SPRING 2015
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION
January 19, 2015
Hosted by the Center for Global Services
Dear Students,

Welcome to Rutgers! We are delighted to welcome you to the university during this exciting time of our global reach. The establishment of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences (RBHS) in 2013 added medicine and health care to our impressive and ever-expanding global research and education collective. We recently ranked #33 in the world by the Center for World University Rankings and received the prestigious Senator Paul Simon award from NAFSA: Association of International Educators for comprehensive internationalization in November. Your class will be here with us to celebrate this rich history of international accomplishments during our 250th anniversary in 2016.

Rutgers’ Centers for Global Advancement and International Affairs (GAIA Centers) are here to provide you with the assistance you need when you need it. We invite you to make the most of your time here and participate in global conversations and activities through exciting programs and opportunities offered by our four pillars: Global Education, Global Programs, Global Relations, and Global Services. Through these pillars, the GAIA Centers are creating new opportunities for all Rutgers students, such as our affiliation with the United Nations Department of Public Information; new study abroad and service-learning abroad programs in Africa, Latin America, Europe, and Asia; and expanded services for international students. The GAIA Centers are also bringing many new globally focused initiatives here on campus and around the world.

We hope that during the academic year, you will have the opportunity to join in on the many events held on campus, including the wonderful workshops presented by the Center for Global Services, United Nations seminars and study opportunities, and those that are a part of our upcoming biennial theme: Global Urbanism!

We want Rutgers to be your home away from home—a welcoming environment for you to live and learn comfortably. The GAIA Centers are here to make your stay at Rutgers a pleasant and productive one. We are always open to suggestions on how we can make the experience better for our international community, so feel free to contact us at info@gaiacenters.rutgers.edu.

Best wishes for a successful semester!

Joanna Regulska
Rutgers’ Vice President for International and Global Affairs
About the GAIA Centers
The Centers for Global Advancement and International Affairs (GAIA Centers) ensures that Rutgers attains its full potential as a globally engaged institution of higher education, representing the university’s motto, “Jersey Roots, Global Reach,” through its teaching, research, and service. Every Rutgers graduate must be equipped with the knowledge, awareness, and skills necessary to meet the increasingly complex challenges of the 21st century. Rutgers faculty must have opportunities to engage with their peers around the world to address pressing issues that transcend national borders. Visit us at global.rutgers.edu to learn more about how the GAIA Centers advance the university’s global mission through:

Global Education
Fostering the development of global citizenship in Rutgers students by providing opportunities for international study, research, internships, service learning, and multicultural experiences.

Global Programs
Developing and facilitating programs that foster teaching, learning, and research while encouraging and supporting international and global engagement for faculty, staff, and students.

Global Relations
Cultivating strong and consequential partnerships with universities, governments, and communities abroad to encourage the exchange of knowledge, ideas, expertise, technology, and crosscultural dialogue.

Global Services
Providing members of the Rutgers community and visitors with quality services that support the growth and strength of our university’s global network and integrate international visitors into the Rutgers community.

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Welcome to Rutgers! Please review the orientation schedule carefully.

Check In and Travel Document Verification
9:00–10:00 a.m. • 180 College Ave
All new nonimmigrant students must check in, fill out their student data forms, and have their travel documents checked and verified. Passport and I-20 or DS-2019 required.
Note: Students who have already checked in at the Center for Global Services should go directly to the College Ave Student Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR) at 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction
10:15–10:30 a.m. • College Ave Student Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)
Eugene Murphy, assistant vice president for international and global affairs, welcomes students. Orientation materials are reviewed.

Staying in Legal Status
10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. • College Ave Student Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)
This session covers your rights, responsibilities, and opportunities for travel, work, and study as an international student in the U.S. Special services provided for international students at the university, legal obligations, and benefits of nonimmigrant visa-holders in the U.S. are also covered. Students must have travel documents verified before attending, and have their passport and I-20 or DS-2019 with them. If students wish to work on campus, they should not leave this session without getting their International Payroll Form signed.

LUNCH
12:00–1:00 p.m. • College Ave Student Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)
Join the Center for Global Services staff for an informal luncheon. During lunch, students can meet with representatives of the International Friendship Program and other international student organizations at Rutgers.

Health Matters–Q&A
1:15–1:30 p.m. • College Ave Student Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)
Refer to the handout in the orientation packet for an introduction to Rutgers student health insurance plans and health services. For immunization requirement related information, contact the Hurtado Health Center at 732-932-7402.

Understanding the System: Student Life at Rutgers
1:15–2:15 p.m. • College Ave Student Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)
Veteran students share their experiences and answer questions about what it’s like to...
be a Rutgers student—from handling academics and balancing a social life to everything you wanted to know.

