Dear Students,

We hope you are enjoying your classes and having a wonderful semester so far. The International Student Program (ISP) welcomed 15 new students from China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Nepal, the Netherlands, Portugal 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

International Club of Chabot College

• Club Day~ 12 noon to 1pm
  Thursday, February 25

Please join us this Thursday to share club information tables, treats and live entertainment performed by all clubs at Chabot College.

• 11th Annual International Night
  Thursday, April 22 from 6-9pm

This year is the 11th annual International Night 2010 which will take place on Thursday April 22nd. We expect this year’s show to be bigger and better. We look forward to seeing you there!
Reminders for All Students

• **Required to Enroll in 12 units**
  It is students’ responsibility to maintain immigration status. Remember to check your record frequently! Please be advised that International students may NOT drop a class with a “W” unless you are still enrolled and attending 12 units. The U.S. Immigration Service does not recognize “W”s as part of your required 12 units to maintain full-time status. Please contact the ISP Office if you have any questions.

• **Payment of Fees for Spring 2010**
  Failure to pay fees on time results in an automatic “Admissions Hold” on your Chabot record and will prevent you from registering for classes, obtaining transcripts, and may affect your ability to transfer in a timely manner.
  
  You may pay your balance online on CLASS Web @ [http://banner-web.clpccd.cc.ca.us:700/](http://banner-web.clpccd.cc.ca.us:700/) or come to the ISP Office.

• **Daylight Saving Time**
  This year’s Daylight Saving Time starts **Sunday, March 14**. 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 13.

Chabot News

• **Transfer Center Workshop Schedule for Spring 2010**
  Check out more events and updates @ [http://www.chabotcollege.edu/Counseling/TECS/TransferEvents.asp](http://www.chabotcollege.edu/Counseling/TECS/TransferEvents.asp)

• **Chabot College Dental Hygiene Clinic**
  provides very Affordable and Low Cost oral health care and a variety of dental hygiene services. Please click HERE to read more information provided by Imelda, our international student enrolling in Dental Hygiene program.
ISP NEWS

• **ISP is Moving!**

   Please be advised that the International Student Program (ISP) will be moving starting the end of March from our current location to Community and Student Services Center (CSSC), which is between Building 500 and 800. Therefore, Dolly and Maya will be busy packing up our belongings and may not be available to meet with students, accept or process paperwork, respond to email messages or answer the phones.

   If you have an urgent need to see Dolly and Maya, need to request a travel signature on your I-20, would like to apply for OPT, pick-up or drop-off paperwork, etc. you can arrange to do so **before the end of the day on Friday, March 26 by 12 noon**.

   We appreciate your assistance and apologize in advance for any inconvenience it may cause. **We hope to see you all in our new office after you return from Spring break!**

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**International Student Scholarships!**

• **University of the Pacific**

   Ms. Kathleen Crisp, the Assistant Director of Admissions for International Students at University of the Pacific will provide an informational orientation at Chabot College Transfer Center on **Monday, March 22**. She will help you with any questions about transferring to Pacific, its programs, the admissions process and any other concerns including **$10,000** merit scholarships designated for international students.

   Ms. Crisp can be reached via email at kcrisp@pacific.edu or by phone at 209-946-2211.

• **Saint Mary's College**

   For transfer students:
   - Honors at Entrance Scholarship **$10,000**
   - 3.5 US equivalent GPA
   - 30 transferable credit units at time of admission
   - No additional application is required

• **University of California, Merced**

   Beginning in the Fall of 2010, the University of California, Merced will award international students with F-1 visas sponsored by UC Merced a **$5,000 per year** grant ($2,500 per semester) for the purpose of offsetting a portion of their UC tuition.
**TAX Help for International Students: San Francisco State VITA Program**

Did you work on campus in 2009 and have questions or need help with completing your U.S. federal income tax return?

San Francisco State has a "Volunteer Income Tax Assistance" (VITA) program consisting of SF State accounting students who have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service to assist international students and other non-residents with their U.S. federal tax questions and forms! They will be available starting Monday, February 8 until April 15 and have drop-in hours from Monday-Friday from 12:30-6pm and on Saturdays from 10am-1pm in the Science Building, Room 205. Please see below for more information.

If your 2009 household income is less than $49,000, you can get FREE tax help! IRS-certified tax preparers will help you get the refund you deserve!

**Location:**
San Francisco State University
1600 Holloway Avenue
Science Building, Room 205

**Drop In Hours**
February 8 - April 15
Monday - Friday 12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

San Francisco State University provides free shuttle service from/to the Daly City BART station.

**Please bring your:**
- Photo ID
- Social Security or ITIN card of all family members
- All W-2s, 1099s (1042s), and 1098T (if any)
- Bank Account & Routing if you prefer Direct Deposit
- Last Year's Tax Return
- Other Income/Expense Information:
- Total Tuition Fees & Expenses

Questions? Call: (415)338-1079
February 8 - April 15
Monday - Friday 12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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/](http://www.utexas.edu/international/taxes/).
The Site contains step-by-step instructions and examples of the required forms.
SFSU Undergraduate Admission requirements for Upper-Division Students (at least 60 semester / 90 quarter transferable units) are as follows:

- Finish the lower-division GE units and the four admission subjects (oral & written communication, critical thinking, math) with a minimum “C” or better grades by the end of the spring semester/quarter; some flexibility on a case by case basis, for example, completing admission subjects in the summer.
- GE Critical thinking course is not required for Engineering majors
- Minimum Required GPA: 2.4
- Minimum TOEFL score is iBT 61 or IELTS score is 6.0. This requirement is waived if at least 60/90 transferable units are completed and the four admission subjects with the required GPA or two semesters of written English composition with a grade of C or better.
- Undergraduate Tuition and fees:
  University fees: $2,370.00
  Tuition (12 units @ $372 per unit) $4,464.00
  Total: $6,834.00 for one semester
  Financial Statement needs to show cost of living and studying for one year: $32,918.00.
Fun Events & Places

- **Bay Area Derby Girls**
  Do you like the movie “Whip It”? If yes, you should check out the B.A.D Girls (Bay Area Derby Girls)!
  - Wikipedia: [Roller Derby](#)

- **Chinese New Year Parade**
  - Saturday, February 27, 2010 5:30 PM
  - San Francisco's Chinatown

- **2010 San Francisco St. Patrick’s Day Parade**
  - Saturday, March 13, 2010 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
  - Civic Center Plaza Park

Bay Area Yummy Eats

**Top Dogs ~ Berkeley**

**Vik's Chaat Corner ~ Berkeley**
  - Wikipedia: [Chaat](#)
**Contact Us**

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We are on the web!  
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**HAPPY FEBRUARY MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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Maligayang Kaarawan Sa Iyo!  
Happy Birthday in Pinoy (Philippines)

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