Dear Students:

We hope you are enjoying your classes and having a wonderful semester so far. The International Student Program (ISP) welcomed 25 new students from China, Colombia, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, South Korea, Taiwan, Togo, and Vietnam. We are honored that you’ve chosen to study at Chabot College. The ISP is excited to help you reach your academic goals and have an enjoyable experience while studying here.

We hope that you find this newsletter informative and enjoyable! The International Student Program always welcomes your feedback, questions, and story ideas.

International Student Program of Chabot College

ISP Open House & Lunar New Year

The Lunar New Year begins on the first new moon of the new year. For many Asian families around the world, the Lunar New Year is a celebration of change. In 2008, the Lunar New Year will start on February 7. According to the Asian Zodiac, 2008 is the Year of the Rat. What many people don’t know is the Lunar New Year day also marks the beginning of Solnal, the Korean New Year, Tết, the Vietnamese New Year, Tsagaan Sar, Mongolian Lunar New Year, and Losar is the Tibetan New Year.

So come to our Open House to see our great new office and join us for dim sum and jasmine tea!

Date: 02/07/2008 (Thursday)  
International Student Program Office  
Time: 12 – 1 P.M.  
Building 100, RM. 164
Reminders for All Students

• **Required to Enroll in 12 units** —
  Just a reminder that it is the students’ responsibility to be enrolled in and complete a **minimum of 12 units** every Fall and Spring Semester. You may not withdraw and drop below 12 units without advance permission from immigration, which is requested through Ms. Dolly. Summer attendance is optional.

If you have any questions or difficulties, please be sure to talk with Ms. Dolly or Maya at the International Student Program office, and our International Student Counselors Michael and Sadie. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter!

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**Reminders for All Students**

• **Last day** to Add or Drop NGR (No Grade of Record) **in person** —February 8

• **Last day** to Add or Drop NGR (No Grade of Record) **online** —February 10

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• **Mandatory things to do by February 8, 2008:**
  —**All Students**: Submit/or update proof of medical insurance coverage
  —**New Arrivals**: Submit copy of passport, visa, I-20 & I-94
  —**Transfer Students**: Pickup 2nd I-20 verifying transfer now completed
Reminders for All Students

- **Medical Insurance coverage** —
  The health and safety of international students at Chabot College is our primary concern. To succeed at Chabot College, it is essential that you comfort and care for yourself.

  All international students are required to obtain the health insurance while they are studying in Chabot College. If you have any questions regarding your health insurance, please contact the International Student Program office.

- **Campus Closed from February 14-18, 2008**
  — Remember that Feb. 14th is Flex Day for faculty and staff to attend workshops for professional development. (CAMPUS CLOSED for daytime courses starting before 4:00 PM only)

  — HOLIDAYs - Lincoln's Day (February 15 & 16) and Washington's Day (February 18)

- **Address Change** —
  We would like to remind all of our international students that they should check to make sure that Chabot College has their current local mailing address and phone number on our computer system.

  If you are a new international student at Chabot college this semester and if you applied for admission from your home country, it is likely that the college computer system still indicates your address from home country and phone number as your permanent, local contact information. Please update your current local U.S. address and phone by visiting the International Student Program Office within **10 days of your move**!
Happy New Year! May 2008 bring all of us much good fortune and success. I hope that all our international students are now settling in and are starting the semester off strong. A big welcome to our new students and a big welcome back to our continuing students! I hope included in your New Years resolution is to continue to maintain your good immigration status and good academic standing.

I am happy to return working after taking last semester off for maternity leave. My son is now almost 6 months and you can see pictures of him in my office and perhaps you can meet him at future international social gatherings.

I’m back in counseling this semester part time and available to assist all of you with academic, career, and personal counseling. Whether you are trying to figure out scheduling, need reminders about deadlines, feeling homesick, stressed out, confused, need an educational plan, transfer information, need to figure out your major, or whatever may be the situation, I am here for you and will do my best to advise and guide you along your personal journeys while here at Chabot.

I encourage you to come by and see me sometime during the semester, either to introduce yourself or to come back to check in. You can make appointments with me by going to the counseling front desk (building 100) and requesting to see me. Be sure to tell them you are an international student because my first priority is to serve you. My colleague and also an excellent resourceful counselor, Michael D’Aloisio is also here and we are excited to work together as a team. We hope that between both of us here to work with you that you will have more availability to see an international counselor and added support.

All the best,

Sadie Ashraf
Counselor/Instructor
Chabot News

Transfer Center—
Save the Date: Transfer Night Tuesday,
March 11, 2008 from 4pm to 7pm.

Transfer Night will be on March 11th from 4-7pm in Building 2300. Over 25 university representatives will be there to provide transfer information. This is a must attend event for all students interested in transferring. Mark your calendars!

Chabot College Library

• Chabot College Library new hours: http://www.chabotcollege.edu/Library/abby/Hours.html

• Check out the Library blog at: http://chabotlibrary.blogspot.com/ to learn more about what’s now on the Library’s lab computers, and about Searchpath, Chabot Library’s own tutorial on how to use the library and perform research!

International Student Club of Chabot College

• Spring 2008 First Meeting — February 21, 2008
  12 to 1pm at Room 2223 (Building 2200)

As a member of the International Club, you will have the opportunity to make new friends and learn about other cultures of the world on relaxed social setting. You will also participate in one of the largest productions hosted by Chabot College Club the annual International Night. We also will have the opportunity to go on field trips and tours around the San Francisco Bay area.

• Join Our Club!
Fun Places & Events

**Speakeasy Theaters**—a comfortable way to enjoy a meal and a movie, and not do the dishes!

The idea of combining a restaurant with a movie theater is not new. Since its opening in 1997, the **Parkway Speakeasy in Oakland** has enjoyed great local success and worldwide media attention. (The new location in **El Cerrito**, which opened in Fall of 2006, is the second!...

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**Chinese New Year Parade**

Over 100 units will participate in the Southwest Airlines Chinese New Year Parade. A San Francisco tradition since just after the Gold Rush, the parade continues to delight and entertain the many hundreds of thousands of people that come to watch it on the street or tune in to watch it on television on KTVU Fox 2 or KTSF Channel 26, 6:00-8:00 p.m. ...

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**45th Annual Battle of the Bands**

**Saturday, February 9, 2008** — Chabot College Performing Arts Center

For the past 44 years the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District has produced its annual Battle of the Bands contest. Over 30 bands will audition and the top 12 will be invited to take the stage at the Chabot College Auditorium before a crowd of over a thousand people...
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Happy January & February Birthdays

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Hin Yan Chan          HyeLim Lee        XiaoGuang Liu
ZhiHeng Ding          SangHyun Lee      Kentoku Matsunami
Masaharu Hasegawa     Hao Lin           Thien Nguyen
JongMin Hong          Yen Chun Lin      MinWoo Song
                        Hui Yang