



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CENTER NEWSLETTER



The monthly newsletter for and about UM-Flint International Students published by the University of Michigan-Flint International Student Center, 515 Stevens St., Flint, MI 48502-1719 (810) 767-6449

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## International Student Center Opens!!!

On January 11, 2005, the University of Michigan-Flint International Student Center officially opened. Previously, services provided to international students were coordinated through the International Student Program office located in Admissions.

The ISC is now located in the International Institute, 515 Stevens St., across the street from the Murchie Science Building parking lot. It is easy to find. The building is noticeable because of the beautiful array of flags representing many countries around the world flying proudly to greet visitors to the Institute.

We now have a spacious office and a wonderful student lounge where international students and others may come to study, have meetings, or just relax. International students from surrounding colleges and high schools are encouraged to utilize the student lounge. The room has been furnished by donated items from recent UM-Flint grads and others.

Susan Taylor, Coordinator of the International Student Center, is very excited about the new office and the broad focus of services and workshops that will now be coordinated by the ISC staff. "All of our UM-Flint students will benefit from the International Student Center. We are gearing up for the 2005-06 school year and are now able to respond to the needs of our increasing number of international students."

Karen Gauss is the new International Student Admissions Counselor in the Office of Admissions. Karen will work to recruit and admit new international students com-

ing to UM-Flint from around the world. Both Karen and Susan work together in the recruitment process and after their arrival, students are cared for by the ISC staff.

Graduate students Patriece Campbell and Krysten Howard are also working at the International Student Center. "The ISC is so very lucky to have these amazing young women working as Program Assistants. Their knowledge of and passion for International Education will soon be realized by the entire campus," says Taylor.



**"I just arrived at UM-Flint last week to begin my studies, the International Student Center feels like home."**

*-Salim Affandi, Indonesia*

### Summer Notes From Susan Taylor

Many F-1 visa holders will be traveling outside the United States for the summer months to visit family and friends. Remember to visit the ISC to have your I-20 signed for re-entry. The travel permission signature should be less than six months old. It is advisable to register for your Fall 2005 classes and travel with a confirmation that you are registered. Remember, you must be registered for a minimum of twelve credit hours to remain in status. Classes begin on August 31st so plan your trip accordingly.

### The International Student Organization

The ISO will be having activities during the Spring and Summer months. Students will participate in the May 14<sup>th</sup> Downtown Cleanup and Cookout, an overnight field trip to Mackinaw Island, a day trip to Cedar Point, and a bowling get-together.

International Student Organization will hold their annual election of officers. The positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian, and Web Master. We encourage everyone to either nominate yourself or someone else by sending an e-mail to Patriece (patriecc@umflint.edu) or Krysten (krystenh@umflint.edu). Elections are held at the International Student Center.

## Six International Students Graduate in May 2005!

In December 2004, eight international students received their diplomas making this the largest number of international students to graduate from UM-Flint.

On May 1, 2005, six additional students participated in Commencement. Many of these students returned to their home country while others remained in the United States to do their Optional Practical Training one-year work experience. Our recent graduates are:

### December 2004

Joseph Lin, Taiwan  
Chris Evans, Jamaica  
Tim Young, Canada  
Ernesto Guzman, Peru  
Ling Hung, Hong Kong  
Anang Chokshi, Canada  
Patriece Campbell, Jamaica  
Musu-Kebba Ceesay, Gambia

### May 2005

Shannon Wentworth, Canada  
Kurt Hall, Jamaica  
Bassam Al-Saddi, Lebanon  
Tamara Eder, South Africa  
Oawis Idris, Canada  
Rahat Zaidi, Pakistan

### International Student Center Offers Student I.D. Cards!

Going on a study abroad trip? Pick up your International Student Identification Card at the ISC. Please bring a passport size picture. The cost is \$22, with cash or a check made payable to the University of Michigan-Flint.

*Congrats Grads!  
We are very proud of you!*



*December 2004 International Student Graduates proudly wear their country's colors.*

## International Student Center Cookbook!

Do you enjoy trying new recipes or have a recipe from your country that you love? If so, the International Student Center is developing a cookbook that will include recipes from around the world. The cookbook will contain entrees, side dishes, desserts, and more. If you would like to submit a recipe, please include the name of the dish, ingredients, preparation information, and a special note about the importance of this dish in your culture or family tradition. The more recipes we receive, the better our cookbook will be to share with others on campus and in the community. Please drop off your recipe to the ISC or send an e-mail to Patriece at [patriecc@umflint.edu](mailto:patriecc@umflint.edu) before June 15, 2005.

## Special Events!

**Downtown Flint Clean-Up Day-** Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 A.M. -12:00 P.M. , volunteers will clean up the grounds of the International Institute, 515 Stevens St. At 12:00, we will have a big cookout in the gazebo for all volunteers. Rakes, shovels, and other equipment will be provided by UM-Flint Facilities Department. Gloves will also be provided. Please e-mail or call if you can help out with this community project.

**Mackinaw Island Trip-** An overnight historical and cultural trip to northern Michigan's Mackinaw Island is planned for the weekend of May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Students will stay at a hotel on the beach, ride the ferry to the island, tour the historical fort, and visit a local attraction. There are 25 spots available and the cost for this trip is \$15 per person. This fee will include overnight accommodation, one meal, ferry ride ticket, and admission to a local attraction. Please bring your own spending money for anything additional you wish to buy. The deadline to sign up for this trip is May 11<sup>th</sup>. You can pay your \$15 fee with a check or cash. Please call the ISC at (810) 767-6449 for more details.