The Global Perspective

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2016-2017: Year of Diversity

“It’s going to be a year that we’re going to celebrate difference; a year when we’re going to engage in conversations about difference: about cultural difference, academic difference and political differences.”

- Provost Patricia Beeson

The Office of the Provost will provide matching funds (up to $5,000) to support lectures, workshops, and other events that aim to highlight the importance of civil discourse and fostering an environment where all voices are valued. Please see: www.diversity.pitt.edu/year-of-diversity
Beware of Immigration Scams!

THE CALL: Scammers may call or email you, pretending to be a government official. They will say that there is a problem with an application or additional information is required to continue the immigration process. *Don’t be deceived by the caller ID number,* this can be changed to look like a legitimate government phone number!

THE TRICK: They will then ask for personal and sensitive details, and/or demand payment to fix any problems.

**DO NOT** provide any information over the phone!

**DO** hang up and report the scam call to [http://1.usa.gov/1suOHSS](http://1.usa.gov/1suOHSS).

*You can also report the call to University of Pittsburgh Police*

**REMEMBER:** USCIS officials will never ask for payment over the phone or in an email. If they need payment, they will mail a letter on official stationery requesting payment.

[https://www.uscis.gov/avoid-scams/common-scams](https://www.uscis.gov/avoid-scams/common-scams)
MEET THE NEW OIS STAFF

SHANNON O’REILY

Shannon is a new Immigration Specialist on the Student Team. After graduating from UConn with a degree in Marketing, she moved to Berlin, Germany, and experienced firsthand what it was like living in a foreign country, needing to secure her own immigration documents. After Berlin, she earned her Master’s degree at IUP and worked at Pitt in Student Affairs. **With OIS, she will work primarily with students from the School of Engineering, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, School of Law, School of Dental Medicine, School of Nursing and School of Social Work.** She is excited to transition into advising students on their immigration at Pitt to help them be successful!

KYLE SIMPERS

Kyle is a new Graduate Assistant at OIS, and will assist with the *Experience America* Program. He is a first year graduate student in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, majoring in Security and Intelligence. Previously, he studied Latin American Studies and Spanish at Temple University. After graduation, Kyle spent a year teaching US Culture in Curitiba, Brazil, and later worked with International SOS. A native of the Philadelphia area, Kyle enjoys martial arts, running and trying to explore Pittsburgh without having to go up too many hills.
The Season of Autumn

The Season of Autumn, also know as “Fall” in North America, is the season between summer and winter. The temperatures drop and days become chilly. Nighttime comes sooner and the tree leaves change color, later falling from the branches.

In the United States, the season is traditionally associated with agricultural harvests, apple orchards, pumpkin patches, apple cider, colored leaves, Halloween, and the American holiday of Thanksgiving. In modern times, it is also known for scary and “creepy” things in general, “pumpkin spice” flavored beverages, American football, baseball, and hoodies (hooded sweat shirts).

While autumn scenery is often beautiful, the season sometimes brings about “melancholy,” a thoughtful sadness caused by no obvious reason. This may be because the cool weather reminds us that summer has passed, and the cold winter months are ahead. However, one can also embrace the cold weather! Enjoy the crisp mornings, comfy clothes and hot beverages, while also looking forward to the upcoming winter holidays!

One of the great benefits of four distinct seasons throughout the year is being able to actually see the passing of the days and weeks; it’s nature’s subtle reminder that time flies.

- Carpe Diem!—Seize the day!

English Idioms Relating to Fall

“To turn over a new leaf”- To reform and begin again
“Apple of my eye” - Someone who is very loved and cherished
“Autumn Years” - The later years of someone’s life
“Under the weather“ - To feel ill due to the cold outside
How to make

Apple Cider

Ingredients:
- 10 Apples (quartered and peeled)
- 3/4 cup of white sugar
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon ground all-spice

Directions:
Place apples in a pot and cover with water (at least two inches over the apples). Stir in the cinnamon, sugar and all-spice. Bring to boil, and boil (uncovered) for one hour. Reduce heat and simmer (covered) for 2 hours. Strain the remaining mixture through a mesh/cheesecloth strainer.
OIS is the University’s immigration specialist, serving all campuses and the 4500 international students, scholars, staff, and faculty that call Pitt their academic home. Our chief job is to make sure that immigration issues are handled smoothly, quickly, and correctly.

The **OIS Symposium** is an opportunity for Pitt Faculty and Staff to receive answers to their immigration and international community questions.

## Presentation Topics

- Students in Crisis
- Lawful Permanent Residency
- J-1 Onboarding
- Support for Non-Native English Speakers
- Export Controls and Visitor Agreements
- New Student Intake and Pre-Arrival Processes
- International Student Employment
- Working with OIS
- International Student Experience, Relocation and Adjustment
- Engaging Scholars: A Pittsburgh Experience
- Global Operations @ Pitt
- How to Pronounce Chinese Names
- Q&A—Student Issues
- Q&A—Employee / Scholar Issues
Recent Experience America Events
1. Players take the field at Highmark Stadium
2. International scholars and OIS staff watch the game
4) Richard from OIS shows proper football form

Upcoming Experience America Events
Trip to Trax Farms (tickets sold out)
Saturday, October 15th, 1:15pm meet outside the William Pitt Union
Lunch and Learn – U.S. Politics
Thursday, October 20 from 12 – 1:30pm, Kurtzmann Room William Pitt Union
Lunch and Learn – Winter in Pittsburgh!
Wednesday, November 18 from 12 – 1:30pm, 548 William Pitt Union

*For more info please visit: ois.pitt.edu/media/experience-america/
## Halloween Happenings

