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Experience America Picnic!

Attention International Graduates, Post Docs, Scholars, and their Dependents

Experience America Picnic
Thursday, June 13th
Stop by anytime between 11 AM—2 PM.

Save the date for our Experience America Picnic to be hosted on the Front Lawn of the William Pitt Union (rain location: WPU Lower Lounge, enter on the Fifth Ave. side)! We plan to gather informally to celebrate the start of summer and experience an American Picnic.

RSVP required at http://www.eventbrite.com/event/5758822794

Highlights from the

NAFSA Annual Conference and Expo

OIS appreciates your patience and understanding while we had reduced staff during the last week of May. During this time, five representatives from the Office of International Services attended the NAFSA Annual Conference and Expo held in St Louis, MO from May 27 through May 31.

This conference enables staff in attendance to hear from other colleagues across the nation and the world, to interact with representatives from various US Government Agencies such as the US Citizenship and Immigration Services, US Customs and Border Protection, and although the conference days are extremely busy, each of us had the chance to become refreshed and reenergized about what we do each and every day to serve you. Fortunately too, the staff in attendance did have some time to see some of the sights in St Louis including our trip to Three Sixty, a Rooftop Bar to take in the sights of St Louis and the Busch Stadium where the St Louis Cardinals play baseball. You can see OIS Staff during this outing depicted here.

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One session of particular interest was a session presented by Shibley Telhami, a nonresident senior fellow in the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution. Mr. Telhami presented some of his findings from over ten years of public opinion polling in the Middle East to talk about Arab attitudes as they related to the Arab Awakening. Other important sessions included regulatory updates featuring guests from US Government agencies, various sessions about Prevailing Wage Processes, Student Employment authorizations, and online versus in-person orientation sessions.

Another special opportunity this year was interacting with Pitt Alumna Xin “Sing” Zhang who is interested in working in the field of International Education and was able to attend the NAFSA Annual Conference and Expo to seek professional development in the field. She is depicted here in the center with OIS Student Team members, Melissa Reinert and Richard Sherman. Good luck with your job search Sing!
Dollar Bank’s
Cinema in the Park

During the summers in Pittsburgh, Dollar Bank sponsors a program called Cinema in the Park. This is a series of free outdoor movies in various parks through the city. The movies all start at dusk and are a great family friendly activity in the city. Most of the movies are G or PG rated movies, meaning that they are appropriate for children.

These parks are located all over Pittsburgh and some of the parks have very special features. Grandview Park on Mt. Washington has a breathtaking view of Pittsburgh behind the outdoor stage and movie screen. One of the parks is Schenley Park in Oakland, which shows movies on Sunday and Wednesday nights, hosts a concert every Wednesday night from 7—8pm before the movie starts. In addition, because Schenley Park has two nights of movies, they have family movies on Sunday nights and then PG-13 movies after the concerts on Wednesdays.

Here is a partial list of the free movies playing in the Pittsburgh parks this summer:

- The Amazing Spider-Man
- Madagascar 3
- Jack Reacher*
- The Dark Knight Rises*
- The Goonies
- The Hobbit
- Finding Nemo
- The Hunger Games
- Lincoln
- Jumanji
- Skyfall
- The Avengers

*filmed in Pittsburgh

So grab a blanket, pack some treats, and find the nearest park where you can enjoy a night at the movies under the stars!
Get Involved Pittsburgh—Schenley Plaza Classes

FREE fitness classes at Schenley Plaza

Starting on June 1, Schenley Plaza will have FREE fitness classes on the lawn! This is a great way to exercise outside this summer and is an activity for all fitness skill levels.

Yoga classes are offered on Saturday mornings from 10:00 am – 11:00 am and on Mondays during lunch time from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. You can bring your own mat to practice. The yoga instruction is sponsored by Folding Space Yoga.

Tai Chi classes will be offered on Sunday mornings from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. The Tai Chi instruction is sponsored by The Tao Applied.

Typically the classes are held near the trees closest to the Carnegie Library. Participants can be in the shade of the trees or right in the sun. Don’t forget to wear sunscreen and bring bottled water to stay hydrated!

As Heard on Facebook...

GlobalPittsburgh

Three more days until our next GlobalPittsburgh First Thursdays international networking happy hour on June 6 at AVA Bar & Lounge in East Liberty from 5:30-8 p.m. This event gets bigger and more WELCOMING every month. Bring your friends, or come and make new ones. Please LIKE and SHARE this post. This month we are partnering with the Opera Theater of Pittsburgh. Appetizers will be served. For more information, go to https://www.globalpittsburgh.org/node/649

Pitt Study Abroad

Program Manager Tiffany in Kenya during undergrad #tbt #pittstudyabroad #kenya #stickers #teamsao

Pitt International Graduate Global Ties (IGGT)

The Pitt News would like to write a story on "What it is like to be an international student at Pitt" and we need your help. If you would like to talk about your experiences, please send me a message with your name, country, email, phone number.

