

## *International Student & Scholar Institute (ISSI)*

# **ISSI Orientation for New International Students**

### *Schedule of Events – Fall 2009*

*This schedule is subject to change. Be certain to stop by the International Student & Scholar Institute (ISSI), 405 Ell Hall, upon your arrival to campus to obtain updated information. Important: undergraduate students (except those in special exchange programs and CPS students) must register for orientation online through their myNEU account by accessing the myNEU portal.*

#### *Tuesday, August 25*

##### **Immigration Clearance for New International Graduate Students with Graduate, Teaching, Research, or Tuition Assistantships (9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)**

New international students who hold Graduate Assistantships (including Graduate, Teaching, Research, or Tuition Assistantships) are highly encouraged to complete their Immigration Clearance today by attending at any time during the hours listed above. Please bring your passport, I-94 card, and I-20 or DS-2019. If you are transferring from another school within the U.S., please bring all I-20's or DS-2019's from previous schools attended. All international students must complete Immigration Clearance with the International Student & Scholar Institute (ISSI). Immigration Clearance sessions will also take place throughout the ISSI Orientation program. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

#### *Wednesday, August 26*

##### **Immigration Clearance for New International Graduate Students (1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)**

New international graduate students who are in the United States at this time may wish to complete their Immigration Clearance early by attending at any time during the hours listed above. Bring your passport, I-94 card, and I-20 or DS-2019. If you are transferring from another school within the U.S., please bring all I-20's or DS-2019's from previous schools attended. All international students must complete Immigration Clearance with the ISSI. Immigration Clearance sessions will also take place throughout the ISSI Orientation program. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

#### *Thursday, August 27*

##### **Immigration Clearance for New International Graduate Students (9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)**

Please refer to the description above. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

#### *Friday, August 28*

##### **Employment and Tax Information Seminar (10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.)**

Attendance is required for eligible international students who plan to work on-campus during their first year. ISSI Staff will discuss employment and taxation issues pertinent to international students who engage in authorized work under the auspices of non-immigrant visa classifications. International graduate students receiving University or governmental support should bring their award letter(s) with them. This session is primarily intended for new international graduate students. International undergraduate students should plan on attending the session scheduled for Friday, September 4. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

##### **On-campus Employment Verification and Authorization Session (2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)**

All international students in F-1 or J-1 non-immigrant visa classifications must receive on-campus work authorization from the ISSI prior to engaging in any form of employment. This session, co-sponsored by the ISSI and the Student Employment Office, focuses on completing the necessary steps for on-campus employment, including the completion of a "Form I-9" and verification through the "E-Verify" system, along with confirmation of SEVIS compliance. Please bring your passport, I-94, and visa eligibility documents (I-20 or DS-2019) and your receipt from the Social Security Administration. This session is primarily intended for new international graduate students. International undergraduates should plan on attending the session scheduled for Friday, September 4. Location: 405 Ell Hall.

## Friday, August 28 (continued)

### **Roam to Rome (5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)**

Immerse yourself in the culture, cuisine, and traditions of Italy at Boston's North End. Wander the streets of "Little Italy" to partake of the 90<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Feast of St. Anthony, which was started by a group of Italians from Montefalcione in 1919. The festivities will include a procession, music, entertainment, and much more. Please sign up in advance at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

## Sunday, August 30

### **ISSI Airport Welcome (12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)**

ISSI Student Leaders will be present at Logan Airport's International Terminal (Terminal E) – across from the U.S. Customs exit - to welcome you to Boston and to provide you with transportation to Northeastern University's main campus. Those arriving on flights at other terminals should take the free Massport shuttle bus to Terminal E. If you choose to take advantage of the ISSI Airport Welcome, please indicate your flight arrival information when confirming your participation by emailing [issi@neu.edu](mailto:issi@neu.edu). Students who choose to arrive on any other date should make their own arrangements for transportation to campus.

### **Early Move-in to Residence Halls for New International Students (1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)**

New international students who have a confirmed residence hall assignment may move in today. In order to be eligible for this special early move-in option, undergraduate students should register through the Admissions "portal." Graduate students and special exchange students who have a residence hall assignment may contact the ISSI at [issi@neu.edu](mailto:issi@neu.edu) to arrange for early move-in.

## Monday, August 31

### **English Language Center ESL Exam for Conditionally-Admitted Students (8:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.)**

New students who have been "conditionally admitted" are required to take this exam today. You will be informed if you are "conditionally admitted" by either the Office of Undergraduate Admissions or your graduate school upon acceptance. The results of this exam will be used to determine both readiness for full-time academic study and English course placement. Location: 10 Belvidere Place.

### **International Teaching Assistants Orientation Program (9:00 a.m.)**

The English Language Center (ELC) organizes this training program for international students who have Teaching Assistantships. Students who are required to attend this orientation will receive detailed information from their graduate school. Contact the ELC for details or refer to their website. Location: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Ryder Hall.

### **University ID Cards (Husky Cards) for New International Undergraduate Students (8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.)**

International undergraduate students should obtain their Northeastern Student Identification Card (Husky Card) today or at specified times throughout this week and during the week of September 7. In order to obtain your Husky Card, you must have completed Immigration Clearance with the ISSI. Please bring your passport and Form I-20 or DS-2019 with you. Location: Curry Student Center (8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) or 120 Hayden Hall (4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.). A complete schedule of times and locations for obtaining your Husky Card is included in your ISSI Welcome Packet.

