

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS NEWSLETTER



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## Apply for Spring '12 Scholarships!

### **Deadline for Scholarship Applications for Spring 2012 is March 2, 2012!**

More than 100 scholarships will be awarded to students by CCSF this spring. Some of these scholarships are available to CCSF International Students. Scholarship eligibility may be based on a number of factors such as academic excellence, cultural background, major or community involvement.



The deadline was just announced for Spring 2012 scholarships! All scholarship applications must be completed and submitted to the Scholarship Office in MUB 130B by 4:00pm on March 2nd.

Scholarship applications and upcoming workshops can be found at: <http://www.ccsf.edu/Services/Scholarships>. You may contact the Scholarship Office in MUB 130B or at (415) 239-3339.

## International Student Health Insurance Workshops at CCSF!

The following workshops will present health insurance options and explain how to use your insurance plan. They will both be held from 12:00-1:00pm in Cloud Hall, room 247B. Insurance is highly recommended!

**When: Thursday, February 2, 2012 and  
Wednesday, February 8, 2012**

*Questions? E-mail Natasha at [nmaresca@ccsf.edu](mailto:nmaresca@ccsf.edu)*

## Immigration Reminder

- 1) International Students must maintain a minimum of 12 units per semester.
- 2) If you have a change of address, you must let the college know within 10 days so that we can update your records in SEVIS as required by USCIS. The change of address form is available in the International Admissions Office, Conlan Hall E107.

If you have any immigration questions, please contact Helen Salinas at 415.452.5428 or [hsalinas@ccsf.edu](mailto:hsalinas@ccsf.edu).

## Celebrating Valentine's Day

St. Valentine was a Christian priest in the time of the Roman Empire. He married couples despite the emperor's demands to cancel marriages in Rome in order to enlist soldiers in battle. We remember the name of the saint who defened love by celebrating Valentine's Day on February 14th, the day of St. Valentine's death.

Today, we celebrate Valentine's Day by exchanging Valentine's day cards or gifts with friends and loved ones or spending time with special people in our lives.



## Spring Transfer Event!

A special event is being held for International Students to meet with representatives from more than 50 colleges and universities!

Representatives from several Cal State Universities (CSU), University of California (UC), private schools and international schools will participate. Representatives will be available to answer your questions regarding applying and transferring to their schools

### Meet with a University Representative!

**Date:** Wednesday, February 8, 2012

**Time:** 10:00am -1:00pm

**Where:** Multi-Use Building, Room 140

Please call the International Student Counseling Department (ISCD) at (415) 239-3942 or visit their office in MUB 125 for more information about the event.



## Bay Area Events– February 1-15, 2012

### January 19-February 4, 2012

#### 11th Annual Sketch Fest

SF Sketchfest, the most prestigious comedy festival on the west coast, brings a hilarious line up of comedians to SF!

**Location:** Various Locations (see website)

**Information:** [www.sfsketchfest.com](http://www.sfsketchfest.com)

### February 8, 2012

#### Aphrodesia After Hours at Conservatory of Flowers

Chocolate, flowers, love potions -- it's a recipe for romance and you can experience it all at the Conservatory of Flowers this February 8 during a special, sensational Valentine's Day after hours event for the 21+ crowd. Sip an intoxicating elixir by Cocktail Lab or enjoy a hand crafted brew by the Richmond District's own Comrades Brewing, enjoy live music by Le Quartet de Jazz, stroll through our lush jungle of dazzling orchids and other tropical beauties, and snuggle up in a vintage Playland-by-the-Beach era photo booth. Then learn about the dark art of chocolate making with TCHO's chief chocolate wizard Brad Kintzer, who will take you on a journey from the cacao tree to the candy bar, exploring the key variables that influence chocolate quality. Kintzer's talk will include a guided tasting of chocolate flavors and diverse origins. The event is from 6:00-10:00pm. Contact the Conservatory for more info! Entry is \$10 general and \$7 members. **(Event for 21 & older)**



**Location:** Conservatory of Flowers Orchid Gallery in Golden Gate Park

**Information:** [www.conservatoryofflowers.org](http://www.conservatoryofflowers.org)

### February 10-19, 2012

#### SF Beer Week—(Events for 21 & older)

SF Beer Week will be a ten-day celebration of that legacy, showcasing the Bay Area's brewing heritage with as many as 150 events. The week will be anchored by the Bistro Double IPA Festival, the Toronado Barley-wine Festival and will end with a bang at the Celebrator's Best of the West Beer Fest. In between there will be beer dinners, cheese and beer pairing events, other gourmet food events savoring our world-class cuisine, meet the brewer evenings, homebrewing demonstrations, music, films, and even a museum exhibition ex-

ploring the history of Bay Area brewing, from Monterey to Sacramento and beyond.

**Location:** Variety of venues

**Information:** <http://www.sfbeerweek.org/home>

### February 9-23, 2012

#### San Francisco Independent Film Festival

Get ready for 85 films, over 50 bands and 5 awesome parties happening at the 14th Annual San Francisco Independent Film Festival!

**Location:** The Roxie Cinema & other Bay Area locations

**Information:** (415) 820-3907

[www.sfindie.com](http://www.sfindie.com)

### February 11, 2012

#### Chinese New Year Parade

Named one of the world's top ten parades, Chinese New Year Parade in San Francisco is the largest celebration of its kind outside of Asia. Nowhere in the world will you see a lunar new year parade with more gorgeous floats, elaborate costumes, ferocious lions, and exploding firecrackers. Some of the parade highlights include elaborately decorated floats, school marching bands, martial arts group, stilt walkers, lion dancers, Chinese acrobatics, the newly crowned Miss Chinatown USA and the Golden Dragon. This event is free! Event hours are 5:15-8:00pm

**Information:** (415) 982-3071 or

<http://www.sanfranciscochinatown.com/events/chinesenewyearparade.html>



### February 11-12, 2012

#### Chinatown Community Street Fair

The street fair is an opportunity for attendees to experience Chinese cultural arts such as lantern and kite making, calligraphy, fine arts demonstrations, folk dance, and puppet shows. Traditional and modern entertainment performed both days. Enjoy colorful folk dance from throughout Asia, acrobats, lion dancing, and magic demonstrations. FREE! Visit website for exact event times.

**Information:** (415) 982-3071 or

<http://www.sanfranciscochinatown.com/events/communityfair.html>



## Language Partnership Program

The Language Partnership Program gives you the opportunity to meet with a native English speaking student to practice your English conversation skills in exchange for the English speaker practicing your native language with you!

Contact Natasha in Cloud 212 or at [nmaresca@ccsf.edu](mailto:nmaresca@ccsf.edu) to sign-up!