



OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS NEWSLETTER

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CULTURE CORNER: CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL



The National Cherry Blossom Festival is held every year to commemorate the 1912 gift of 3,000 cherry trees to the city of Washington, DC from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo, Japan. Now is the best time of year to see the cherry trees in full bloom—and luckily—the Office of Campus Involvement has organized a trip to Washington, DC on Saturday, April 11th! Visit the Impact Booth in the Campus Center for more details.

WHY SHOULD INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS VOLUNTEER?

OIS International Student Ambassador, Echo, explains how *volunteering* can help international students achieve their career goals:

An international student who performs volunteer work and is willing to overcome cultural boundaries can prove to prospective employers that they are proactive, challenge-seeking team players.

While volunteering can require a substantial time and resource commitment, it can also help put international students—who may not have been afforded access to internships—on an equal footing with their U.S. counterparts.



Visit the [Office of Civic Engagement](#) for a full list of volunteer opportunities. *Speak with an advisor at OIS before you begin your volunteer work!*

BIRTHDAYS Sunpreet (4/2), Xiaowei (4/18), Mingye (4/20), Mingee (4/20), Joe (4/30)

IMPORTANT DATES + EVENTS

Wednesday, April 1:

-May 2015 Graduates: Diploma Application Closes

Tuesday, April 7:

-Curricular Practical Training (CPT) Workshop—12:30pm-1:10pm—3rd Floor Conference Room, Campus Center

Tuesday, April 7:

-Last day to withdraw from a course with a W grade

Wednesday, April 8:

-Spring Job Fair

11:00am-2:00pm—Campus Center MPR

Saturday, April 11:

-OCI Trip to Washington, DC (Cherry Blossom Festival)

Sunday, April 12:

-Magic Gardens, Philly

Monday, April 13:

-Registration for Fall Term begins

Thursday, April 16:

-Optional Practical Training (OPT) Workshop 12:30pm-1:10pm—Campus Center West C

Thursday, April 16:

-Learning Center Workshop: Evaluating Resources—12:20pm-1:15pm—Robeson Library Electronic Classroom

Sunday, April 19:

-Night Market, Philly —11:00am-3:00pm

Tuesday, April 21:

-CPT Workshop 12:30pm-1:10pm—Campus Center West C

Saturday, April 25:

-Rutgers Day 10:00am-4:00pm—Rutgers-New Brunswick

Thursday, April 30:

-Learning Center Workshop: Writing a Great Research Paper 12:20pm-1:15pm—ARM 123

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