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# OISS Newsletter



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## Dear International Gauchos,

What a year it's been! We returned to campus in the Fall, had some remote instruction in the Winter, and finished strong this Spring. To all those who are graduating — Congratulations! Whether you're off to start a new adventure or have big plans for the summer, we wish you happiness and success on your journey.

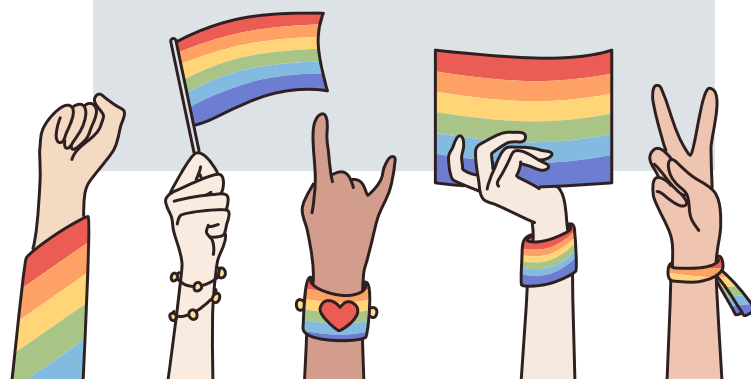
June is LGBTQ Pride month and we look forward to celebrating with you. Keep reading for more information and ways you can celebrate, too! Come by our office to check out our Pride decorations, which will be up all month long.

Have a wonderful summer!

In community,

The Office of International Students & Scholars

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# Alerts & Updates



## 2022 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

A total of **eight** scholarships of **\$5,000 USD** each will be awarded across the following themes:

- > Global health
- > Social Justice
- > Global citizenship
- > Environmental sustainability

**Submission deadline:**

Friday, June 10th, 2022 at 11:59 PM EST

Saturday, June 11th 3:59 PM GMT.

[scholarships.flywire.com](https://scholarships.flywire.com)

Apply now



## Academic Training Remote Work Limitation

The [Exchange Visitor Program Information on Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) page

was updated to communicate a limit of one to two days of telework per week for students engaging in [Academic Training](#).

What does this mean for J-1 students pursuing Academic Training?

From now until June 30, 2023, students pursuing [Academic Training](#) may telework for a maximum of two days per week at their job/internship. Be sure to communicate this guidance to your employer and ask your OISS advisor if you have any questions.

## Scholarship Opportunity!

The Flywire Charitable Foundation is excited to announce its [Academic Scholarship Program](#) for 2022!

Flywire will award a total of 8 scholarships at \$5000 each across the following themes:

- Social Justice
- Global Citizenship
- Global Health
- Environmental Sustainability

Two winners will be awarded for each theme.

Who is eligible?

The scholarships are open to matriculating and currently enrolled UG and Graduate students worldwide. All majors are welcome to apply.

### Scholarship Submission Deadline:

- Friday, June 10th @11:59PM ET / Saturday, June 11th @ 3:59PM GMT (No late submissions will be accepted).

For more information and/or inquiries, visit the Flywire [website](#).



## Upcoming Closures

From June 13 - June 17, the SRB will be closed to the public, so OISS will operate remotely. Our advisors will be available by email or zoom appointment. Be sure to pick up any necessary documents from our office before June 13.

J-1 scholars who need to pick up a document in-person during that week should contact [J1scholar@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:J1scholar@sa.ucsb.edu) to coordinate with an advisor.

In honor of Juneteenth, OISS will be closed on Monday, June 20. Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, June 21.

## Summer Operating Hours

Apart from official university holidays and SRB closures, OISS is open all summer long.

We will have normal hours of operation from 10 am - 12 pm and 1 pm - 4 pm.



# Pride Month

## What is Pride?

Pride is an annual celebration within the LGBTQ community primarily held during the month of June. Though it has roots in earlier celebrations and awareness periods held by various LGBTQ groups, the first official Pride march/parade (officially known as Christopher Street Liberation Day) took place on June 28, 1970 as a commemoration of the Stonewall Riots which occurred a year earlier.



## How is Pride celebrated around the world?

The celebration of Pride varies around the world—while many countries celebrate in June, others may base their celebrations around a significant event in their own country's LGBTQ history. Pride celebrations also range from being more politically-oriented—such as a march or protest—to being more of a celebratory event—such as a festival or a carnival.



## Ways to celebrate Pride in Santa Barbara and nearby

### Pacific Pride Festival

Held every August, the Pacific Pride Festival is Santa Barbara's largest Pride celebration and is hosted by the Pacific Pride Foundation. This year, the event will be occurring on Saturday, August 27th at Chase Palm Park.

### Los Angeles Pride

LA Pride is a two day annual event held in Los Angeles. On June 11th, LA Pride in the Park will be held at LA State Historic Park. On June 12th, the LA Pride Parade will be held in Hollywood.

### On Campus

UCSB's Pride celebration is typically held early in the Spring Quarter, so be on the lookout for the 2023 Pride celebration next year.





# OISS Events

## Practice English This Summer

The English Conversation Program (ECP) will be continuing into the summer 2022 quarter with one class taught weekly by Matthew Williams. The class will be held weekly on Wednesday from 10am to 12pm, and there will be one or two additional social events throughout the summer.

The last ECP gathering is pictured on the right.



## International Language Exchange

Our last language exchange (Cantonese, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin) was a hit! Thank you EAP for co-hosting with us. Stay tuned for more language exchange events in the future.

Hoping to practice a certain language? Email [oissprograms@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:oissprograms@sa.ucsb.edu) to let us know which language you would like to see at our next exchange.

## Congrats Grads!

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2022! Thank you for sharing your global insights and experiences with our campus.

Our graduate student celebration is pictured on the right. We give a huge shoutout to the Graduate Student Resource Center's outgoing International Student Peer, Athith Krishna. You have done so much for the international community and will be missed!







# OISS Recommends

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## **Motion Picture Museum Trip and Los Angeles Farmers Market – Santa Barbara Airbus Trips**

Take the Airbus to enjoy the day in Los Angeles at the historic Farmers Market and Motion Picture Museum. See [here](#) for more details.

Thursday July 14, 2022

\$100 per ticket (includes transportation and entrance to the museum)

# Staff Suggestions

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## **Santa Barbara Summer Solstice Celebration**

The Solstice Parade and Festival is the largest arts event in Santa Barbara County, drawing crowds of over 100,000 spectators and participants from around the world.

The parade will start at noon, June 25th at the corner of Santa Barbara St. and Ortega and proceed to Alameda Park for the festival.

The festival will take place Friday June 24th and Saturday June 25th. The festival is free and open to the public and will include a full musical line up as well as a variety of food and merchant vendors and beer and wine garden.



# Thanks for Reading!

We hope you enjoyed this issue of the OISS Newsletter. Past newsletters can be viewed on the OISS [website](#).

## Questions?

If you are a current international student with questions regarding immigration, advising and other requests, email [oiss@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:oiss@sa.ucsb.edu).

J-1 Scholars should reach out to [j1scholar@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:j1scholar@sa.ucsb.edu). For those with questions related to employment-based visas; please contact [longtermvisa@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:longtermvisa@sa.ucsb.edu).

For any inquiries regarding upcoming OISS events, or collaboration opportunities, contact [oissprograms@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:oissprograms@sa.ucsb.edu).

If you are a UCSB department or organization and would like to publicize any information or upcoming events to international Gauchos, contact [mmotomazie@ucsb.edu](mailto:mmotomazie@ucsb.edu).

## Let's stay in touch!

Follow our social media accounts to stay up-to-date with everything happening at OISS.

