renowned printers and publishers across the country. Tuttle's prints with often subtle and complex surfaces, lure us into careful and attentive looking and contemplation on the relationship between the material and the illusional.

This exhibition is the second in the New York Project, a series of exhibitions exploring key New York artists of the past 50 years. An opening reception with the artist will be held Monday, February 8 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Those interested in attending should RSVP here. Contact the OSU Art Museum for more information – 405-744-2780 or museum@okstate.edu.

An Affair of the Heart has become an annual event for many with of excited visitors browsing, shopping, and taking home their special treasures. With such outstanding selections of quality arts, crafts, antiques, collectibles, accessories, gourmet foods, and more, you are sure to find exactly what you are looking for. It's the best three days of shopping, walking and eating you'll experience!

Visit anaffairoftheheart.com or call 405-632-2652 for details or to buy tickets.
HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

When: Saturday, February 6 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm
Where: Chesapeake Energy Arena
Address: 100 W Reno Ave., Oklahoma City 73102
Admission: $19 – $115

The Harlem Globetrotters are preparing for their most epic tour in history, as the world famous team celebrates its 90th anniversary world tour! A star-studded roster will have fans on the edge of their seats to witness the ball handling wizardry, basketball artistry and one-of-a-kind family entertainment that thrills fans of all ages. Learn more about the Globetrotters at harlemglobetrotters.com!

Tickets can be purchased at the arena box office, by phone at 1-800-745-3000 or online at ticketmaster.com. Children 2 years of age and older will require a ticket.

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MARDI GRAS IN THE STUDENT UNION

**When:** Tuesday, February 9 at 11:00am  
**Where:** Student Union

A celebration of Carnival atmosphere travels from New Orleans to Oklahoma State University! The 5th Annual Mardi Gras Celebration will feature the Seretean Center Brass Band, a Second Line parade and a Mardi Gras-inspired meal served by University Dining Services. Many Carnival traditions, which commemorate the gradual turn of spring with feasting and dancing, have been celebrated around the world for centuries on Fat Tuesday, which is the conclusion of Carnival season. Mardi Gras in the Union will introduce some of those historical traditions to the OSU community.

This year, festivities begin at 11:00am with the Seretean Center Brass Band playing in the Student Union Atrium to set the Mardi Gras mood. The Second Line parade will follow at 11:30am as First Cowgirl Ann Hargis, Pistol Pete and the Seretean Center Brass Band lead the parade. The public is encouraged to wear their favorite Mardi Gras colors and costumes and join the parade as it weaves through the first and second floors. Following the parade, guests are encouraged to taste New Orleans-inspired items on the menus in the Student Union Food Court, including crawfish, gumbo, muffulettas and more!
AMBASSADOR TARANJIT SINGH SANDHU

*When:* Friday, February 12 from 3:30pm – 4:30pm  
*Where:* Wes Watkins Center Auditorium  
*Admission:* FREE

Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of India in Washington, D.C., Ambassador Taranjit Singh Sandhu, will be speaking at OSU next Friday, February 12 at the Wes Watkins Center.

As the second most senior member at the Indian Embassy in D.C., reporting directly to His Excellency Ambassador Arun K Singh, Mr. Sandhu has an extensive background in India-U.S. relations, and is a passionate and vocal advocate for interests of India abroad. The topic of Mr. Sandhu’s talk will be Indo-U.S. Relations. A question-and-answer session will be held after his talk. A reception will follow the presentation.
BLIND BOY PAXTON & FRANK FAIRFIELD

*When:* Friday, February 12 at 8:00pm  
*Where:* Seretean Center Concert Hall  
*Admission:* $10 – $25

**OSU Allied Arts** presents **Blind Boy Paxton & Frank Fairfield**! Step back into a forgotten, much simpler era with these two iconic folk musicians. Their partnership blossoms beautifully on stage as they play a variety of instruments and share soulful vocals. This will be an intimate and memorable affair. You can learn a little more about **Blind Boy Paxton & Frank Fairfield** and their musical style on the **Allied Arts website**.

Tickets can be purchased online at [tickets.okstate.edu](http://tickets.okstate.edu) or through the Allied Arts Office (405-744-7509, allied.arts@okstate.edu).
INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR

*When:* Saturday, February 13 at 11:00am – 2:00pm  
*Where:* Wes Watkins Center  
*Admission:* FREE

Don’t miss this year’s International Bazaar, presented by the International Student Organization (iSo)! International area clubs come together to create and serve delicious food from around the world. There will also be a dessert competition and a photo booth! Cash and bursar charge will be accepted for food purchases.
ADDRESS UPDATES

The U.S. government requires international students and scholars to update their addresses any time they move (whether students are still taking classes or on OPT). If you are a new student or scholar and didn’t have an address at check-in OR if you have recently moved, you MUST update your address with the ISS Office; failure to do so could result in termination of your SEVIS record! Update your address in SEVIS first, then update with OSU and Web for Employees (if working).

- To update your address in SEVIS, please complete the online form.
- To update your address with OSU, click here to log in to SIS (Student Self-Service) – Students Only.
- If you are an OSU Employee, update your address with Human Resources here (Web for Employees).

Helpful Hint: If you moving away from Stillwater or moving to a new apartment or house in Stillwater, be sure to complete a U.S. Postal Service Change of Address Form. You can find the form at the local Post Office or online at https://www.usps.com/umove/.

OSU WRITING CENTER ESL CONVERSATION GROUP

Learning English? Come join the ESL Conversation Group hosted by the OSU Writing Center! The Writing Center’s Conversation Groups are a terrific way to improve your fluency and expand your vocabulary in a casual and friendly environment. Groups meet twice a week on Tuesdays during the spring semester:

**When:** Tuesday from 12:00pm – 1:00pm  
**Where:** 302 Student Union

**When:** Tuesday from 5:30pm – 6:30pm  
**Where:** 440 Student Union, Main Writing Center

For more information, contact the Writing Center at writingcenter@okstate.edu or 405-744-6671, or visit osuwritingcenter.okstate.edu.