

# International Student & Scholar Services



international student and scholar updates

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## Office Hours

Monday  
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Friday

8:30AM—5:15 PM

## Walk-In Advisement Hours

Monday  
10am—12pm  
1:30pm—4pm

Tuesday  
1:30pm—4pm

Wednesday  
10am—12pm  
1:30am—4pm

Thursday  
1:30pm—4pm

Friday  
10am—12pm  
1:30am—4pm

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[www.gsu.edu/](http://www.gsu.edu/)

## NEW STAFF IN ISSS

International Services is delighted to welcome two new staff members to the office. Lenka Hadamova is the new ISAC Coordinator and Yun Lin is our new International Admissions Coordinator. Thank you for helping us warmly welcome our new team members and for your patience during the summer as we worked through the transitions.

## ISSS OPEN HOUSE



Stop by the ISSS office on Friday, August 29, for the ISSS Open House. Get to know the staff, play trivia, win prizes, and enjoy light refreshments from 10 am-2 pm. All GSU students and staff are invited!

## OPT WORKDAY

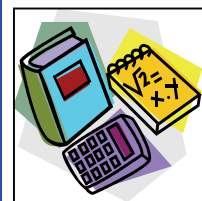
**Attention all students graduating in December 2008!** Come to OPT Workday on Tuesday, September 19, to prepare for your Optional Practical Training. We will hold employment workshops at 10 am and 2pm, with application preparation and advising also

available between 10am and 4pm. Remember that you are required to attend an employment workshop before you are eligible to apply for OPT or work off campus, so come to OPT workday!

## THANK YOU, V.I.S.A. LEADERS!

International Services would also like to thank the following students who served exceptionally as V.I.S.A. Leaders during fall orientation: Samphors Khieu, Anna Baranchuk, Yumin Liu, Cyrus Sakha, Evana Afreen, Shruti Poundarik, Lin Miao, Ave Kais, Moraima Guzman, Lawrence Williams, Tao Li, Lauritz Kouadio, Alex Butterfield, Frederic Zoro, Dhara Joshi, Harris Zhou, QianQian Wang, Samit Shrivastava, Areefen Chowdhury.

V.I.S.A. Leaders are needed for spring term 2008! Do you need leadership experience for your resume? Looking to make new friends and help out new international students at Georgia State? Then maybe being a VISA Leader is the experience for you! VISA Leaders are paid \$250, and go through a two-day FUN training course. If you are interested, please contact Lenka Hadamova or Morgan Darden in the ISSS.



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## STUDENT INSURANCE UPDATE



The deadline to apply for an insurance waiver with Pearce and Pearce is September 1st. If you have arrived in the US with insurance from your home country, you may apply at [www.studentinsurance.com](http://www.studentinsurance.com). All waivers must be submitted online to Pearce

and Pearce directly. For all other questions and concerns such as: insurance claims, printing a temporary identification card, and searching for a doctor within the Pearce and Pearce network, register at [www.studentinsurance.com](http://www.studentinsurance.com). Please keep in mind that your permanent insurance cards will be mailed out within 2 weeks of the beginning of classes.

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

The International Women's Club is a hospitality and friendship program hosted by FAN Atlanta (an organization dedicated to Friendship Among Nations). This is a wonderful chance for spouses of international students and scholars to interact in the community, make friends, and practice their English.

Upcoming activities include visiting the High Museum of Art, jewelry-making, and Open House on September 4th at 11:00 am. Meetings are twice a month. For more information, visit [www.fanatlanta.org](http://www.fanatlanta.org) or contact Adria at [adria@fanatlanta.org](mailto:adria@fanatlanta.org).

## KAISER PERMANENTE RUN/WALK

The Kaiser-Permanente Corporate Run/Walk will be on Thursday, September 25 at 7 pm! As in the past, participants may choose to warm up with their fellow Panthers in the lobby of the Student Recreation Center. Details will be provided to all who register. There is a discounted entry fee of \$20 for all who register with the Georgia State University team! The discount code is kp0607 and is case sensitive.

Go to [www.kpcorporaterunwalk.com](http://www.kpcorporaterunwalk.com) to register. Please note that there are absolutely no refunds for anyone who pays too much! We had 260 participants and over 30 volunteers in 2007. We want to see over 300 people wearing the team Georgia State t-shirt in 2008! For more information on volunteering or registration, email Debbie Rupp at [dbrupp@gsu.edu](mailto:dbrupp@gsu.edu).

## TUITION WAIVER APPLICATION DEADLINE

Apply by **Friday, November 7**, for an out-of-state tuition waiver from International Services for Spring 2009. Applications are available now from the front desk or on the ISSS website. Remember that these are given out

to students with severe economic need who are within two terms of graduation. For more information and the application form, call or come by the International Services office.

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