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THANKSGIVING BREAK

Next week is Thanksgiving Break! There will be no classes Wednesday, November 25 – Friday, November 27, and the University will be closed Thursday, November 26 – Friday, November 27.

Many of you may be familiar with the Thanksgiving holiday, and have possibly had the chance to experience an American Thanksgiving dinner. Thanksgiving is celebrated in America in for many reasons, but the roots of the holiday are traced back to the feast held by the settlers of the Plymouth Plantation and local Native Americans after the first successful harvest year in a new land. You can learn more about the holiday here. We hope everyone has a wonderful break!

Happy Thanksgiving!
RES LIFE THANKSGIVING BREAK SCHEDULE

Residential Life Offices will be open until 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 25. Most of the Single Student Housing front desks will be closed with the exception of the Village CASNR front desk and the Griffith Center desk. All other single student housing front desks will remain closed until Saturday, November 28 at 12:00pm. The Family Resource Center (FRC) will be closed on Thursday, November 26 – Friday, November 27. Residential Life facilities will resume normal operation on November 28 at 5:00pm.

At least one undergraduate student staff will be on duty in each area of housing throughout the break and can be reached at the front desk numbers below:

Village CASNR Front Desk: 405-744-3038
Griffith Center Front Desk: 405-744-1534
Family Resource Center: 405-744-6539

If you need additional assistance, you may directly contact the Residence Director, Housing Coordinator, or FGSH Staff on duty at the numbers below:

Residence Director Staff on Duty: 405-338-8182
Housing Coordinator Staff on Duty: 405-612-3327
FGSH Staff on Duty: 405-564-4028

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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 Fall semester. If you are graduating this December and are planning to apply for OPT, you are strongly encourage to attend these helpful workshops.

This is the last workshop of the semester!

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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 744-5459.

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FRIDAYS, FOOD TRUCKS & TUNES

**When:** Friday, November 20 from 6:00pm – 10:00pm  
**Where:** Downtown Stillwater (7th Ave. and Husband St.)

Head out to downtown Stillwater for *Fridays, Food Trucks & Tunes*. Wear orange and come out for the OSU football pre-game pep rally! Check out the Downtown Stillwater [website](#) for details.
RHYTHMIC CIRCUS

When: Friday, November 20 at 8:00pm
Where: Seretean Center
Admission: $22 – adults; $10 – children 12 and under

Rhythmic Circus is an outrageous combination of rapid-fire tap dance talent, vibrant vocal percussion, and a big brass funk band. Stopping in Stillwater on their third national “Feet Don’t Fail Me Now!” tour, the audience can expect each Rhythmic Circus act to accompany each tap, shuffle, and stomp with a clang, riff, and refrain. You won’t want to miss it!

Tickets can be purchased online at tickets.okstate.edu or by phone at 405-744-7509. Tickets will be available at the OSU Seretean Center Concert Hall the evening of the performance beginning at 6:30. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Allied Arts at 405-744-7509 or visit alliedarts.okstate.edu.
SUAB MOVIE – DOUBLE FEATURE

*When*: Friday, November 20 at 7:00pm  
*Where*: Student Union Theater  
*Admission*: FREE

Student Union Activities Board (SUAB) presents *Amy* (rated R) and *Iris* (rated PG-13) as a one-night double feature of documentaries! Tonight’s double feature is inspired by female icons.

FREE admission!! $1 refreshments available for purchase!

COWGIRL BASKETBALL

*When*: Friday, November 20 at 7:00pm  
*Where*: Gallagher-Iba Arena  
*Admission*: TBD

Come watch the Cowgirls take on the Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville Cougars! Visit [okstate.com](http://okstate.com) or call 877-255-4678 to buy tickets, to get more info, or to see schedules for other OSU sporting events.
CONTRA DANCING

When: Friday, November 20 from 7:30pm – 11:00pm
Where: Stillwater Community Center
Address: 315 W 8th Ave.
Admission: $4 – Students; $5 – General Admission

Join the Scissortail Traditional Dance Society of Oklahoma in Contra Dancing this Friday! Emerald Flame provides music with Trish Ranson calling the dance. No experience is necessary to attend! Lessons will be given at 7:30pm before the dance begins at 8:00pm.

Contra Dancing is an American folk dance that is derived from English Country Dancing brought to America by the early settlers. It is related to square dancing and traditional European dance forms, and over the course of its history has incorporated elements of swing, jazz, and rock and roll. Live music with roots in Irish and old-time American traditions is normally played at Contra Dances, but there are as many styles of music as there are dancers!

For more information about Contra Dancing or the Scissortail Traditional Dance Society of Oklahoma, visit their website at scissortail.org or their Facebook page.

