CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!!

The International Students & Scholars Office would like to offer our sincere congratulations to all the students graduating this weekend! This university has been forever changed by your presence. We wish you the very best in your future, whether you are off to pursue your career, returning to your home country, or staying in the US for another degree. Keep in touch – we would love to hear how you’re doing!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

OSU commencement ceremonies tonight and tomorrow will be live streamed online at OState.TV. Veterinary graduates will receive their diplomas today at 1:00 pm, followed by masters and doctoral students at 7 p.m. Undergraduates will officially become graduates at three different ceremonies on Saturday starting at 9:30 a.m. U.S. Ambassador Joseph Westphal and U.S. Senator James Lankford are the commencement speakers Saturday.

COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE:

What: Center for Veterinary Health Sciences
When: Friday, May 8 at 1:00 pm
Where: Gallagher Iba Arena

What: Graduate College Commencement
When: Friday, May 8 at 7:00pm
Where: Gallagher Iba Arena

What: Undergraduate Commencement
When: Saturday, May 9
  First Undergraduate Ceremony, 9:30 am (Colleges of ED, A&S)
  Second Undergraduate Ceremony, 1:00 pm (Colleges of COHS, CEAT)
  Third Undergraduate Ceremony, 4:00 pm (Colleges of CASNR, SSB)
Where: Gallagher Iba Arena

COWBOY CRICKET CLUB

When: Saturday, May 9
Where: OSU playing field at 1723 W. Tyler Ave.

Cheer on the Cowboy Cricket Club as they battle the Wichita State University Gold!

For more information visit: http://www.tscl.us/main.php.
STILLYARTS – ART AND DANCE CLASSES

StillyArts is about exploring your creativity through arts and dance. They offer art and dance classes for all ages, AND a new Bollywood workout classes for adults!

For more information about classes, contact Neha Gupta at classes@stillyarts.com, call 405-547-0401, or visit their Facebook page.

WORK PERMIT RENEWALS

If you need to renew your work permit, you must be enrolled full-time in the next semester before you come to the ISS Office to complete the form!

- Students graduating in Summer 2015 must be enrolled full-time for Summer and your work permit will be renewed through the Summer semester.
- Students graduating in Fall 2015 must be enrolled full-time for Fall and your work permit will be renewed through the Fall semester.
- Students graduating any other time in the future must be enrolled full-time for Fall and your work permit will be renewed through the Spring 2016 semester.

Contact the ISS Office at 405-744-5459 or su-iss@okstate.edu with any questions.
FALL ENROLLMENT AND TRAVEL SIGNATURES

If you’re planning to travel outside of the country during summer, you must have a valid travel signature on I-20 or DS-2019. If you need a travel signature, enroll full-time for Fall courses and fill out the travel request (the form can be downloaded from the ISS website here).

Remember – you must enroll full-time for Fall courses BEFORE you can receive your travel signature. If Fall will be your last semester and you will not have full-time enrollment, stop by the ISS Office to speak with an advisor.

SEVER WEATHER INFORMATION

It’s springtime in Oklahoma and weather can change suddenly and be quite severe! May is Oklahoma’s rainiest month, and most severe thunderstorms and tornadoes happen during this time. To learn more about how to be safe in severe weather situations, visit the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association’s (NOAA) weather safety website. You can find a list of on-campus severe weather refuge locations on the Campus Safety website, as well as tips for staying safe. When storms move into the area, keep up by following the meteorologists on local T.V. stations from Oklahoma City and Tulsa. You can also stay informed with a weather radio, which only broadcasts weather reports.

Stay safe!
OSU BOTANIC GARDEN – CONCERT IN THE GARDEN

When: Friday, May 8 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Where: OSU Botanic Garden
Address: 3300 W. 6th Ave.

Bring a picnic, throw down a blanket and enjoy live music among the flowers with guitarist extraordinaire, Edgar Cruz! The guitar virtuoso and showman presents his blend of classical, Latin, pop and jazz. He has been named Oklahoma’s top performing artist and/or acoustic guitarist for over ten years by the Oklahoma Gazette. Cruz has toured USA, France, Italy, Mexico and Peru. Come relax in the great outdoors with friends and family!