### **ISSI Orientation Welcome & Information Center for New International Undergraduate Students (9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**

Obtain crucial welcome and arrival materials pertinent to international students, including the final ISSI Orientation schedule and other important information. Throughout the times noted above, new international students will have the opportunity to complete immigration clearance, obtain details on academic orientation, take a campus tour, and learn about services offered on campus and in the community. Meet your peers, attend a banking workshop, or take this opportunity to learn more about the various cultural events listed in this schedule. New international undergraduate students should plan on visiting the ISSI Welcome Center at any time during the hours indicated. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

## Monday, August 31 (continued)

- **Immigration Clearance for New International Undergraduate Students**

**(9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**

All new international students are required by government regulations to complete Immigration Clearance with the ISSI. In order to have your documents processed properly, please bring your passport, I-94 card, and I-20 or DS-2019 to this session at any point during the times indicated above. If transferring from another school in the U.S., bring your I-20(s) or DS-2019(s) from the previous school(s). Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

- **Office of New Student Orientation Resource Table for International Undergraduate Students**

**(9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)**

Representatives from the Office of New Student Orientation will be available to answer questions about the University's undergraduate student orientation program to be held on September 1 and September 2. Participation is mandatory for new international undergraduate students (except for CPS and Special Exchange Business students) to ensure proper registration. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

- **Get with the Program! ISSI Cultural Enrichment Opportunities (9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)**

ISSI Student Leaders will be available to discuss the numerous ways to participate in ISSI cultural activities held during ISSI Orientation and throughout the year. Stop by to chat with them about ISSI Orientation activities or to discuss ways of getting involved in other ISSI initiatives, including a two-month cultural festival (*ISSI Carnevale*), a Thanksgiving hospitality program (*Global Expressions*), an intercultural dialogue series (*Conversation Peace*), regional excursions (*ISSI on the Go!*), and student leadership positions with a cross-cultural focus. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

- **Campus Tour (11:00 a.m.)**

ISSI Student Leaders offer a guided tour of Northeastern's campus. Tour departs from the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

- **ISSI Welcome Banquet for New International Undergraduate Students and their Families**

**(12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.)**

The International Student & Scholar Institute (ISSI) cordially invites new international undergraduate students and their families to attend the ISSI's annual Welcome Banquet to meet and dine with students, staff, faculty, and ISSI Leaders from throughout the world. Speakers from the University will offer welcoming remarks as you begin your affiliation with our diverse community. Complimentary tickets are available today on a first-come, first-served basis, at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Location: Ballroom, 2nd Floor, Curry Student Center.

### **ISSI Orientation Welcome & Information Center for New Undergraduate International Students**

**(1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**

ISSI staff and student leaders are available to assist in facilitating your transition to campus life. Learn about cultural activities, complete immigration clearance, or relax with peers. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

- **Immigration Clearance for New International Undergraduate Students (1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**

New international students who did not complete Immigration Clearance earlier should do so at this time. Please bring your passport, I-94 card, and I-20 or DS-2019, and other relevant documentation. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall

- **Banking Workshop (2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)**

Bank representatives will be available to assist you with personal finance issues, explain general banking procedures in the U.S. and offer the opportunity to open a bank account at any time during this workshop. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

- **Reserve Your Place for ISSI Cultural Events - New International Undergraduate Students**

**(2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**

Be a part of the excitement of "ISSI on the Go!" and enjoy the culture and scenic beauty of Boston, New England, and beyond. Advance reservations with the ISSI are required to ensure your participation at these cultural and social events. Space is limited, especially for out-of-town activities, so be certain to reserve/confirm your place at the ISSI as early as possible. This date and time is reserved specifically for international undergraduate students. All others should refer to the times allocated later in this schedule. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

## Monday, August 31 (continued)

### **Walking Tour of Historic Boston (4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)**

This informal and informative guided walking tour immerses you in the culture and traditions of a diverse array of the city's sites of significance, with a special focus on Boston's colonial period. Wend your way past architectural, historical, and cultural landmarks that span from Copley Square and the Public Garden/Boston Common to the cobblestone streets of Beacon Hill. Other sights will capture the essence of Back Bay and Faneuil Hall with numerous stops along the way. Those wishing to participate should sign up in advance at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Group departs promptly at 4:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, September 1

### **NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

All international freshman and incoming international transfer undergraduate students (except for CBA Special International Exchange Students and undergraduates enrolling at CPS) must take part in the University's undergraduate orientation program held throughout September 1 and September 2. Final times, locations, and complete details are available from the Office of New Student Orientation and Family and Parent Programs.

### **NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

- **New Student Orientation Check-in (7:30 a.m.)** Obtain essential materials to ensure your proper registration. The two-day New Student Orientation component of ISSI Orientation is organized by the Office of New Student Orientation and Parent and Family Programs unless otherwise indicated. Location: Indoor Quad, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Curry Student Center.
- **Continental Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)** Available for undergraduate student participants in New Student Orientation. Location: West Addition, Basement Level, Curry Student Center.
- **Welcome to Northeastern University for New Undergraduate Students (8:30 a.m.)**  
Location: Blackman Auditorium, Ell Hall.
- **Orientation Leader Welcome Session (9:00 a.m.)** Meet Orientation Leaders who are available during today's and tomorrow's New Student Orientation programming. Check your individual schedule for location.
- **Academic Welcome Session (11:00 a.m.)** Meet your Dean and College Advisors. Location: Refer to schedule received at check-in earlier today. Locations vary by College.
- **Lunch Break (12:30 p.m.)** International undergraduate students should plan on having lunch at this time (dining card needed for access) since all international students must participate in the 1:30 p.m. SEVIS Information Session. Location: Stetson East or West Dining Hall.
- **Mandatory SEVIS Information Session (1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.)** The International Student & Scholar Institute (ISSI) sponsors this required information session for all new international students in "F-1" (student) or "J-1" (exchange visitor) nonimmigrant visa classifications, to ensure student compliance with U.S. immigration regulations, particularly as they relate to the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) and other important federal policies/procedures. **This session is essential to maintain proper non-immigrant visa status.** Location: Room 200, Richards Hall.
- **A Husky Hello (2:30 p.m.)** Location: Blackman Auditorium, Ell Hall.
- **Dining Services/Husky Card Options (3:45 p.m.)** Location: Blackman Auditorium, Ell Hall.
- **Diversity Session: Crossing the Line (4:15 p.m.)** Location: Departs from Blackman Auditorium, Ell Hall.
- **Making Your Mark - Student Activities (5:45 p.m. or 6:45 p.m. session)**  
Location: Curry Student Center Ballroom.
- **Dinner (5:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.)** Available for undergraduate student participants in New Student Orientation. (Dining card needed for access.) Evening activities organized by New Student Orientation will immediately follow dinner.

