International Wildcat COVID-19 Update for April 8

Warm Greetings, International Wildcats!

According to the international student questionnaire we sent out last week, many students reported that they are feeling bored, isolated, and a little depressed. Students are also telling us that they feel disappointed that they can’t go out and interact with their friends and community members – this is an important aspect of studying abroad after all.

This week’s announcements offer you two opportunities for you to focus on your mental health and our human need for connection with the outside world.

1. Looking for Something From a Past Announcement?
   Do you remember something from a past announcement and now you can’t find it? We have posted all of our past announcements on our new COVID-19 International Student Webpage.

   Remember that your questions help us create these announcements, so keep asking!

   All international students are required to report their new address to Tasha or Cindy within 10 days of moving. Things were stressful at the beginning of the crisis, so it is understandable if you forgot about this requirement. Reporting your new address will take you less than two minutes and you can do it right in your Student Center. Please take care of this immediately.

3. ESL Support Services – Assignments, Presentations, Job Applications, and more…
   Now more than ever, the ESL tutoring staff should be a weekly, if not daily, part of your strategy to get the best grades possible! Usage of the Center has been way down, so they tutors literally waiting to help you. They have many different ways to connect with and assist you (Google doc editing, live Zoom sessions, etc.).

   To Request ESL Tutoring Services: https://www.csuchico.edu/engl/resources/esl-resource.shtml

   Thursday, April 9 from 1–2 p.m.
   By the end of this session, you'll better understand
   1) Why you're having trouble getting/staying motivated
   2) How to set realistic goals to get through the semester and
   3) How to get your mojo back so you can visualize a future, post-pandemic.

   Click here for more information:
   Adulting 101 Online!-Survivor’s Guide to College: Pandemic Edition

5. Global Café - Virtual Conversation Hour
   Fridays from 4 – 5 p.m. via Zoom

   Join your International Student Advisors from Chico State & Butte College (Tasha, Rachel & Cindy), ESL Support Services tutors, American students who have studied abroad and your fellow international
students (from Chico State & Butte College) each week as we explore and discuss fun and interesting topics.

This week’s topic: Goodbye Boredom...Hello Creativity and Free Entertainment!

Netflix and video games aren’t enough – we need more in our lives! Let’s make this COVID-19 life a little less lonely and a lot more fun. Participants will leave this workshop with several new ideas to make their COVID-19 lives a little more entertaining. Come practice your English in a comfortable environment with REALLY nice people!

Join Zoom Meetings - Fridays from 4-5:

https://csuchico.zoom.us/j/247768311?pwd=T1RMWXE5UKY0TnlyZ5s5YURuMjBoQT09
Meeting ID: 247 768 311
Password: 201898

6. OPT Application Workshop for Graduating Seniors – Friday, April 10 from 2-3 pm
If you will graduate this semester and you have not yet left the U.S., it’s not too late to apply for OPT.
- **Already attended an OPT Application Workshop, but haven’t yet applied?** Work with Tasha or Cindy via Zoom and email.
- **To sign up for this week’s OPT Application Workshop**, click on: OPT Application Workshop – April 10 from 2-3 pm

7. Tax Form Deadline Extended to July 15
Did you know all international students are required to file a tax form every year, even if you don’t have a job? Your NEW deadline to file your tax form is July 15, 2020. **Instructions are attached to this email.**

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**Important Reminders from Last Week:**

1. **Travel Signatures Now Available Virtually**
   The U.S. government has temporarily authorized immigration officials to send I-20s via email. If you left the country (or plan to leave) without a valid travel signature on your I-20, contact Tasha or Cindy and they will send you a new I-20 with a travel signature via email. You don’t have to wait until the summer (as previously directed).

2. **Summer Session Registration is Open**
   Summer session runs from June 1 – August 18, and registration opens today, April 1st. All courses will be offered online in summer 2020. For more information and to sign up: [https://rce.csuchico.edu/summer](https://rce.csuchico.edu/summer)

3. **Fall Course Registration – April 20 – May 15**
   It is time for you to plan for fall 2020 course registration. You will find your assigned date and time for course registration on your Portal – in your Student Center. It is important that you register during your assigned date and time because it is more likely that you will get the courses you want and need.

   In order to determine which courses you should select, please reach out to your major advisor and also to a GE advisor in Academic Advising. All advisors at CSUC are offering online sessions this semester, most via Zoom.
4. **Research Help Offered Virtually by Meriam Library**
   The library will now be offering Zoom drop-ins Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 5-7pm for the entirety of April. See attached flyer for more information.

   Recurring Meeting ID: 859-312-956
   Recurring Meeting Link: [https://csuchico.zoom.us/j/859312956](https://csuchico.zoom.us/j/859312956)

   Students don't need to use video - audio or chat is just fine. No appointments necessary, just drop-in.

5. **Graduation Advising – Drop-in Advising via Zoom**
   Graduating seniors can meet with a Graduation Advisor Monday – Thursday from 10 – 3 and Friday from 10 -12
   [https://www.csuchico.edu/gradadvising/index.shtml](https://www.csuchico.edu/gradadvising/index.shtml)