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<td>Mon. Oct. 31st—5:30—7:30pm</td>
<td>Official trick or treat for city neighborhoods</td>
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<td>The Scarehouse *</td>
<td>Oct. Only; Fri/Sat 7pm-12am, Thurs/Sunday 7pm-10pm</td>
<td>*Adults only. Located in Pittsburgh, this is said to be one of the best Halloween attractions in the US</td>
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<td>Phantom Fright Nights *</td>
<td>Oct. Only; Fri/Sat 6pm-12am; Sun 10/9 &amp; 10/29 6-11pm</td>
<td>*Not recommended for Children. Kennywood Park. Various scary Halloween activities in the park.</td>
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<td>Pittsburgh ZooBoo</td>
<td>10/19 &amp; 10/20; 11am-4pm</td>
<td>Halloween activities for kids in the zoo</td>
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<td>Phipps Conservatory Halloween Happenings</td>
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<td>Family friendly Halloween activities</td>
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<td>Haunted Pittsburgh Ghost Tours</td>
<td>Available all year. Must schedule tour</td>
<td>A tour around downtown Pittsburgh with a historical / ghost story theme</td>
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<td>Allen’s Haunted Hayride *</td>
<td>Oct. Only; Thurs 6-9pm, Fri/Sat. 6-11pm</td>
<td>*Not recommended for young children. Located in Smock, PA; Approx. 1.5hr drive</td>
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The Music of John Williams
Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

Ghost Stories
Pittsburgh Cultural Trust
Trust Arts Education Center

African Am. Heritage Parade
AACCWP

Wonderheads
Pittsburgh Cultural Trust
August Wilson Center
A living cartoon performance

La Traviata
Pittsburgh Opera

Brian Regan
Heinz Hall
Standup comedy

Basetrack Live
Pittsburgh Cultural Trust
Byham Theater
Intimate and powerful piece about war and veterans.

Dvorak’s New World
Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra
Heinz Hall

Steel City World Cup
Soccer and culture on the 15th and 16th

Billy Porter
Pittsburgh Cultural Trust
Cabaret at Theater Square

Finding Neverland
PNC Broadway in Pittsburgh
Benedum Center
Broadway’s biggest new hit based on the Academy Award Nominated film.

Jekyll & Hyde
Pittsburgh Musical Theater
Byham Theater

Pedal Punk
Pittsburgh Cultural Trust
Byham Theater
Traditional circus disciples and acrobatics

Giselle—PBT Orchestra
Pittsburgh Ballet Theater
Oct. 28, 29

The Midtown Men
Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra
The Original Cast from Jersey Boys
Oct. 28, 29, 30
You do not have to leave the city limits to buy farm-fresh vegetables. Visit conveniently located Farmers’ Markets throughout the summer and fall to find a wide variety of perennial favorites and seasonal specialties. All markets sell farm-fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, cheese and baked goods, while several locations also sell flowers, small gifts, and gardening items. Sponsored by Union Real Estate:

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<td><strong>Tuesdays</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Wednesdays</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Fridays</strong></td>
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PittServes is a University-wide initiative that engages students in meaningful service to the community on a local, national and international scale. Our focus on sustainability, education and community development allows us to increase student community service and broaden our impact as a university. Visit our website to learn more about ways to be involved in one-time or re-occurring service projects, start your own service initiatives, or engage as a community.

PITT MAKES A DIFFERENCE DAY

University of Pittsburgh's largest day of service, on:

October 22nd, 2016, from 10am to 2pm.

Please see below link for more information:

http://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/pittserves/largeservice/pmadd/
This is your Chance to Discover the World...

For one week - October 24-28, 2016 - Pitt campus will be alive with international activities, global events and the buzz of the International Week Contest.

Events and Activities

Click on the menu tabs above to find details on the four different types of events and activities. These include:

- Cultural Awareness
- Global Classroom
- Global Leadership
- International Experience

For more info, please visit:
http://internationalweek.pitt.edu/

*This is the QR code for the vent, which you can use in the Guidebook app
**IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES**

**October 7-9** Homecoming Activities

**October 17** Fall Break for students (no classes); University offices and buildings remain open and staffed during Fall Break

**October 18** Monday classes normally scheduled to meet Monday, October 17th will meet on Tuesday, October 18th. Tuesday classes will not meet this week

**October 28** Fall Term deadline for students to submit Monitored Withdrawal forms to Dean’s Office; Spring Term enrollment appointments begin (Veteran Students)

**October 31** Spring Term enrollment appointments begin (Non-Veteran Students)

**November 11** Last day for Spring Term enrollment appointments

**November 12** Spring Term open enrollment begins

**November 23-27** Thanksgiving Recess for students (no classes), all schools

**November 24-25** Thanksgiving Recess for faculty and staff (University closed)

**November 28** Classes resume (all schools)

**December 9** Fall Term: Last day for undergraduate day classes; Spring Term deadline for continuing students to register

**December 10** Reading Day

**December 10-17** College of General Studies classes, Saturday Only classes, graduate classes, and evening classes will continue to meet during this period; final examinations should be held during the last scheduled class meeting

**December 12-17** Final examination period for undergraduate day classes

**December 17** Fall Term Ends: Official date for degrees awarded in Fall Term

**December 18** Residence halls close

**December 18-January 3** Winter Recess for students (no classes), all schools

**December 20** Fall Term grades must be approved by instructors by 11:59 p.m.

**December 23-January 2** Winter Recess for faculty and staff; designated University offices, including major responsibility centers and research projects, will be staffed as necessary during this period