

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 14, 2020

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

2020 STEM CAREER

Thursday, February 20, 2020 1PM – 4PM Beckerman <u>Recreation Center</u>

Graduate and Undergraduate Students! Internships, Part/Full-Time Opportunities Available!

Scan the QR code to see what companies are attending!



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STEM CAREER EXPO AND F-1 EMPLOYMENT REMINDERS

On Thursday, February 20, the Career Development Center will host a STEM Career Expo Fair with many employers. We hope you attend and make some great connections. We want also remind you of the regulations about employment as F-1 students in advance of the career expo:

- F-1 students may have **on-campus employment** of less than 20 hours per week during the semester. It may be full-time during summer or school breaks.
- Any off-campus employment (even if unpaid) without prior authorization in SEVIS is a violation of F-1 status. It will lead to the termination of the SEVIS record and will have negative consequences on future employment eligibility.
- **Curricular Practical Training (CPT)** is used for internships/employment integral to the student's academic program. Students are only eligible for CPT when enrolled in an internship course in their degree program and receiving academic credit.
- **Optional Practical Training (OPT)** (after completion of study) is 12-months of full-time work authorization granted by the USCIS.
- ALWAYS consult with ISO before accepting or beginning any employment.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Saint Valentine's Day, also known as Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is a holiday celebrated on February 14 each year in many countries around the world. It is not a public holiday in most countries and over history it evolved into a holiday in which people express their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines").

Finding yourself unattached on Valentine's Day? Not to worry, gaining popularity in the US as a trend in recent years is women celebrating friendships on Valentine's Day that has been colloquially dubbed as "Galentine's Day." The normalization of this tradition allows for just about anyone in any romantic status to celebrate this fun, full-hearted day.



CT STATE ID AND DRIVER'S LICENSES

On February 5th, the ISO presented an information session about CT State IDs and Driver's Licenses. The session included information about the application process, what documents are required, and what to expect at the DMV. All of the information shared in the session can be found on the ISO's MyCharger page in the section for "<u>Social Security and Driver's Licenses</u>"

The Global Student leaders will be leading a group trip to the Hamden DMV on Saturday, February 29th. If you have all documents ready and would like to attend with the group, please email Namratha at nraya1@unh.newhaven.edu for more details.



International Services Office, 19 Ruden St. Lower Level

UPCOMING EVENTS

JOB & INTERNSHIP SEARCHING

Hosted by the CDC Tuesday, February 18 11:00 AM BSAC Conference Room

LOCKHEED MARTIN DAY Wednesday, February 19 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM Beckerman Recreation Center

STEM CAREER FAIR Hosted by the CDC Thursday, February 20 1:00-4:00 PM Beckerman Recreation Center

INTERNATIONAL FASHION NIGHT

Hosted by the Global Student Leaders. Wear your favorite cultural clothing and bring snacks from your culture to share! Saturday, February 22 6:00-10:00 PM Alumni Lounge

GROUP TRIP TO THE DMV

Global Student Leaders will be leading a group trip to the Hamden DMV for students ready with documents to apply for the State ID or Driver's License! Saturday, February 29th For more details and to sign up, email Namratha at nraya1@unh.newhaven.edu



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SPRING 2020 POST-COMPLETION OPT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Students graduating in May are eligible to apply for OPT beginning on March 2, 2020. Any student planning to apply for OPT must attend one of the following OPT Info Sessions or complete all modules and quizzes in the "OPT Online Preparation Course" on Blackboard prior to submitting the OPT Request Form.

- Monday, February 24th
 - 11:00 AM-12:00 PM in Alumni Lounge
- Friday, February 28th
 - 1:00-2:00 PM in Moulton Lounge
- Wednesday, March 11th
 - 2:00-3:00 PM in Moulton Lounge
- Thursday, April 9th
 - 3:00-4:00 PM in Moulton Lounge University of

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F-1 students graduating in May that are planning to stay in the U.S. after graduation to work must apply for Post-Completion OPT. Please note the following OPT Information Sessions that will be offered in the Spring semester. Students applying for OPT become eligible to apply on March 2, 2020 and we recommend students apply early. **ALL students applying for OPT must attend an information session or complete all modules and quizzes for the OPT Online Preparation Course PRIOR to submitting the OPT Request Forms.** If you have not completed this requirement, your form will not be processed.

The ISO will BEGIN accepting OPT Request Forms for students graduating in May that have completed the Blackboard course or attended an Information Session on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH. You may not submit an OPT Request Form prior to February 24.

GLOBAL STUDENT LEADERS GAME NIGHT

On Friday, February 7th, the Global Student Leaders hosted a Game Night in the Beckerman Recreation Center. They had great fun playing badminton and getting to know each other. Stay tuned for more events coming this semester and be sure to follow the ISO on social media for announcements and updates on more fun events this semester.





Save the Date for I-Fest 2020! March 28, 2020

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