

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEWSLETTER

January 24, 2020

SAVE THE DATE FOR
UPCOMING CULTURAL
EVENTS THIS SEMESTER!

THE INTERNATIONAL SERVICES OFFICE INVITES YOU

Cultural Events SPRING 2020

Chinese New Year Festival

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020

4:00- 6:00 P.M.

BUCKNALL THEATER

HOSTED BY THE CHINESE STUDENT & SCHOLAR ASSOCIATION

World Hijab Day

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020

6:30-8:30 P.M.

ALUMNI LOUNGE

International Festival

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

4:00-8:00 P.M.

ALUMNI LOUNGE



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REMINDERS FOR NEW STUDENTS

- All new F-1 and J-1 students must complete all modules and quizzes on the **Spring 2020 International Student Orientation course** on Blackboard by the add/drop deadline on January 29th.
- All new F-1 and J-1 students must check in with the ISO at 19 Ruden St., Lower Level. The entrance is on the driveway. You must bring your **passport, I-20/DS-2019, visa and I-94 record**. You will be asked to fill out a form that also asks for your **local address, local phone number, and emergency contact**. Please submit everything to the ISO as soon as possible to avoid having a hold on your account.
- Make sure you are **registered full-time (at least 12 credits for UG students and 9 credits for graduate students)** this Spring, so you don't fall out of status.
- Check out the **Global Student Leaders' walk in hours** on page 6 of the newsletter for opportunities to ask questions and meet current students.

University of New Haven Students Celebrated Chinese New Year at the Chinese Consulate General in New York



Traditionally, the Chinese New Year which is also known as the Lunar New Year or the Chinese Spring Festival is held on the lunar new year's eve and for the following 7 days of the lunar new year. In 2020, according to the lunar calendar the Chinese New Year's Eve falls on January 25th. Considering that the Chinese New Year is during the first week of new semester, the Chinese Consulate General in New York invited students from New York and Connecticut areas to celebrate the festival on January 19th one week ahead of the busy new semester. The Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA) and some local students from the University of New Haven were honorably invited for the celebration. The University of New Haven had a delegation attending this significant event in New York city on January 19th .

At the opening ceremony of the festival, the Consul General, Honorable Ambassador, Mr. Huang Ping, gave a welcome speech to all Chinese students, as well as to all international youth. "To all Chinese people, this festival is a journey. Chinese people from all around the world travel home to have a family dinner together. I understand some of you could not go home because of different reasons, that is why I invited all of you here to celebrate this significant festival with our diplomats. The Chinese Consulate General in New York is your home and we are your family." The consul, Mr. Huang Ping, said these warm words which moved everyone attending the event.

After the opening ceremony and Chinese traditional games, Chinese traditional dances and songs were performed. At the end of the festival, the traditional Chinese dinner was served to all the attendees.

In addition to inviting the University of New Haven students to celebrate the festival at the Consulate, the Consulate will send consuls Ms. Xiaoyu Wang and Ms. Jieying Xu to represent the Chinese Consulate General at the University of New Haven Chinese New Year Festival which will be held on January 31st from 4:00- 6:00 p.m. at Bucknall Theater.

"This is a really unforgettable experience to celebrate the Chinese New Year with friends and diplomats. I am looking forward to attend and celebrate the UNH Chinese New Year Festival on January 31st."
-Siling Long, MS 2021



"As the president of Graduate Student Council of the University of New Haven, I'm working with students from different cultural backgrounds. The Chinese culture is one of the main international cultures represented at the UNH, I'm very interested in it. This is the first time that I attend the Chinese New Year Festival and I was honored to be invited by the consulate."
-Kacie Cressey, MS 2020

"On the occasion of my motherland's most important festival, I miss my family in China very much. But I was able to ease my homesickness attending this wonderful festival at our consulate in New York and it made me feel at home."
-Min Zhang, MS 2020

Top photo: UNH delegation with the Consul General, Honorable Ambassador Mr. Huang Ping
Right photo: Kacie practicing Chinese calligraphy
Bottom photo (left to right): Cystal Harris, Michelle Gregoire, Kacie Cressey, Min Zhang, Siling Long



YEAR OF THE RAT

THE CHINESE STUDENT & SCHOLAR ASSOCIATION
INVITES YOU TO A

Chinese New Year Festival



Join us to enjoy food, music, dancing,
Kung Fu, games and more!