**Tuesday, September 1 (continued)**

**Graduate School Orientation Activities**

Individual graduate school orientation and registration information is available from your graduate school.

**University ID Cards (Husky Cards) for New International Graduate Students (8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.)**

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**ISSI Orientation Welcome & Information Center for New International Graduate Students (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)**

Obtain crucial welcome and arrival materials pertinent to international students, including the final ISSI Orientation schedule and other important information. New international graduate students will have the opportunity to complete immigration clearance, talk with representatives from a local bank, gain further insight into on-campus programs/services and off-campus housing options, learn about the various cultural events listed in this schedule, and mingle with ISSI staff and student leaders who will help address the gamut of your needs and concerns. New international graduate students should plan on visiting the ISSI Welcome Center at any time during the hours indicated. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

• **Immigration Clearance for New International Graduate Students (9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)**

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• **Get with the Program! ISSI Cultural Enrichment Opportunities (9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)**

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• **Off-Campus Housing Information (Graduate Students) (9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)**

ISSI Student Leaders will be available to discuss various living options and practical strategies for finding housing near Northeastern and beyond. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

• **Campus Tour for International Graduate Students (11:00 a.m.)**

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• **Immigration Clearance for New International Graduate Students (1:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.)**

Please refer to the description listed earlier today.

## Tuesday, September 1 (continued)

- **Reserve Your Place for ISSI Cultural Events (New International Graduate Students) (2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.)**

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- **Banking Workshop (2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)**

Bank representatives will be available to assist you with personal finance issues, explain general banking procedures in the U.S. and offer the opportunity to open a bank account at any time during this workshop. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

### **Mandatory SEVIS Information Session for New International Graduate Students (4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)**

The ISSI sponsors the mandatory information session for all new international students in “F-1” (student) or “J-1” (exchange visitor) nonimmigrant visa classifications, to ensure student compliance with U.S. immigration regulations, particularly as they relate to the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) and other crucial federal regulations. **This session is essential to maintain proper non-immigrant visa status.** Location: 200 Richards Hall.

### **ISSI Welcome Reception for New International Graduate Students (5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)**

The International Student & Scholar Institute (ISSI) cordially invites all new international graduate students and their families to attend this ISSI Welcome Reception held in their honor. Meet and mingle with other new students, staff, and ISSI Leaders from throughout the world. Complimentary tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis, at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Location: Alumni Center, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus Place, 716 Columbus Avenue.

## Wednesday, September 2

### **NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATES CONTINUES**

*Participation is required for international freshman and incoming international transfer undergraduate students as indicated previously. Refer to the final schedule for complete details regarding the events listed below.*

- **Breakfast (7:00 a.m. or 8:00 a.m.)** *For undergraduate student participants in New Student Orientation. Location: Stetson East Dining Hall, Levine Market Place.*
- **Mandatory Co-op Employment Information Session for New International Undergraduate Students (9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.)**  
*Required of all new international undergraduate students. This session presents an essential overview of important immigration and employment regulations that govern international students who plan to apply for Curricular Practical Training (e.g., work authorization for a Co-op job) while in the U.S. Proper authorization in advance of employment is a crucial component toward ensuring compliance with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's SEVIS requirements. ISSI Staff will discuss government regulations and required immigration procedures that international students must complete prior to beginning a Co-op job. Location: 200 Richards Hall.*
- **“Honors Program: Mandatory Session (9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.)** *For undergraduate students who have been admitted into the Honors Program. Location: West Village F, Room 272.*
- **“MyPaws” Information Session (11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.)** *For undergraduate transfer students. Location: Blackman Auditorium, Ell Hall.*
- **Academic Advising and Course Registration for Undergraduate Students (11:30 a.m.)** *Essential for all undergraduate student participants in New Student Orientation. International undergraduate students should be certain to meet with academic advisors at this time in order to properly register for classes. A detailed listing of academic advising information with locations by College was distributed earlier and can be found in your New Student Orientation materials. Undergraduate student participants in New Student Orientation should pick up their box lunches in the Ell Hall Lobby prior to reporting to their academic advising session. Academic advising will be followed by an “Ice Cream Social” and “Orientation Express.”*

## Wednesday, September 2 (continued)

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### **International Parent Breakfast (8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)**

The International Student & Scholar Institute (ISSI) hosts this welcome breakfast in honor of parents and other family members of newly arrived international students. Meet staff, student leaders, and others as they welcome international parents as valued members of the greater University community. Enjoy a French croissant, Indonesian fruit, or coffee from Cameroon as you begin your affiliation with Northeastern University. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

### **Graduate School of Criminal Justice (Ph.D. Degree Program Students) (10:00 a.m.)**

All new Ph.D. degree program students matriculating at the Graduate School of Criminal Justice should plan on attending this orientation today. For further details contact 617-373-2813. Location: 301 Churchill Hall.

### **Immigration Clearance (1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)**

Undergraduate and graduate students who are available and who have not yet completed immigration clearance may do so at this time. Please refer to the description previously listed in this schedule. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

### **University-Wide New Teaching Assistant Orientation (2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.)**

This training program for all Teaching Assistants and for graduate students with teaching responsibilities is aimed at enhancing a graduate student's teaching effectiveness in the Northeastern University classroom. Students who are required to attend this program will be notified by their graduate school and will be given details regarding location. This program will continue on Thursday, September 3 at 2:00 p.m.

