

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

— *Newsletter* —



## Interfaith Prayer Service Recap

On Wednesday, Campus Ministry hosted a beautiful interfaith prayer service with representatives from Islam, Zen Buddhism, Lutheran Christianity, Catholic Christianity, Apache, Hinduism and Sikhism faiths. The service showcased the richness and beauty of the diverse faiths on this campus.



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## Lunar New Year Celebration with ISA and VSA

On Tuesday, over 60 students celebrated the Lunar New Year together! Thanks to those who brought food and taught us how to make dumplings in the hot pot.



[New Indian Restaurant In Blackstone Offers Creighton Students A Deal!](#)



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**Spanish Speaking Practice Starts Tonight**

Ride share is available - email [mariamena-bohlke@creighton.edu](mailto:mariamena-bohlke@creighton.edu) if you are

interested.

Modern Languages and Literatures  
Spanish Program  
Spring Semester 2019



@ THE URBAN ABBEY

1026 Jackson St in the Old Market  
(paid parking across the street: Mon-Thu  
\$2/day; Fri-Sun \$1/hr.)

Come practice your  
**Spanish Speaking &  
Listening Skills** with  
native speakers, fellow  
students, and members  
of the community.  
Bring a friend!

RSVP (required):  
[MariaMena-Bohlke@creighton.edu](mailto:MariaMena-Bohlke@creighton.edu)

**UPDATED**

**Dates:**

- Friday,  
February 8  
5pm-7pm
- Friday,  
February 15  
5pm-7pm
- Thursday,  
February 21  
5pm-7pm
- Thursday,  
March 21  
5pm-7pm
- Thursday,  
March 28  
5pm-7pm
- Friday,  
April 12  
5pm-7pm
- Friday,  
April 26  
5pm-7pm

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**[What's Happening In Omaha This Weekend?](#)**

**TONIGHT- Friday, February 8 - 7:30-9:00pm**

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

**Who:** Anyone and Everyone!

**What:** Intersarsity & ISA International Community Night

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

**When:** On-going! Every Friday from 7:30-9:00pm

**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)

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**Saturday, February 9 - 10am - 12:00pm**

**CommuniTEA + Coffee at City Sprouts**

All are welcome at City Sprouts for this free event -- coffee, tea, and treats are provided along with great conversation with people from the community.



**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:**

***Monday, February 11 - Valentine's Day Sustainability Crafting***

This event is for students to gain more information about sustainable products and gifts that someone can give to their significant other to celebrate this day. We will be handing out young seedlings on this day to give students a sustainable gift that they can either keep or give away to promote sustainable gift giving.

**Date and Time:** Monday, February 11 from 3-6pm

**Location:** Skutt Stairs

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

**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!](#)

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

**Lower St. John's Church - 7:30-9:00pm**

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.

This event is hosted by ISA and Intervarsity [RSVP now!](#)



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**Refugee Simulation Experience**

The Schlegel Center for Service and Justice (SCSJ) is co-hosting their second refugee simulation with Lutheran Family Service of Nebraska, Inc. (LFS) "**Omaha Neighbors Share the Journey: A Refugee Simulation Through Stories**" on **Friday, March 22, 2019** to provide individuals with the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of what obstacles refugees are faced with as they flee war, poverty, and persecution. Five Omaha refugee neighbors from LFS will share their stories on different aspects of their journey of migrating to the United States. Note that this is an interactive simulation that requires active movement.

There will be seven shifts available (each 2 hours long) that will occur throughout the day to experience the simulation. Please only register for one shift to participate in.

All shifts are the same simulation; just at different times. The event will take place in the Harper Center. There are specific ticket types to register for, which can be found in the description of the Eventbrite registration links below. ***Please read through the description carefully prior to registering.***

**Participant Registration** can be found [here](#) or in the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/omaha-neighbors-share-the-journey-a-refugee-simulation-through-stories-registration-53152331053>

### **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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### OPT Application Reminder for Upcoming May 2019 Graduates

**Reminder to those graduating May 2019:** You are able to apply to Optional Practical Training (OPT) 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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### [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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### [2018-2019 International Student Newsletter Archives](#)

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

#### **Global Engagement Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday  
8:00am - 4:30pm

#### **Lucy Hancock's Walk-in Hours:**

Tuesday, 10:00am - Noon  
Wednesday, 1:00pm - 3:00pm