

The International Student Ambassadors present: THE ISAO NEWSCAST

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Spring 2012 Orientation

On Tuesday, January 3, 2012, the International Student Affairs Office (ISAO) and the International Student Ambassadors greeted the new international students at the New Student Orientation at the Student Union. ISAO Director Sandra Gault and the SAEM Directors officially welcomed our new students. The morning was packed with presentations ambassador skits, breakout groups and a Roo Fair with on-campus and off-campus organizations. In the afternoon students were able to enjoy lunch and a city bus tour. The ISAO team would like to thank all the new students, volunteers, staff, and ambassadors who made the Spring 2012 Orientation a warm and welcoming day despite the cold weather.



Print Your Student Health Insurance ID Card Online!



We are pleased to announce the brand new aetnastudenthealth.com functionality added to the University of Missouri Student Health Insurance plan webpage www.aetnastudenthealth.com "Print Your ID Card". We have relayed your feedback over the years, that getting identification cards to student members is a challenge, especially when students have multiple addresses on file or only an International address for contact information. This function is another option in addition to the plastic ID card mailing and the Aetna Navigator temporary ID card. The Print Your ID Card function on the Aetna Student Health website does not require a student to register for the Aetna Navigator, the system in which a member can manage their account online and access the discount programs.

Only students that have been enrolled in the medical insurance and downloaded into our claims database for Policy Year 11/12 only will be able to print an ID card. This is not a function that can be used by dependents. The required information to be entered is the student's date of birth and their school issued Student ID number.

Please note that this is a pilot program that we have been testing behind the scenes and would like to hear of any bugs or system glitches. The function is not real time, instead has a two day lag time between the date a student is enrolled by a school enrollment file and the date they will be able to access the online card. Plastic ID cards for the University of Missouri Plans have already been released for Academic Year 2011/12. Students can still request a new plastic card be mailed to them if they did not receive it and do not want to use a paper copy. Please forward any questions or feedback regarding the Print Your ID Card Online function to the International Student's Affairs Office.

The online card that shows is a replica of the plastic card and will show a student's Aetna ID number.

The screenshot shows the Aetna Student Health website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'STUDENTS', 'PARENTS', and 'UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS', along with a 'Find Your School' search box. The main header displays 'Aetna Student Health' and the Aetna logo. Below the header, a green bar indicates the user is logged in as 'Home - Your School' and provides a 'Need Help? Call (877) 375 - 7901' link. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Get Started...', contains a list of navigation links: 'Welcome', 'Medical Plan: Enroll', 'Dental Plan: Enroll', 'Dental Discount Program: Enroll', 'Print Your ID Card', 'Find a Doctor', 'For Members', and 'Help'. The right column, titled 'University of Missouri - Kansas City (UMKC)', features the 'Print Your ID Card' section. This section includes a heading, a brief instruction, and a form with two required fields: 'Student ID' (a text input field) and 'Date of Birth' (a date picker). A 'Submit' button is located below the form. At the bottom of the page, there is a small note about the Adobe Acrobat Reader and a logo for 'The Daily available Adobe Acrobat Reader'.

CPT Online Service



Announcing the new CPT Online Service! Planning to apply for CPT this semester? Please take note of important changes to the application process! Any students that plan to apply for CPT for the Spring 2012 semester and any future semesters will be required to submit their application through Online Services. Please log into Online Services at: <http://www.umkc.edu/isao/services/> and request “**Curricular Practical Training application.**” You will next see a screen with important information regarding CPT rules and regulations, as well as specific requirements for each CPT application. It is important to read through this information carefully. At the bottom of the screen, you may input the required information for your CPT application. If any information is missing, you will be notified through an error message that will appear and prevent you from submitting your application. Please also note that when you select the course in which you will be enrolled for CPT and the faculty instructor assigned to the course, an e-mail will automatically be sent the faculty instructor notifying them that you applied for CPT and giving them instructions on how to send us their approval. If you have any questions about the CPT Online Service or experience difficulties, please feel free to contact the International Welcome Center at (816) 235-1113. Alternatively, you may contact your International Student Advisor or Jakob Waterborg, our database administrator at waterborgj@umkc.edu. Thank you and we hope you have a great end to the Spring 2012 semester!



Library Robot Tours



**Have you wanted to see how the RooBot works?
Now you can! Join us for a tour of the RooBot.**

Every Third Thursday



3 pm



Miller Nichols Library

1st floor service desk

library.umkc.edu

Full Time Enrollment

As registration for the Spring 2012 semester continues, ISAO wants to remind all International students to submit Full-Time Equivalency forms if they plan to be enrolled less than full time. International students on F-1 and J-1 visas have the legal requirement to be enrolled full-time during each regular semester (Fall semester and Winter/Spring semester), which is 12 credit hours for undergraduate students, 9 credit hours for graduate students, and 8 credit hours for LLM students.