### **Co-op Employment Information Session for New International Graduate Students (4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)**

This session presents an essential overview of important immigration and employment regulations that govern international students who plan to apply for Curricular Practical Training (e.g., work authorization for a Co-op job) while in the United States. Proper authorization in advance of employment is a crucial component toward ensuring compliance with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). Staff from the ISSI will discuss government regulations and required immigration procedures that international students must complete prior to beginning a Co-op job. This session is intended for graduate students who plan to engage in Co-op as part of their degree program. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

### **ISSI International Soccer Game Tournament (6:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)**

The game of soccer is popular in many of the countries represented by our international students at Northeastern. Here is an opportunity for you and your friends to compete in a soccer tournament with an international flair, where you can be part of a team consisting of talent from around the globe. While enjoying this sport, showcase maneuvers and tactics that you have learned in your home country. Back by popular demand...newcomers welcome! To apply as a team you must submit a completed registration form at the ISSI. Students who register as individuals will be matched with a team as space permits. Teams will be notified of the precise time, location, and details of this tournament. Advance registration is required. Spectators are welcome. Location: Cabot Cage.

## Thursday, September 3

### **Honors Program Activities for Undergraduate Honors Students**

Honors students should consult the Welcome Week schedule for details on Honors Program activities that begin on Thursday, September 3 and occur throughout Welcome Week.

### **Immigration Clearance for New Global Pathways Students (9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)**

All new international students are required by government regulations to complete Immigration Clearance. In order to have your documents processed properly, please bring your passport, I-94 card, and I-20 or DS-2019 to this session at any point during the times indicated above. If transferring from another school in the U.S., bring your I-20(s) or DS-2019(s) from the previous school(s). Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

### Thursday, September 3 (continued)

#### **Immigration Clearance for New Global Pathways Students (1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)**

All new international students are required by government regulations to complete Immigration Clearance. In order to have your documents processed properly, please bring your passport, I-94 card, and I-20 or DS-2019 to this session at any point during the times indicated above. If transferring from another school in the U.S., bring your I-20(s) or DS-2019(s) from the previous school(s). Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

#### **University-wide New Teaching Assistant Orientation (2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.)**

This training program continues today. See Wednesday, September 2 for description.

#### **ISSI Welcome Reception for New Global Pathways Students (5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)**

ISSI staff and student leaders cordially invite all new Global Pathways students to a reception in their honor. Meet staff, mingle with peers, and enjoy international cuisine as you begin your studies at Northeastern University. Location: Fenway Center.

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#### **Tour of Snell Library (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)**

Snell Library professionals will offer a tour of the library specifically aimed at international students and scholars. Meet the tour group directly at the Snell Library lobby.

### Friday, September 4

#### **Mandatory SEVIS Information Session for All New Global Pathways**

This information session is required of all new international students in the Global Pathways program in order to ensure compliance with U.S. immigration regulations as they pertain to international students, particularly as they relate to the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) and other important federal policies/procedures. *Attendance at this mandatory session is essential for international students to maintain proper non-immigrant visa status.* Time and location to be announced.

#### **ISSI Orientation Seminar Series for New International Students**

The ISSI is pleased to offer the information sessions listed below, which are aimed at providing newly-arrived international students with the tools to further enhance and advance their transition to University life.

- **Academic Success Seminar for International Students (9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)**

This seminar aims to familiarize international students with the skills necessary to succeed in a U.S. classroom. Staff from Information Services, Snell Library, and the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution will acquaint international students with their roles in ensuring a successful academic career. A faculty member will offer insight into a professor's perspective on academic success, and ISSI staff and student leaders will offer an intercultural viewpoint toward addressing the needs and concerns of international students. Topics will include academic integrity, computer resources, and the dynamics of U.S. education. Don't miss this opportunity to advance your academic success in the United States. Sponsored by the ISSI. Location: 442 Curry Student Center.

- **University Health and Counseling Services (UHCS) Information (10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.)**

Representatives from University Health and Counseling Services (UHCS) will provide an overview of their medical and behavioral health/counseling services, along with information on how to access care. They will also answer questions on health-related matters and services pertinent to international students. Also, a representative from the Registrar's office will join UHCS staff for a brief review of health insurance procedures and requirements. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

- **Wellness and Fitness Seminar for International Students (11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.)**

Representatives from various University departments such as Campus Recreation/Marino Center, Spiritual Life, and Campus Activities will review services and resources available to international students to ensure their well-being while presenting opportunities for meaningful co-curricular involvement. ISSI Student Leaders will address related topics from a student perspective. Location: 442 Curry Student Center.

## Friday, September 4 (continued)

- **Student Safety Issues Seminar for International Students (1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.)**  
Northeastern’s Public Safety Division will present an overview of the services that they provide to students and the campus community. A discussion of the role of police in the United States and at U.S. universities from a cross-cultural perspective will be one of the focal points of this session. Additionally, an interactive portion of the presentation will provide an opportunity for new international students to meet N.U. Public Safety staff while allowing time for questions and answers. Location: 442 Curry Student Center.
- **Student Financial Management Information Session (2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.)**  
Representatives from Student Financial Services and the Registrar’s office will give an overview of the mission and function of their departments in relation to international student services, while also familiarizing you with strategies and resources to help ensure your financial success. Location: 442 Curry Student Center.
- **Career Services Information Session (2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.)**  
As you begin your affiliation with the Northeastern community, it is none too soon to begin thinking about authorized employment opportunities in the United States. Representatives from Career Services will give an overview of the role of their department in helping to make sense of the job search process, with the aim of understanding cross-cultural differences in matters ranging from preparing a U.S. style resumé and cover letter to learning how to effectively build networking contacts. Location: 442 Curry Student Center.
- **Employment and Tax Information Seminar (3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.)**  
Attendance is required for eligible international students who plan to work on-campus during their first year. ISSI staff will discuss employment and taxation issues pertinent to international students who engage in authorized work under the auspices of the F-1 and J-1 non-immigrant visa classifications. International graduate students receiving University funding (e.g., assistantships) or governmental support should bring their award letter(s) with them. Location: 442 Curry Student Center.

