Pace students, faculty, and staff celebrated International Education Week by taking a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and by traveling around the world in three hours as part of Passport to the World, International Food and Music Festival.

Passport to the World featured music, images, and food from Delhi to Dakar, Bolivia to Beijing, and New York to the Netherlands. Over 100 members of the Pace community took part in the event. Visitors got their passports stamped upon visiting each continent. A drawing was then held where three people won backpacks and there was a grand prize drawing for a free language course offered by the World Trade Institute.

Said Maulin Thaker, a student from India and the DJ for the event, “Such programs help to get the world closer and explore diverse cultures.” This is what International Education week is all about: the celebration of difference and cooperation.

Provost Morreale and students enjoy the festivities.

From all of us at the OIPS

Wishing you the best of luck on your finals and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Jenifer, Juleen, Kraig, and Mira
Nuts & Bolts: Immigration and Other Reminders

***The OIPS will be closed for the winter holiday from December 24, 2004 to January 3, 2005. Please plan for signatures and work authorizations accordingly!***

If you are traveling outside the U.S. during the winter holiday, you should come to the OIPS to get a new travel signature on your I-20 if the current signature is 6 months old. Bring your documents early to avoid delays at the end of the semester!

Co-op Students: All current CPT authorizations will expire on December 23 (December 20 for Law School students). If you plan to continue your Co-op position during the break, the authorization must be renewed before the expiration of your current authorization. Any days of work you do without authorization is a violation of your immigration status.

Ongoing through 12/23/04 GRADUATING STUDENTS can apply for OPT
Graduating students MUST apply for OPT before December 23, 2004!

November 5, 2004 to January 7, 2005 DV-2006 Lottery applications can be filed
The DV-2006 Lottery opened on November 5, 2004. Entry to the DV Lottery is allowed for individuals meeting certain criteria. For a detailed list of questions and answers regarding DV-2006, you can visit www.visalaw.com/greencard.html Applications are submitted online at www.dvlottery.state.gov.

Ongoing Report Changes of Address with 10 days of moving
If you have recently moved or will be moving soon, remember to update both SARS and the OIPS with your new address within 10 days of moving as required by law.

Ongoing Update Email Addresses!
All students will now be subscribed to the International Student Listserv and in the future more and more communication will be coming over email. Please update the OIPS with your email addresses when you change them. It’s as simple as emailing us from your new address. We will do the rest.

Like what you see? Have an idea for an article?

Interested in getting involved in the international student community?

Contribute to Karibu! the newsletter just for international students at Pace. Contact Jenifer Leon at jleon2@pace.edu