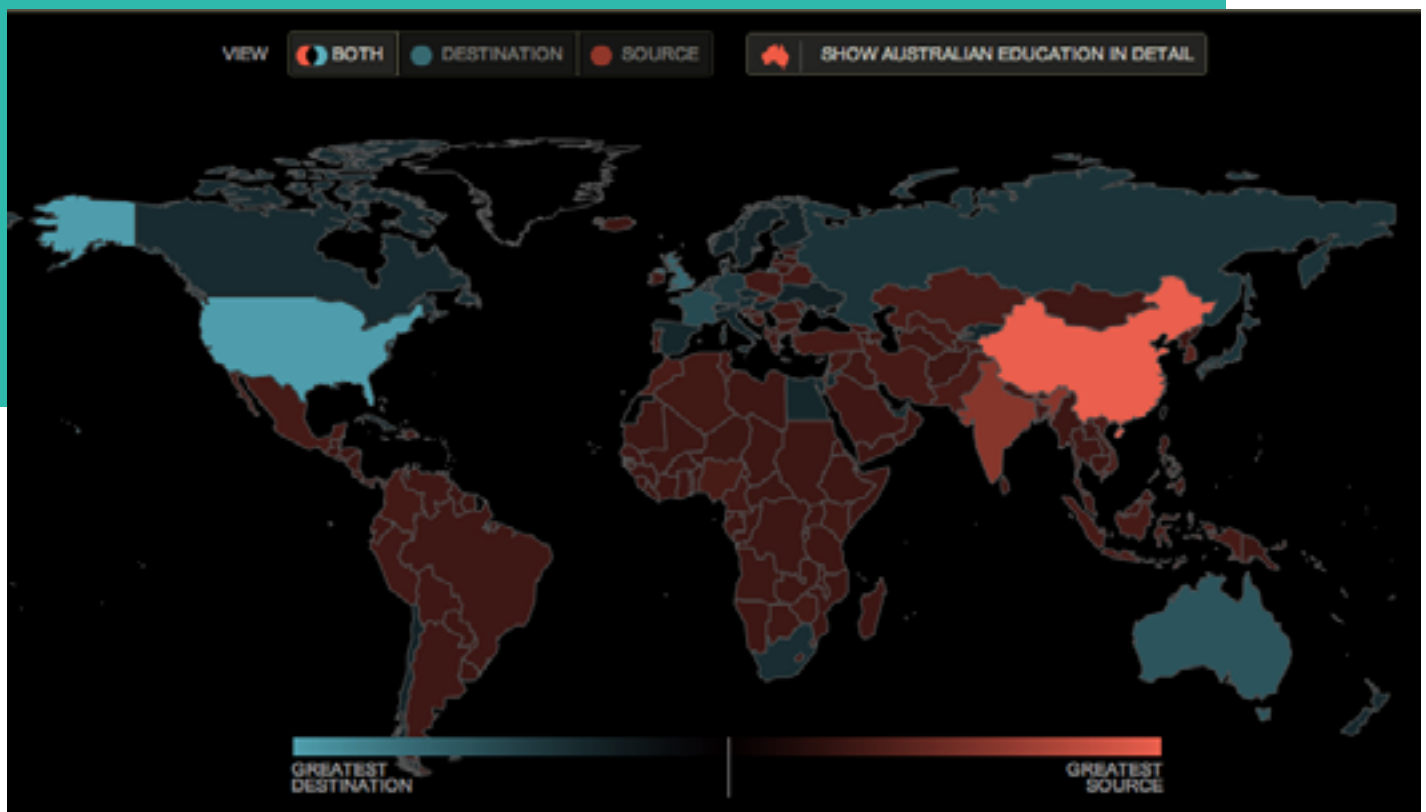
If you plan to be enrolled less than full-time, you are required to submit a “Full-Time Equivalency” (FTE) form, signed by your academic unit, to the ISAO office for each semester that you are enrolled less than full-time in order to meet immigration requirements and not to jeopardize your F-1 or J-1 visa status. Full-Time Equivalency forms for Spring 2012 are due on Monday, January 23, 2012.

Full-Time Equivalency form Instructions:

- Print the form from the ISAO website at: <http://www.umkc.edu/isao/services/>
- Fill in the form
- Have it signed by your student or faculty advisor
- Submit it to ISAO (ISAO, 5235 Rockhill Road) or fax to 816-235-6577, or use our Document Uploader: <http://www.umkc.edu/isao/services/>
- Submit documentation to support your under-enrollment request.

International Students Across the Globe

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/student-migration-map>



E-mail Scam



Please be very careful when replying to email messages from non-UMKC email addresses that you do not already know. Several students have reported that they received emails from a non-UMKC email account about applying for jobs. When the students responded to the email, they were sent checks to deposit into their checking accounts and told to purchase items and ship them. Once the students received the checks, their money was stolen from their accounts. This activity is known as an email scam. If you are a victim of an email scam, you must report it IMMEDIATELY to the FBI, which is a United States government organization. The FBI website to report this can be found here: www.ic3.gov

When you contact the FBI, you should tell them as much information as possible such as: the email address that sent you the scam, the email you received from the scammer, and a description of the situation. If you have already been a victim of an email scam, please keep all evidence of it including: emails, checks, or any other information about the email scam.

