UPCOMING EVENTS OF ISO!!

In Brazil, Independence Day is a real celebration on the 7th of September every year. This is also known as Dia de Independência in Portuguese. The people of Brazil celebrate three long centuries of freedom from Portugal on September 7, 1822. When a man by the name of Pedro I took the crown of Brazil, his deeds brought freedom and dignity to the Portuguese. It then took Brazil some time to digest the freedom that it now enjoys. Independence Day is celebrated with much fanfare and the country looks forward to it. Before Independence Day, "Mondelez" and "Daim" have won awards for their new campaigns. In Brazil, the country has made two centuries, 1822 and 1922. On August 29, 1922, Brazil finally gained its independence from Portugal when the Portuguese took the crown away from Brazil. Afternoon, the defied of Brazil in the independence campaign. Brazil in the world is the first among the leading four countries.

Writings by Joel Bloss

Independence Day In Brazil

T o those who need something more than just doing school work, here are several events waiting for you from International Student Office (ISO). As usual, many new international students are arriving on campus in this full semester. In order to help them adjust to a new environment, ISO has been planning various events. Welcome Party is one of them. It is going to be held Thursday, 29th at 7.30 pm at Colonial Lounge. At the party, you will have an opportunity to meet staff, professors, as well as fellow students. If you cannot attend the party, you can also try various foods as well. Oh, are you curious about American homes and families?

Ward Presbyterian Church is remaining American host families for international students. Students will be invited to their host family’s house and spend time together, having a meal, talking, and enjoying other activities. Stop by ISO to learn more updated news regarding host family. If you are interested in participating in an outdoor activity you can go on a field trip to Apple Orchard on October 5th, from 1 pm to 3 pm. The last one I want to introduce today is "Coffee Time," which is going to be held on the 2nd of October at Colonial Lounge. Come and have some refreshing time with friends. This usually takes place two to three times per semester, so you don’t need to be discouraged even if you miss the first one. For more detailed information, contact ISO at 734-483-5763.

Writings by Alina Park

Welcome new international students

Would you like to introduce the new Associate Dean of Academic Advising at MSU-Bornholts? In a few words, Ms. Benson oversees the first two years of incoming students, working on advisor training and also serves as an advisor to students. This semester, we are very happy to introduce her to the MSU-Bornholts community. She is a leader in the field of Academic Advising, and her efforts have been recognized both within and outside the MSU-Bornholts community. The call for new advisors is ongoing, and we are excited to welcome her to our team.

Writings by Joanna Alvarez

New Associate Dean of Academic Advising

I recently had a conversation with Ryan Goza, a pre-Nursing student from the Philippines. We spoke about his experience in college, which he described as challenging yet rewarding. Every day for about two hours, Ryan would play games with his classmates and attend classes in his preceptor course. When asked about his experience, Ryan said, "I really enjoyed my time at the University of Southern California, and the facilities were amazing. I met some amazing people, and the atmosphere was very welcoming and supportive." He also highlighted the importance of making connections and building relationships.

"When I arrived, the School was very happy when I first came. I was very happy because they were nice and friendly. I really appreciated the support from my professors and the support staff at the University. It was like having an American family, and I understood what they were saying. If you needed help, they were there to help you. I also felt very comfortable, and the facilities helped me to improve my English and to understand what they were saying. It helped me feel more welcome and to be more confident in my English skills." He further stated that building relationships was very important to him.

"I would like to tell all future medical (pre) students that this is a great opportunity to build meaningful relationships. You will be volunteering in Darien for Habitat for Humanity, in Chicago, and at a variety of other sites. Students will also be going on trips to places such as the Gulf Coast to support hurricane victims. Many of these experiences are meant to build a community and to foster a sense of community. There are also great opportunities to get more comfortable in your community, to improve your English skills, and to really help people out. If you are interested in service activities like this, please contact us soon!"}

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October 5 (Friday) Field Trip: Apple picking 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

October 5 (Friday) Coffee Time: Colonial Lounge 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

November 16 (Friday) Coffee Time: Colonial Lounge 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

November 30 (Friday) Coffee Time: Colonial Lounge 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ISO Events Calendar

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We always welcome new members!