Dear Students,

We know you are all busy studying for midterm exams. Did you know the International Club has organized many fun events to balance out the stress of midterms? Also participation and membership looks good on a U.C. application.

Registration for Spring Semester 2009 begins in a few weeks. Hopefully, you all have scheduled an appointment to see Ms. Sadie Ashraf to update your Student Educational Plan and so you know exactly which courses to register for. Please do not wait and register late, as the courses you want at the time you want may be full by then.

Ms. Dolly will be out of the office attending an immigration conference October 27-30 but Ms. Maya will be available.

We both look forward to seeing you on November 10th at the International Dinner and a Movie event where the country of Netherlands will be highlighted.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter.

International Student Program of Chabot College
Reminders for All Students

Campus Closed
- Friday, November 13 (Veterans Day)
- Wednesday November 25~27 (Thanksgiving)

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/

Got “Holds”? 
Spring Semester 2010 Registration begins on Nov 11th by priority number.
The Chabot College International Program would like to remind you to check your records to see whether you have a “Hold” placed on your class registration or not if you plan to enroll in any courses for the Spring 2010 Semester.


Calling All Potential Graduates
If you believe that you are ready to graduate soon, please schedule an appointment with Ms. Sadie in the Counseling Office and come to the ISP office to complete a “Petition for Graduation” Form. It is very important to notify the ISP office of your plans. Students planning on transferring to a university must notify ISP to insure your SEVIS record is transferred in a timely manner.

Required to Enroll in 12 units
The Deadline to Withdraw (November 6) is approaching. 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. Before dropping a class, please come to the ISP Office to avoid falling out of status.
International Student Scholarships!

Ms. Kathleen Crisp, the Assistant Director of Admissions for International Students at University of the Pacific will participate in the Chabot College Transfer Fair on Monday, Oct. 26. She will help you with any questions about transferring to Pacific, its programs, the admissions process and any other concerns. With more than 80 undergraduate majors and 11 schools and colleges, Pacific presents numerous opportunities for any international student. Some of these opportunities include:

- $10,000 merit scholarships designated for international students: [http://web.pacific.edu/x25943.xml](http://web.pacific.edu/x25943.xml)
- Small class size (average: 20 students per classroom)
- Student-to-faculty ratio: 14:1
- One of the nation’s top 50 “Great Schools at Great Prices” according to US News and World Report
- Preview Days for prospective students (Oct. 3 and 24)
- Internships, study abroad, community involvement and volunteer programs

Ms. Crisp can be reached via email at [kcrisp@pacific.edu](mailto:kcrisp@pacific.edu) or by phone at 209-946-2211.

2011 Diversity Immigrant Visa Program

The annual program, commonly known as the “green card lottery” provides 50,000 permanent resident visas available to persons from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States. This application is free and applicants are chosen by a computer-generated random lottery drawing. Entries for the Diversity Visa Lottery (DV-2011) must be submitted electronically between Friday, October 2, 2009 and Monday, November 30, 2009.

For DV-2011, natives of the following countries are not eligible because they sent a total of more than 50,000 immigrants to the U.S. in the previous 5 years: Brazil, Canada, China (mainland-born), Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Peru, Poland, South Korea, United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland) and its dependent territories and Vietnam. Persons born in Hong Kong, SAR, Macau SAR, and Taiwan are eligible.

Apply at [http://www.dvlottery.state.gov](http://www.dvlottery.state.gov) during the registration period. Come to the ISP Office if you have any questions on this program or about how to apply.

Important Note

No fee is charged for the electronic lottery entry in the annual Diversity Visa (DV) program. Any intermediaries or others who offer assistance to prepare DV entries do so without the authority or consent of the U.S. Government. Beware of these scams as they charge fees but do not help your chance of obtaining a DV.

Apply ONLY at: [www.dvlottery.state.gov](http://www.dvlottery.state.gov) during the registration period.

Must Read Link: [Department of State Warns of Impostor or Fraudulent Websites](http://www.travel.state.gov)
Daylight Saving Time

This year’s Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 1. U.S. Americans learn the saying “Spring Ahead, Fall Back” to help them remember daylight savings time. Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour when you go to bed on Saturday night, October 31.

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✓ All Fall 2009 Transfer Events

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7th Annual International Dinner and a Movie ~ Tuesday, November 10, 2009

Dinner: 6:00 PM-6:45 PM Building 1000 Lobby
Movie: 7:00 PM-8:45 PM Building 1200, Room 1232

Dinner Fee: $5.00 Students; $10 General
(Pay at the Door/Cash or Check only)

Hosted by the Chabot College International Club
Sponsored by the ASCC

In recognition of International Education Week http://iew.state.gov, each year the Chabot College International Club members select one country and share its culture with the college community. This year they have selected The Netherlands (AKA: Holland). Please join them for a viewing of the Dutch movie, SIMON, preceded by authentic Dutch cuisine. Come and meet our students from The Netherlands. They have been experiencing as much of America as they can and are excited to exchange and share their culture. Although the film may not be appropriate for children; the dinner is family friendly. We hope to see you there!

Movie: SIMON
Country: The Netherlands
Language: Dutch
Subtitles: English
MPAA Rating: NR (Profanity, Adult Situations, Adult Humor, Sexual Situations)
Genre: Comedy/Drama
Length: 102 minutes

Official Dutch entry for the Foreign Language Film Oscar at the 2005 Academy Awards.

Projected Local Trips for Fall 2009
Sign up today at the ISP Office!

| Nov 7   | Mini Golf in Great Mall |
| Nov 14  | A Christmas Carol       |
| Nov 21  | Ice Skating             |
| Nov 28  | Shopping/Holiday Dinner in SF |

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)
Happy Halloween Chabot!

**Chabot College Student Halloween Party**  
**Thursday, October 29th**  
12pm to 1pm in the cafeteria

The Chabot College Student Halloween Party will be next Thursday, October 29th from 12pm to 1pm in the cafeteria at Chabot College. The Associated Students of Chabot College (ASCC) will be giving out prizes for the best costumes, so dress to impress!

**Halloween and Pumpkins**

Originally a Pagan festival of the Celts in Ireland and the United Kingdom, the tradition of Halloween was brought to the United States by Irish and Scottish immigrants in the 1800s.

Christians celebrate November 1st as All Saint’s Day, and therefore, the night before, “All Hallows Eve” later shortened to Halloween, was believed to be the time of year that spirits made contact with the physical world and a time when magic was most potent. On Halloween, people carve pumpkins into “jack o’ lanterns”, dress up in funny or scary costumes, have bonfires, watch horror movies, visit haunted houses and at night, children decorated in costumes walk to their neighbor’s doors and say “trick or treat” and receive candy.

**Top 5 pumpkin patches in the Bay Area:**

**Halloween Event Map**
http://www.hauntedbay.com/eventmap3.shtml
http://www.hauntedbay.com/

**A day in the pumpkin patch**
http://www.insidebayarea.com/bay-area-living/ci_13545698
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<td>Want To Be Part Of A World Record Version Of Hendrix's Purple Haze?</td>
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Happy October Birthdays

We are on the web!
www.chabotcollege.edu/international/newsletter

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Yan Zhang

Happy Birthday in Turkish