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Welcome to the Fall 2013 semester! SRJC is welcoming 40 new International students to our college this fall, representing 21 different countries. Countries represented include Bulgaria, Burundi, China, Eritrea, Japan, Laos, South Africa, Vietnam and many more. We hope you enjoy your stay at SRJC!

SRJC University Fair

On Tuesday, September 10, 2013, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Santa Rosa Junior College will hold its annual university fair - Transfer Day - for students interested in transferring to a four-year institution. Representatives from 50 colleges and universities will be on campus to answer questions about transferring to a four-year college or university. The fair will be held at the Bertolini Quad, in front of the Bertolini Student Center.

September/October Calendar

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*Short courses have different deadlines for adding, dropping and refunds. Check your course section number online to confirm deadline dates.

Maintaining Student Status

For the new students joining us this semester, we are providing an overview of the basic regulations for F-1 visa students. Failing to maintain your status could result in serious consequences and may affect your ability to remain in or return to the United States. To maintain your legal status, you must:

- Enroll in and successfully complete 12 units each semester
- Have a valid SEVIS I-20 from the school you are attending
- Report any address changes to International Admissions within 10 days
- Have legal permission for any employment
- Limit enrollment in online classes to 3 units or one class per semester

Travel and Reentry

Every time you leave the U.S. you will need your passport and I-20 form to reenter. Your I-20 must be signed by a designated school official in International Admissions before you leave.

Working During the Academic Term

Working off campus is not permitted. However, F-1 students may work part time on campus during the semester up to 20 hours per week. To work on campus, you will need to obtain a US Social Security Number. The Social Security Office requires International students to bring letters of permission from their school. If you are offered a job on campus, Student Employment and International Admissions will provide you with the required letters.

Students who have earned a degree in the US may qualify for off-campus employment. This program allows you to work full time for one year in your field of study. Optional Practical Training requires prior authorization from US CIS. For more information, please contact Kim Hunt, International Student Advisor, Admissions & Records Office.
Festivals and Events

Moon Festival
September 14 & 15
The Moon Festival, or Mid-Autumn Festival, has been a popular tradition in Asia for over 1,000 years. It is traditionally a harvest festival, celebrating the end of the agricultural year. San Francisco’s Autumn Moon Festival includes a dragon parade, arts and crafts, food bazaar and entertainment. Grant Avenue, Chinatown, San Francisco.
www.moonfestival.org

Oktoberfest By the Bay
September 20-22
Nonstop music, singing, dancing and the very best in German food and drink.
Pier 48, San Francisco
www.oktoberfestbythebay.com

Taste of Greece
September 20-22
Greek cultural festival including traditional food, music and dance.
Annunciation Cathedral, 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco
www.annunciation.org/festival

Glendi International Food Fair
September 21 & 22
Glendi is a celebration of many cultures. Specialty foods will be offered from the Middle East, Eritrea, Kenya, Russia, Greece, Romania, & other cultures. Live Balkan music and dance.
Saint Seraphim Orthodox Church, 90 Mountain View Avenue, Santa Rosa.
www.glendi.net

Scholarship $$$$

The Alex Ling Memorial Scholarship is once again available for International students. To qualify for this scholarship, students must have completed 12 units prior to Fall 2013, must continue for Spring 2014, have a minimum GPA of 2.50, and be in good standing with SRJC and US CIS. Financial need will be considered. One award of $500.00 will be awarded at the beginning of Spring 2014. Applications for this scholarship will be available beginning on September 3rd in the Scholarship Office, Plover Hall, Santa Rosa Campus, and Kathleen Doyle Hall, Petaluma Campus. For more information, please call 527-4740.

International Club Meeting Soon

The International Student Club meets the first Thursday of every month from 12-1pm in the Maggini Hall Conference Room (2nd floor, Room 2825). Please join them on Thursday, September 5th for the next meeting. You can also find them on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/#!/groups/SRJC.International/