

INTERNATIONAL LINK

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The Fridays This Summer were Fun Filled!

Everyone looks forward to summer. For many students it means a break in their studies, time to enjoy the outdoors and to simply kick back and relax. International Admissions and Services saw a need for many of our international students who didn't have adequate transportation or the resources to go on vacation for the summer and were looking for something fun to do. Fabulous Fun Filled Fridays was born. The office of International Admissions and Services began planning a fun event for the students every Friday during the summer break. The events would vary from no cost to little cost and from local and simple to taking short day trips.

This year international students got to try their hand at bowling at Sportsman's Lanes here in Findlay. They traveled to the rollercoaster capital of the world, Cedar Point, to test their nerve on the Magnum, Top Thrill Dragster and many of the parks other thrill rides. (*see pictures inside this issue*) The students slowed things down from the thrill seeking Cedar Point trip to experience the more relaxed way of living in Amish country which included buggy rides, petting zoo and an Amish feast. We wrapped up the summer with a traditional American BBQ at Riverside Park in Findlay. Students got to sample hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken cooked over a charcoal fire, various salads and deserts. Following lunch they tried their hand at sand volleyball, paddle boats, and other outdoor games. As fun as the Fridays are, the real fun is experiencing it all with our students.



Students sample traditional American BBQ food at Riverside Park.



President Fell addresses the students during the Riverside Park picnic.



Immigration Highlight

Don't Delay Your OPT Application!

The best time for you to apply for an OPT Application session is at the beginning of your last quarter/semester. The reason is because it takes 1-3 months to receive your EAD work authorization card. You can not begin working until you receive it. Students who wait until their last quarter/semester is over to apply for OPT get into a difficult situation of needing to start employment but are unable to because they are waiting for the EAD card to arrive. Apply early to avoid having complications later.



Get to Know Us

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

Name: Penny L. Gerdeman

Title: Director, International Admissions and Services

Year Started at UF: 1979

What do you in the office of International Admissions? Responsible for international recruitment, marketing, admissions and services.

What do you enjoy about working in International Admissions? Working with a wonderful staff that is committed to excellence and serving the international student population. I really enjoy traveling and meeting students from all over the world. I feel enriched to have a job that feels more like a calling than just work.

What are some of your hobbies and interests outside of work? I enjoy traveling, cooking and spending time with my family. I am very involved in Putnam County Hospice and enjoy helping others.

Tell us a "fun fact" about you. I am a graduate of The University of Findlay. The first seventeen years of my professional career at UF was in Student Services before moving to the department of International Admissions and Services. Something personal about me: I married my high school sweetheart, Tom, over 27 years ago and we have three grown children, Sarah, Andrew and David.

What words of wisdom or advice would you have for international students? Enjoy your time studying abroad. This will be one of the best times of your life and your experiences will make you stronger and give you a better global understanding for a brighter future.



Fun Filled Fabulous Fridays Pictures

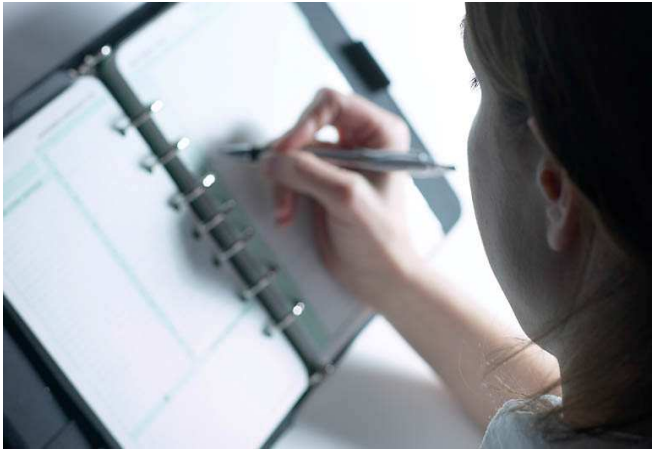


OPT Application Session

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	
2010	Sessions are limited to 40 students. Sign up in our office to reserve your seat!
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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