**Center for Global Education (Study Abroad) Exchange Student Welcome**
1:15–2:30 p.m. • College Ave Student Center, Room 411AB
The Center for Global Education staff welcomes students and provides an overview of academics, housing, finances, and more as they pertain to exchange students.

**Campus Bus Tour**
1:15–3:30 p.m. College Avenue Student Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)
Tour the Rutgers campuses with experienced guides in one of two bus tours! Tour 1 begins at 1:15 p.m. and ends at 2:15 p.m.; tour 2 begins at 2:30 p.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m.

**Be Alert–Safety Matters!**
2:30–3:30 p.m. • College Ave Student Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)
Learn about the role of university police, the community policing program, and tips on how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of crime.

**COFFEE BREAK**
3:30–3:45 p.m. • College Ave Student Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)

**Presenting Your Work: Classroom Culture and University Policies Regarding Academic Integrity**
3:45–4:45 p.m. • College Ave Student Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)
There is a fine line between being a resourceful student and possibly violating academic policies regarding plagiarism and cheating. We will outline the components of academic integrity and present useful strategies to help students gain greater confidence in the skills students need to adjust to and succeed in the Rutgers classroom environment.

**ISAC Social Hour**
5:00–6:00 p.m. • College Ave Student Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)
The International Student Affairs Committee (ISAC) of the Graduate Student Association hosts this welcome reception for all new international students.

**Shopping Shuttle to the Bridgewater Promenade**
5:00–8:00 p.m. • College Ave Student Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)
Students can catch a shuttle and participate in a shopping excursion for living essentials to stores including Bed, Bath, & Beyond; Target; Old Navy; and Marshalls. See the flyer in the orientation packet for details.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Living with Roommates Workshop
Tuesday, January 20, 5:00–6:00 p.m.
College Ave Student Center, Room 411AB
Presented by Rutgers’ Residence Life staff, this special topics discussion covers how to adjust to living with roommates.

Appy Hour
Wednesday, January 21, 5:00–6:00 p.m.
Kite and Key Store, The Plaza at Livingston on Livingston Campus
Learn about the technology resources at Rutgers! Staff from the Kite and Key store will introduce all the computing and technology services available at Rutgers. Students will learn about many fun and useful apps available.

Health and Insurance Matters Workshop
Thursday, January 22, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
College Ave Student Center, Room 411ABC
Learn the ABCs of student health insurance presented by the Office of Student Health Insurance:
A: Advantages of the Student Health Insurance Plan
B: Benefits explanation about coverage with United Healthcare
C: Comprehension of the steps from selecting a provider to how a claim is filed and processed to your out-of-pocket expenses.

On Campus Employment Workshop
Friday, January 23, 10:00–11:00 a.m.
Center for Global Services, 180 College Ave
This workshop is for students who wish to work on campus but missed the ‘Staying in Legal Status’ workshop on Monday, January 19, 2015. It covers regulatory information, forms, and authorizations necessary for F-1 and J-1 students to work on campus.

International Friendship Program (IFP) Welcome Get-Together
Friday, January 23, 3:30–5:00 p.m.
Coffee House, Livingston Student Center, Livingston Campus
Enjoy meeting people from all parts of the world and participating in crosscultural friendships? Want to be friends with American students and host families? Interested in joining the English Conversation Program? Students interested in any of the above are strongly encouraged to attend this get-to-

Don’t miss out on a shopping trip on Monday, January 19, at 5:00 p.m. Catch a shuttle to Bed, Bath & Beyond and other retail stores. See flyer in orientation packet for details.
together to find out more information about the IFP and the English conversation programs. Students have a choice of participating in one-on-one English Conversation Partners Program or English Conversation Group Sessions. Registration information will be provided. For more, contact Carissa McCarthy at carissam@gaiacenters.rutgers.edu.

**Bringing Dependents to the U.S.**
Tuesday, February 3, 1:00–2:30 p.m.
Center for Global Services, 180 College Ave
This workshop covers procedures, costs, campus and community services, housing, and immigration issues related to bringing spouse and children to the U.S. on dependent visas. All students who wish to request immigration documents for dependents must attend this workshop.

**International Student Association (ISA) First Spring Semester Event**
Saturday, February 28, 8:00–10:00 p.m.
Livingston Student Center Gathering Lounge
Join a committed team of international students in an evening of entertainment, socialization, and inspiration. Find out how you can join the ISA and help organize more multicultural and social events for the semester!

For more, visit globalservices.rutgers.edu or join us on Facebook by searching “Center for Global Services.”

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