JANUARY 31, 2020 | FRIDAY
4 PM - 6 PM. BUCKNALL THEATRE

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

BUS TRIP TO CT POST MALL

Saturday, January 25

2:00-5:30 PM

Meet in front of Maxcy Hall at
2:00 p.m. Register via your
Accepted Student Portal or email
iso@newhaven.edu to sign up

NEW STUDENT WELCOME PARTY

Saturday, January 25

2:00-5:30 PM

Alumni Lounge, Bartels Hall
Register via your Accepted Student
Portal or email iso@newhaven.edu
to sign up

COVER LETTER WRITING

Hosted by the CDC

Tuesday, January 28

10:30 AM

BSAC Conference Room

ADD/DROP DEADLINE

Wednesday, January 29

DEADLINE FOR NEW STUDENTS TO COMPLETE BLACKBOARD ORIENTATION

Wednesday, January 29

*Students that do complete
complete this requirement will
have a hold put on their account.*

CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

Hosted by the Chinese Student &
Scholar Association

Friday, January 31

4:00-6:00 PM

Bucknall Theater



ADDITIONAL FLU CLINICS

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has notified all Clinics of the elevated Flu Activity. The flu can be wide spread, easily transmitted person to person and cause severe illness, the Dept. of Public Health wants to lessen the severe outcomes, and complications associated with the flu. Health Services highly recommends that you obtain a Flu Vaccine (if you have not already obtained one) You can contact your Family Physician, Local Pharmacy or Urgent Care Center In most cases the vaccine will be free of charge with most insurance carriers.

Health Services will also be offering additional Flu Clinics in Sheffield Hall:

- Friday, January 24th 3-4 pm
- Thursday, January 30th 4-5 pm
- Friday, February 7th 11-12 noon

Should you have additional questions please feel free to contact Health Services at (203) 932-7079

FOLLOW ISO ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow the ISO on social media for announcements, immigration updates, and upcoming events!

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WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

We love the photos of the Graduate Admissions staff meeting new students at the airport last week to bring them to their new "home" at University of New Haven. We are so happy that you are here!



LOCAL EVENT: RUN FOR REFUGEES

IRIS, or Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services, is a non-profit organization out of New Haven that helps settle refugees and immigrants from across the world into their lives here in America. IRIS will be hosting the 13th annual 5k Run for Refugees in New Haven on February 2, 2020 at Wilbur Cross High School. At last year's race, 3,000 runners enjoyed a scenic 5K run/walk through East Rock Park in New Haven. The run includes a post-race party with live music, international food, and an awards ceremony celebrating our mission to welcome refugees & immigrants from all over the globe. For more information visit: <https://www.irisct.org/run-for-refugees-2/>



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RUN FOR REFUGEES

**5K WINTER RUN/WALK
THINK GLOBAL - RUN LOCAL**

RUNFORREFUGEES.ORG

2/2/2020 NEW HAVEN
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY 181 MITCHELL DRIVE

ADVICE FROM GLOBAL STUDENT LEADERS!

We are excited to introduce you to some of the Global Student Leaders for the Spring 2020 semester. Global Student Leaders are current international and domestic students that help provide advice and guidance for new international students. Through peer to peer interaction this program aims to bridge the gap between cultures and help new students carve pathways as they become an integrated part of the University of New Haven's community. Stay tuned more events planned by the GSLs throughout the semester and helpful tips!



