

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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**WELCOME!** new and returning international students. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and that your fall semester is off to a great start. CR school administrators are committed to making your education in the United States an enriching and satisfying experience. I plan to meet each and every international student within the month of October in order to introduce myself and get acquainted. Please stop by my office and tell your friends to stop by.

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## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CLUB (ISC)

**W**e are planning on starting an international student club. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee, being a club leader, or being a club member please contact me or Marcy Foster, your academic counselor. We would like to hear your suggestions. Please attend the first meeting **soon to be advertised!**

**I**f you would like to be part of CR's student body government contact the Associated Students of CR (ASCR) (707) 476-4100 ext. 4634. For a list of additional clubs and organizations contact Robert Ekholdt

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## REPORTING ADDRESS CHANGES

**R**emember **USCIS** requires that you report address changes **within 10 days** of your move using **Form AR-11**, which can be obtained online <http://uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/files/ar-11.pdf>. When you complete the address report, **mail a copy to the USCIS** address indicated on the form **and send an additional copy to the International Student Advisor.**

**On campus**, fill out the **Student Directory Update** from CR's Enrollment Services .



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION (FYI)

### Who is an alien and why does INS use that term?

"Alien" is a legal term, and was used in law long before "War of the Worlds", "Star Trek," and "Star Wars." Per the definition at INA Section 101 (a) "The term 'alien' means any person not a citizen or national of the United States."

That definition is very direct and clear. You acquire U.S. citizenship by being born in the United States or to U.S. parents or by naturalizing. You become a national of the U.S. by being born in one of the outlying possessions of the United States or to parents who are nationals of the U.S. If you have F, J, H, O, TN or LPR ("green card") status or any other immigration document allowing you to be in the U.S. then you are considered to be an "alien" under the legal definition.

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**PASSPORT AND I-94**

USCIS has announced that non-immigrant aliens must carry their passport and I-94 at all times, especially if you are traveling a distance or out of the U.S. Otherwise, it is recommended that you keep your passport in a safe place and carry a copy of the passport expiration page, visa page and I-94 with visa classification at all times.

**TRAVEL/I-20 RECERTIFICATION**

**Be sure to come by the office to have your I-20 document signed and updated if you are traveling or going home during a break.** You need it signed by Leslie Lawson, PDSO, to be allowed to re-enter the U.S. Please allow at least two weeks before the end of the semester to get your I-

**USEFUL OLINE TOOLS**

**Measurement Conversions:** [www.convert-me.com/en](http://www.convert-me.com/en)

**World Time:** [www.timeanddate.com/worldclock](http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock)

**Currency Exchange :** [www.x-rates.com](http://www.x-rates.com) or [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)

**Government Sites:**

US Department of State – [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)

US Citizenship and Immigration Services - [uscis.gov](http://uscis.gov)

US Internal Revenue Service – [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

US Postal Service - [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)

State of California - [www.ca.gov](http://www.ca.gov)

City of Eureka - <http://www.eurekaweb.com/cityhall/>

Guide to Humboldt County, CA - <http://www.humguide.com>

The purpose of the Newsletter is to be a friendly reminder regarding important information regarding your studies intended for international students. The current goal is to have this information available to you online through CR's web site and to set-up and international bulletin board.