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Message from Associate Vice Chancellor

"Congratulations to those that have finished their programs and on completing the Spring 2009 semester. I hope that you have a safe and wonderful summer break and return prepared to continue another academic year."

-Jacob Ng, Ed.D.

International Students Receive Scholarships and Transferring to UC Berkeley for Fall 2009

Peralta College's international student's academic goals are as diverse as the countries they come from. Three of our international students reflect these differences and aim to change the world in which they live in. **Haimet Kassaye, Evelyn Anegebe** and **Christopher Ategeka** embody the dedication and determination that studying a full-time course load requires while actively contributing to the campus, the community and their country. It is no surprise that these three outstanding students have been accepted to one of the world's most renowned institutions—UC Berkeley—and have also earned academic scholarships for their hard work.



From left to right: Haimet Kassaye, Christopher Ategeka and Evelyn Anegebe. Each student is transferring to UC Berkeley this Fall.

Evelyn Anegebe comes from Nigeria and has won the **Wanda Garcia Memorial Scholarship** for the second year in a row!!

The first year she earned the award for the Sciences category and this year she won the award allotted to outstanding international students. Evelyn was also accepted to UCLA's Honor's Biology program. She now plans on attending graduate school or specializing in Forensic Science upon completion of her program at UC Berkeley.

Haimet Kassaye comes from Ethiopia where women do not traditionally study Engineering. She has won scholarships from **Associated Students at Laney College (ASLC)** and **Peralta Association of African American Affairs (PAAAA)** each of which honor her academic achievements and contributions to her community. Haimet plans to return to Ethiopia with the necessary skills and training to better Ethiopia's irrigation system. **Christopher Ategeka** arrived to the U.S. from Uganda as the first recipient of the **Y.E.S. Scholarship**. He became the program's top student and earned this opportunity to study in the U.S. As a student, Chris founded the **International Student Club**, ran track, and enrolled in 7 classes this past Spring to graduate on time. He originally wanted to earn a Degree and return home but now plans to apply to graduate school after UC Berkeley. His determination has led to numerous awards and scholarships including the **Wanda Garcia Memorial Scholarship**, UC Berkeley's **The Achievement Award Program (TAAP)** and the **Dean's Medallion** at Laney College.

Each of these students have had difficult times adjusting to a different culture and lifestyle. However, each became an active member in their school and community. The Peralta Colleges is honored to have contributed to their academic goals and personal growth.

Alert: Tuition Increases for International Students: Summer/Fall 2009

Per Unit:

- \$190 Non-Resident Tuition (\$9 dollar increase)
- \$20 Enrollment Fee (same)
- \$6 Capital Outlay Fee (same)
- One time \$2 campus fee (per campus)

Additionally:

- \$31 AC Transit fee per semester
- \$1 Students Representation fee per semester

What does this mean?

Students voted on each of campus to include a \$31 dollar charge for AC Transit Easy Pass and a \$1 dollar student representation fee. This means that an international student enrolled in 12 units at one campus will pay \$2,626 per semester—or an increase of \$133 dollars. This includes an AC Transit pass—lowered from \$50 dollars. Make sure to pay your balance at your Cashiers Office on time or a hold will be placed on your account.

UPCamping EVENT

This is the third year that we have done this trip and so many of you already know, we will have a lot of fun. Last year climbed Mt. Lassen to the top of a dormant volcano through patches of dense old growth forest, hiked through several streams and mud pots, traveled through meadows... entered in classes, cooked over a camp fire and slept in tents.

LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK

Date: 07/24-26/2009

LIMITED SPACE !!!

International Student Activity:
Lassen Volcanic National Park
July 24-26
Camp under the stars and hike a volcano!

Space is limited so sign up soon!

Questions or Comments? Email tclark@peralta.edu or call 510-466-7380
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Student Activity: Oakland A's vs Boston Red Sox

The OIA organized an activity during Spring Break to watch the Oakland Athletics play the Boston Red Sox. There were a limited amount of \$2 dollar tickets and they were quickly sold to students eager to attend their first baseball game. Ron The students witnessed Boston beat the hometown A's 8-2. The A's finally broke up a no-hitter and put a run on the board in the 7th inning. Were the students disappointed? No, because every Wednesday hot dogs are only \$1 dollar each!!

Ron McPeak organized the event. "It was fun to meet the students and it was great hanging out with them."

During Winter Break over a dozen students spent 3 days and 2 nights at a cabin in the South Lake Tahoe keys. Students went snowboarding and skiing at Heavenly Ski Resort during the day and played games and watched movies over hot chocolate at night. For some it was their first time in snow and an incredible experience.

Upcoming Events:

Ron McPeak is organizing an upcoming weekend trip to **Lassen Volcanic National Park** (flyer on the front) from July 24-26. To sign up, send him an email: rmcpeak@peralta.edu

Summer Student Orientation: Friday, June 19th at the Peralta District.

Visit the [International Student Activity Homepage](#) for updated information.

A few International Students enjoying the A's game



International Students on a trip to Lake Tahoe during Winter Break

PHRASES OF THE DAY

What's Up?: How are you?

"A toss-up" the results are unknown and can go either way.

Tweetup: A group of friends on Twitter that are planning to meet up.

Visit: www.urbandictionary.com for more!

CULTURE SHOCK

Students experience culture shock differently than others. Food, freeways, people's mannerisms, language or even certain laws can "shock" each student. It can be very difficult to adjust to life in the U.S. and understand what certain things mean. For instance, why is a dime smaller than a nickel? Why don't any of the coins display its value numerically? Why do I have to wait until I'm 21 to go to a club or bar?

If you have questions relating to understanding slang, people's actions, or want to send a story relating to your "culture shock" experiences please send them to tclark@peralta.edu

Reminders:

Fall 2009 Registration: Register for classes **before you leave on Summer Break!** There is limited space in classes so be sure to add your classes soon. Speak with an international student counselor before leaving. **The counselors will be here all summer.**

Dropping Courses: You must see an international student counselor **before dropping classes.** You do not have to take summer courses, unless you are arriving during the summer.

Moving? Send an email, letter, call or visit the international office when changing your residence. This is **mandatory.**

Health Insurance: Is mandatory. A student had to go home recently after breaking his leg because he had no insurance. Please come to the International Office for assistance.

Traveling, Graduating, Transferring or Returning Home?

-Travel: Your visa must be **VALID** and your **I-20 must be signed before** you leave the country. You may travel within the United States freely.

If your **visa is expired, changing status,** or on **OPT** it is recommended that you **do not travel.**

Graduate/Transfer/Departing: Come to the Office of International Affairs when you decide to transfer or when you return home. You will need to fill out a **Departure/Transfer Form.** Make sure that you have no current balance to be paid off before you leave!

