Dear Students,

It was great to see so many of you at our 5th Annual International Dinner and a Movie event! By now I hope you have at least looked at the Fall Semester 2008 schedule available online. Registration begins April 28. Be sure to register as early as possible as you have first choice right now. Newly accepted students will begin registering on May 15th so we strongly recommend you register before that date.

Did you know that May 1st is May Day in Hawaii and May Day is Lei Day in Hawaii so come join in the spirit of aloha. The International Club of Chabot College is hosting an end of the year picnic for the International Students of both Chabot College and the ELS Language Centers. You are cordially invited to join us.

We hope you find the information contained in this newsletter enjoyable and helpful. If you need further assistance, please feel free to stop by, email or call us.

International Student Program of Chabot College

International Student Program Office Summer Hours
Yes...Dolly and Maya will be in the office during summer. Please come visit us!

International Student Program Summer 2008 Office Hours
Mondays - Thursdays: 9am-5pm
Fridays: 9am-12pm
Reminders for All Students

• Transferring or Graduating?
Are you transferring or completing your studies at Chabot College this semester? Congratulations! It is very important that you notify the International Student Program Office of your plans to ensure that your SEVIS record is updated. Students planning on transferring to a university must also notify ISP and bring an acceptance letter to Ms. Dolly to insure your SEVIS record is transferred in a timely manner.

• Transfer Ceremony
May 14, 2008
6-7:30pm ~ Student Cafeteria
For more information and to RSVP, please contact the Transfer Center at (510)723-6720

• Planning A Trip during the Summer?
If you plan to travel outside the United States during the summer break, it is critical to keep in mind important immigration regulations.

• Travel signature on your I-20: You must have a valid travel signature (less than 6 months old) on the bottom of page 3 of your I-20 to re-enter the country.
• Valid Foreign Passport: Your passport must be valid for 6 months beyond your date of re-entry into the United States.
• Valid US Visa
• Your EAD card (if you are on Post-Completion Practical Training)
Please contact the International Student Program (ISP) if you have any questions.

• New Cell Phone Driving Law
Please take few minutes to read the following article regarding the new law in use of cell phone while driving effecting on July 1, 2008. The IPS would like to remind all our international students the importance of safety while studying in the United States.

Reminders for All Students

- **FACTS Deferred Payment Plan**
  Do you know that Chabot College offers a convenient budget plan to help you meet your educational expenses. It is easy to sign up online, paying your fees monthly and there is no interest charged for this service. Please check out the [Admissions and Records’ website](#) for more details.

## Important Dates

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### Summer Sessions 2008

- Six-Week Session, June 16 - July 24
- Eight-Week Session, June 16 - August 7

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Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley: Myths vs. Facts

We are always amazed to hear what applicants tell us they hear about Haas. Below are a few of the most common myths we’ve heard from students:

Myth: It’s easier to get into Haas if you transfer to another major at UC Berkeley and apply to Haas as a continuing UC Berkeley student.

Truth: It’s close to impossible to gain admission to Haas after transferring to another major at UC Berkeley. Transfer students who do this are not competitive applicants because they have taken the majority of their admission requirements at community college but are applying to Haas as a continuing Berkeley student. Please do not advise students who are interested in Haas to apply to another major at UC Berkeley and then apply to Haas.

Myth: Haas only reviews applications from students who’ve earned a 4.0.

Truth: Haas reviews applications from all eligible students regardless of GPA. Eligible students are those who show planned completion of all of our admission requirements by the end of the Spring term prior to starting at the Haas School.

Myth: In order to be a strong candidate, students must take both semesters of calculus.

Truth: We only require one semester or 2 quarters of calculus for admission. Students may take additional calculus courses to better prepare for upper division business courses but the additional courses are not required for admission.

Myth: Students must get an internship or join a business club prior to applying to Haas.

Truth: The admission committee is looking for leadership potential in extra-curricular activities and does not give internships or business clubs more weight in the review process. Students can demonstrate leadership potential by participating in a number of activities, including but not limited to on-campus clubs, volunteer experience, work experience, sports, church activities, etc.

Myth: Haas gives preference to Northern California Community College students.

Truth: Haas does not give any school special preference in the review process.

By Sadie Ashraf, Counselor/Instructor
Counselor’s Corner

- **Transfer Admission Agreements**

Transfer Admission Agreements are agreements between the student, Chabot College and specific universities that have agreed to guarantee admission to selected students that have met specific academic criteria and completed a contract with a Chabot counselor. International students are eligible to complete Transfer Admission Agreements with: UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz, UC Santa Barbara, UC Merced and UC Irvine. If you would like to complete a contract and have completed 30 semester units and have at least a 2.8 GPA then come see a counselor. The best time to do the contracts is in August, but you are welcome to come anytime in the year to gather information.

