Dear Students,

As the Spring Semester 2009 ends, 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.

In addition, we would like to say goodbye to those students transferring to a four-year college or university. Please continue to keep in touch with us to let us know about your future accomplishments. We are very proud of all of you.

We wish you all a restful break and look forward to seeing you in August. Good luck with your finals.

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

• 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.
Reminders for All Students

• **Planning A Trip? Get a Travel Signature EARLY!**

If you plan to travel outside the United States during the summer break, please make sure that you come in to the ISP Office so that we can endorse your I-20 for your return to the U.S. and review your travel documents. If you are going to another country besides your home country of residence, be sure you know the travel requirements to enter that country. You may need a visitor’s visa. Please check the website of the country you are planning to visit for more information. You will need the following to reenter the U.S.

- A valid passport: (your passport must be valid for 6 months beyond the date of reentry to the U.S.)
- A valid US visa: (except under certain conditions for trips to Canada, Mexico or the adjacent islands come to the ISP Office for more information)
- Travel signature on your I-20: A current (less than 6 months old) Ms. Dolly’s signature on page 3 of your I-20
- EAD Card: (if you are on Post Completion OPT)

Please contact the International Student Program (ISP) if you have any questions.

• **Post Completion Optional Practical Training ( OPT) Update**

Students may apply for 12 months of OPT upon completion of each higher educational level. Please be advised the OPT petition must be received by immigration no later than 60 days after your final semester. To allow for mail delays, we recommend you file at least 30 days before the deadline. Please be advised immigration is allowed up to 90 days to process your request. Filing should be at least 90 days before you wish to begin employment. You are allowed to request a start date as soon as the day after the last day of instruction or no later than 60 days after the last day of instruction of your last semester.

Once you receive your EAD card, please bring it to ISP so that we can maintain a copy in your file. This will prove very useful to you in case the card is ever lost or misplaced. Remember: you cannot begin employment any earlier than the starting date on the EAD card.

Applications and detailed information are available at: [http://www.chabotcollege.edu/international/Forms/F-1OPTInstructions.pdf](http://www.chabotcollege.edu/international/Forms/F-1OPTInstructions.pdf)
Reminders for All Students

- **Payment of Fees Due ~ June 10, 2009**

If you have registered for Summer 2009 and Fall 2009 classes, fees must be paid by the scheduled payment due date on **June 10, 2009** or you will be dropped from your classes.

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 at [http://banner-web.clpccd.cc.ca.us:700/](http://banner-web.clpccd.cc.ca.us:700/)

If you have any questions regarding payment plan, please come to the International Student Program to speak to Dolly or Maya.

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Chabot News

- **Transfer Ceremony**
  
  *May 14, 2008*
  
  *6-7:30pm ~ Student Cafeteria*

If you are transferring to a 4-year college or university in Fall 2009, the T.E.C.S invite you and 2 guests to join us in celebrating your success. For more information and to RSVP, please contact the Transfer Center at (510)723-6720.

- **Chabot College/ASCC Book Awards Program Spring 2009** — up to $300 for each student application!

The Office of Student Life at Chabot College is offering book scholarships to students. We strongly encourage our international students to apply for this book scholarship to assist you with your education expenses. **Deadline is May 28th, 2009.** Please contact [Office of Student Life](#), Building 2300, Room 2355 for more information.
ISP News

• **Dolly’s Trip to China and Vietnam!**

The ISP coordinator, Ms. Dolly, has just returned to the US safely from overseas after participating in ELS U.S. Higher Education Fairs in China and Vietnam. She visited Shanghai, Hangzhou, Shenzhen, Guangzhou, and Ho Chi Minh City. We wanted to thank Dolly for meeting our potential international students and agents.

• **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.

• **Volunteers needed for Fall 2009 (August 11 & 12, 2009) New Students Orientation**

The International Student Program is looking for current Chabot College international students to serve as "International Orientation Volunteers" to help welcome the new international students arriving in August. Please contact us if you would like to sign up. We thank you in advance for your assistance!
**Counselor’s Corner**

**SEVIS Tips for Emergency Evacuations:**

1. **Remember to take important documents with you:**
   These include: passport, visa, SEVIS-issued I-20 or DS 2019, 1-94, Social Security Card, financial records, and plane tickets, checks and credit cards.

2. **Take any contact numbers or email addresses to keep in touch with your designated school officials (P/DSOs):**
   Check the school’s web site or designated school official (P/DSO) office to find out how they would like you to contact them if you are displaced.

3. **Take the SEVP contact information:**
   If you cannot get in touch with your designated school official (P/DSO), contact SEVP to let us know where you are and how we can reach you. Email to SEVP at SEVIS.source@dhs.gov, or call free from any phone: (800) 961-5294.

4. **If you decide to transfer to a different school:**
   Check the SEVP web site at [http://www.ice.gov/sevis](http://www.ice.gov/sevis) or call (800) 961-5294 to determine if your new school is on the list of certified schools.

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International Club of Chabot College

This semester the International Club of Chabot College (I3C) has successfully organized a series of activities. Both continuing and new students are able to acquaint with other fellow students. There is no doubt that having friends in a foreign country is always an excellent asset for international students while studying on campus and in students’ social life.

We are planning more activities for the Fall semester! Remember, your attendance is the power that keeps us motivated.

Photo Gallery of Spring 2009
Fun Places & Events

• 5th Annual Asian Heritage Street Celebration ~ Saturday, May 16

The Asian Heritage Street Celebration is held every year on the third Saturday in May in San Francisco, California.

• ING Bay To Breakers ~ Sunday, May 17

The Bay to Breakers footrace, held annually since 1912, is best known for colorful costumes and a celebratory community spirit. The San Francisco Marathon is an annual event that attracts more than 7,000 participants.

• Carnaval San Francisco 2009
  Sunday, May 24

Carnaval San Francisco was conceived over 30 years ago by a group of local musicians, artists and residents eager to bring the spirit of Latin American and Caribbean cultures to San Francisco.
Happy April/May Birthdays

Kar Long Chan
Hui Lam Cheung
Yu Fang
Samayya Hedstrom
Ching Man Ho
A Rom Kim
Bach Le
Jong Chun Lee

Anna Mari Limpingco
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