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WILD AT ART – ART SHOW & SALE

When: Friday, November 20 – Saturday, November 21
Times: Friday from 12:00pm – 8:00pm; Saturday 10:00am – 4:00pm
Where: Tulsa Garden Center
Address: 2435 S Peoria Ave., Tulsa 74114
Admission: FREE

Everyone is invited to the third annual Wild At Art event! This year, more artists than ever before will be selling amazing nature-themed art. It's a two-day event that will include food trucks, so don’t miss out! All sales benefit the Tulsa Audubon Society and their wildlife rehabilitation network Wing It.

Visit Wing It’s Facebook page or website for more information, or call 918-508-9607.

AUTOMOBILE ALLEY LIGHTS ON BROADWAY

When: November 20, 2015 – January 1, 2016 from dusk to dawn
Where: Automobile Alley, Oklahoma City
Address: N Broadway Ave., from NW 4th St. to NW 10th St.
Admission: FREE

See the historic buildings of Automobile Alley in a whole new light at Automobile Alley Lights on Broadway. More than 180,000 colorful LED lights will drape the buildings along eight blocks of North Broadway making for a magical holiday wonderland. Free of charge and open to the public. Visit downtownindecember.com for more information, or to discover what other events are happening in Downtown OKC during December.

EL CLASICO WATCH PARTY

When: Saturday, November 21 at 11:00am
Where: Student Union Theater
Admission: FREE ($5 for drawing)

Come watch Real Madrid vs. FC Barcelona! Enter to win a Real Madrid of FC Barcelona jersey ($5 to enter). All proceeds benefit the refuges in Northern Mali. Sponsored by the OSU Student Government Association.
OSU FOOTBALL – SPIRIT WALK

*When*: Saturday, November 21 at 4:30pm  
*Where*: Student Union Plaza (corner of Hester St. and Morrill Ave.)

Come out and cheer the Cowboys in OSU’s traditional Spirit Walk! Watch the Cowboy Marching Band and support the team as they walk from the Student Union to Boone Pickens Stadium along Hester St. There’s no better way to prepare for the game than this exciting event! **GO POKES!!!**

OSU FOOTBALL

*When*: Saturday, November 21 at 6:30pm  
*Where*: Boone Pickens Stadium  
*Admission*: $90 (single-game ticket price)

Don’t miss the Cowboys as they take on the Baylor University Bears!! Let’s support the Pokes in their undefeated season!! If you can’t make it in person, the game will be broadcast on T.V. on Fox and on radio on Cowboy Sports Network (93.7 FM). Visit [okstate.com](http://okstate.com) to buy tickets, to get more info, or to see schedules for other OSU sporting events.
TULSA ROUTE 66 MARATHON

**When:** Saturday, November 21 – Sunday, November 22  
**Where:** Brady Arts District, Downtown Tulsa  
**Address:** W Brady St., between N Boston Ave. and N Detroit Ave.

The 10th Anniversary Williams Route 66 Marathon weekend includes the two-day Health, Fitness and Sustainability Expo, marathon, half-marathon, marathon relay, 5K run and walk, a one-mile fun run and walk, and the ever popular mascot dash! Post-race activities at Tulsa’s Guthrie Green in the Brady Arts District include free live music, a car show and fun for the entire family!

For more information visit [route66marathon.com](http://route66marathon.com).

Wild, Wild West Concert

**When:** Sunday, November 22 at 2:00pm  
**Where:** Civic Center Music Hall  
**Address:** 201 N Walker Ave., Oklahoma City 73102  
**Admission:** $9

Oklahoma is home to some of the greatest western and native music anywhere. This concert features familiar music from Native inspirations to Western trail rides and more. Come dressed in your favorite western wear!

Visit [okcciviccenter.com](http://okcciviccenter.com) to buy tickets or for more information.

Handel’s “Messiah”

**When:** Sunday, November 22 at 2:30pm  
**Where:** Seretean Center  
**Admission:** $6 – Students and Senior Citizens; $8 – General Admission

Prepare to ring in the upcoming holiday season with one of the most-performed musical works in history – Handel’s "Messiah"! The OSU Concert Chorale, Symphony Orchestra, and university and community singers will join together to perform this magnificent work, under the direction of Z. Randall Stroope and Dr. Enrique Carreon-Robledo. This is a reserved seating event through the OSU Music Department office (132 Seretean Center; 405-744-6133). Tickets will go on sale at the box office one hour prior to each event, but are also available online at [marketplace.okstate.edu](http://marketplace.okstate.edu).

