Broadcast Message: Important Reminders about Students and OPT Reporting

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) asks designated school officials (DSOs) to ensure their F-1 international students know what steps to take if they encounter fraud while participating in optional practical training (OPT).

As a reminder, the purpose of OPT is to allow international students the opportunity to gain valuable experience in their program of study while in the United States. Therefore, it is imperative that international students comply with all U.S. laws and regulations while participating in OPT. Failure to do so may result in students being designated as out of status and subject to removal from the United States.

If an F-1 international student witnesses fraudulent activity by an OPT recruiter or company, the student should contact the ICE’s Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) tip line at 1-866-DHS-2ICE or www.ICE.gov/tips. Victims and witnesses of criminal activity may be eligible for immigration relief.

DSOs should highlight the following points with their F-1 international students:

- International students participating in OPT must understand and abide by OPT regulations to maintain their nonimmigrant status.

- International students who rely on recruitment agencies to obtain OPT placements should ensure those agencies are trustworthy and reputable. Reputable recruiters will not modify a student’s resume or academic background to secure OPT placement.

- International students who encounter fraudulent activity tied to OPT should contact the HSI tip line immediately and make a report.

For more information about OPT regulations, visit the Practical Training section of the ICE website or the Training Opportunities in the United States page on Study in the States.

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Fanfare of Lights

Enjoy an evening of celebration and entertainment as Oklahoma State officially ushers in the holiday season. Join OSU President and First Cowgirl Ann Hargis as they count down the lighting of the campus. The evening includes music featuring Pokeapella and OSU & Stillwater choirs as well as costumed characters, free refreshments, photos with Santa at the Student Union, crafts in the Student Union Atrium, promotions in the University Store and so much more. Free parking will be available in the Student Union parking garage.

**What:** Fanfare of Lights  
**When:** Monday, November 27  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Where:** Library Fountain
Murder Mystery Dinner

Student Union Activities Board wants to know who the killer is! Come enjoy a meal while actors provide you with clues to solve the Italian mafia murder mystery. This evening of fun will begin on Wednesday, November 29 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Space is limited to 150 seats.

**What:** Murder Mystery Dinner  
**When:** Wednesday, November 29  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Where:** Student Union Ballroom
Thanksgiving Dinner - Wesley Foundation at OSU

“The best way to spread Christmas cheer, is singing loud for all to hear.” Get in the holiday spirit with everybody’s favorite Will Ferrell character and cookie flavor.

**What:** Thanksgiving Dinner  
**When:** Thursday, November 30  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Where:** Student Union Starlight Terrace