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Please contact Diana at [Diana.Abraham@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Diana.Abraham@mail.wvu.edu) if you have any questions or if you would like your event to be published in OISS's newsletter.

Event details/flyers/articles MUST be sent to [oiss@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:oiss@mail.wvu.edu) no later than 8:15 a.m. Monday morning to be included in OISS's newsletter.

## **ATTENTION!**

- **You must notify OISS if you have changed your status.**
- **You must notify OISS if you are graduating.**
- **You must notify OISS if you are leaving the U.S. for any reason.**
- **Please check the program end date on your I-20 or DS-2019.**
- **Extensions cannot be processed AFTER the program end date.**
- **If you have holds on your account, you must come to the OISS office.**
- **You must be registered for classes full-time unless you have permission from OISS.**
- **You must keep your address and phone contact info up to date with OISS.**
- **You must use your MIX email accounts to receive notices from OISS.**
- **Failure to comply could lead to very serious consequences.**

## **Roots of Islam: From Africa to the Americas**

**When:** Thursday, February 2nd

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Where:** Mountainlair Ballroom (Mountainlair)

Co-sponsored by the Center for Black Culture & Research and the Muslim Students Association, Imam Johari Malik, chaplain of Howard University, will be coming to speak about Islam on February 2, 2012. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call **(304) 293-7029** or visit [cbc.wvu.edu](http://cbc.wvu.edu)

## **Global Cultural Series: "Building an Inclusive Community"**

The WVU President's Office for Social Justice is looking for individuals who are willing to be International Cultural Ambassadors and share their international and cultural experiences with local high school students. If you are interested in doing this, please contact **Terre Ming** at [terre.ming@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:terre.ming@mail.wvu.edu)

## ISO - Call for Volunteers

The ISO would like to have people volunteer to be part of the Food Committee for this year's Indian Sub-continent-themed International Dinner. We hope to have people who can cook foods from Nepal, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. This committee's specific duties will be:

- assign cooks
- come up with shopping lists and purchase items
- set the menu
- make sure the food is ready for delivery to the Mountainlair on the day of the dinner

If you are interested in being part of this committee, please contact Shishira Sreenivas at [sreeniv@mix.wvu.edu](mailto:sreeniv@mix.wvu.edu)

## HERE WE GO, SUPERBOWL WEEKEND!

**Join WVUp All Night this weekend for SPORTS, WINGS, and FREE SUPERBOWL T-SHIRTS!**

On Thursday night, the 2nd, Comedy Caravan is back with Jesse Joyce! The Gluck Theatre will be showing *The Immortals* and *The Program*.

On Friday night, the 3rd, the Gluck Theatre will be featuring *The Program*, *The Immortals*, and the classic, *The Waterboy*. At 9pm, students can enjoy the Inflatable Sports Equalizer!!! In this touchdown equalizer, students imagine they are on the winning run for the touchdown when a students' opponent tries to stop them in their track, because they're connected! This game is a lot of fun! At the same time, SUPERBOWL TSHIRTS can be made in the Vandalia Lounge! The FREE FOOD BUFFET at 10 pm will consist of crunchy nachos, crispy French fries, and golden brown wings! The FREE food doesn't stop there, at midnight; you can enjoy a breakfast buffet of hash browns, omelets and more!

Saturday, the 28th, the Gluck Theatre will be featuring *The Program*, *The Immortals*, the classic, *The Waterboy*. At 9pm, students can enjoy the Inflatable Sports Equalizer again! SUPERBOWL TSHIRTS can be made in the Vandalia Lounge at 9 pm! The FREE FOOD BUFFET at 10 pm will consist of crunchy nachos, crispy French fries, and golden brown wings! Midnight breakfast will happen after!

**We hope to see at WVUp All Night this weekend for some national championship fun!**

## Walk Without Fear

The Monongalia Arts Center is hosting *Walk Without Fear*. Featuring the photography of PSALM (Proud Students Against Landmines and Cluster Bombs)/WVCBL (West Virginia Campaign to Ban Landmines and Cluster Bombs) coordinator Nora Sheets and the artwork of the St. Francis de Sales PSALM students, this exhibit highlights cluster bombs and landmines in Laos and Cambodia.

The exhibit is free to the public and will be open until Saturday, February 4.

  
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Calendar of events for Spring 2012 semester:  
<http://calendar.wvu.edu/oiss/>

## **Please Note!**

**For faster service, please remember to bring your SEVIS ID number and your student ID number with you whenever you visit the OISS!**

## **Reminders!**

All international students must be sure that they are enrolled as full-time students. This means that undergraduate students must be registered for **at least** 12 credit hours per semester and graduate students must be registered for **at least** 9 credit hours per semester.

A Designated School Official (DSO) in liaison with your academic advisor **MUST** authorize any drop below full course load (commonly referred to as a "reduced course load," or RCL ) and update SEVIS **before** the student reduces his or her course load. **A student who is registered below a full course of study without the prior approval of the DSO will be considered out of status.**

**No more than the equivalent of one on-line/distance education class or 3 credits per session may count towards the "full course of study" requirement**, if the course "does not require the student's physical attendance for classes, examination or other purposes integral to completion of the class." If the student's course of study is in a language study program, no on-line or distance education classes may be counted toward the full course of study requirement. The distance education provision does not limit the number of distance education credits that can be used towards a degree's requirements, but rather the number of such credits that can be used to satisfy the "full course of study" requirement per session/semester.

SEVIS Registration confirms to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that the student has reported to the school (in the case of initial SEVIS Registration). The SEVIS Registration function also provides the system with the student's current U.S. address and session begin and end dates as appropriate.

All new international students who have not reported to the Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) to have their initial SEVIS registration completed, should do so immediately. The documents required for SEVIS activation are: **a valid passport, the I-20 form, the I-94 card issued on entry to the US.**