## **ISSI Scavenger Hunt (5:30 p.m.)**

ISSI Orientation Leaders take you on this unique “treasure hunt” that traverses the University for a world of discovery. Unravel clues that highlight the historic and contemporary characteristics of the University, while also gaining familiarity with the traditions and resources of the campus community. From the halls of International Village to the outdoor gardens of The Fenway, you are certain to learn much about Northeastern while competing with the other teams to be the first to finish. After all the teams have solved their clues, the group will venture off-campus to choose among the numerous restaurants in the neighborhood. Work together as a team while forming new friendships and all the while discovering your new home. The group will depart from the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall, punctually at 5:30 p.m. Please sign up at the ISSI in advance if you wish to join this exciting expedition.

## Saturday, September 5

### **Northeastern vs. Boston College Football Game (12:30 p.m.)**

The Huskies – Northeastern University’s football team – will open the season at Boston College in a game that is certain to keep you captivated. Be a part of the action and gain insight into the U.S. version of this popular sport. Those wishing to join the ISSI group must sign up in advance at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. A limited number of tickets are available. Group will depart from the ISSI at 12:30 p.m.

## Sunday, September 6

### **ISSI Cross-Cultural Picnic at Fort Independence/Castle Island (10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)**

Enjoy a casual picnic luncheon and informal intercultural dialogue at Fort Independence, a pentagonal granite fort located on Castle Island, built between 1834 and 1851. Topics will focus on adjusting to life in a new culture, forming friendships across cultures, and issues related to themes such as identity development, gender roles, and culturally-based values and beliefs. Following the discussion, the group will take a short walk around Pleasure Bay. Advance reservations should be made at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. The group will depart promptly at 10:30 a.m. from the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Please plan on arriving at 10:00 a.m. to pack a complimentary lunch, courtesy of the ISSI.

## Monday, September 7

### **All-University Undergraduate Fall Welcome Week Activities (ongoing)**

#### **University Registration: "I AM HERE" for New Undergraduate Students (9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)**

All new undergraduate students must attend and complete the University's "I AM HERE" Registration. Locations vary according to your last name. Refer to the Welcome Week Program booklet for locations and complete details.

#### **Late Immigration Clearance (9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)**

International students who have not yet completed Immigration Clearance with the International Student & Scholar Institute may do so at any point during this time. Please bring your passport, I-94 card, I-20 or DS-2019, and I-20(s) or DS-2019(s) from previous schools attended in the United States. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

#### **President's Convocation for New Undergraduate Students (11:00 a.m.)**

Northeastern University's president, Joseph Aoun, greets the entering class at this annual event that marks the start of the academic year. A barbecue to welcome new students and to celebrate the start of a new academic year will be held immediately following the convocation. Further details to be announced.

#### **ISSI Night of a Thousand Stars (8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.)**

The eclectic and intercultural talent of the entering class takes center stage as ISSI staff and student leaders invite you to shine in the spotlight on this "Night of a Thousand Stars." The evening's entertainment reflects the cultural diversity of our campus community. Past years have featured a diverse assortment of entertainment, ranging from traditional dances from India and Egyptian comedy to modern guitar solos and Latin musical performances. Those students wishing to perform should sign up at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Otherwise, come to support your new friends, bringing with you your passion and penchant for performance. Location: afterHours, Curry Student Center.

## Tuesday, September 8

### **Graduate School of Business Administration Orientation (ongoing)**

MBA students will begin their graduate school orientation program today and will receive detailed information about their program of study. A complete schedule will be distributed by the Graduate School of Business Administration. Please call (617) 373-5962 for further information regarding this program.

### **Bouvé Graduate School of Health Sciences Orientation (morning)**

For new Bouvé Graduate School of Health Sciences students. For further details, please check your academic program's web site.

### **Graduate School of Computer and Information Science Orientation**

All new students matriculating in degree programs at the Graduate School of Computer and Information Science should attend this orientation session. A welcome lunch and orientation for Ph.D. students will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in West Village H, Room 366, orientation for students in the M.S. program in Computer Science will be from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in West Village H, Room 110, and orientation for students in the M.S. in Information Assurance will be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in West Village H, Room 110. For further details contact 617-373-2462.

### **Undergraduate Student College Meetings**

Undergraduate students should attend their respective College meeting if it is scheduled for today. Please refer to the Welcome Week Program for time and location.

### **Graduate School of Engineering Orientation (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)**

This orientation is for all new graduate students enrolling in the Graduate School of Engineering and includes advising and course registration. For details, call (617) 373-2711. Location: 108 Snell Engineering Building.

### **University Registration: "I AM HERE" for New Undergraduate Students (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)**

All new undergraduate students must attend and complete the University's "I AM HERE" Registration. Locations vary according to your last name. Refer to the Welcome Week Program booklet for locations and complete details.

## Tuesday, September 8 (continued)

### **Late Immigration Clearance (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)**

International students who have not yet completed Immigration Clearance with the International Student & Scholar Institute may do so at any point during this time. Please bring your passport, I-94 card, I-20 or DS-2019, and I-20(s) or DS-2019(s) from previous schools attended in the United States. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

### **CBA Undergraduate Special International Exchange Student Orientation (9:00 a.m.)**

The College of Business Administration (CBA) will hold a required orientation for all new international students engaged in CBA special international exchange programs. Speakers from CBA will provide important information regarding these programs, course selection and registration, and various student services at Northeastern. An ISSI staff member will apprise students of employment regulations and other federal policies impacting their status in the U.S., and introduce students to a variety of services and cross-cultural programs aimed at enhancing their university experience. Location: 335 Shillman Hall.

### **Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) Welcome Activities (11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)**

The GPSA welcomes all new graduate students through a variety of activities including a tour of Boston (departing at 11:00 a.m. today from the front entrance of Ell Hall), a pool tournament for graduate students (Curry Student Center Game Room at 1:00 p.m. today), and a GPSA Welcome Night to be held on Thursday, September 17. Sign up at the GPSA Office, 104F Ell Hall.

