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OPT SESSIONS are set for this Spring 2015 Semester…….starting in 2 weeks

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VOLUNTEER PRESENTERS NEEDED

Are you interested in speaking to a local high school class about your home country and culture? We are looking for a couple of international students who are available to speak to a high school sociology class on Wednesday January 28th. The class is from 10:30am until 12pm. You will need to give an informal 15 minute presentation and then answer some questions about your country. This is a great chance to teach local Stillwater students about your country. If you are interested please send an email with your name and country to Trisha Chaparala Iyonsi at trisha.iyonsi@okstate.edu.

NEXT STEP for TAX SEASON

If you worked at OSU in 2014, 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. However, it’s too early. Some of you will 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 sometime in February. Please be patient. Also, remember that if you are a nonresident for tax purposes, you cannot use any of the other tax preparation software that is available for resident taxpayers.

Also, Linda Dunbar Garmy is looking for volunteers to help with her tax workshops. She requests that you have completed a tax return at least one time. She will have a training session for that. If you are interested, please contact her at linda.dunar@okstate.edu.
CAMPUS WIDE...OSU CAREER FAIR ON CAMPUS THURSDAY (1-29-2015)

OSU Career Services will host a “Campus Wide” career fair in the Gallagher Iba Arena on January 29th. It will be open to all students from all majors last from 12:30 until 4:30 p.m. Meet with the multiple companies that are sponsoring the event but be sure to research them first to a good fit for yourself. Also bring multiple resume’s and dress professionally.............no white athletic tube socks with Labron James face on them!

Enter to win a “Microsoft Surface pro 3”.

For more information about events go to www.hireosugrads.com.

WILL ROGERS ELEMENTARY TO HOST MULTICULTURE NIGHT IN FEBRUARY

Will Rogers Elementary School is planning a Multicultural Night on Thursday February 12th from 5:30pm to 7pm. They are currently looking for group performances to showcase cultures from around the world. If you and a group of your friends have a performance you are interested in sharing please contact Trisha Chaparala Iyonsi at trisha.iyonsi@okstate.edu. This is a great way to share your culture with local Stillwater children.

Scam Alert

Oklahoma State University Police have been notified by the FBI of two scams targeting university students and employees. Both warnings originate from the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center or iC3.

Scam Targeting University Students

College students across the United States have been targeted to participate in work-from-home scams. Students have been receiving e-mails to their school accounts recruiting them for payroll and/or human resource positions with fictitious companies. The “position” simply requires the student to provide his/her bank account number to receive a deposit and then transfer a portion of the funds to another bank account. Unbeknownst to the student, the other account is involved in the scam that the student has now helped perpetrate. The funds the student receives and is directed elsewhere have been stolen by cyber criminals. Participating in the scam is a crime and could lead to the student’s bank account being closed due to fraudulent activity or federal charges. For more information visit http://www.ic3.gov/media/2015/150113-1.aspx

University Employee Payroll Scam

University employees are receiving fraudulent e-mails indicating a change in their human resource status. The e-mail contains a link directing the employee to login to their human resources website to identify this change. The website provided appears very similar to the legitimate site in an effort to steal the employee’s credentials. Once the employee enters his/her login information, the scammer takes that information and signs into the employee’s official
human resources account to change the employee’s direct deposit information. This redirects the employee’s paycheck to the bank account of another individual involved in the scam. For more information visit http://www.ic3.gov/media/2015/150113-2.aspx.

According to the FBI, internet crime schemes steal millions of dollars each year. **If you feel you have been a victim of this crime or have information please go to** www.ic3.gov **to file a complaint or for additional information.**

**Internet Crime Prevention Tips**