Dear Students,

We hope you are enjoying your classes and having a wonderful semester so far. The Chabot College International Student Program invites you to join us in celebrating the Year of the Ox at 12 noon in the cafeteria balcony on Monday, February 9, 2009, and our famous annual tradition, International Night, will be held on March 19, 2009.

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
Welcome New International Students!

The International Student Program (ISP) welcomed 16 new students this semester from the following countries: French Polynesia/Tahiti, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Nepal, Philippines, Sweden, Taiwan, 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.

Notable Chabot Alumni

- **Cliff Burton** — Ex-Bassist of Metallica
- **Dolly Balangitao** — Chabot College International Student Program Coordinator
- **George Foreman** — World Heavyweight Boxing Champion
- **Tom Hanks** — Actor
Reminders for All Students

• Spring 2009 Important Dates

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• 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!

• Campus Closed

– Please note that Feb. 12th 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 13 & 14) and Washington's Day (February 16)
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.

- **Daylight Saving Time**
  
  This year’s Daylight Saving Time starts **Sunday, March 8.** U.S. Americans learn the saying “**Spring Ahead, Fall Back**” to help them remember daylight savings time. Remember to turn your clocks forward 1 hour when you go to bed on Saturday night, March 7.

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New Chabot Web Portal (Zone) & Email

- **THE ZONE** is a new path to get to these same services with a customized role for a student, faculty, or staff, so you only see the information that pertains to you.

  The ZONE has a HELP ZONE button that the student can click on to get instructions and watch a video @ [http://www.clpeccd.org/portal/](http://www.clpeccd.org/portal/)

- **Check Your Chabot Email Often!**
  
  Starting this semester Chabot College provides each student an email account to receive important messages from the College and instructors. The Chabot College International Student Program will also use this email as the main method to notify students.
Reminders for All Students

- Federal Tax Filing Requirements For F-1 Visa International Students!
  Attention all international (F-1 visa) students! Did you know that if you worked in the U.S. in 2007, you are required to file your income tax return BEFORE April 15, 2009. If you did not work in the U.S., you are still required to file INS Form 8843 BEFORE June 15, 2009!

  The International Student Program is not able to provide any assistance for tax filing. However, San Francisco State University will offer 3 tax seminars to explain the tax process for international students from other schools (includes packet of useful information and all necessary tax forms). Advance registration is not required for international students from other schools. Please contact San Francisco State University International Programs @ (415)338-1293 for details.

  Be sure to bring your W-2 forms, 1042s forms and form 1098 or 1099 with you to the workshop! San Francisco State University provides free shuttle service from/to the Daly City BART station.

Chabot News

- Transfer Center Workshop Schedule for Spring 2009
  —Transfer Night ~ Tuesday, March 21, 2009, 4-7pm
     ~Student Cafeteria
  —Transfer Ceremony ~ Wednesday, May 13, 2009~6-7:30pm
     ~ Student Cafeteria

  Check out more events and updates @ http://www.chabotcollege.edu/Counseling/TECS/TransferEvents.asp

If you are unable to attend a Tax Information Workshop, you can visit the self help tax website of the University of Texas at Austin International Office: http://www.utexas.edu/international/taxes/. The Site contains step-by-step instructions and examples of the required forms.
ISP News

Spring 2009 Transfers
Congratulations to all the students who transferred for the spring 2009 semester. Some of the to four-year universities students transferred to were:

- California State University, East Bay
- San Francisco State University
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- Shepherd University
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of San Francisco

International Club of Chabot College

Projected Activities for Spring 2009

- Lunar New Year Celebration
  ~ Monday, February 9 at 12 noon

- Club Day ~ February 10
  12 noon in the cafeteria

- 10th Annual International Night
  ~ Thursday, March 19 from 6-9pm
  If you would like to perform or you know of any talented performers, please feel free to contact Dolly or Maya.

Please come and join us during our meetings and tell us your ideas in person. We always welcome new faces!

International Club Meeting ~ Every Thursday from Noon to 1pm at Room 2223 (Building 2200, Upstairs)
Fun Places & Events

Gamelan Sekar Jaya

- **Balinese Dance Recital**
  Chapel of the Chimes, Oakland
  Saturday, February 7th - 2pm
  FREE!

- **Sekar Jaya’s Open House!**
  Saturday, February 28th  3 - 5pm
  FREE!

- **Chinese New Year Parade in San Francisco**
  ~ Saturday, February 7
  There will be a giant Chinese New Year parade in San Francisco starting at 5:15 pm. This parade in San Francisco's Chinatown is the largest celebration of its kind outside of Asia.

- **San Francisco Pillow Fight Club**
  Saturday February 14, 2009 from 6 - 9pm
  Justin Herman Plaza
  1 Market Street
  San Francisco

Rules:

1) Tell everyone you know about PILLOW FIGHT!!
2) Wait for the Ferry Building clock to strike 6:00pm
3) Don’t hit anyone without a pillow (unless they want it)
4) Don’t hit anyone with a camera
5) HAVE FUN!!!

Website: [http://www.pillowfight.info/](http://www.pillowfight.info/)
HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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Happy Birthday in French