For more information, contact Z. Randall Stroope at randall.stroope@okstate.edu or 405-744-6013.
SAUDI NIGHT

When: Sunday, November 22 from 7:30pm – 10:00pm
Where: Wes Watkins Center
Admission: $10

Fly to Saudi Arabia for $10! Don’t miss the Saudi Student Association’s Saudi Night this Sunday! You will experience the past, present, and future of Saudi Arabia all in one night of performances. Dinner will be served. You can also enter a drawing for a chance to win an iPad mini! Tickets may be purchased at the event.

For more information about the Saudi Student Association, visit their Facebook page.
ICE SKATING AT MYRIAD BOTANICAL GARDENS

Where: Myriad Botanical Gardens
Address: 307 W Reno Ave., Oklahoma City 73102
Admission: $12

It wouldn’t be winter without the Devon Ice Rink at the Myriad Botanical Gardens! Skating season officially starts November 13, 2015. Bundle up, grab your friends and family and enjoy a great day of fresh air and skating in the prettiest spot in town. Come each Friday throughout skating season for “Rock N Skate Nights” from 6:00pm – 9:00pm.

For details, visit oklahomacitybotanicalgardens.com.

SUAB WINTER DONATION DAYS

When: Monday, November 23 – Tuesday, November 24 from 8:00am – 5:00pm
Where: Student Union Plaza

Student Union Activities Board is proud to bring a Coat Drive to the OSU campus. Donate winter coats, gloves, blankets or other warm clothing items to help the homeless! Free hot chocolate will be provided and fun family-friendly activities are planned.

Contact the SUAB at suab@okstate.edu or 405-744-8977 for more information.
**WESLEY FOUNDATION THANKSGIVING DINNER**

*When:* Monday, November 23 at 6:00pm  
*Where:* Wesley Foundation  
*Address:* 823 W University St.  
*Admission:* FREE

The **Wesley Foundation** is holding their annual **Thanksgiving Dinner** for OSU international and American students. Any student is welcome to come, and invited to bring their spouse with them! If interested in attending, please RSVP to Mason Williams at mason.williams@okstate.edu, so that enough food can be prepared. You are also welcome to bring a dish to share! Want to volunteer? Let us know when you RSVP.

For more information and weather updates, follow the event [here](#).

**BRICKTOWN TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL**

*When:* Friday, November 27 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
*Where:* Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark  
*Address:* 2 S Mickey Mantle Dr., Oklahoma City, 73104  
*Admission:* FREE

The annual **Tree Lighting Festival** will take place in Bricktown on the plaza at the Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark. Guests will enjoy live music, food and fun as Mayor Cornett lights the Christmas tree as the official kickoff for the Downtown in December holiday season, which serves as the centerpiece for Downtown in December. It will be on display at the 3rd Base Plaza at the Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark until January 1, 2016. Santa will make an appearance at the festival to take free professional photos with the kids. The event also features free snacks, mascot appearances, and face painters! You won’t want to miss it!

For more information, visit [downtownindecember.com](http://downtownindecember.com).
COWBOY CHRISTMAS

When: Friday, November 27 – Saturday, December 5
Where: Stockyards City
Address: 1305 S Agnew Ave., Oklahoma City, 73108
Admission: FREE

To kick off the holiday season, the Stockyards City Christmas Tree will be lit at 6:30 p.m. on November 27. Attendees will be treated to a performance by the local Capitol Hill High School Concert Choir Alumni as they sing traditional Christmas carols during the ceremony and throughout the district that evening.

Before and after the tree lighting ceremony, the entire district will host an open house where visitors can enjoy holiday refreshments, great sales in the retail stores and the historic atmosphere that makes the district unique. A scavenger hunt will allow attendees the opportunity to win prizes while touring the district and free carriage rides will be offered for those wanting to reminisce while searching for the stores.

Stockyards Bucks Giveaway
For each purchase made at a participating Stockyards City store from Nov. 27 to Dec. 5, customers will receive one entry for the chance to win their share of $2,000 worth of official Stockyards City currency. Winners will be announced on Dec. 5 at noon and do not have to be present to win. Stockyards Bucks can be spent at any participating store in the district during the holiday season.

Visit stockyardscity.org for details.

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DELCUXE WINTER MARKET

When: Saturday, November 28 – Sunday, November 29 from 11:00am – 5:00pm
Where: Leadership Square
Address: 211 N Robinson Ave., Oklahoma City, 73102
Admission: FREE

Back for its 8th year in 2015, the Deluxe Winter Market will offer an opportunity for guests to do their holiday shopping at more than 60 vendor booths featuring all local and handmade goods. Free admission and kids activities. For more information, visit deluxeok.net.
OSU FOOTBALL – BEDLAM GAME!

