Welcome Back, Students!

Welcome back, international students! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are now back and ready for a successful Fall Semester.

As always, the International Student Office is here for your needs. Please come see us for academic advising, F-1 status advising, and any other issue that you may need assistance with.

For general questions, please feel free to just walk-in. An appointment is needed for issues that require more time and attention such as academic advising or OPT. In any case, it is usually better to make an appointment.

Feel free to come in with any school work that you may need help with. Remember to stay on track with your school work. Do not fall behind! Good luck and have a wonderful Fall Semester!

New Student Orientation!

Every semester, all new students must attend a new student orientation. The Fall 2011 New Student Orientation was held on August 11, 2011. We had 12 new students who attended and about 8 returning students who participated and helped with organizing the campus tour. New students got a chance to learn more about what it means to be an international student at Harbor College. Students were also able to familiarize themselves with our campus resources during the campus tour.

Everybody got to introduce themselves and their home country at the orientation! This semester we had students from at least 9 different countries. New student orientation is a great place for students to ease in to the semester! You will be able to meet the new students at the International Student Fall Luncheon on October 6th!
My Wonderful Summer by Shi (Nicole) Cheng

For my first and wonderful summer in the U.S., I went to New York City and Washington D.C. I stayed seven days in New York and three days in Washington D.C. On my first day in NYC, I bought a one-week Metro card, which allowed me to travel everywhere by bus, subway, and ferry. It was useful and for a good price. I used the Metro card for the subway to Manhattan, Uptown, and Chinatown. I went to the Statue of Liberty, Wall Street, SOHO, the Metropolitan Museum of Arts, and the Natural Science and History Museum.

My favorite place was SOHO because I like shopping. SOHO is heaven for a shopping girl! There are a lot of famous and fashionable shops. Those shops come from all over the world. I found all the brand names I like.

I spent three days in Washington D.C. I had seen the White House and Capitol Hill on CNN, but to see these buildings in person was very exciting for me. I took many pictures with these buildings. During these nine days, I enjoyed my trip very much. I hope I will get to go back to New York again. It is a very nice city.

Benin by Nathalie Labrana Espinoza

This summer, I traveled back to Brussels, Belgium, for a little over two months. I usually try to travel back home every year. I had an amazing time with my family and friends. I spent much of my time eating everything I love over there, such as French fries (even though they are Belgian!!), chocolate, and, of course, most importantly, my mom’s cuisine. At the end of my vacation, I traveled to Benin, Africa, for 5 days for almost free! My friend is a flight attendant for Brussels Airlines and asked me to travel with her. Thanks to her, the crew put me in first class, and the pilot invited me in the cockpit for the departure and arrival. It was pretty fun. I had an incredible time out there. People are very nice. What I enjoyed the most was to see people smiling all the time even though it seemed they did not have much to be happy for. However, the food did not agree with me at all. I got sick when I got back home, but it was definitely worth the time I spent to visit Benin.

Something Fun This Summer by Michael Pesce

This summer before I left Italy for the first time, I did modeling. It was interesting and weird because I had never modeled in my life. I did enjoy it because it was for a good occasion and I got to meet many new friends.

Michael’s modeling picture.
Welcome Back Pizza and Game Day!

On August 23rd, 2011, the International Student Office, along with the International Club, hosted a Welcome Back Pizza and Game Day in the International Student Office.

Students were able to enjoy each other’s company through playing games and eating pizza. Students played a very competitive game of Monopoly. Mr. Eunsup Jung and Mr. Hyunmin Jung were the winners of Monopoly. Students also enjoyed an intense game of Jenga.

Many new and continuing students participated in this welcome back day. It was a good way for our new students to get familiar with the atmosphere in the International Student Office, as well as a good way for returning students to share some of their knowledge about Harbor College.

Ethan Chang, the International Club president, also took this time to introduce the club to students. He shared the goals and mission of the club and hopes that new and returning students will take advantage of what the club has to offer.

Meet Some of Our New Students!

Harbor College is very nice campus, having nice staff and students. PDSO – Paul Grady and DSO – Kaman both are very helpful. Teachers encourage and motivate their students. For international students, this campus is the right place to get an education and make their future bright.

I really like Harbor College. All the workers and students here are very friendly. My favorite class is Professor Romero’s. She is a really good teacher. It’s a wonderful experience. Being an international student has given me the opportunity to meet a lot of people from different cultures.

My name is Hyun Min (Jude) Jung. I’m 19 years old and I’m from S.Korea. Everyone at LAHC is very nice. My major is engineering so I have to be good in math. If any of you need help with math, I’ll help you and you can buy me a dinner or lunch haha! JK. I hope you guys will do well and be good students! Thank you for reading.
International Student Reminders

Remember to always maintain your status. Below is a list of things F-1 international students need to remember:

- Never drop below 12 units!!!
- Students must have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA.
- Students and students on OPT must report their new U.S. address and phone number to the international student office.
- Students must check in with the international student office each semester.
- Students cannot work on or off-campus without permission.
- Students must get permission to take classes at another campus.
- Students may only take one online class per semester.
- Students on OPT are also required to provide employer addresses.

Not sure if your action will affect your F-1 status? Just ask Mr. Grady or Ms. Ng.

International Club

The International Club is an officially chartered club at Los Angeles Harbor College. Ethan Chang, the president of the club, has been developing many ideas and potential events for this semester. Stay tuned for the upcoming events and activities hosted by the club! The club will have meetings once a month. The first meeting will be held on September 29th, Thursday. Come check out the club for yourself!

Places for Lunch When You are on or Near Campus

Culinary Arts Program presents HARBOR CAFÉ

The restaurant serves breakfast from 7:30am–10:30am; lunch from 11:00am–1:00pm; Grill from 11:00am–4pm. Food price ranges from $2.00 to $6.00. Come to the International Student Office for a menu or go directly to the cafeteria to see it for yourself!

South Bay Farmers’ Market. At Kaiser Permanente South Bay. At Parkview Building (corner of Vermont and PCH) Wednesdays from 11:00am – 4:30 pm

Bringing you freshly picked strawberries, raspberries, and blueberries with an assortment of organic citrus and apples, dried fruit and nuts, plums, peaches, summer corn and melons, spring salad mixes, farm fresh eggs, a variety of Asian greens and many other farm fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as a variety of boutique hummus and pita chips, family recipe salsas with homemade chips, French bakery items, specialty cheese and more! They accept credit and debit cards. Stay healthy by eating healthy!

For more info, go to: http://hchgchamber.com/2011/04/south-bay-farmers%E2%80%99-market/