### **Immigration Clearance for English Language Center Programs and Pre-MBA Students (2:00 p.m.)**

New ELC or Pre-MBA program students must complete Immigration Clearance at this time. Bring your passport, I-94 card, I-20 or DS-2019, and I-20(s) or DS-2019(s) from previous schools attended in the U.S. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

### **Mandatory SEVIS Information Session (4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.)**

All new students in “F” nonimmigrant visa status and international students in “J” (exchange visitor) nonimmigrant status *must* attend a SEVIS Information Session. Those new students who have not yet attended a SEVIS Information Session may attend this session or subsequent sessions as listed in this schedule. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

## Wednesday, September 9

*Classes begin for undergraduate and graduate students today.*

### **Mandatory SEVIS Information Session (12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.)**

All new students in “F” nonimmigrant visa status and international students in “J” (exchange visitor) nonimmigrant status *must* attend a SEVIS Information Session. Those new students who have not yet attended a SEVIS Information Session may attend this session or subsequent sessions as listed in this schedule. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

### **Graduate School of Criminal Justice (Master’s Degree Program Students) (2:30 p.m.)**

All new Master’s degree program students matriculating at the Graduate School of Criminal Justice should plan on attending this orientation today. For further details contact 617-373-2813. Location: 200 Churchill Hall.

### **An Evening at the Museum of Fine Arts (5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)**

One of the finest collections of art in the world is housed just a short walk from campus at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA). Our visit to this renowned museum affords an opportunity to view a diverse array of art and artifacts that span the globe, from ancient Egyptian tombs, tapestries from Ghana, and sculptures from East Asia and Micronesia to French Impressionist paintings, Italian Renaissance murals, and the works of early U.S. silversmiths. Those wishing to join the group should sign up at the ISSI. Group departs promptly from the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall, at 5:00 p.m.

## Thursday, September 10

### **Immigration Clearance and Academic Information for New International Students in the College of Professional Studies (CPS) (2:00 p.m.)**

New international students enrolling in the College of Professional Studies (CPS) must complete Immigration Clearance with the ISSI at this session. Please bring your passport, I-94 card, I-20, and I-20(s) from previous schools attended in the U.S. Immigration Clearance is required of all new international students prior to registration. Also, CPS representatives will present essential information regarding academic requirements, registration for courses, and other information on issues of importance to students who will begin their studies at CPS. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

## Friday, September 11

### **Mandatory ISSI SEVIS Information Session for New CPS Students (2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)**

All new students in “F” nonimmigrant visa status and international students in “J” (exchange visitor) nonimmigrant status *must* attend a SEVIS Information Session. Those new students who have not yet attended a SEVIS Information Session may attend this session or subsequent sessions as listed in this schedule. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

### **ISSI Welcome Reception for New International CPS Students (3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)**

ISSI staff and student leaders cordially invite all new international students enrolling in the College of Professional Studies to a reception in their honor. Meet staff, mingle with peers, and enjoy light international cuisine while learning about an array of cultural programs sponsored by the ISSI. Make this the start of forming new friendships across cultures as you begin your affiliation with Northeastern. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

## Saturday, September 12

### **ISSI on the Go! The Coastline of Connecticut (8:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.)**

Learn about the viticultural, agricultural and maritime heritage of the Connecticut coastline, whether enhancing your oenological acumen or picking apples, peaches, and pears directly from the tree. In addition to visiting family farms, the group will venture to Connecticut’s largest shoreline park, which offers more than two miles of beach at which to enjoy swimming, strolling along the boardwalk, or simply relaxing in the sun. Along the ride home, stops will be made at various points of interest that have made Connecticut a “must-see” on any itinerary. Reservations are required in advance at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Group departs promptly from the front entrance of Ell Hall at 8:00 a.m.

### **College of Professional Studies (CPS) Orientation for New Students (Boston Campus)**

The College of Professional Studies (CPS) will hold an orientation session for all new CPS students. Important information on academic policies, student services, and other pertinent information will be presented by CPS and other University representatives. Location: Boston Campus (time and specific location to be announced).

## Sunday, September 13

### **ISSI on the Go! Hiking and Canoeing in Central Massachusetts (8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.)**

Experience the beauty and serenity that lie beyond Huntington Avenue as we discover the scenic forests, rambling rivers, and picturesque mountains of central Massachusetts. Our outdoor expedition begins by paddling along the shores of a river in the Nashoba Valley, canoeing past rustic farms, historic mills, and traditional New England church steeples. From there, it’s hiking along the trails of Mount Wachusett. On a clear day, hikers who reach the summit will enjoy spectacular panoramic views of various New England states and the skyline of Boston. Advance reservations are required at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Group departs promptly from the front of Ell Hall at 8:30 a.m.

## Monday, September 14

### **Late Immigration Clearance (10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)**

International students who have not yet completed Immigration Clearance with the International Student & Scholar Institute should do so during this time. Please bring your passport, I-94 card, I-20 or DS-2019, and I-20(s) or DS-2019(s) from previous schools attended in the United States. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

## Tuesday, September 15

### **Mandatory SEVIS Information Session (11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)**

All new students in "F" nonimmigrant visa status and international students in "J" (exchange visitor) nonimmigrant status *must* attend a SEVIS Information Session. Those new students who have not yet attended a SEVIS Information Session may attend this session or subsequent sessions as listed in this schedule. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

## Thursday, September 17

### **Mandatory SEVIS Information Session (3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)**

All new students in "F" nonimmigrant visa status and international students in "J" (exchange visitor) nonimmigrant status *must* attend a SEVIS Information Session. Those new students who have not yet attended a SEVIS Information Session may attend this session or subsequent sessions as listed in this schedule. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

### **GPSA Welcome Night (7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.)**

The GPSA welcomes all new and continuing graduate students to enjoy an array of performances while also having the opportunity to meet fellow graduate students and "shake a leg." Experience the diversity of the graduate student population at Northeastern, learn more about the resources available to graduate students, and have fun. Co-sponsored by the GPSA and ISSI. Location: afterHOURS, Curry Student Center.

