

# INTERNATIONAL LINK

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## It's Christmas Time!

As the song goes, "it's the most wonderful time of the year!" It's also one of the busiest! November means giving thanks for all that we have as we celebrate Thanksgiving. Our annual Thanksgiving Lunch hosted by International Admissions was a success as we filled Winebrenner Seminary auditorium to capacity. You can see pictures of the event inside this issue. We barely finish up the Thanksgiving celebration before we need to look forward to all that December has in store for us. Here is a calendar of some events and schedules you need to know coming up in December.

### December:

- 1-3 Coats for Christmas Fundraiser Old Main, AMU, Davis St. Building, WTS Sponsored by Campus Compact
- 1-3 9 am-noon and 1:30-4:30 pm - Toys for Tots Collection Drive AMU North Hallway, CPB, Student Activities and Commuter Student Services Hallway
- 6 9:30-11:30 pm - Last Passport Event: "Late Night Munchies with John Taglieri, Human i-tunes" Henderson Dining Hall Sponsored by CPB
- 7 11 am-2 pm - Christmas Cookie Event AMU Lounge Sponsored by SOTA
- 24 International Admissions Office closed for holiday.
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- 28-30 International Admissions Office open 8:00 a.m—Noon
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Previous students build a snow man



# Immigration Highlight

## Need some extra money?

Some students find they would like to earn a little extra money while studying but also discover finding a job on-campus can be difficult with only so many jobs for so many students. Why not only earn some extra money but gain practical experience in your field of study at the same time? You can through signing up for CPT. CPT is employment authorization available for students to work off campus in a job related to their field of study. Students can work up to twenty hours while school is in session and forty hours during official school breaks. Before you can begin working off campus you need authorization to do so through International Admissions. To begin the process of finding an off campus job, visit Kevin Clutz in Career Services and he will be able to help you find local companies you can work for. Once you find an employer, Craig Haines in International Admissions will give you proper authorization and issue you a new I-20 to work. Students can work 12 months on full time CPT.



## Get to Know Us: Debbie VanAtta

***Each month we'll highlight a different staff person in the office of International Admissions and Services***

Title: Assistant Director for International Admissions / SEVIS Coordinator

Year Started at UF: 2001

What do you do in the office of International Admissions? My job is to issue the I-20s for incoming students to present to the visa officer. I also prepare many reports and help coordinate some of our events throughout the year.

What do you enjoy about working in International Admissions? I enjoy getting to meet students from all over the world and seeing how they grow as individuals from the first day they come to Findlay to when they graduate. It is truly a rewarding experience working in this office.

What are some of your hobbies and interests outside of work? I love spending time with my family and watching my boys grow up. I enjoy reading, playing volleyball and being outdoors (when it is warm!)

Tell us a "fun fact" about you. I am a graduate of UF. I played volleyball and softball at UF for 2 years. I love sports! I have been married for almost 10 years and I have two boys, Cody and Jakob.

What words of wisdom or advice would you have for international students? Enjoy your time at UF, study hard and get involved! UF is a great place to experience so many different things while earning your degree!



# Thanksgiving Lunch

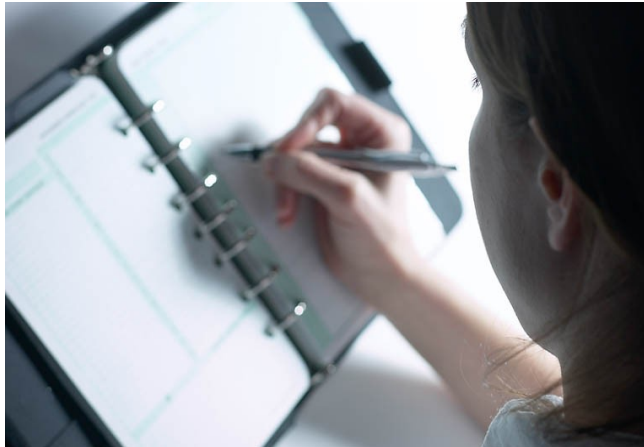


# OPT Application Session

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>2010</b>	<b>Sessions are limited to 40 students.</b>  <b>Sign up in our office to reserve your seat!</b>
January 7 (TH)	
February 4 (TH)	
March 4 (TH)	
April 6	
May 4	
June 8	
July 6	
August 3	
September 7	
October 5	
November 2	
December 7	



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 Asian Grocery store (first stop only) and 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 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>

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