



Elizabeth & Wynn Kearney
International Center
MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO

International Student Spring Orientation

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

All orientation events will take place in CSU 253/4/5 unless otherwise noted.

Report to the Kearney International Center (CSU 250) for Check-In *prior* to 3:00 pm and BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- PASSPORT
- VISA
- I-94 (white card stapled in the passport)
- Current I-20 or DS-2019
- All previous I-20s or DS-2019s from other schools
- Current Address & Emergency Contact Information

Peer Mentors will assist you in accessing your MSU email & D2L

- Lab space available ML 109 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Shopping Trips (sponsored by the Minnesota State Student Association) –

Departing at 11:00 am and every half hour after, from the Horseshoe Lot 11 with last return at 3:30 pm.

Campus Tours – Departing at 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 2:00 pm - CSU 264

Student Athletes (Undergraduate students with athletic scholarships) will need to contact Jason Westman at the Center for Academic Success (ML 125) for pre-academic advising

Meet & Greet Wells Fargo Bank – FREE Pizza provided by Wells Fargo Bank from at 4:00 – 4:30 pm in CSU 253

New Student Gathering – Cultural Adjustment and Introductions with Caryn Lindsay from 4:30 - 6:00 pm in CSU 254/5

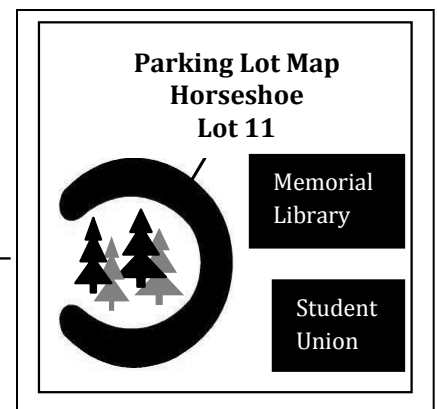
Thomas Gjersvig, Director of International Student & Scholar Services
Caryn Lindsay, Director of International Programs
Matthew Lexcen, Minnesota State Student Association President
Serghei Tarabuhin, International Student Association President
Meet Your Peer Mentors - Students assigned to orientation groups led by MSU Peer Mentors

Bowling and Billiards – Starting at 6:00 until 9:00 pm - Game Room (lower level of the CSU)
Refreshments/popcorn provided

As Part of Your Orientation Process:

Must Be Done Prior To Orientation Checkout on Friday, January 6

- **Pay MANDATORY \$569 Student Health Insurance**
Cashier's Window, First Floor of the CSU
Open Monday—Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
 - Keep paid receipt
 - Exchange Students who are only staying one semester - check on amount due
- **Get your MavCard (Official Student I.D.)**
Located next to Campus Hub, First Floor of the CSU



Thursday, January 5, 2012

All Events Take Place in CSU 253/4/5 UNLESS Otherwise Noted
Continental Breakfast Served Starting at 8:00 am.

9:00 am Elizabeth and Wynn Kearney International Center Welcome

Scott Olson, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Maria-Claudia Tomany, Asst. Vice President for Undergraduate Studies & International Education

9:30 am – 12:00 pm English and Math Placement Tests (ONLY for UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS) held in ML 107

- Contact Center for Academic Success located in ML 125 with questions.

English Placement Test - The Kearney International Center will inform you at check in if you are exempt from taking the tests. The *Kearney International Center does NOT make the decision* therefore, all questions and concerns need to be directed to the English Placement Test administrators at the testing site **before 9:30 am** on testing day. English courses taken in the U.S. do not waive students from the test requirements. The requirements are based upon your English test scores: TOEFL with a score of **575** or better on the paper and pencil exam; **232** or better on the computer based exam; **89** or better on the web-based exam; **6.5** or better on the IELTS. Remember to bring your MavCard for proof of identification.

Math Placement Test - Check with the Center for Academic Success in advance to see if you are required to take the test. Remember to bring your MavCard for proof of identification.