I will pass your information along to the report and they will contact you directly.

Pittsburgh Pa - OneBurgh

shared Western PA Humane Society’s photo.
23 hours ago

Get ready for Food Waggin’ Wednesdays! This Wednesday the 5th is the first day that the WPHS North Shore shelter will be hosting food trucks for lunch beginning at 11AM (Then every Wednesday through August). Both the Dozen Bake Shop & Dozen Cupcakes truck and the Pgh Pierogi truck will be here!

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Alison’s Zappa-tite: Conflict Kitchen

With summer weather finally here, it is a great time to eat outside at the tables in Schenley Plaza. For this Zappa-tite review, I chose to try Conflict Kitchen, the new Iranian cuisine stand located closed to the Schenley Plaza tent. Conflict Kitchen only serves food native to countries that are in conflict with the United States. Interesting concept, but I don’t write about politics, I just write about food! And, I was super excited to try Iranian food, because I have never had this type of ethnic cuisine!

Ordering was simple, the menu was listed on a poster in front of the window, but it was tough to make a decision! My order was ready very quickly and the service was friendly and helpful with explaining the menu items.

To start, I had the Torshi-e Makhulut, which is a mixed pickled vegetable salad including cauliflower, celery, zucchini, carrots, cabbage and marinated with a tangy vinegar and served with thin pita like bread pieces. As my main dish, I tried the Khoresht-e Fesenjan, a pomegranate and walnut chicken with steamed white rice. This dish reminded me of a curry and had a pleasant sweetness with the pomegranate. The flavor was unique and I very much enjoyed it.

Overall the quality and quantity was great for such a reasonable price. I can now say that I enjoy Iranian food and plan to frequent Conflict Kitchen all summer!
Local Arts Festivals!

All of these arts festivals have a variety of jewelry, glass work, pottery, paintings, sculptures, clothing, items for the home and garden, and more. The best part of all this art, music, and fun is that they all have free admission!

**Three Rivers Arts Festival** (June 7th to 16th) - Downtown Pittsburgh

The Three Rivers Arts Festival, presented by Dollar Bank and the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust is one of the longest in the country. Spanning 10 days, this festival has plenty for the whole family. You can enjoy the daily concerts, the kids’ art area, the various food vendors, and the hundreds of artist booths in downtown Pittsburgh. Because this festival continues into Point State Park, you can also enjoy the recently re-opened Point Park Fountain! Make sure to go more than once because the artists change halfway through the festival!

**Central PA Festival of the Arts** (July 11th to 14th) - State College

This festival (known as “Artsfest”) is a little more than a 2 hour drive from Pittsburgh, but if you like Arts Festivals, this is a must see! The entire downtown area and a good deal of the Penn State campus are overrun with artists’ booths, making this the largest arts festival in the state. They have regular concerts on Atherton Street in the town center and water features for kids (old and young) to play in. While you are on campus at Penn State, make sure to cool down with a trip to the famous Creamery for their amazing ice cream. (Former U.S. President Bill Clinton frequently stopped by!) You can enjoy a
cone and then pack as much as you would like in a cooler to bring home, they pack it in dry ice so nothing will melt on the trip.

**The Art Festival on Walnut Street** (August 24th and 25th) - Shadyside

This smaller, local arts festival has more than 150 artists from around the country to enjoy. Some of the streets in Shadyside are closed while this festival is taking place, so come early if you need parking. You can wander through the booths and in the large variety of stores lining the quaint streets of Shadyside. There also are a number of wonderful restaurants where you can relax after a day of appreciating the arts.

**A Fair in the Park** (September 6th to 8th) - Mellon Park

Located only 2 miles from campus, this late summer arts festival offers more than 100 artist booths. In addition, there are musical performances throughout the festival and a children’s activity area presented by Pittsburgh’s Center for the Arts. This is the 44th year Mellon Park is hosting A Fair in the Park and each year the festival gets better!

We hope you get a chance to attend one of these arts festivals this summer and that you get to enjoy the artistic opportunities offered by Pittsburgh throughout the year!
# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## June

1<sup>st</sup> – Melissa Reinert’s Birthday!

7<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – [Three Rivers Arts Festival](#)

13<sup>th</sup> – OIS Experience America Picnic Event

16<sup>th</sup> – Father’s Day

20<sup>th</sup> – Alison Zappa’s Birthday!

26<sup>th</sup> – Diane Saran’s Birthday!

## July

2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> – [Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regata](#) Event

4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day (U.S.) – University closed!

*Farmer’s Market at Phipps Conservatory*

All June and July on Wednesdays from 2:30 pm—6:30 pm

## Ongoing

Every Friday OIS hosts a session on Optional Practical Training (OPT) from 2PM—3PM. You can register for the OPT Info Session here.