

WELCOME (BACK) TO SCHOOL /
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OISS NEWSLETTER

DEAR INTERNATIONAL GUACHOS,

As the summer comes to a close, OISS would like to welcome our global gauchos back for the Fall 2022 quarter and the start of a new academic year. With a new school year comes new challenges and opportunities, but we look forward to seeing your success in the coming year.

OISS is looking forward to seeing you on campus, and we are ready to support you in the year ahead. This newsletter features important reminders about actions you need to take upon your return to campus, along with some information about the upcoming activities planned by our office for the fall.

In community,
the Office of International
Students and Scholars

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OISS Updates

The Student Resource Building (where OISS is located) will be closed to the public September 12th through September 18th. If you need to pick up or drop off any documents please arrange to do so outside of this week. OISS staff may not be available to grant you entry to the building during this time. We will still be available via email and phone for any questions.

Students

Maintain Your Immigration Status & Record

1. If your address has changed for the upcoming school year, please remember to login to [UCSBGlobal](#) to submit a "Local Address Update" e-form, located in the "Personal Information Update" section of your portal. Any changes to your address should be updated within 10 days of you moving.
2. Make sure you are enrolled in the minimum amount of units. If you are an undergraduate or EAP student you must be enrolled in 12 units. Graduate students, you must be enrolled in 8 units.

Accessing Our Advising Services and Website

1. As a reminder, all information on our student advising services—such as our most up-to-date drop in schedule and your assigned advisor—can be found on our [Student Advising Page](#). However, most answers to your questions can be found on [our website](#), so please be sure to check there first before scheduling an appointment.
2. As a reminder OISS is physically open if you have any quick questions you would like to ask! We are located on the 3rd floor of the Student Resource Building and open Monday–Friday 10AM–12PM, 1PM–4PM. Always check our website for any closures due to holidays or staff events.



OISS Updates

Graduate Student Spotlight

Dee Dee Hong

International Grad Peer Advisor

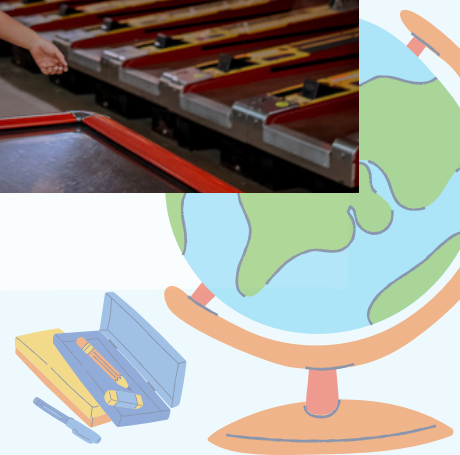
Hi! My name is Damhee “Dee Dee” Hong, and I am an International Graduate Student Peer from the Graduate Student Resource Center. I’m a second-year Ph.D. student from the Gevirtz School of Education, and I’m so excited to get to know our international student community better!



I am a 1.5-generation Korean-American who immigrated to the United States with my family when I was eight. I love my Korean first name Damhee (담희), especially because it’s a unique name that my mom made just for me. It’s a difficult name to pronounce correctly (even for Koreans!), so I usually go by my middle name Dee Dee, which I also love because it’s what most people call me. I hope that all of our international graduate students won’t hesitate to say “Hi Dee Dee” when they see me around campus!

When people ask about my hobbies, I often answer that I love trying new things. Whether it’s trying new food at a restaurant or traveling to a new location, challenging myself to expand my horizons always brings me joy. I therefore also have so much respect for our international students, who often overcome so many challenges to come study new things in a new country. I can’t wait to support you during this new academic year in my role as an International Peer.

My first activity of the year will be a stroll to the beach to see the sunset on Tuesday, Sept. 20 (Shoreline sign-up link: <https://cglink.me/2dD/r1678341>). The plan is to meet in front of the Student Resources Building at 6 pm and walk together to go soak in that beautiful California sunset. Hope to see you there!