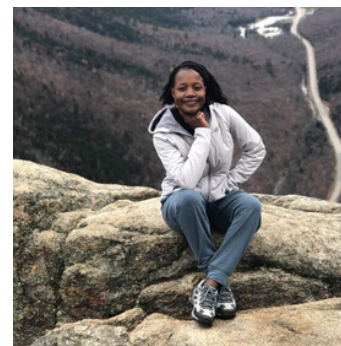
**SHIVANI
INDIA**

"As UNH has entered into its centennial year, I would advise new students to participate in every culture exchange event organized on campus, get to know your college and make new friends daily. "



**LUIS
NEW JERSEY**

"My advice for any student on campus is to get involved. This university has a variety of organizations. A great way to learn about them is going to the club fair! Every semester 100+ UNH students promote their organization and hope to gain new members."



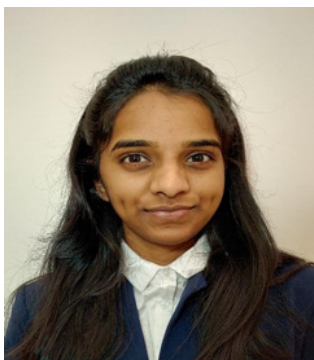
**GLADYS
ZIMBABWE**

" I advise new students to participate in volunteering opportunities offered by UNH. Volunteering provides friendship opportunities, helps you to be grateful for what you have and provides you a great opportunity to contribute in making our world a better place."



**DORIS
NIGERIA**

"My advice for new students is that you can be anything in this life if you are willing and set your mind to do it. Stay positive all the time and the law of attraction will fall into place. Learn to socialize with others and be multi-culture sensitized, and do not limit yourself to just study but connect to every resource available to you on campus."



**SRIVINYA
INDIA**

"The resources provided by the university are beneficial provided if we're ready to use them in a proper way. I spend most of my time at library, quiet room and at times, I spend my time in the Meditation room at 15 Ruden St. The resources provided by library both online and offline are of great use and everyone around the campus are of great help."



**MARIELLE
PENNSYLVANIA**

"One of the things I find very helpful during my time at UNH is the free academic resources available to students especially the Center for Learning Resources and the Writing Center which helps with any paper you are working in certain subjects. The staff and tutors are welcoming and very helpful when it comes to understanding a certain topic you are struggling with."

To read all of the Global Student Leaders introductions and advice, visit our Instagram or Facebook pages at @iso.newhaven



GLOBAL STUDENT LEADERS' WALK-IN HOURS

Got questions? Not sure where to go for answers?

Stop by the ISO at 19 Ruden Street, Lower Level during Global Student Leaders' walk-in hours every day during the first 2 weeks of classes to speak with current students for help and advice!

MON. JANUARY 27

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

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TUES. JANUARY 28

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

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WED. JANUARY 29

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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THURS. JANUARY 30

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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FRI. JANUARY 31

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.



MON. FEBRUARY 3

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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TUES. FEBRUARY 4

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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WED. FEBRUARY 5

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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THURS. FEBRUARY 6

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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FRI. FEBRUARY 7

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

40TH ANNUAL
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

PREPARATIONS HAVE STARTED!

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN REPRESENTING A
COUNTRY AT THE
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL?**

Each country will have the chance to participate in the following competitions:

FOOD · DISPLAY · PERFORMANCE

We invite any students, faculty, or staff members interested in representing a country to submit an interest form. Participants will be provided a small budget for food and display expenses.

Please note the following deadlines:

**FRIDAY,
JANUARY 31**

Submission Deadline for [Preliminary Participation Interest Online Form](#)
(for food, display and/or performance)

**FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 21**

Submission Deadline for Full Participation Form(s)
(for food, display and/or performance)

Contact Sarah Driscoll at sdriscoll@newhaven with questions or for more information.

SAVE THE DATE MARCH 28, 2020
FOR I-FEST 4:00-8:00 PM
2020! CHARGER GYM