



Newsletter Date

Happy end of the year!

April, 2013

Cascarones!

Earlier this month Olga Martinez (of the Service Learning Office) taught us how to make cascarones—which are a tradition among many Latin American and Hispanic cultures, especially around Easter.

Like Easter Eggs, cascarones are colored eggshells, only the egg shells are empty and painted instead of dyed. After the painted shells dry, they are filled with confetti and the ends are sealed with tissue paper. The completed eggs are then hidden and the hunt begins! Participants in the hunt find and collect as many eggs as possible and, finally, break them over each other's heads, until everyone is covered in confetti.



Olga shared with us the history of the modern tradition, which has its roots all over the world! The origins of the painted eggshells date back to China, and it is said that Marco Polo brought the tradition back to Europe. In Italy it then became a courtship ritual, as men would fill the eggs with powdered perfume present them to the women they liked. Eventually this practice

spread to many countries and became the tradition it is today in Mexico, Latin America and the Southwestern United States.

Cascarones are most common around Easter, as the breaking of the eggs represents not only wishes of good luck, but the resurrection of Christ.

Many thanks to Olga and everyone who participated!

Steps to make your own Cascarones:

1. Get some uncooked eggs.
2. Empty the egg by gently tapping the bottom of the shell to create a small hole to pour the egg out.
3. Use the eggs! Cook them and eat them!
4. Rinse out the eggshells and set aside to dry.
5. When they have dried, paint them, but be careful not to break them!
6. Set them aside to dry.
7. Carefully fill the painted shell with confetti.
8. Apply some glue around the opening of the eggshell and place tissue paper over the end to seal it. Set aside to dry.
9. Once dry, surprise your roommate by cracking your Cascarone on their head! The semester is over! **It's time to celebrate!!!!**



Congratulations Graduates!

The end of the semester and academic year are upon us. Congratulations to everyone for surviving the semester, and especially to those who are graduating this semester!

Graduate Students:

Mengfei Niu—Master of Business Administration

Dwiti Ved—Master of Business Administration

Victoria Marques—Master of Teaching English as a Second Language

Leying Cai—Master of Science in e-Commerce

Liviu Oniga —Master of Science in Nursing: Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Corina Belean — Master of Science in Nursing: Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner



Undergraduate Students:

Arjunkumar Thakar—Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Sciences/Medical Technology

Akikio Ikeda—Bachelor of Science in Hospice and Palliative Studies

Anastasija Baranovska—Bachelor of Arts in English, Minor in Journalism

Qi Qian — Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Derrek Trail (ISO employee!)—Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems

Graduation mass will be held on Thursday, May 2 from 7:00pm—8:00pm

in the Felician Sister Central Convent Chapel.

Commencements will be held on Sunday, May 5th from 1:30pm—4:00pm

at the Compuware Arena in Plymouth, MI.

****Graduates should arrive at noon.****



April Birthdays!

This month we are celebrating the birthdays of JoonSuk Oh and our very own SangGi Jung.

JoonSuk Oh: April 24th

SangGi Jung: April 28th



Since this will be the last issue of the ISO newsletter until the fall, I'd also like to wish a happy birthday to all of those who will celebrate their birthdays over the summer.

Eoghann Stephens: May 5th

Nan Wu: May 5th

Marta Kotlinska: May 13th

Eric (KyongTaek) Mun: May 18th

Xiao Qing Shi: June 2nd

Sala Yang: June 14th

Manishkumar Patel: July 15th

Anastasija Seremetjeva: July 22nd

Qiyu Chen: July 28th

Xin Ma: August 6th

Ashley Parent: August 8th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!



Are you ready for the end of the semester?

So you've been diligently studying and preparing for your exams for weeks now. All that's left is to take your finals and you're home free, right? Think again! The end of the semester means more than just finishing classes. Here are a few things to keep in mind:



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Do you have all your paperwork in order? Depending on whether or not you are coming back next semester, you might have some paperwork to complete. Transferring? Leaving? Extending your Stay? Make sure you've filled out the proper forms (all located on the wall next to room 1209) and have submitted them!

Going home for the summer? Or maybe going on a fantastic vacation? If you are leaving the country, you need to get your I-20 signed by either Grace Philson or Amy Dickerson *before you leave*. **If you leaving and returning, you must be registered full-time for next semester before your I-20 can be signed.**

Surveys! You should have received two surveys via email or paper copy. One is a music survey, the other is on programs offered by the ISO. Your feedback is very important to developing future programs so please complete those surveys (either online or on paper) by the end of the semester (April 26th). If you need a copy please stop by room 1209 or 1207. When you have completed your survey, please turn it into Amy in room 1209. Thank you!



Residence Hall

If you are staying in the residence hall, you must follow the residence hall check-out procedures before leaving.

Residents must move out by 1:00pm on Saturday, April 27th. If you need to extend your stay you must sign up by 12:00pm on Friday, April 19th.

If you have any questions on moving out please contact your RA, RC or Ms. Tanisha McIntosh ASAP.

In order to move out you must make an appointment with your RA or RC to complete your room inventory check. There is a sign-up sheet by the RA's door—make sure you sign up at least 24 hours in advance. Upon moving out room and mail keys must be returned to your RA. There is a fee if you do not complete this check out procedure.

Please remember quiet hours will be in effect 24 hours a day during finals week (4/21—4/27). Please be respectful of your neighbors.

The dining hall will serve lunch on 4/27 from 12:00—1:00pm before closing for the summer.

Donation bins are located around campus if you have clothes or other items (that are in decent condition) you would like to donate.

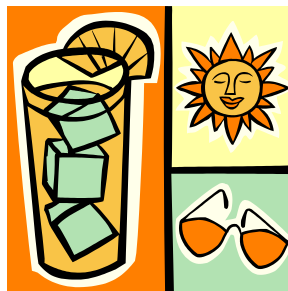
Residence Hall move-in for the Fall semester will begin Monday, September 2nd.



Here for the summer?

The dining hall will be closed throughout the summer but the Take 5 Lounge will be open until June 28th.

The ISO will be offering weekly shopping trips on Fridays throughout the summer. Please stop by room 1209 the week of the trip to sign up!



Thanks for a great year!