The Edgar Cruz Concert has an alternate location, the Student Union Theater (aka The Little Theater) in case of rain out. A Facebook announcement will be made at 3:00 p.m. if the location changes to The Student Union Theater.

The next concerts in the series:
- Friday, May 15: Monica Taylor, Don Morris & Gene Williams, The Red Dirt Ramblers.

COWBOY BASEBALL

When: TONIGHT! – May 8 at 7:00pm; Saturday, May 9 at 3:00pm; Sunday, May 10 at 1:00pm
Where: Reynolds Stadium
Address: Duck St., between Hall of Fame Ave. and McElroy Rd.

Support the Cowboys as they play against the University of West Virginia Mountaineers in the final Big 12 Conference games! Tickets can be purchased at the game and cost $5. Visit okstate.com for more info or to see schedules for other OSU sporting events.
HEART OF COWBOY COUNTRY PRO RODEO

When: Saturday, May 8 and Sunday, May 9 starting at 7:30pm
Where: Payne Country Expo Center
Address: 4518 Expo Cir. East (East Highway 51/6th St. and Fairgrounds Rd.)
Admission: Advanced price: $12 Adults, $8 Children (12 and under) and Students
Gate Price: $15 Adults, $10 Children (12 and under) and Students

Come out to the Payne County Fairgrounds for the 2015 Heart of Cowboy Country Pro Rodeo! Featuring RFD TV American Rodeo announcer Justin McKee; 12-time PCA specialty act of the year The One Arm Bandit; and NFR comedy act Gizmo McCracken.

GAYLORD-PICKENS MUSEUM’S 8TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

When: Saturday, May 9 from 9:00am – 5:00pm
Where: Oklahoma Hall of Fame
Address: 1400 Classen Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73106
Admission: FREE!!

Come celebrate 8 years of telling Oklahoma's story through its people at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum! Festivities include free admission to the home of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, Super Juice and Saucee Sicilian food trucks, interactive crafts for families, Mona Lisa Face painting, and a moon bounce. There will also be a Free Community Yoga Class from 9 to 10 a.m. taught by Alexis of This Land Yoga on the front lawn. For more information, contact Amey Pierce at 405-235-4458 or visit their website.
COWGIRL TENNIS NCAA TOURNAMENT

When: Saturday, May 9 at 9:00am & 1:00pm, and Sunday, May 10 at 1:00pm  
Where: Greenwood Tennis Center (corner of McElroy Rd and Washington St.)  
Cost: $5 ($3 for students)

OSU women's tennis team will host its first on-campus NCAA regional this weekend at the Greenwood Tennis Center. This marks the Cowgirls' 17th NCAA appearance and the first time OSU has competed in the tournament four-straight years since the 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1991 seasons. The 12th-seeded Cowgirls (21-5) will take on Boston University in the first round. It's the first time in program history the teams will meet up. Should they advance, the Pokes will face the winner of the Arizona State and Arkansas match. Tickets for the event can be purchased at the OSU ticket office or at the gate. Additional information can be found on the hub page.

cowgirl softball

When: Sunday, May 10 at 12:00pm  
Where: Cowgirl Stadium (at the corner of Duck St. and McElroy Rd.)

Come cheer on the Cowgirls in their final game of the season against our in-state rivals – the University of Oklahoma Sooners! Tickets can be purchased at the game and cost $5. Visit okstate.com for more info.
46th ANNUAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUMMER GAMES

When: Wednesday, May 13 – Friday, May 15
Where: OSU Campus

For the 32nd year, the Oklahoma Special Olympics Summer Games will be held at OSU! Opening Ceremonies is scheduled for Wednesday evening at Gallagher Iba Arena. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with pre-show entertainment. The official Opening Ceremonies begin at 7:30 p.m. with the traditional Parade of Athletes. Opening Ceremonies is where special awards are given to the Athlete of the Year, Coach of the Year, Fankhauser Volunteer of the Year, Spirit Award, Family of the Year, and the Synar Award for Excellence. The Flame of Hope is carried into Opening Ceremonies by the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

For more information or to volunteer, visit the Special Olympics Oklahoma website.