Are you planning to apply for scholarships or transfer to a university? If so, you’ll need to know how to write a personal statement!

The International Students Association at CCSF presents a FREE personal statement workshop on the Ocean Avenue Campus. The workshop is open to the public and will allow time for a questions & answers session.

**Date:** Thursday, February 24, 2011  
**Time:** 2:00-3:00pm  
**Place:** Rosenberg Library, Room R304  
**Presenters:** Cynthia Slates, English Instructor & Jorge Avila, Latino Services Network Counselor

Questions? E-mail: InternationalStudentsAssociation@yahoo.com

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**Tax Workshops for F-1 Students**

*When:* March 1, 2011 @ 2:00pm  
*OR*  
March 16, 2011 @ 2:00pm  
**Where:** Ocean Campus, Cloud Hall, Room 247B

This workshop is for F-1 students who were present in the US in 2010. Forms will be available for those who worked or did not work in 2010.

Need more information? Contact Natasha at nmaresca@ccsf.edu

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**African American History Month at CCSF!**

CCSF celebrates African American History Month with a series of events following the official theme “African Americans and the Civil War”. The following events are part of the event calendar:

**February 16 @ 6-7:30pm** at Mission Campus, Valencia Building, Room 109:  
*The Underground Railroad in California; Lecture & Discussion by Guy Washington*

**February 22 @ 11am-1pm** at Southeast Campus Alex Pitcher Room:  
*Buffalo Soldiers, from the Presidio to the National Parks; Lecture & Discussion by Frederik Penn*

**February 23 @ 10:30am-12noon** at Downtown Campus, Room 821:  
*Cultural Legacy of the Civil War; Lecture & Artist Presentation by Milton Bowens*

**February 24 @ 11am-12:30** at Ocean Campus, Rosenberg Library, Room R304:  
*Wherever There’s a Fight; Reading & Discussion by Stan Yogi & Elaine Elinson*

For event information, contact Sascha Hutchings (415) 452-5545 or Concert & Lectures (415) 239-3580.
**Bay Area Events – February 15-28, 2011**

**February 1-20, 2011**

**Chinese New Year Floral Display**
Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit with a visit to the Conservatory of Flowers, where fragrant orange blossoms perfume the air and boost all visitors’ chances for good fortune and wealth in 2011. For three weeks only, the Conservatory’s Potted Plants Gallery will feature many of the plants considered auspicious and particularly symbolic for the Lunar New Year including: pomelo, kumquat, Mandarin oranges, and more. Also on display will be several unusual and aromatic citrus plants from across Asia such as, the Buddha’s Hand and the Rangpur lime.

**Location:** Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park, JFK Drive

**Information:** www.conservatoryofflowers.org

**February 3-18, 2011**

**San Francisco Independent Film Festival**
Get ready for 85 films, over 50 bands and 5 awesome parties happening at the 13th Annual San Francisco Independent Film Festival and the 2nd SF Winter Music Fest from February 3-17!

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

**Information:** (415) 820-3907
www.sfindie.com

**February 11-20, 2011**

**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 Barleywine 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 exploring the history of Bay Area brewing, from Monterey to Sacramento and beyond.

**Location:** Variety of venues

**February 19, 2011**

**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!

**Information:** (415) 982-3071 or http://www.sanfranciscochinatown.com/events/chinesenewyearparade.html

**February 19-20, 2011**

**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!

**Information:** (415) 982-3071 or http://www.sanfranciscochinatown.com/events/communityfair.html

**Presidents’ Day Weekend**

**in celebration of Lincoln’s & Washington’s birthdays**

February 18th to 21st – No Classes

**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 to sign-up!