Intercultural Student Spaces and Resources

This week’s newsletter focuses on intercultural student spaces and resources, highlighting the programming offered by the Cultural Centers. If you have questions related to intercultural programming, you can email ISSS or make an advising appointment with your ISSS advisor. Also, remember that the ISSS office will remain open during the upcoming break, which takes place on October 18-19, 2021.

Cultural Centers

The Cultural Centers serve as outlets for student-run programs to explore social issues and identity. The centers bring students together to increase their understanding and embrace their roles, as members of diverse community on local and national levels. Their programs explore race, ethnicity, class, and culture through creative and engaging dialogues and workshops. Programs include Lyricist Lounge, Community Meetups, Common Ground Series, and Media Series. The Cultural Centers lounge is on the fourth floor of the University Center and open to all students on Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Students are encouraged to stop by to learn more about events and spend time with other students who are interested in similar topics. Check out upcoming events below. Learn more about their programs and events this semester »

- Cafe International: Cafe International is a community space for international students to make friends and learn from the multicultural USF campus. It often features representatives from various faculty, departmental and student organizations who share information about academic life, career development, campus resources, and student activities, as well as cultures and identities represented by our international students. This semester, these events take place on Tuesdays from 12-12:30 p.m. Register for an event »
- Queer BICP/Cultural Mentoring: Do you identify as a queer person of color? Are you looking for a sense of community within the intersection of the two identities? Join the Cultural Centers for their Queer BICP/Cultural Mentoring to discuss, validate, and build community with students at USF! Learn more and register »

Halloween in the U.S.

Ever wondered about the history and traditions of Halloween? Celebrated on October 31, “Halloween” comes from “All Hallows’ Eve,” or the day before All Saints Day, a traditional holy day by Christians. According to tradition, the spirits of the dead were able to come back to life to visit family and crops in the physical world. People then dressed as the real spirits on Halloween, and these practices led to many of today’s Halloween traditions. For example, people used to wear costumes of monsters, ghouls, and devils to scare away evil spirits. While we still celebrate by wearing costumes, when seeking to costume for Halloween, it’s important to avoid cultural appropriation. Culture appropriation is the unacknowledged or unappreciative adoption of a culture, product, practice, idea, etc. of an ethnic group or society, by individuals from a different and typically more dominant group or society. Learn more about cultural appropriation and traditions of Halloween? »

America, China, and the Global Tech Economy

Join the School of Information’s China Business Studies Initiative (CBSI) to learn about China, Asia, and the Global Tech Economy. This event will feature a panel of experts who will discuss America and China’s relationship in the context of the tech economy. On top of the issues arising from the trade dispute, the pandemic response, and other sources of bilateral tension, tech leaders are now rethinking their approaches to regulating the tech sector, among other concerns about their citizens’ data being exploited for economic gain and other interests. Please register by Thursday, October 21 for this online event. Learn more and register »

ISSS Office Resources

Requesting a Document from ISSS?

If you are requesting an immigration document or letter from our office, remember that we need enough time to receive your document before you need it. We can only make some document requests through online submission. Appointments are still booked in 30-minute increments. Please visit the ISSS website to schedule an appointment. Appointments are still limited to in-person consultations.

Adviser Appointments and Workshops

Appointments can be made online. Please visit the ISSS website to submit an appointment. Appointments are still limited to in-person consultations.

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