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Fall Advising Hours

M W F 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

M - F 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- 10/29/09  
OPT Workshop
- 11/3/09  
H-1B/PR Workshop
- 11/4/09  
International Spouses  
Group
- 11/30/09  
Deadline for Diversity  
Visa Lottery

## November's International Luncheon

Come enjoy authentic Indian cuisine catered by **India Oven** at the November International Luncheon hosted by ISSS!

The November luncheon will be sponsored by **University College** and the **Office of the Provost**.

Members of DU's Indian Student Network will be present at the luncheon to discuss their country and Indian culture.

We will also have traditional Indian and Bollywood music playing for your listening pleasure.

Attendance to the International Luncheon is free. Students, faculty, and staff are all invited to attend.

### Indian Students at DU

There are currently 59 Indian students enrolled at DU, totaling about 6% of the overall international student population. Most are enrolled in graduate programs at the University.

### About the International Luncheon

The International Luncheon takes place the first Tuesday of each month and feature a different world cuisine each time.

The next international luncheon will be held on January 12, 2010, and will feature cuisine from the Middle East!



### Event Details

**Date:** Tuesday, November 3rd

**Time:** 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** International House

For more information, email [intloutreach@du.edu](mailto:intloutreach@du.edu).

## Registration Procedures Changing

Registration procedures for undergraduate students will change this quarter.

Previously, students met with their academic advisor to discuss their proposed schedule of classes and received an alternate PIN, which was then used to register online.

Students will no longer receive a paper copy of their alternate

PIN after meeting with their academic advisor.

Instead, your academic advisor will remove your alternate PIN electronically from your record after you have met for your advising session.

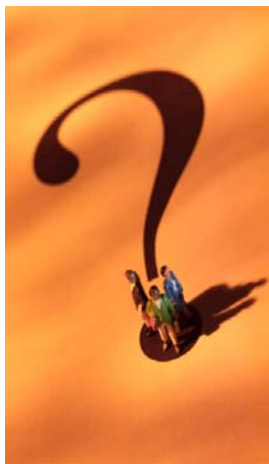
Once your alternate PIN has been removed, you will be able to register online. Your academic advisor and your depart-

ment will have their own procedures for removing the alternate PIN.

For more information, contact the Registrar's Office at 303-871-2284.

### Priority Registration for Winter Quarter 2010:

November 2 - 6



*Please email your questions for the newsletter to [isss@du.edu](mailto:isss@du.edu).*

## *Immigration Q & A*

### *“What happens if I violate my immigration status?”*

In general, we are required to report a violation of status within 21 day by terminating your F-1 or J-1 SEVIS record.

Common violations include under enrollment, academic suspension, and unauthorized employment.

Once your record has been terminated, you will be expected to depart the United States within 15 days.

Returning to valid status after a violation can be difficult and expensive

If the violation was due to circumstances beyond your control, you may be able to work with our office to apply for reinstatement to valid immigration status. However, reinstatement is costly and is never guaranteed.

You may also be able to re-enter the United States on a new I-20 or DS-2019 after

paying the SEVIS fee again. Since a termination generates a flag on your immigration record, it is possible you will be denied renewal of your visa and re-entry into the country.

Our website contains information about how to maintain your immigration status to avoid these situations.

International student advisors are also available to answer questions about maintaining lawful status.

## *Optional Practical Training*

Optional Practical Training (OPT) is an employment benefit available to F-1 students, generally after they complete their program.

OPT is authorized by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Applications can take 1 – 4 months to process.

OPT authorizes a student to work in his or her field of study for up to 12 months after graduation.

Some students in certain Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields may be eligible for an additional 17 months of OPT authorizations.

We recommend applying for OPT at the start of the quarter when you are planning to graduate to allow time for processing.

To learn more about OPT, visit our website or attend our free informational workshop on Thursday, October 29th (3:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the International House)

**You may not begin working until your OPT application has been approved. Apply early to ensure you can work as soon as you graduate!**

## *Understanding SEVIS*

The Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) is used by the federal government to maintain information about F-1 and J-1 students and scholars in the U.S.

Only designated school and program officials have access to SEVIS, although other gov-

ernment agency information systems interact with SEVIS.

Users must report certain information, such as enrollment status, program changes, and a violation of status.

SEVIS is also used to generate immigration documents for students and scholars to apply

for a visa and to authorize program changes or employment.

A new version of SEVIS is expected next year, which will give students greater access to their immigration records.

Keep reading The Globe for information about this change as details become available.



## Preparing for Winter Weather

Although Denver has four distinct seasons, the weather often changes quickly and is not always easy to predict.

During winter, temperatures range from 60 to 25 °F (16 to -4 °C) with frequent snowfall throughout the season.

Good winter clothes, such as a heavy coat, scarf, cap, and gloves can help you stay warm when the temperature drops.

At home, ask your landlord if there are special precautions to

take during the winter. For example, you may be advised to leave your faucets running to help prevent the pipes in your building from freezing.

