

# INTERNATIONAL LINK

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## Fall Has Officially Begun!

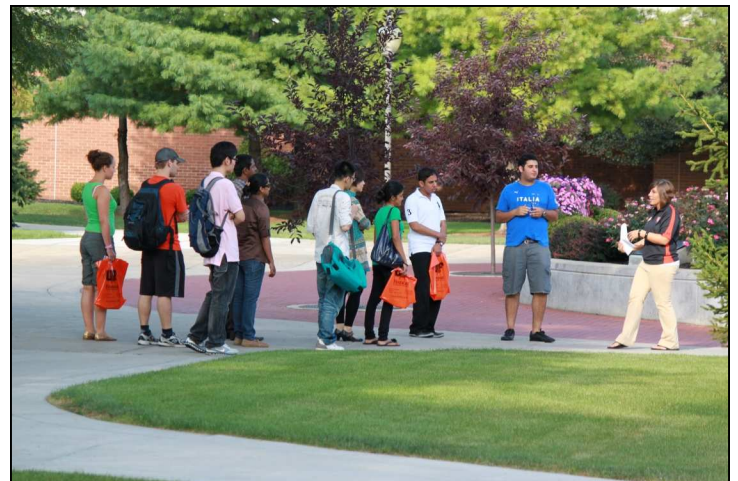
After a quiet summer The University of Findlay campus sprung to life as new and returning students arrived for the beginning of the Fall semester. International admissions exceeded their goal and welcomed 105 new international students during fall orientation. Dr. Katherine Fell spoke to the international students on opening day welcoming each country individually and wished them her best as they begin this next step in their lives.

Six International Orientation Leaders helped the office of International Admissions check in, register and greet the new students. But their role is greater than just taking new students to their various events. For many students it's their first time leaving home and traveling to America. Our IOL's were once in their position and know first hand what the experience is like. They are able to greet the new students with a warm smile and say, "I know what it's like. We'll get through it together." Thank you to Ching-Yi Ou, Seonho Kang, Jinesh Sanjaykumar, Xianghua Zheng, Abigail Wilson and Rachel Hennings for helping!

The Office of International Admissions and Services want to welcome the new students and our returning students to the beginning of a new academic year. We hope you make the most of your time here studying hard, meeting new friends and enjoying life here in The United States!



*International Orientation Leaders help new students transition to UF*



*New international students on a campus tour*



# Immigration Highlight

## Have a Scholarship but No SSN? Apply for an ITIN!

Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) appointments are now being scheduled at the International Admissions office located at 1214 North Cory Street. There is a sign up sheet at the Grad Assistant desk or you can call and schedule an appointment at 419-434-4558 or 419-434-4373. Each appointment will take approximately 30 minutes so please plan accordingly and do not miss class!

**This is ONLY for students who have a scholarship listed on their I-20.**

If you have any questions, you can call or email Carmen Smith or stop by our office. We will be happy to help you.



## Get to Know Us: Kelli Wages

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

**Year Started at UF: 2003**

**What do you do in the office of International Admissions?**

I process applications, contact with prospective students, coordinate new student orientation, provide back up for the Assistant Directors of Admissions and Immigration if necessary

**What do you enjoy about working in International Admissions?**

I enjoy meeting new students and getting to learn more about their cultures and experiences. Watching a brand new student come to campus so unsure of their surroundings and then graduate a few years later so confident gives me great pleasure and makes me enjoy coming to work each day knowing that I am apart of something so great.

**What are some of your hobbies and interests outside of work?**

I enjoy spending time with my family and reading

**Tell us a "fun fact" about you.**

I am married and have two small boys, Brayden, 5, and Grayson, 2.

**What words of wisdom or advice would you have for international students?**

Enjoy the time that you are here, make friends, but study hard. Time goes by so fast, so cherish it and make memories that will last you a lifetime.



# Fall Orientation Pictures

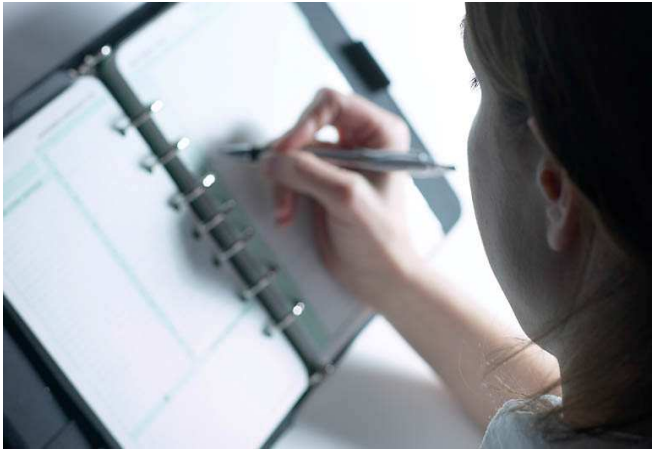


# OPT Application Session

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