Dear Students,

The International Student Program (ISP) welcomed 33 new students from 16 countries including Benin, Brazil, China, Colombia, Fiji, France, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Netherlands, Philippines, Russia, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan and Vietnam.

On August 14th the new students attended the newly implemented day-long orientation. The ISP team received a very high rating from our new students who attended. Students also were warmly greeted by Dr. Celia Barbarena, who shared her personal experiences of being a former international student.

We are all happy to see our continuing students and believe that you are ready to study hard again this Fall semester!

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
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 Sadie or Michael. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter!

- **Payment of Fees Due**
  Fees are due before the first day of the Semester. For those students who have not yet paid their fees, it is very important that you do so as soon as possible. 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/)

- **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 take care for yourself.

  All international students are required to obtain off campus 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.

- **Attention Current International Students Who Have Returned from a Trip Abroad**
  Many continuing international students were fortunate to returning home during the summer vacation. If you obtained a new visa or passport while you were away or entered the United States using your new SEVIS I-20, please bring your documents with you when visiting the International Student Program office.
Reminders for All Students

- **Campus Closed—Tuesday, October 7**
Remember that October 7th is Flex Day for faculty and staff to attend workshops for professional development. (CAMPUS CLOSED for daytime courses starting before 4:00 PM only)

Fun Places & Events

- **The Communication Skills Lab** is an exciting project in the Learning Connection and has tutoring available in both PATH and WRAC starting this semester. Tutors will assist students with preparation, practice, and evaluating feedback for any speech/presentation for ANY CLASS. This is not just for Speech students. They will help students in all disciplines to become more confident, organized, and prepared for their presentations. Click the flyer to see the hours and other related information.

- **FLEET WEEK—OCTOBER 9-12TH, 2008 in San Francisco**
Visit [Ghirardelli Square](#) during Fleet Week for family entertainment and restaurants with amazing views of the [Blue Angels](#).

- **InternationalStudent.com Travel Video Contest**

  **Win the $3,000 Grand Prize**

  Enter the 2008 InternationalStudent.com Travel Video Contest for the chance to win the $3,000 Grand Prize or one of the great runner-up prizes!
Student of the Month – Dayne Nicholls

Interview with international student ~ by Man Chun Chi (Miusion)

Dayne Nicholls, one of the “most” senior international students in Chabot, is going to share his experience in America and how he overcame all the difficulties he faced so far. Dayne is from a small island called Trinidad. Trinidad is the southernmost island in the Caribbean and lies 7 miles off the northeastern coast of Venezuela. Dayne began his stay in America on Jan. 13 of 2004.

Being an optimistic person, Dayne has his own way to handle difficulties. “I simply dove in and tried almost everything American with an open mind. I surrounded myself with people who didn’t all share the same point of view, which allowed me to observe and experience new things. Once I started college I was able to meet even more new and interesting people and the time of my registration I was somewhat comfortable enough to just approach some of the on campus organizations and offer whatever experience I had to assist with their program for the year.” Dayne said.

Most of the students are just get in, get on and get gone. Especially for international students, most of us are not attending or even paying attention to our community. Dayne has a totally different view. Dayne became the president of the International club and the inter-club council chair in his first semester in Chabot.

“I’ve found that being a member of the ASCC and taking part in some of the other activities that I’ve taken part in has allowed me to appreciate the campus as a whole. It’s the moments when you realize that as a student you can actually have the ability to affect change in a positive way for your fellow students at a higher level that gives a true sense of fulfillment. In a lot of ways the extra-curricular aspect of my school life has assisted me, as an international student with my course work. Having very little knowledge of America I was able to pull from those experiences useful information that got me through many class projects.” Dayne said.

Experiences are gold. As a senior international student, Dayne shares his experience at Chabot to every one of us. He reminds all of us to embrace all that is around you. “Do not let a fear of losing yourself restrict you from trying new things and learning about new cultures. As a senior international student at Chabot you have the opportunity to learn about many different cultures, and there is absolutely nothing to fear here. Get involved on campus it will help you to discover and explore your hidden abilities.”
International Student Club of Chabot College

• **3rd Bi-Annual Picnic**
  
  *Tuesday, September 16  11:30am~1pm*
  
  The International Club of Chabot College is hosting the **3rd Bi-Annual Picnic** for the International Students of both Chabot College and the ELS Language Centers. You are cordially invited to join us.

  [Click Here to check out the Photo Gallery from our previous picnics!](#)

• **6th Annual International Film Festival**
  
  Do you have great ideas or strong opinions about what film we should be bringing to our 6th International Film Festival 2008? Don't keep your thoughts to yourself, [send us an email](#) and let us know about any films that we should look into. Please exclude movies from France, India, Thailand, and Rwanda because we have shown them in the past.

• **Projected Local Trips for Fall 2008**
  
  * Great America ~ Sunday, 9/28
  * Mini Golf ~ Friday, 10/10

  [Sign up today at the ISP Office!](#)

  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 522](#) (Building 500, Downstairs).
Quick Tips to Survive in Chabot ~ by Man Chun Chi (Miuson)

Being an international student in Chabot, you have to get smart and get good use of all the excellent support and facilities we have on campus. Here are five tips that I think would help new students to get more involved with the Chabot Community. I am not saying that I have discovered the success secret to the life stream of bountiful pleasure at Chabot, but I wish these tips will help you on your road to post community college pressure and freedom.

• **Job seeking:**
  Many students are looking for jobs. It is not easy to get a job while the semester is started. To get a job, what you need to have is strength heart. Opportunities are always there. Please do not fear to ask the departments to see whether they are hiring students. (Library, Cafeteria, Financial Aid Office, etc.)

• **The Spectator:**
  To get closer to the campus, one of the easiest ways is to read the school newspaper – The Spectator. The Spectator is published weekly and they have got all the useful information.

• **The Book Store:**
  For some reason, the book stores do not only sell books, they also sell stationary, snacks and souvenirs of Chabot. Those snacks are actually cheaper than the Cafeteria. (even if it might only be the difference of a few pennies.)

• **Food Cart:** (located outside the Buld. 1700)
  Students can get high quality cheap food from the Food Cart. Some people might have difficulties with what is good and how to order. It is easy! Just simply talk to the lady in the cart and order what you want. Within three to five minutes, you can enjoy your fresh made meal. I strongly recommend people should try their Breakfast Burrito and the Chicken Teriyaki Bowl.

• **Tutorial Program:** (Room 2351, Building 2300)
  Get your personal tutor right now! It is free and you can raise up every question that you have faced during classes. Few easy steps to sign up and you can make an appointment with the peer tutors. They give support to students having difficulties with their studies.
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Happy September & October Birthdays

Birthday Tradition
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