## Saturday, September 19

### **ISSI on the Go! The White Mountains of New Hampshire (8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.)**

Our day begins with a scenic drive to the heart of the White Mountain National Forest, to partake of a unique cultural event, the annual Highland Games. Witness the "Gathering of the Scottish Clans," dance to the tune of some Celtic music, or simply hum along to the melody of a Clarsach (Scottish harp). As the day winds on, we head to the Flume Gorge at Franconia Notch State Park, ranked among the top ten most beautiful state parks in the United States. The Flume provides a stunning backdrop of natural wonder that includes cascading waterfalls, historic covered bridges, glacial rock formations, and towering moss-covered granite walls. Space is limited and advance reservations are required at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Group departs promptly from the front entrance of Ell Hall at 8.00 a.m.

## Tuesday, September 22

### **International Pizza-thon (5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)**

Tired of the same old pepperoni and cheese pizza? Why not try a new taste sensation, such as paneer tandoori pizza or perhaps even a "pie" with pineapple? Join ISSI staff and student leaders in this culinary effort to prepare various types of gourmet pizza with an international flavor. Chop, dice, and add a little spice; your pizza could be savory or sweet, depending on what you would like to eat. No cooking experience required; just a willingness to get involved. Participants must reserve their place in advance at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

## Wednesday, September 23

### **Mandatory SEVIS Information Session (12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.)**

All new students in "F" nonimmigrant visa status and international students in "J" (exchange visitor) nonimmigrant status *must* attend a SEVIS Information Session. This is the final session offered, and thus attendance is required of all incoming international students who have yet to attend a SEVIS Information Session. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

## Friday, September 25

### **"Fulbright and Friends" Reception (4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.)**

The ISSI and the Massachusetts Fulbright Association cordially invite international students who are Fulbright grant recipients to this annual welcome reception hosted in their honor. Enjoy an array of international hors d'oeuvres while meeting "Fulbrighters" from Northeastern and area colleges, and learn about upcoming educational seminars and cultural excursions aimed at enhancing the Fulbright experience. Contact the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall, in advance to confirm your attendance. Location: Alumni Center, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus Place, 716 Columbus Avenue.

## Saturday, September 26

### **ISSI on the Go! Cape Ann Cruises and Clams (8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.)**

Board a chartered boat at the Essex River as we wend our way past salt marsh farms and historic shipyard sites to witness the natural beauty of wildlife, beaches, and sand dunes that surround the tidal estuaries of the region. Enjoy a delectable clambake that typifies a New England culinary tradition, at a secluded beach, offering a unique and memorable experience reflective of this region. Then, it's on to the picturesque towns of Rockport and Gloucester, which offer shopping, seashores, and even a house constructed solely of newspaper. Don't miss this special chance to experience the maritime heritage of Cape Ann! Space is limited and advance reservations are required at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Group departs promptly from the front entrance of Ell Hall at 8.00 a.m.

## Sunday, September 27

### **ISSI on the Go! A Taste of Maine (8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.)**

Journey "Down East" to the village of Ogunquit – known as "beautiful place by the sea" by Native Americans – a coastal community with an exceptional expanse of white sandy beach that is one of the finest in the state. In a scenic cove, board a boat to witness fishermen hauling lobster traps from the sea. After disembarking, stroll the streets of this artist community or enjoy a leisurely walk along "Marginal Way," a path that follows the coastline. Then, it's on to the factory outlets of Kittery, which offer everything from designer fashions to hiking boots. Be certain to wear comfortable clothing including a bathing suit for the beach. Advance reservations are required at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Space is limited. Group departs promptly from the front entrance of Ell Hall – rain or shine – at 8:00 a.m.

## Saturday, October 3

### **ISSI on the Go! The Island of Martha's Vineyard (7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.)**

This island community, located off the western shoulder of Cape Cod, boasts beautiful beaches, woodlands, rolling hills, vineyards, clay cliffs, and lighthouses. Drive past elegant sea captains' houses, traditional "gingerbread homes," and the residences of famous musicians, actors, and politicians who have made Martha's Vineyard famous. A three-car ferry will also take us to the tiny and tranquil island of Chappaquiddick for a trek along the dramatic coastline of a barrier beach. There, we will wade across tidal inlets, so be sure to bring a bathing suit or a change of clothing, since you will most likely get wet up to the knee or waist depending on the tide. The group will also have the opportunity to explore the quaint village of Edgartown. Space is limited, and advance reservations are required at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Group departs promptly from the front of Ell Hall at 7:00 a.m. to ensure a timely arrival at the ferry terminal.

## Sunday, October 4

### **ISSI on the Go! The Grandeur of Newport, Rhode Island (8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.)**

Experience the lifestyle of a foregone era in American history at the lavish mansions of Newport, Rhode Island. The journey begins at The Elms, built as a summer residence modeled after the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century French Château d'Asnières located just outside Paris. This opulent mansion boasts a priceless collection of French-designed furniture, Renaissance ceramics, Venetian paintings, and Chinese jades. After enjoying a tour of the premises, we will take a break for lunch on one's own. The group will then stroll along the Cliff Walk, which offers scenic and dramatic views of Narragansett Bay. Later that afternoon, we will venture to The Breakers, a 70-room "cottage" and the grandest of Newport's summer homes – a symbol of the gilded age and of the Vanderbilt family's social preeminence at the turn of the century. Reservations are required in advance at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Space is limited. Group departs promptly at 8:00 a.m. from the front entrance of Ell Hall.

## Wednesday, October 7

### **ISSI Dessert Kitchen (4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.)**

Join ISSI staff and student leaders in this collaborative effort to showcase culture through the culinary arts. Prepare your taste buds for Laurie's famous apple crisp, along with such favorite recipes as Vanessa's fabulous flan and perhaps Danish "rød grød med fløde" or vermicelli pudding (kheer) from India. Please sign up in advance at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall, so that we can adequately plan the delicious desserts that await you. You are also welcome to share and prepare a recipe of your own from your home country. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

## Saturday, October 10

### **Dim Sum in Boston's Chinatown (11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)**

Dim Sum, a casual Cantonese brunch, offers something to please every palate. Enjoy this unique opportunity to savor flavorful delicacies that capture the essence of Chinese culinary culture as waiters saunter past your table with carts heaped full of exotic morsels that captivate the senses. Advance reservations are required and must be made at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Group departs promptly from the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall, at 11:00 a.m.

