

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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TASTE OF AFRICA SHOWCASES AFRICA'S RICH CULTURES

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The Alumni Lounge boomed with rhythms of African traditional and contemporary music as the African Graduate Students' Association (AGSA) hosted its first major event themed "A Taste of Africa" on campus last Saturday (16th November, 2019). The electrifying performances thrilled the diverse audience that witnessed a showcase of culture, diversity and history in dance, music, fashion that stems from the continent of Africa.



A diverse audience of students, faculty, staff members and friends from different parts of Connecticut attended the maiden edition of the event. Loads of exciting and enjoyable moments were recorded as models dressed in colorful African prints strode across the aisle. Additionally, presentations were made by AGSA members representing different countries in Africa. Africa is a huge continent richly diverse in culture, with well over 1500 languages spoken across 54 countries.

Of course, Jollof rice was served at the event. No singular event would suffice to reveal all the beautiful things the continent offers; however, the continent's uniqueness was showcased in music and dance performances, presentations and fashion exhibition. The theme "Taste of Africa" was properly thought out as a taste is never fully satisfying but leaves you wanting more, the good news is that there would be sequels to the event to help quench the desire that this event stirs up.

As stated by the AGSA President, Nsikak Obong "Without a doubt the continent as a whole has suffered from a lot of bad publicity, which has formed a rather negative image in the mind of outsiders and those who have never actually visited Africa. I believe the time is right to change the narrative, to tell the African story how it should be told, to project the beautiful rich African culture, it's amazing and hardworking people, its several tourist centers and so on. A more diverse and inclusive environment which we all are working towards at the University can be achieved if we engage in conversations to learn and appreciate the roots and cultural backgrounds of every member of the UNH community. I sincerely hope this event would spark more of these conversations."

We are grateful to our sponsors, the Henry C Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, College of Business, Myatt Center for Diversity and Inclusion, College of Arts and Sciences and the Graduate Student Council. (More photos on Page 6)



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CHECKLIST BEFORE WINTER BREAK

- Make sure that my I-20 or DS-2019 is valid and up to date. If my **program end date** is December 2019 and I will continue my studies in the spring, I must apply for an I-20/DS-2019 program extension BEFORE the end date on my document.
- If I have plans to travel internationally, I must have an updated **travel signature** within the last year (from my return date) on Page 2 of my I-20/DS-2019. If I need a new travel endorsement, I must bring my I-20/DS-2019 to the ISO one week before my travel plans or I can bring my I-20/DS-2019 to the ISO Holiday Send Off Party on December 6th or 9th.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERVICES OFFICE
INVITES YOU TO A

Holiday Send Off Party

- Get a travel signature on your I-20 before winter break!
- Enjoy holiday treats like hot chocolate and gingerbread cookies
- Play fun games and activities & win prizes
- Say goodbye to ISO staff and friends before break

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
 &

 MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 ISO OFFICE, 19 RUDEN ST.

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

THANKSGIVING BREAK

November 27-December 1

HOLIDAY FEST

Wednesday, December 4th
4:00-6:00 PM

Alumni Lounge & Annex

ISO HOLIDAY SEND OFF PARTY

Friday, December 6th and
Monday, December 9th
10:00 AM- 4:00 PM

International Services Office

ACADEMIC CALENDAR REMINDERS

LAST DAY OF CLASSES IN FALL

Monday, December 9th

WINTER COMMENCEMENT

Sunday, December 15th
2:00 PM

Oakdale Theater

END OF TERM

Wednesday, December 18th

RESIDENCE HALLS CLOSE

Thursday, December 19th at
10:00 AM

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES OF SPRING SEMESTER

Wednesday, January 22nd

END OF SPRING SEMESTER

Wednesday, May 13th

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK HIGHLIGHTS



International Student Panelists



Learn to Write Your Name in Russian



ISA International Mixer



International Candy Break Challenge


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ONLINE GRADUATE CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER COURSE



Attention Graduate Students!

Are you interested in working on your personal career development in an online environment with no appointments or in-person class time required? Sign-up for the online Graduate Career Development Success course! In this non-credit class specifically designed for graduate students, you will proceed through six modules to focus on the following:

- Your career goals while in graduate school
- Resume & cover letter writing
- Interviewing techniques
- Networking methods
- Job & Internship search strategies
- Career action plan development

The course will run in Blackboard from January 22nd – April 22nd. Please indicate your interest in the course by completing [THIS SURVEY](#) by December 6th.