9:30 am – 12:00 pm Open Computer Lab in ML 81 – For students not taking Placement Tests, learn how to log-in to the computer, update your address and complete your D2L modules. Check with peer mentors for lab assignments.

12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch - Coupon provided for dining at CSU Mav Ave

12:15 – 1:00 pm ALL UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER STUDENTS – Transfer Credit Evaluation/ Policy Session– (**CSU203**)

Dr. Diane Berge, Ramon Pinero & Kelsie Wagner - Office of Admissions

1:15 – 4:30 pm REGISTRATION BREAK-OUT SESSIONS for Undergraduate Students ONLY – Peer mentors will take you to the following assigned locations. Meet in 253/4/5 before going to your break-out session.

- **College of Science, Engineering & Technology** - (Angie Bomier, WH 118 –overflow in Section C)
- **College of Business**- (Linda Meidl, WH 119)
- **College of Allied Health & Nursing**- (Shirley Murray, WH 116)
- **College of Arts & Humanities**- (Gina Maahs WH 115)
- **College of Education**- (Mymique Baxter, WH 125A)
- **School of Nursing**- (Kelly Krumwiede, WH 116 or Section B)
- **College of Social & Behavioral Sciences**- (Clark Johnson, WH 125)
- **Undecided/First Year Experience** (Sara Granberg-Rademacker, WH Section A)
- **Graduate Students** (WH Section D)

1:15 – 2:15 pm GRADUATE STUDENTS - Questions and Answer Session with Chris Mickle, Director of Graduate Studies. Academic Expectations of International Graduate Students in the U.S with International Center Graduate Assistants and MSU faculty. Contact your department and faculty academic advisor in advance to select courses. You will be able to register after the Question and Answer session in **CSU 201**.

5:30– 7:00 pm Free Dinner (Optional) - Pastor David Banfield & Friends - Meet at Horseshoe Lot 11 for a ride or you can walk to Bethel Baptist Church located at 1250 Monks Avenue. The group will NOT enter the church's worship area. This **free dinner** is provided by the community regardless of your religious/faith background.

6:00 – 8:00 pm Optional Shopping Trip - (sponsored by the MSSA) - Departs every half hour from the Horseshoe Lot 11.

Friday, January 6, 2012

**All Events Take Place in CSU 253/4/5 UNLESS Otherwise Noted
Continental Breakfast Served Starting at 8:00 am.**

8:30 – 10:00 am Short Presentations - Various speakers will be available to clarify and answer your specific questions: Suzanne Dugan, Director of Security; Jeff Bengtson & Matt Westermayer, Mankato Law Enforcement; Jacqueline Sticha, Highway Dept; Dan Southwick, Minnesota ID and Driver's License; Kathy Grant and Dr. Randy Hurd, Student Health Services; Cita Maignes, Friendship Family Program; Karen Bunde, Campus Hub/MavCard Office, Gary Urban, Business Services; Twyla Tinney, Student Financial Services; Todd Pflingsten, Campus Recreation; Greg Wilkins, Student Activities; and various other campus representatives.

10:00 – 11:00 am Immigration Session

F-1 Students – Thomas Gjersvig, Director ISSS

J-1 Students (Exchange) MSU Sponsored DS-2019 – Caryn Lindsay, Director IPO, **CSU 204**

J-1 Students – non-MSU Sponsored DS-2019 – Ishrat Kamal-Ahmed, ISSS, **CSU 202**

11:00 – 12:00 pm Student Conduct Exercise - Mary Dowd and Namrata Kamath, Student Affairs

12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch - Coupon provided for dining at Carkoski-MSU Faculty are invited to meet new students

1:30 – 4:00 pm Open Computer Lab - Complete D2L sessions and introduction to on-campus technology. Check with Peer Mentors for computer labs assignments. If you have already completed D2L, you need not attend – **ML 109**

1:30 – 3:00 pm Check-out/Collection of Documents in CSU 253 – Students have already registered for courses, but the Kearney International Center will place a hold until the check out process is complete. Before check-out, ensure you have paid your health insurance. UG students, register for your required ESL courses and/or culture class (KSP 106) prior to check out. Please bring the following documents to check out:

- o **Immunization Form**
- o **Completed Student Responsibility form (in folder)**
- o **Completed Orientation Check-Out Sheet, signed by your peer mentor**

If you are not able to check out, a HOLD will be placed on your account.

