

# INTERNATIONALINK

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## INTERNATIONAL NIGHT 2009

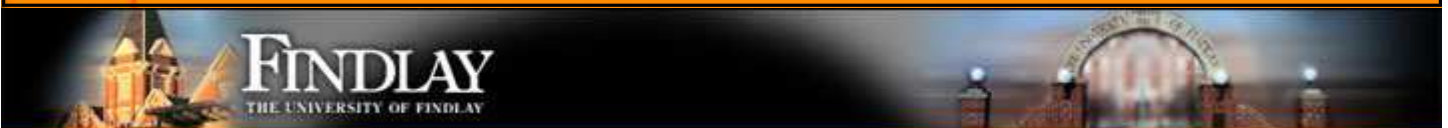


*"The things that we share in our world  
are far more valuable than those that divide us."*

**April 17, 2009 6:00 - 9:00 pm The University of Findlay AMU**

**April 17th** kicks off International Night 2009! Every year U.F's International Night proves to be a success and this year will be no different. With 18 countries represented, display booths, traditional food and dress, and three hours of entertainment including song, dance, fashion and more, this years International Night will be a night to remember for The University of Findlay campus and local community.

If you have any questions regarding International Night please contact the Office of International Admissions and Services at 419-434-4558.



# Immigration Highlight

## Big Changes for Finishing Environmental Students

*Starting Summer Quarter June 12, 2009*

- Once a student completes their formal coursework they register for Grad699. The student has two quarters to complete their Capstone. A student's I-20 will have the Program End Date shortened to the end of the two quarters.
- A student must meet with the Program Director or assigned academic advisor face-to-face twice a month to report on progress during each quarter of the Grad699.
- A student will not be permitted to take a quarter off and remain in the U.S. once registered for Grad699.
- A student will no longer be eligible for CPT work authorization once Grad699 is registered.
- If a student can not complete the Capstone in the given amount of time, the student must apply for a program extension with documentation recording the reason the extension is needed. If the advisor will not support the extension, the student must return home and complete his/her program. A student can apply for a maximum of two extensions.
- If a student is unable to complete their Capstone in the time given and must return home to complete the capstone, the student will no longer be eligible to apply for OPT.

## What's Happening



### TESOL Professor Wins Award

Jennifer Fennema-Bloom, assistant professor of TESOL and bilingual education, earned first place in the 2009 Outstanding Dissertation competition from the National Association of Bilingual Education. Her dissertation, from Teachers College, Columbia University, is "Pedagogic Code-Switching: A Case Study of the Language Practices of Three Bilingual Content Teachers."

### International Admissions Hosts Two Alumni Receptions

The Office of International Admissions and Services is hosting two Alumni receptions in Chicago, Illinois and Troy, Michigan. If you are a U of F Int'l Alumni and live in one of these areas, this event is for you! Dinner will be served and there will be give-aways for those in attendance! It's time to reconnect with old friends and make new ones! We hope you will be able to attend this event. Please contact Debbie ([vanatta@findlay.edu](mailto:vanatta@findlay.edu)) or Kelli ([wages@findlay.edu](mailto:wages@findlay.edu)) to RSVP that you will be able to attend. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

#### Chicago

Saturday, May 9, 2009  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
Wyndham Chicago  
633 N. St. Clair Street  
Chicago, IL

#### Michigan

Saturday, April 25, 2009  
11:00am - 1:00pm  
The Melting Pot  
888 W. Big Beaver Rd #119  
Troy, MI



# Friendly Reminders

- **IMPORTANT:** Please be sure to update your local address through our web site! Your F1 status could be terminated if you don't! There are many students who have not updated their local address. And please be sure to update your utility companies (electric, gas, water) with the correct local address as well. You can find the Change of Address form under the Office of International Admissions and Services section of the U.F. website.
- Travel signatures on page three of your I-20's are valid for six months! You must be registered for the next term before we can sign your I-20.
- If you have pictures to share in the International Link, you can email them to [haines@findlay.edu](mailto:haines@findlay.edu).

# Student Life in Pictures



**Spring Break Bowling**



# OPT Application Session

OPT Application Sessions are held in the Endly Room of the AMU promptly at 9:30 a.m. Please download and complete the OPT Application Packet from our web site before you attend the session. The application can be found at:

<http://www.findlay.edu/admissions/info/international/immigrationinformation/f1student/default.htm>

OPT APPLICATION DATES	
<b>2009</b>	<b>Sessions are limited to 40 students.</b>  <b>Sign up in our office to reserve your seat!</b>
January 6	
February 3	
March 3	
April 9 (Thurs.)	
May 5	
June 2	
July 7	
August 4	
September 1	
October 6	
November 3	
December 1	



Mark Your Calendar!

## Free Shuttle Service!



No transportation? No problem! You can catch our shuttle service every Thursday and Saturday at the AMU!

The shuttle runs:

- Every Tuesday to Meijers from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Every Thursday to the Findlay Village Mall from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Every Saturday to Walmart from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The shuttle picks up and drops off students every half an hour at the AMU.



The University of Findlay, in Findlay, Ohio, has a longstanding tradition of welcoming international students to its campus. Each year, we welcome over 200 new international students from over 40 different countries and territories. Learn more about International Admissions and Services on the web!

<http://www.findlay.edu/admissions/info/international/default.htm>

### International Admissions and Services

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