Space is extremely limited for this course. If you are selected, you will be notified by Friday, December 20th.

Questions? Contact Dina Wulinsky, Associate Director, Career Development Center at dwulinsky@newhaven.edu.



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WRITING CORNER: GET THAT EMAIL RIGHT- THE BASICS

Often writing your emails can seem like a daunting task, especially when you are not used to doing them daily. It is important to get this right because emails are not real-life conversations and could easily create room for misinterpretation. Besides they are the most pervasive medium of communication in the professional world. For your guidance, here are four essentials to get your content to be appropriate to the type of email you are writing.

SUBJECT-LINE:

First step is to make sure you have a subject line. Second step is to make sure the subject-line is representative of the content in your email. Some commonly used subject-line examples would be – following up on our discussion on XXX, absence in class, checking-in, and so on. The idea is to summarize the content in your email concisely, so it is easier to come back to it at a later time.

SALUTATION:

Even though, “Hi Raj” might seem uncalled for in an email exchange with your friend, it is important that you put yourself in the habit of opening every email with an appropriate salutation. All forms of greeting like “Hi, Hello, Good Morning” work perfectly well when it is someone you already know.

However, if you are making an initial written contact try using the appropriate “Mr./Mrs./Ms./Prof./Dr.” preceded by a “Dear”. As old fashioned as it sounds, it is not a bad starting point and one that is still widely used in formal writing.

Additionally, pay attention to culturally relevant rules of writing emails. Refrain from using “Dear Sir/Madam” at the cost of coming across as too respectful and throwing the recipient off.

BODY:

In the US, an average worker receives about 121 emails in a single day. Now that you are aware of this fact, avoid maneuvering in your emails and make them straightforward. Clearly state your purpose which could be to thank the recipient, to make an enquiry or provide information. You could begin by saying any form of - I am writing to thank you/ to inform you/ in reference to/ to enquire about and of course, tweak it to fit the content.

SIGN OFF:

There are many acceptable forms of closing emails and that might be the reason for your confusion. Some most commonly accepted closing remarks for formal emails are “Sincerely, Respectfully, and Yours.” On the other hand, for semi-formal or friendly emails you can use some form of “Thank You, Best Regards, All the Best, Kind Regards.” The focus is on coming across as polite and respectful in just the right amount.





THANKSGIVING BREAK SCHEDULES

ISO

WED. 11/27:
8:30 AM- 12:00 PM

THURS. 11/28:
CLOSED

FRI. 11/29:
CLOSED

REOPEN MON. 12/2

SHUTTLE

TUES. 11/26:
TRAIN SHUTTLE -SPECIAL
PROPARK NEW HAVEN /UNION
STATION- LOOP- STOPS AT MAXCY
LOT 4 PM-10 PM
ALL OTHER SERVICES OPERATING
ON THEIR REGULAR SCHEDULE

**WED. 11/27 (RESIDENCE HALLS
CLOSE AT 10AM)**
APARTMENT -COURTESY VAN 7AM-
11AM WEST HAVEN/NEW HAVEN
TRAIN COURTESY VAN LOOP- STOPS
AT MAXCY
7 AM-11 AM
NORTH AND SOUTH COURTESY VANS
OPERATING UNTIL 1 PM
NO OTHER SERVICES OPERATING

THURS. 11/28: NO SERVICES
FRI. 11/29: NO SERVICES
SAT. 11/30: NO SERVICES

**SUNDAY 12/1 (RESIDENCE HALLS
OPEN AT 12 NOON)**
TRAIN SHUTTLE -SPECIAL PROPARK
NEW HAVEN/UNION STATION -
PROPARK SHUTTLE LOOP- STOPS AT
LIBRARY
12 PM- 6PM
NO POST MALL SHUTTLE ALL OTHER
SERVICES ON THEIR REGULAR
SCHEDULE

MON. 12/2: REGULAR SCHEDULE

ON-CAMPUS DINING

MARKETPLACE

MON. 11/25:
7:00 AM - 9:00 PM

TUES. 11/26
7:00 AM- 7:30 PM

WED. 11/27
7:00 AM- 11:00 AM

THURS. 11/28: NO SERVICES
FRI. 11/29: NO SERVICES
SAT. 11/30: NO SERVICES

SUNDAY 12/1:
4:30 PM-9:30 PM

MON. 12/2: REGULAR SCHEDULE

JAZZMAN'S, C-STORE, FOD, WOW, CHARGER CAFE CLOSED WED. - SUN.

MORE TASTE OF AFRICA PHOTOS!

