

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

— *Newsletter* —



## Filing Taxes as an International Student or Scholar

[Click here](#) to be walked through filing both Federal and State taxes (A student discount code is included!)

**Please note:** If you did not work in the U.S. you are still required to file Form 8843. If you did work, you must also file the Form 1040NR. Even if you aren't presently in the U.S. but were last year- everyone must file taxes.

## VITA Tax Help Sessions On Campus:

**February 9, February 23, March 2, and March 23.** There will be one international-only session held on **Thursday, March 21, from 5:00-9:00pm**. If you have questions or want more information, please email Katie Ruane at [KatieRuane@creighton.edu](mailto:KatieRuane@creighton.edu)

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## OPT Application Reminder for Upcoming May 2019 Graduates

**Reminder to those graduating May 2019:** You are able to apply to Optional Practical Training (OPT) up to 90 days before your program end date (which would mean February 11, 2019).

If you wish to apply for the opportunity to work in the U.S. full-time for one year after graduation, now is the time to start preparing your application. Email [lucyhancock@creighton.edu](mailto:lucyhancock@creighton.edu) if you have questions about the process.

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### Last Weekend's Japan Night at Global Friends Get Together

Thanks to the students who attended the Global Friends Japanese night and sent these photos from last weekend!

Global Friends is a Christian non-profit dedicated to connecting international students all over Omaha. They host events every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night - transportation always departs at 5:45pm at Deglman Circle. No need to RSVP!



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### What's Happening In Omaha This Weekend?

**TONIGHT- Friday, February 1, 6:30pm**

#### **Midnight Movie Showing at Film Streams**

Film Streams' midnight programming expands in February for "Women in Horror Month." Tonight at midnight, watch "Revenge" for \$7.50. **Location:** 4952 Dodge St

**Saturday, February 2, 10pm-2am**

#### **Bollywood in Benson at The Waiting Room**

Jump into cultural celebration of the sounds from all over India with an evening full of Bollywood dance and music at Bollywood In Benson! *Free entry with student ID!*

**Location:** 6212 Maple Street



**Sunday, February 3, 12:00PM**

**Creighton Men Vs. Xavier - NCAA Men's Basketball Game**

Catch the action as Omaha's Creighton Bluejays take on the Xavier Musketeers in this Big East matchup at the CHI Health Center. Free admission with student ID!

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**Upcoming February 2019 Events:**

**Lunar New Year Event -Tuesday, February 5**

**From 5:30- 7:00pm - Lower St. John's (basement of the church!)**

To celebrate the Lunar New Year/Spring Festival This is a hot pot and potluck event, bring food to share a piece of your culture!

**Sign up here so we know who is bringing what!** \*\*We already have 10 different dishes confirmed ranging from homemade dumplings, to pizza! Come celebrate with us!



**[Join Us For the Annual Interfaith Prayer Service - Wednesday, February 6, at 3:30pm - St. John's Church](#)**

This year's theme is *Reconciliation: Healing, Justice, and Harmony*. This service will celebrate and represent many faith traditions from Apache, Sikh, Hindu, Christian, Islamic, Buddhist, and more. Please join us!

**[Spanish Speaking Practice- Coffee and Conversation](#)**

Come practice your Spanish-speaking skills with both native speakers and those who are just learning! The next session will be next **Friday, February 8, from 5-7pm** at Urban Abbey Coffee (1026 Jackson St) - email [lucyhancock@creighton.edu](mailto:lucyhancock@creighton.edu) if you need a ride there!

**[International Community Nights - Starting Friday, February 8](#)**

**Who:** Anyone and Everyone!

**What:** International Community Nights

**Where:** Lower St. John's (Basement of the church on campus)

**When:** On-going! Every Friday from 7:30-9:00pm until May 3, 2019

\*\*It will not be hosted on Good Friday, April 19.

**Why:** International community night is an opportunity to meet people from all over the world and build cross-cultural friendships. Come hangout with us, eat some good food, and meet new friends while playing games and trivia

**What to bring:** Feel free to bring a snack to share with everyone

**Contact:** Owen Wurst [owenwurst@creighton.edu](mailto:owenwurst@creighton.edu)

### **Communication Etiquette Workshop - Monday, February 11**

**From 4:30-5:30pm - Career Center Lobby (Harper 2015)**

Join EDGE Staff Raven Ortolan & Randi Bibbins-Clark for a Communication Etiquette Workshop. This is custom-made for international students navigating through U.S. verbiage, culture, and lingo in the classroom and with potential employers (\*However this is open to anyone!)

Learn how to use professional e-mail etiquette, and even explain your visa status to potential employers at this workshop. [RSVP here!](#)



### Valentine's Speed Friending Event - Friday, February 15

This Valentine's Day, bring your friends for a fun, social experience - Speed Friending! Whether you are looking to meet new people, network, or just spend Valentine's weekend in a new way...join us!

Attendees will enjoy snacks and some live jazz music during the event. Feel free to dress comfortably, but dressier attire is also welcomed! While hosted by ISA, as always, all students from every background are welcome. [RSVP now!](#)



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### [Invitation to Vietnamese Lunar New Year Celebration - Saturday, February 16](#)

Our friends at the Quoc An Buddhist Temple have invited us to celebrate the Vietnamese Lunar New Year - also known as "Tet." This is the 25th year that the Vietnamese refugees and immigrants in the Omaha area come together to celebrate their cultural heritage.

The event will be hosted at Metropolitan Community College, South Omaha Campus, Industrial Training Center, on Saturday, February 16 at 7:00pm. Please e-mail [lucyhancock@creighton.edu](mailto:lucyhancock@creighton.edu) if you plan to attend.

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### [English Language Practice - Every Tuesday from 4:00-5:00pm](#)

Come practice your English-speaking skills with both international and domestic students! This is hosted every **Tuesday from 4-5pm in Skutt 104 - The next session is Tuesday, February 5.** There are always snacks to eat and friends to be made.

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### [2018-2019 International Student Newsletter Archives](#)

Access all of the archived [International Student Newsletters](#) from 2018-2019, in case you missed one!

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