1:30 – 3:00 pm Resource Fair – Come and check out various campus services and resources – **CSU 254/5**

3:30 – 4:00 pm On-Campus Work Permit Procedures – CSU 201

Cheryl Miller, Business Services; Matt Carlson, Career Development Center & Julie Rabaey, ISSS

4:30 – 6:00 pm ISA Welcome – CSU 269 - Games and information on the International Student Association (ISA) information

6:00 – 8:00 pm Activities and Games sponsored by Campus Recreation – Otto Recreation Center - Students can play sports such as: basketball, soccer (football), or dodge ball. Don't want to play? Come to watch and socialize. Please wear appropriate indoor shoes to participate.

IS THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES ORIENTATION REQUIRED? YES.

Random attendance will be taken during some of the required/mandatory aspects of orientation. Sessions you miss may require that you make up the session or a HOLD being placed on your account. ISSS has designed the orientation program to provide you with some helpful information as an international student at MSU. Even if you have been an international student elsewhere in the U.S., the policies and procedures at MSU may differ from your previous experience. Information on make-up requirements will be provided during orientation. Make up orientation sessions will be announced during orientation.

TRANSFER STUDENT TYPES: 1) Immigration transfer – you have had your SEVIS record transferred to MSU 2)

Academic transfer – you have credits from a foreign or U.S. based institution that you want transferred to MSU. **ONLY UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC TRANSFERS SHOULD ATTEND THE TRANSFER ORIENTATION SESSIONS.**

* ESL courses do not count as Academic Transfers.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

YOU MUST TAKE THE TUBERCULOSIS (TB) TEST! Testing is administered on Monday, January 23 and the follow-up reading of the test on Wednesday, January 25 at Health Services in Carkoski Commons Room 21 (between Crawford and McElroy Residence Halls). This is a mandatory requirement. If you do not have the TB taken, read, and your TB testing form as proof (which you must bring to check out), a HOLD will be placed on your future registration. If a follow-up chest x-ray is needed, a van will be available to take you to the ISJ Health Clinic on Friday, January 27.

PROCESS PAPERWORK – To request a letter or get an official SEVIS immigration related signature from a Kearney International Center staff member, it generally takes 3-5 working days to process and/or sign any papers or documents. We understand how important some of these things are however, it is always best that you plan ahead and don't wait until the last minute to get these things done.

APPOINTMENTS – For important meetings with Kearney International Center advisors, it is necessary to make an appointment at least one day in advance. In order to accommodate students that have quick questions, our staff has a first come, first serve "walk-in" hour every day of the week. While our staff is here to assist you, please attempt to keep your walk-in visits from 5-10 minutes in length. You may call the front desk or stop by the International Center to check the walk-in times for that day.

FORMS AND GENERAL INFORMATION – While the Kearney International Center should be the primary source of information, many of the forms and general information can be found online at <http://www.mnsu.edu/international>. If you visit the site and still have questions, you may contact our office for clarification. It is important to keep in mind that sometimes immigration and work rules change so be sure to check for updated information.

IMMIGRATION PAPERS – You are responsible for your immigration papers (I-20, DS-2019, Passport, Visa, I-94). MSU and the Kearney International Center are not responsible for updating your paperwork. It is important to keep in mind that after you leave MSU, the Kearney International Center will no longer keep your file after 4 years.

IN-STATE TUITION – This is a great benefit so, it is important to keep track of the requirements and deadlines associated with the award. The MANDATORY in-state tuition informational meeting is held on:

Wednesday, January 18 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm in CSU Ostrander

Thursday, January 19 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm in CSU Ostrander

You can review the current requirements by visiting the Kearney International Center webpage at:

<http://www.mnsu.edu/international/scholarship/instate.html>