*By Sadie Ashraf, Counselor/Instructor*

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**Chabot News**

- **Emerging Work - Student Original plays**

Emerging Works is one of the distinguishing characteristics of the Theater Arts Department at Chabot College. It features 3 brand new student original plays, which begin next Tuesday night at 7:30 in the Little Theater and play every night until Saturday. That's April 29, 30, May 1, 2, 3. Tickets are $5 at the door.

Check out more events at the Chabot College Performing Arts Center...

- **The Hip Hop Project - Tuesday, May 6th**

Screening and discussion of this new award-winning film.

Students must RSVP to reserve a spot!

*Tuesday, May 6th*

*4:00 pm-7:00 pm*

*Location: Chabot College Library*

*Dinner Included*

International Students’ Space

- **International Student Ambassadors needed for overseas promotion during Summer**

Are you going home this summer seeing your friends and family? The International Student Program of Chabot College encourages our current international students to be actively involved in promoting your own experiences of studying at Chabot College to students at your home country.

International Student Ambassadors play an important role to prospective and admitted students in their country—providing guidance on what to expect and the campus culture, easing communications to help students get answers quickly to their questions, and addressing students concerns about moving to and living in the United States.

If you would like to know more about this volunteer position, please stop by the International Student Program Office to speak to Maya.

- **International student club**

The international student club of Chabot College (I3C) has been very busy this semester. They meet every Thursday at the Room 2223 at noon. They have gotten together several times to go to the Jelly Belly Factory, Outlets, and on April 3, the students hosted a “5th Annual International Film Festival Dinner and a Movie” event. We were very excited about hosting such an informative event at Chabot College. A special, special thanks to Fresh and Natural, for cooking the wonderful French food, and to the club members who participated in organizing: Bryce, Conway, Linda, Rodrigo, and Dayne, the International Student Club president. Thank you to all staff, faculty and students for joining the event!

A special thanks to Gary, who has been an international Student Club member for 3 years and has helped out on all our activities and events. We will MISS you!! Come visit us anytime!

- **Spring Fling—International Club Picnic**

An end of Spring semester festival is being planned for May 1 at the Rancho Arroyo Park starting at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to join and participate in the club’s activities.
Students of the Month –

- **Yuki Asari - Chabot Men's Tennis**
  Congratulations to our international student, **Yuki Asari from Japan**, who won the Men's Singles Championship at the Coast Conference!

  Read more news about Yuki:
  - Chabot tennis plays strong
  - Tennis cruises past Ohlone
  - Gladiator tennis smashes on

- **Yo Ahn Han – Student Artist**
  The Fourth Annual Chabot Student Art Exhibition features over a hundred works of art by seventy-five student artists, including our international student, **Yo Ahn Han from South Korea**. Come by and take a look at the impressive paintings, photographs, sculptures, ceramics, graphic designs, and other artforms created by Chabot's talented art students in the Chabot Art Gallery (Room 1002).

  The exhibit runs through May 14, and will be available for viewing Monday through Thursday from noon to 1:00 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m
Fun Places & Events

- **Watching Kitesurfing in Alameda ~ Maya’s Pick**

  Kitesurfing is a water sport that can be seen around beaches in San Francisco Bay Area. Alameda is a small island-city next to Oakland which has a long sandy beach perfect for walking, jogging, sun bathing, kitesurfing, and wind surfing. In late afternoons from April to late September many kitesurfers are riding their colorful kites with wind and waves.

  *WIND CAM Alameda Beach, CA - See windsurfing and kiteboarding live!*

  *Don’t forget to stop by Tucker’s Ice Cream on Park street!*

- **San Francisco Cinco de Mayo Festival ~ Sat 5/3/2008**
  10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. fee/admission: Free
  Dolores Park, 18th and Dolores streets
  San Francisco, CA 94103
  (Mission/Bernal Heights)
  A day of live music, dance, arts and crafts, children’s activities, mini-tennis camps, a tour of Mission Dolores, all in an alcohol-free environment. [www.sfcincodemayo.com](http://www.sfcincodemayo.com)

- **Oakland Cinco de Mayo Celebration ~ Sunday, May 4, 2008 - 10:00 AM**
  This is a traditional celebration that attracts an ethnically-diverse family-oriented audience. Last year's attendance exceeded over 90,000 and should prove to be as popular and attract even more participants this year! The Fruitvale district of Oakland will come alive with families, community members and people from all walks of life to celebrate Cinco de Mayo!
Happy May & June Birthdays

Rod Blanco Martinez      Rima Al-Zahrani
Hui Lam Cheung            Man Chun Chi
Jonathan Cotte           ZeYuan Jia
Yo Ahn Han               Sien Khanakah
Ching Man Ho             Diana Sanchez Ramirez
Anna Mari Limpingco      Vang Tran
Hsin-Heng Liu            Kyoko Uchida
Hoi Ng                   Seong Mi Youn

Tillykke med Fødselsdagen!

Birthday Tradition
Denmark - Flying Flags

A flag is flown outside a window to designate that someone who lives in that house is having a birthday. Presents are placed around the child's bed while they are sleeping so they will see them immediately upon awakening.