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## Director's Dish: ISS Newsletter Introduced



In an effort to better serve you, students and scholars from around the world, ISS has decided to publish a newsletter on a semester basis. We have decided on the title, *ISS Insider*. This early edition offers a glimpse of things to come, which will include information on upcoming programs and events, immigration updates, interviews with

international students and scholars, as well as ISS staff, and highlights from various cultures.

It is my hope that this newsletter will be a way to both disseminate information and to help you feel better connected to our office. Enjoy your reading and watch for the spring edition in mid-to-late January.

Best wishes for a successful completion to this semester!

Sincerely,

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Director, International Students and Scholars

**Watch for *ISS Insider* at the beginning of each fall and spring semester, including a special edition over the summer.**

## Stay Connected with ISS Calendar

ISS is pleased to announce a new calendar feature to its website. Located under the "Programs" tab on the left-hand side of the [ISS Home Page](#), the [ISS Calendar](#) will list upcoming programs and trips, as well as special events co-sponsored by ISS. Details on purchasing tickets will still be

sent via email. Check out some of the upcoming events, listed below, and be sure to monitor the calendar for regular updates.

**December 30:** ISS Office has reserved a block of tickets to see the Boilermaker men's basketball team take on the University of Illinois' Fighting

Illini; dinner provided with ticket purchase

**January 23:** GO Purdue! Trip to see Indiana Pacers take on Yao Ming of the Houston Rockets; watch your email for more details on purchasing tickets

## Christmas Dinner Invitation

All are invited to Lafayette's annual Christmas Day Dinner, scheduled for December 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 3:00pm at 330 Fountain Street. This annual event, sponsored by the [Community & Family Resource Center](#), dates back to 1988, when 250 meals were provided to community resi-

dents. Since then, the event has grown significantly, serving more than 3,000 meals in 2007. Along with a traditional holiday meal, attendees can expect live entertainment, as well as a visit with Santa for children. Free transportation assistance is also available.

There are three options available for this event: (1) go for dinner only; (2) volunteer only; and (3) go for dinner and volunteer. For more information on the various [volunteer](#) opportunities, please contact the South Side Community Center at 765-742-5046.

## Immigration Reminders

- Remember to get a travel signature before exiting the U.S. Stop by the ISS Office during walk-in hours. Be sure to bring your passport, visa, I-94 card, and your original I-20s/DS-2019s with you.
- If you receive a new visa or passport, stop by the ISS Office upon re-entry so copies can be made.
- Don't forget to update any change in address within 10 days of the change.

*ISS Staff wish you a happy, healthy, and safe vacation!*

