Celebrate International Education Week 2004!

This week, November 15-19 commemorates the 5th annual International Education Week co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and the Department of Education. Outgoing Secretary of State Colin Powell stated in his IEW address that IEW “provides an opportunity to highlight the benefits of international education and exchange; to express appreciation for students and scholars who study and teach here; and to commend the millions of people who build and strengthen bridges of international understanding by organizing and participating in exchange programs.”

Educational institutions throughout the United States and overseas advising centers around the world are encouraged to provide programming on campus to celebrate the value of international education. This year, IEW events at Pace are being co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs and Services and the Office of the Associate Provost. This year’s events include a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art on November 16 and Passport to the World: An International Food and Music Festival on November 18.

A committed group of international students, returned study abroad students, faculty and staff have worked together to plan Passport to the World. It will take place this Thursday, November 18, 2004 from 11 to 2 in the Multipurpose Room at Pace Plaza. At the festival, guests can sample food and music from many regions of the world, all of them represented by members of the Pace community. Raffle prizes will also be awarded.

We hope that you will join us to celebrate and support international education at Pace!

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Excursion: Metropolitan Museum of Art
Tuesday, November 16
Depart Pace at 2:45 p.m.
Reservations Required

Join the OIPS staff for an afternoon exploring the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The Met has a wonderful collection of art from around the world. Special Exhibits currently running feature Chinese art and Andean tapestry. After walking around, let’s go for dinner at a local restaurant, your choice!

Passport to the World: An International Food and Music Festival
Thursday, November 18
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Pace Plaza

Join us for an afternoon of food sampling, music listening, and raffle prize drawing. Meet some of the members of Pace’s very diverse community.
How can you apply classroom theory to on-the-job experience, build your resume, and gain an understanding of the American professional workplace?? The Pace Co-operative Education program gives international students the opportunity to enhance their academic program with career-related experience and make studying at Pace more rewarding. With approval from your International Student Advisor, employment in an off-campus internship directly related to your major can qualify as Curricular Practical Training.

The Co-op & Career Services staff is here to help you achieve your personal and professional goals. All students are encouraged to meet with a counselor early in their Pace education. When you meet with a counselor, you will have a chance to discuss your interests, evaluate your options, and begin a process of career exploration that will continue throughout your education at Pace. After preparing a resume with the help of your counselor, you will have access to a database of internships in a variety of fields from accounting to finance to computer systems…and more! You will be able to submit your resume directly to employers you who will review your qualifications and hopefully, contact you to set up an interview! The Co-op office can then assist you with your interview skills through a variety of ways including workshops, videos and practicing one-on-one with your counselor or a professional recruiter. There are programs each semester that give you the opportunity to hear professionals and alumni speak about their careers and provide you with suggestions and valuable contacts.

To make an appointment with a Co-op Counselor, call one of our offices. We are located at all Pace campuses: New York City 212-346-1950; Pleasantville 914-773-3361; and Graduate Center/White Plains 914-422-4187. For further information, and to view a schedule of our upcoming events, check out our web site www.pace.edu/coopcs.

Did you know?

Over 20% of the cranberries eaten in one year in the U.S. are eaten on Thanksgiving Day. Enjoy that cranberry sauce while it lasts!
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
Beginning now through December 23, graduating students can apply for OPT. Check out the schedule of OPT workshops at the OIPS!

November 5, 2004 to January 7, 2005 DV-2006 Lottery applications can be filed
The DV-2006 Lottery will open 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.

Did you know?
Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird of the United States. Thomas Jefferson opposed the idea. Legend has it that Franklin named the male turkey “tom turkey” to spite Jefferson.
The Holidays in New York

As the weather turns colder, the sun sets in mid-afternoon, and the leaves start to fall, our minds slowly begin turning toward the upcoming holiday season. Christmas in New York is known throughout the U.S., and here is a guide for you to enjoy the holiday season in New York.

Thanksgiving Events
Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade: Growing up, I always watched the parade on TV while my parents cooked dinner. Here’s how you can see it in person!
Parade begins 9:00 a.m. at 77th St. and Central Park West. It then turns onto Broadway at 59th St. and continues down Broadway to 34th St. Spectators line the parade route to glimpse their favorite balloons and stars.

The Night Before: The night before the big parade, spectators can watch the big balloons be inflated on the Upper West Side. Watch Super Grover and SpongeBob SquarePants come to larger than life before your very eyes! 3-10 p.m. West 77th and 81st Streets between Columbus and Central Park West.

Get all the official parade info at www.macyparade.com!

Christmastime Events
Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree Lighting: The famous Christmas Tree will be lit in Rockefeller Plaza on November 30 at 8:50 p.m. Get there early to enjoy the 2 hours of performances before the tree-lighting.

Singing Christmas Tree: The Big Apple Chorus presents the Singing Christmas Tree in our own backyard, the South Street Seaport. Performances are at 6 and 7 p.m. on Friday evenings and at 3 and 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Performances begin on the Friday after Thanksgiving and conclude on the Sunday after Christmas. (No performances on Christmas Day.) Check it out at www.bigapplechorus.org

Showtime!: The home of Broadway offers several shows that celebrate the Christmas spirit. Check out these classics.
- George Balanchine’s The Nutcracker at the New York City Ballet. Get schedule and ticket information at www.nycballet.com
- A Christmas Carol based on the novel by Charles Dickens playing at The Beacon Theater for the week after Thanksgiving only!
- Radio City Christmas Spectacular. Radio City Music Hall’s own Rockettes perform in this show. Get ticket and schedule information at www.radiocity.com

Wintertime Happenings
Ice skating in Manhattan is now open! Rockefeller Plaza and Central Park offer great locations to stretch your legs on the ice whether you’re a beginner or an experienced skater. Here are the websites for details on both locations.
Rockefeller Plaza: www.therinkatrockcenter.com
Wollman Rink, Central Park: www.wollmanskatingrink.com
Thanksgiving Quiz

1. What year did the Pilgrims have their first Thanksgiving feast?
   a. 1619
   b. 1620
   c. 1621
   d. 1935

2. What percentage of cranberries are eaten on Thanksgiving day?
   a. 10%
   b. 20%
   c. 47%
   d. 52%

3. The Horn of Plenty, or Cornucopia, which symbolizes abundance, originated in what country?
   a. Holland
   b. Greece
   c. America
   d. Turkey

4. Why did President Roosevelt move the date of Thanksgiving back one week?
   a. To fulfill a political promise
   b. To ward off evil spirits
   c. Due to public pressure
   d. To lengthen the Christmas shopping season

5. What part of the turkey do superstitious people believe will grant a wish if you get the larger half when you break it with another person?
   a. The thigh
   b. The giblet
   c. The wishbone
   d. The wing

6. Who is traditionally the last person/character to appear in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade?
   a. Santa Claus
   b. The CEO of Macy’s
   c. The mayor of New York
   d. Tom Turkey

7. What beverage did the Pilgrims bring to the “New World” on the Mayflower with them?
   a. Chocolate milk
   b. Orange juice
   c. Beer
   d. Wine

8. How many days did the first Thanksgiving celebration last?
   a. 1
   b. 3
   c. 5
   d. 7

No cheating! But the answers are below.

Answers:
1. 1621
2. 20%
3. Greece
4. To lengthen the Christmas shopping season
5. The wishbone
6. Santa Claus
7. Beer
8. 3 days