Community Spotlight

Kristal Melton



Introduction

Hello, and welcome to Santa Barbara! My name is Kristal Melton and I work with an organization called International Students, Inc., or ISI. ISI is a Christian organization that welcomes students from all religious and ethnic backgrounds, seeking to create a community for you! There are ISI communities throughout the United States, and ours has been active at UCSB for 25 years. We have several ways we like to serve you:



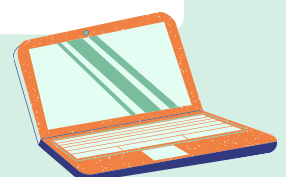
Friday Night Dinners

Twice a month, we host a FREE dinner at an American home for all international students. This is a fun time to eat delicious food, get to know other international students and Americans, and connect over conversation groups and games. Our Welcome Dinner will be Sept. 23rd at 6PM.

Events such as hikes, a beach day, movie nights, small group gatherings, etc.

Friendship Partners/dinners: If you are interested, we pair you with a college student or family for at least one activity such as a dinner, to give you the opportunity to connect with American friends in a smaller setting.

If you are interested, please email me at kmelton@isionline.org. We are here to serve the international community, and we love getting to know international students from all over the world. Each of you brings such a unique and exciting perspective, and we look forward to connecting with you!





ECP

English Conversation Program



ECP Fall Welcome

Interested in learning about ECP?
Join OISS at our Fall Welcome
event to meet the teachers and
sign up for class.

September 28, 2022
6:00PM to 7:30PM
SRB MPR

Scan here to register
on Shoreline



Who can join ECP?

ECP is open to all adult
members of the UCSB
international community at
any level of English speaking
ability.

Interested in teaching a
class?

Scan here to
fill out our
volunteer interest
form.



Questions? Email
oissprograms@sa.ucsb.edu



OISS RECOMMENDS...

(NON-OISS EVENTS AND INITIATIVES WE WISH TO PROMOTE)

UCSB Rapid Rehousing

The UCSB Rapid Rehousing team is geared to provide support and helpful resources for housing insecure or struggling UCSB Students! For more information on our resources, make sure to email us: ucsbrapidrehousing@gmail.com

UCSB RAPID REHOUSING PROGRAM



RRP is designed to connect housing insecure students to housing resources offered through UCSB's Financial Crisis Response Team

To apply for any of these programs, email the FCRT at financialcrisis@sa.ucsb.edu

Housing Vouchers

- Rental grants awarded to students in need of assistance
- Applicable to on & off-campus living arrangements
- Documentation required to be deemed eligible

Transitional Housing

- Emergency transitional housing within 24-48 hours of a housing emergency for a period of up to 25 days
- Meal plan scholarship and case management included

Case Management

- A holistic approach to help students find long-term housing and financial solutions

FCRT WEBSITE



<https://food.ucsb.edu/about/committees/financial-crisis-response-team>

HELPFUL LINKS



<https://linktr.ee/ucsbrapidrehousing>

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UCSB Arts & Lectures is hiring!

UCSB Arts & Lectures is the most influential entertainment organization between Los Angeles and San Francisco; each year, A&L presents more than a hundred public events with a mission to "Educate, Entertain, and Inspire."

This year, we have dozens of open spots for students to be involved with the marketing, finance, programming, education, production, and more departments presenting our season. Ideally, we are looking for students with work-study and a residential address, during the academic year, in the surrounding Goleta/Santa Barbara area - virtual/remote opportunities may become available.

Applications for Development Assistant, Finance Administrative Assistant, Ticket Office Assistant, Marketing Assistant, Education Administrative Assistant, and more can be found on Handshake. Most positions start at \$16.50 an hour. You can also reach out with any questions or inquiries to info@artsandlectures.ucsb.edu or at 805-893-3535. Our office is open from Monday through Friday, 10 AM to 5 PM.

OISS STAFF SUGGESTIONS

favorite coffee shops

1. Matthew - Handlebar Coffee Roasters
2. Felipe - Dune Coffee Roasters
3. Sarah - Cajé Coffee Roasters
4. Ashley - Coral Tree Café (on-campus)
5. Erik - Lighthouse Coffee