

IMPORTANT DATES + EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL WEEK! ↓

NOV 16 **Webcast: International Education in Peace Building**
9:00—11:00 a.m.
Campus Center Executive Meeting Room

NOV 16 **International Festival**
12:00—2:00 p.m.
Campus Center MPR

NOV 16 **PhillyBloco: Brazilian Drum Lesson**
1:20—3:40 p.m.
Raptor Roost

NOV 16 **Social Media in a Global Society**
4:30—5:30 p.m.
Campus Center Executive Meeting Room

NOV 16 **Yoga**
5:00—6:00 p.m.
Fitness Center

NOV 16 **International Dinner & Movie**
7:00—9:00 p.m.
Camden Towers Lounge

NOV 17 **Philadelphia Zoo Presents: Conservation in Borneo**
11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
319 Cooper Street-CS109

NOV 17 **International Opportunities with Rutgers-Camden**
12:20—1:15 p.m.
319 Cooper Street-CS109

NOV 17 **Quizzo: International Edition**
12:30—1:20 p.m.
Campus Center MPR

NOV 17 **Who's the Fairest of Them All?**
5:00—7:00 p.m.
Campus Center West AB

NOV 17 **Diwali/Dhamaka**
6:30—9:00 p.m.
Campus Center MPR



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT | ABHISHEK GARG



This month our student spotlight features a Rutgers-Camden alumnus: Abhishek Garg. Abhishek came to Rutgers-Camden in the Fall of 2013 from India, under the Computer Science graduate program. What he has achieved from there on is highly commendable.

At the end of his two years at Rutgers, Abhishek graduated with a cumulative GPA of 3.7. He was a teaching assistant for the course 'Programming Fundamentals and Object Oriented Programming.' Extraordinarily, Abhishek was offered a job before he graduated and was able to begin working soon after graduation! He now works for Dell Boomi which is an innovative company based in Philadelphia.

Before coming to graduate school in the United States, Abhishek worked as a system engineer at Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), which is one of Asia's largest information technology firms. He also has experience as a software developer for a US-based firm called Edgesoft Incorporated.

While talking to Abhishek, one of the first things you notice about him is how sure he is of his goals and ambitions. He comes across as a very confident and focused man who has his eyes set on his dreams and on fulfilling them. We at Rutgers-Camden are extremely proud of Abhishek for achieving so much in such a short span of time. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

CUTLURE CORNER: THANKSGIVING

History of Thanksgiving in the United States

In September 1620, a ship carrying 102 passengers seeking religious freedom departed England. After 66 difficult days at sea, the ship—the *Mayflower*—and its passengers arrived in what is today the state of Massachusetts. After a brutal winter that killed many of these individuals, the remaining colonists were greeted by



members of the Pawtuxet and Wampanoag Native American tribes. The Native Americans taught the Pilgrims how to cultivate corn, catch fish, and extract sap from maple trees. After the Pilgrims' first successful corn harvest, a feast was organized and both colonists and Native Americans gathered to celebrate. Unfortunately, this moment in history represents one of very few positive interactions between colonists and Native Americans. While 'days of thanks' were recognized throughout the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, president Abraham Lincoln established Thanksgiving as an official holiday in 1863.

Thanksgiving Traditions

Today in the United States, there are many unique traditions surrounding the holiday Thanksgiving. For example, many cities around the country celebrate with large parades. In addition, most family eat foods like turkey, stuffing, and cranberry sauce. Thanksgiving takes place every year on the fourth Thursday in November. This year, we will celebrate on *Thursday, November 26th*.



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NOV 18 **Not your Grandma's Carnival Cruise: Healthcare in the Brazilian Amazon**
12:10—1:20 p.m.
Raptor Roost

NOV 18 **Group Identity Seminar**
4:30—5:30 p.m.
Campus Center South BC

NOV 18 **Zumba**
5:00—5:45 p.m.
Fitness Center

NOV 18 **Cooking Demonstration**
5:00—7:00 p.m.
Dining Hall

NOV 18 **Visions of Place Lecture**
6:30 p.m.
Campus Center MPR

NOV 19 **Building an International Career**
12:20—1:20 p.m.
Campus Center West AB

NOV 19 **Turkish Coffee Day**
12:10—1:20 p.m.
Campus Center MPR

NOV 19 **Hoops for Syria**
5:00 p.m.
Fitness Center

NOV 19 **Mr. & Mrs. Rutgers–Camden International Pageant**
7:00—9:00 p.m.
Campus Center MPR

NOV 19 **International Coffee House**
9:00—11:00 p.m.
Campus Center MPR

NOV 20 **Universal Children's Day: Molina Middle School**
3:00—5:00 p.m.

NOV 21 **Movie Night: English Vinglish**
4:30—7:30 p.m.
330 Cooper Club Room

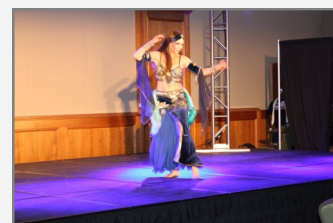
NOV 21 **Longwood Gardens**
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Tickets at the Impact Booth



INTERNATIONAL WEEK IS HERE (November 16-21)

OIS is very excited to announce the events and activities taking place during International Week! Beginning Monday, November 16th and continuing through Saturday, November 21st, Rutgers–Camden will host seminars, celebrations, cultural activities, lectures, and many other activities that honor the diversity of Rutgers–Camden, the United States, and the world. Below you'll find some highlights and photos from last year's International Week:

- **Monday, November 16th: International Festival**
Kick off International Week by taking a culinary tour of the world while enjoying live music from a local Latin Fusion Band!
- **Tuesday, November 17th: Diwali/Dhamaka**
Join us for Diwali Dhamaka, the celebration of the Indian festival of light and colors.
- **Thursday, November 19th: Mr. & Mrs. Rutgers–Camden International Pageant**
Contestants will take you on a world tour as they represent their countries through their traditional wear, performance art, and worldviews.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thanksgiving Recess:** No classes on Thursday, November 26th or Friday, November 27th. Wednesday, November 25th: Observe *Friday* class schedule.
- **Job Opportunities:** The Office of Housing & Residence Life, Admissions, and the Chancellor's Office are currently hiring student workers. Contact OIS for more details!
- If you are traveling outside the US, make sure you have an up-to-date travel signature on your I-20.
- Registration is now open for spring 2016 courses.
- Visit the OIS offices to get your International Week t-shirt!
- Check your email next week for details about an OIS Thanksgiving dinner! Save the date: Monday, November 23rd at 4:30 p.m.!

BIRTHDAYS!

Aakash (11/6), Sruthi (11/6), Jinsang (11/9), Jinyoung (11/9), Anurag (11/13), Engin (11/15), Kenneth (11/15), Damini (11/18), Ryan (11/19), Clare (11/23), Swarupi (11/28), Sreelekha (11/29)