## Sunday, October 11

### **ISSI Midnight Cruise Aboard The Odyssey (10:15 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.)**

Board one of the most elegant cruise ships in Boston Harbor at this semi-formal intercultural soirée that is an annual highlight of the ISSI Orientation program. Sail into the night with old and new friends and dance into the morning hours to the best and latest music from around the world. The ISSI has chartered the premier Boston Harbor cruise boat, *The Odyssey*, exclusively for this international celebration. Mingle with hundreds of Northeastern University students and friends amidst the plush interior decks that feature dance floors and state-of-the-art sound systems... or catch the cool sea breezes on the exterior decks and gaze at the illuminated Boston skyline on the horizon. Cultural clothing or semi-formal attire is highly encouraged for this memorable evening. Advance tickets are required, and should be obtained at the ISSI as early as possible. You must arrive at the Rowes Wharf Ferry Terminal (behind the Boston Harbor Hotel) no later than 10:15 p.m. in order to guarantee that you will be on board for the ship's departure.

## Saturday, October 17 - Sunday, October 18

### **ISSI on the Go! The Joie de Vivre of Montréal, Canada (departs Saturday at 6:16 a.m.)**

The ISSI takes you to the heart of Québec to experience the vibrant lifestyle of this world-class city, which melds modern Canadian urbanity with European traditions, charm, and history. Join ISSI staff and student leaders on a whirlwind cavalcade of culture that includes the boutiques, restaurants, promenades, and sites of significance that depict the unique character of Montréal, from the lively pace of Rue St. Denis to the tranquility of the *Vieux Port*. International students in non-immigrant visa classifications who are from countries that are required to obtain an entry visa to Canada must procure the necessary visa from the Consulate General of Canada in New York in advance. Consult with an ISSI staff member for details on the documentation required prior to reserving your place. Space is limited; reservations must be made well in advance at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. The group leaves on Saturday promptly at 6:16 a.m. and returns late Sunday evening. A detailed itinerary will be distributed to participants.

## Thursday, October 22

### **Beethoven at the Boston Symphony (9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)**

Witness firsthand the talent of one of the most renowned orchestras in the world at this Open Rehearsal of Beethoven Symphonies No. 1, 2, and 5. Participants will experience a unique opportunity to watch a working rehearsal in progress while enjoying this captivating concert, as conducted by James Levine. Advance reservations are required at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Space is limited. Confirmed participants will depart promptly from the ISSI at 9:30 a.m.

## Saturday, October 24

### **ISSI on the Go! Whale Watching with the New England Aquarium (8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)**

This aquatic adventure takes you past Boston Harbor and its islands to the rich fishing preserve of Stellwagen Bank, aboard a boat built by the New England Aquarium specifically for whale watching. A crew of experienced naturalists will comment upon the various types of marine life that frequent this area, including whales, dolphins, and sea birds. Test your skills at differentiating between a humpback whale and a finback whale or simply relax and enjoy the journey. Snacks are available on the vessel or you may choose to bring your own lunch (glass bottles not allowed). Wear rubber-soled shoes, as heels are not permitted. A light waterproof jacket is recommended. Reserve your place in advance at the ISSI, as tickets are limited. Group departs promptly from the front entrance of Ell Hall at 8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, October 28**

**ISSI Carnevale 2010 Planning Committee Meeting (12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.)**

Each year, the International Student & Scholar Institute (ISSI) is proud to present its annual celebration of cultural diversity - *ISSI Carnevale* - that comprises more than 35 events held throughout the months of February and March. Join new and continuing students from throughout the world, as well as ISSI staff and others, as we plan for *ISSI Carnevale 2010*! Whether helping to organize publicity efforts or representing your culture on stage, you are certain to enhance your intercultural acumen and leadership skills while also making friends across cultures. Students interested in serving on this committee should complete an *ISSI Carnevale 2010 Participant Interest Form*, available at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Luncheon will be served. Location: ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

**Saturday, October 31**

**A Global Halloween (5:00 p.m.)**

ISSI Orientation Leaders are hard at work planning an array of informal activities that will help our global community gain insight into Halloween as celebrated in the United States. Whether participating in a "Ghost Walk" that highlights the macabre elements of Boston's history or venturing to Salem to partake of the city's "Haunted Halloween Happenings," you will certainly enjoy the traditions of this holiday. Check with the ISSI for details on what activities have been planned. Sign up sheet available at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall.

**Saturday, November 7 - Sunday, November 8**

**ISSI on the Go! A Weekend Getaway in Vermont (Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - Sunday, 8:00 p.m.)**

This northern New England adventure will take you to quaint villages set amidst the backdrop of the Green Mountain National Forest of Vermont. Renowned for its rustic charm and panoramic views of farms, fields, and forests, the Green Mountains offer an escape from the hustle and bustle of the city. Relax in a historic inn and unwind in an atmosphere of tranquility with new friends as you enjoy stimulating conversation and a delicious dinner. During the weekend, the group will venture deep into the Vermont countryside to experience the pristine late autumn scenery and the agricultural heritage of the region. Sample some of New England's award-winning cheeses, enjoy a visit to a famous ice cream factory, taste locally pressed apple cider, or learn how Vermont maple syrup is made. A walk in the mountains or a stroll alongside a crystal-clear stream will complement the weekend. Space is limited, so be certain to reserve your place for this event at your earliest opportunity at the ISSI, 405 Ell Hall. Group departs from the front entrance of Ell Hall promptly at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.

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*The staff and students of the International Student & Scholar Institute look forward to welcoming you to Northeastern University for Fall 2009.*