*When:* Saturday, November 28 (time TBD)  
*Where:* Boone Pickens Stadium

Don’t miss the Cowboys as they battle our in-state rivals – the University of Oklahoma Sooners!! No single-game tickets are sold for this game, but it will be broadcast on T.V. and on radio on Cowboy Sports Network (93.7 FM). Visit okstate.com to check on when the game is scheduled to play, buy tickets, to get more info, or to see schedules for other OSU sporting events.
FALL SEMESTER TEXTBOOK BUYBACKS

*When:* November 30, 2015 – December 11, 2015 from 8:00am – 5:00pm  
*Where:* Student Union Bookstore

Each semester the University Store’s goal is to buy back as many textbooks as possible, allowing students to turn their unwanted books into cash and enabling us to offer a large selection of used books the following semester, thus saving students money. Students can sell their textbooks back to the University Store regardless of where the textbook was originally purchased or whether it was in new or used condition. You can even sell you books online. Even if a textbook is not being used at OSU the following semester, the University Store buys back thousands of additional titles that are being used on other campuses nationwide.

**TIPS FOR GETTING THE MOST CASH FOR YOUR BOOKS:**

1. Sell your books back as early as you can. Buybacks are first-come, first-served and quantities may be limited.
2. Check with your professors to make sure they have turned in their book lists for the next semester.
3. Since we get new book lists from faculty members daily, it helps to keep checking in often if we couldn’t initially buy your book back.
4. If your textbook came as part of a package or bundle, make sure you bring everything in together when you come to sell it back.

For more information or to sell your books online, visit universitystore.okstate.edu.

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4TH ANNUAL FANFARE OF LIGHTS

*When:* December 1, 2015 (time TBD)  
*Where:* OSU Campus

Don’t miss the 4th Annual Fanfare of Lights! Grab your mittens and bundle up your family, because Oklahoma State University has big plans to spark the holiday spirit in Stillwater – turning on Christmas lights and decorations on the Campus, signing carols, photos with Santa, and more! The Fanfare of Lights is an evening of events designed not only for OSU students and employees, but also for families from Stillwater and surrounding areas.

For more information, contact Brandon Mitts at mitts@okstate.edu or 405-744-7332, or visit alliedarts.okstate.edu.
ANNUAL POINSETTIA SALE

When: Thursday, December 3 – Friday, December 4 from 7:30am – 5:00pm
Where: OSU Teaching Greenhouses (on Farm Rd., just south of the Colvin Center)

The Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Department is holding their Annual Poinsettia Sale! Poinsettias of various colors and sizes will be for sale starting at 7:30 am at the OSU Teaching Greenhouses on Thursday, December 3. The sale is scheduled through Friday, December 4 or until all the plants are sold out. The poinsettias are fully dressed with shiny gold foil around the pot. Prices and sizes below:

- Elfin Desk Size (4.5" pot) $5
- Deluxe Table Size (6" pot) $10
- Spectacular Specimen Size (8" pot) $40

Specialty potted plants will also be for sale, such as ornamental kale, ornamental peppers, cyclamen, and lavender.

Contact Bruce Dunn for more information – bruce.dunn@okstate.edu or 405-744-6462.
DOWNTOWN STILLWATER HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

When: Thursday, December 3 from 5:00pm – 9:00pm  
Where: Downtown Stillwater

Come out to downtown Stillwater for an evening of holiday celebrations! There will be food trucks, the holiday lighting debut, a Christmas parade and more!

Visit downtownstw.com for more information.

WESLEY FOUNDATION PARENTS’ DAY OUT

When: Saturday, December 5 from 9:00am – 1:00pm  
Where: Stillwater First United Methodist Church  
Address: 400 W 7th Ave.

The Wesley Foundation is holding their inaugural Parent’s Day Out! This half-day is designed to offer a reprieve for OSU international student families through free childcare provided by professional staff of the Stillwater FUMC and student volunteers of the OSU Wesley Foundation. Families must register their children in advance and will, most likely, need to provide their own transportation.

Questions? Contact Janina Graves at wesleyosu@gmail.com. If you’re interested in attending, please pre-register here.
UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

Humanitarian Affairs UK is looking for promising student leaders with a drive to learn and an open mind to attend the 7th University Scholars Leadership Symposium, held August 1 – August 7, 2016, in Hanoi, Vietnam.

The USL Symposium focuses on humanitarian issues and leadership abilities. This weeklong conference includes international world class speakers, an opportunity for personal and professional growth and a platform for delegates to network with other inspirational youth from over 60 countries. Delegates chosen to attend also can enjoy the Learning Journey- a day in the field where delegates reach out to local communities; this is a truly unique, heartening and unforgettable experience.

If this sounds like something you are interested in, please contact Ms. Christina Xu at christina.xu@humanitarianaffairs.org. For more information please see the official website at universityscholars.org.uk.