Also, our office has received emails from students' personal (non-UMKC) accounts claiming to have been mugged or robbed while overseas. The emails request financial assistance to help settle debts in hotels, airfare, etc. If you receive an email like this, please let our office know so that we can further investigate.

If you have any questions please contact the International Student Affairs Office. Please also note that this e-mail has been sent to all International Students.

Marisa Lewis
International Student Advisor (DSO) and PASS Coordinator



Ice Skating with APC

Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 5 – 9pm
Crown Center

Activity & Program Council
event contact: Zachariah Hinton

The event is **free** but transportation will not be provided.
apc@umkc.edu



CONFEDERATE DISUNION:



The War Beyond the Battlefield

Thursday, January 26 – Friday, January 27, 2012

Public Lecture

"Confederate Reckoning: The Politics of the 'Homefront' in the Civil War South"

Stephanie McCurry, University of Pennsylvania

Thursday, January 26th 6:30pm,

Truman Forum Kansas City Public Library

Plaza Branch

The symposium is co-sponsored by the Bernadine Haskell Lecture Fund, UMKC College of Arts and Sciences, the Kansas City Public Library, the High School College Credit Program, Center for Regional Studies at UMKC, and the Organization of American Historians.

The symposium offers a special opportunity for the participating faculty and the High School College Program – as well as UMKC faculty, students, and the broader Kansas City Community – to interact with some of the nation's leading scholars of American history and culture. The department of history also offers a one credit undergraduate/graduate course in conjunction with the symposium, History 4001/500 RW.

Workshops for teachers and students

Friday, January 27th, Public Library, Plaza Branch

Session I: Plenary Session

"Recalculating the Price of Freedom: Women and the Civil War"

Thavolia Glymph, Duke University

9:00-10:00 am

Session II: Plenary Session

"The Free State of Jones: Community, Race, and Kinship in Civil War Mississippi"

Victoria Bynum, Texas State University at San Marcos

10:00-11:00 am

Session III: Concurrent Workshops

"Teaching the Civil War in the Modern Curriculum"

Stephanie McCurry, Thavolia Glymph, Victoria Bynum

11:00 am-12:00 pm

Session IV: Plenary Session and Panel Discussion

"The Challenges of Teaching about the Homefront"

1:00-2:00 pm

All panelists and participants are invited to meet informally and discuss the themes and implications of this year's symposium.

UMKC JAZZ Festival

Friday, February 3, 2012

UMKC Student Union

5100 Cherry Street

Kansas City, MO 64110

EVENT SPONSOR UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance

CONTACT 816-235-2741

TICKETS REQUIRED

TICKET PHONE 816-235-6222

TICKET LINK <http://www.umkc.edu/adminservices/cto/>

Featuring guest artist Roy Hargrove, trumpet, and hosted by UMKC Jazz faculty members Bobby Watson and Dan Thomas, the 2012 UMKC Jazz Festival provides an extraordinary weekend for jazz musicians and educators. Instrumental school jazz ensembles of all levels—middle school through college/university—are invited to perform.

For more information about the UMKC Jazz Department, visit umkcjazz.posterous.com

LINK conservatory.umkc.edu



What would YOU like to see in the Newsletter?

The newsletter is from and for international students and we would like to hear your feedback. The newsletter is designed to not only keep you updated about important immigration announcements but, also to inform you about scholastic and fun activities at UMKC and it's surrounding area.

But we often hear that students do not read the newsletter on a frequent basis. We would like to change that and are curious to get your input. Is there anything you would like to see in the future newsletters? Is there anything you would like to change? More UMKC news, international student interviews, etc.? Please go to our facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/topic.php?topic=17065&uid=95374984370> to participate in our discussion board titled "What would YOU like to see in the newsletter?" and post constructive ideas or suggestions. The ambassadors are looking forward to hearing from you.

MESSAGE BOARD

We wish you a
successfull Spring
semester!

E-mail Reminder

Students are required to check their UMKC e-mail frequently and maintain it. ISAO will always send important e-mails to your UMKC e-mail! Please note that you are responsible for the contents of all emails ISAO sends you, especially when it is related to any of your important immigration documents: I-20 or DS-2019, visa, I-94 or passport.

Post a Message
Would you like to
include a message,
story, or pictures in
the next newscast?
Please contact the
International Student
Ambassadors by
emailing
umkcisap@umkc.edu

UMKC welcomes
JESIE students
visiting from China!

As a reminder, before you can access the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) Metro bus system, you will need to get your new UMKC One Card!

Bring your old ID card to the One Card office to receive your new one FREE! The Office is located in the University Center, room 101, and is open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. For more information on getting your new One Card, go to:

<http://www.umkc.edu/onecard/how-to-get-a-umkc-onecard.asp>.

Please note that your old ID card will still work for building and garage access (if you already had this access) until you get your new card. In addition, you will need the new One Card to utilize the US Bank banking services that will be offered to UMKC students this Fall.

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