

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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## PLANNING ON TRAVELING?

If you are traveling or going home during a break, be sure to come by the office to have your I-20 document signed (re-certified) and updated to be allowed to re-enter the U.S. A valid passport and a valid student visa stamp in your passport are required (See the article below about passport changes with Homeland Security). **PLEASE DO NOT wait** until the week you plan to travel because the PDSO is not always readily available and allow at least two weeks before the end of the semester to get your I-20 signed.

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## PASSPORTS

What's new with Homeland Security regarding passports? Beginning October 26, 2004, officers from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Customs and Border Protection began enforcing requirements that travelers applying for admission under the Visa Waiver Program must be in possession of a machine-readable passport. Canadian students have not had to carry passports in the past but have been advised to do so. Please visit: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/>



## COUNSELING

Have you met with your academic counselor and advisor yet? Marcy Foster is the academic counselor for international students and all students pursuing professional technical program certificates and degrees (nursing, auto, etc.). She can also be visited for crisis counseling. The counselors and advisors work in a cohort system, where they team up to help you based on your educational goal. Visit the Student Assistance Center (S.A.C.) to meet your advisor and counselor.



## GRADUATING

**Congratulations!** Students graduating this term should see me for an exit interview, please make an appointment immediately in order to discuss your options.

Planning on graduating or completing a certificate program next term? Graduation petitions are due **on February 7, 2005**. See your academic advisor or counselor to review your requirements and inquire about the graduation petition.



## TRANSFERRING

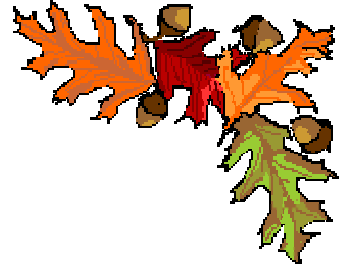
Students that are planning on transferring to another college after the spring semester should make an **appointment with me** between now and the month of March 2005. If you have not already applied to the college of your choice, there is no better time than the present to visit the Transfer Center (located in the Counseling Office). Also view, the Transfer Center Newsletter at <http://www.redwoods.edu/district/Transfer>

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**  Please contact Marcy Foster (marcy-foster@redwoods.edu) or me (eydie-mendoza@redwoods.edu) if you are interested in celebrating Thanksgiving dinner with a local family. It is possible to bring your good friend along. Thanksgiving is always on a Thursday and holiday sales begin the day after, on Friday, which is considered the biggest shopping day of the year. Have a wonderful holiday weekend!

**STAYING IN STATUS** •You must be registered in at least **12 units to maintain** your status as an F-1 Visa Student. Not maintaining 12 units could jeopardize your status and eligibility to transfer to another college or university. If a situation arises that might conflict with your schedule, speak to the International Student Advisor and Academic Counselor immediately.