Stock up on emergency supplies, such as blankets, flashlights, bottled water, and non-perishable (canned) foods in case there is a power outage.

Take extra care when walking on stairs and sidewalks outside, as surfaces may be covered with a layer of ice that is easy

to slip on. Wearing shoes with a thick tread on the bottom can help you avoid a painful and embarrassing fall.

On the road, be mindful of drivers around you and keep your distance behind cars in front of you.

Avoid stopping abruptly, as you may lose control of your vehicle on icy or snowy roads. Instead, apply gentle pressure on your breaks and allow more time to come to a stop.



*Roads can be wet, icy, or snowy during winter in Denver. Drive slowly and use caution!*

## Spotlight on Campus: Ritchie Center

Interested in finding ways to stay fit? Like to play sports?

The DU Ritchie Center is one of the top fitness facilities in the state of Colorado.

Full-time DU students (enrolled in at least 6 hours) pay no fees for membership to the Ritchie Center.

Members enjoy access to a athletic and fitness programs,

including group classes in yoga, cycling, and cardio workouts.

Located on the north side of campus, the Ritchie Center house both the Coors Fitness Center and:

- An Olympic-size pool
- Six outdoor tennis courts
- Racquetball courts
- Two ice arenas

The Ritchie Center is also home to a number of club sports for students who like to play for fun.

Club sports at DU are extremely diverse ranging from team sports such as soccer and basketball to individual and group activities such as dance, rock climbing, and horse riding.

To learn more about the Ritchie Center or DU club sports, visit [www.recreation.du.edu](http://www.recreation.du.edu)

## All about Denver - Denver Broncos

The Denver Broncos are the city of Denver's professional football team.

The Broncos are part of the AFC (American Football Conference) division in the NFL (National Football League).

They captured their first World Championship in a 31-24 victory over the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXIII in 1999. They won their second

championship title one year later.

The Broncos play at INVESCO Field at Mile High Stadium. The stadium has sold out every home game since 1970.

The stadium is said to give the Broncos an added advantage due to its high altitude.

Its steel treads and risers also

create a deafening "Rocky Mountain Thunder," making it one of the loudest stadiums in the NFL.

The Broncos are currently undefeated, 6-0.

### Quick Facts:

**Year Began:** 1960

**Mascot:** Miles the Horse

**Notable Player:** John Elway



# Halloween Party 2009





## International Student and Scholar Services

### About International Student and Scholar Services

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*We strive to provide timely, accurate, and effective advising and assistance to international students, faculty, and staff in matters of immigration, communication, and cultural adjustment.*

*Our goal is to support the international community on campus so that each international student and scholar has a productive and fulfilling experience at DU. We aim to promote international awareness and understanding by working to support the positive impact international students and scholars have on the University.*

Visit us online:

[www.du.edu/intl/iss](http://www.du.edu/intl/iss)



### Submit a Story

If you have an idea for a story, or if you would like to advertise an event at DU, please email us at [intloutreach@du.edu](mailto:intloutreach@du.edu). Please note that not all stories will be published and content may be edited for style and space.

### Submit Your Photos

ISSS is seeking photos that document the experience of international students and scholars at DU and in the Denver community. Selected photos may be featured in The Globe or on the new ISSS website at [www.du.edu/intl/iss](http://www.du.edu/intl/iss). Please email your photos to [intloutreach@du.edu](mailto:intloutreach@du.edu).

## Upcoming Events at DU

### DU Food Drive



DU Dining Services is collecting non-perishable food donations for people in need.

A student competition is being held as part of the food drive to see who can collect the most items.

The winner of the competition will receive free catering for an event!

All donations benefit the Food Bank of the Rockies, which provides food supplies to more than 1000 hunger-relief programs.

Please submit donations to the DU Dining Services Office in Centennial Hall by Thursday, November 12th.

For more information, please email [du dining@du.edu](mailto:du dining@du.edu).



### What is "Vincent Who?" DU Homecoming 2009

A documentary film will be shown **tonight** telling the story of Vincent Chin, a Chinese American who was beaten to death in 1982.

Chin's murder and the trial of his attackers is considered the trigger for a massive Asian American activism movement that still operates today.

The documentary's producer, Curtis Chin, will be available at the screening for a Question and Answer session following the film.

Drinks and light refreshments will be served. Admission to the event is free.

**Date:** October 28th

**Time:** 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Craig Hall

DU's 2009 Homecoming will take place **Wednesday, October 28th**, through **Sunday, November 1st**.

Enjoy the weekend of family and fun by participating in any of the following scheduled activities:

- Parents and Family Breakfast with the Chancellor
- Boo Bash
- Homecoming Parade
- Taste of DU
- Pioneer Hockey Game
- And much more!

For the complete list of activities, registration requirements, and ticket prices, please visit [www.du.edu/homecoming/schedule.html](http://www.du.edu/homecoming/schedule.html).