Best wishes to all those who are graduating or moving on from UPS! We always enjoy receiving news of your adventures through email or regular mail, and remember, you’re always welcome at the Office of International Programs whenever you visit! We have enjoyed Ferdane and Lachlan who are here on exchanges. Invite your friends back home to come to UPS!

-Sally

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOODBYE

As the end of the year approaches, it’s time to say adieu to those international students who are leaving Puget Sound at the end of the year.

Congratulations to our graduating seniors:

Miguel Guzman – Miguel graduates at the end of summer and returns to Bolivia to take a bit of time before choosing his next academic adventure.

Sachiko Shinohara – Sachiko has been accepted to SUNY Upstate Medical University at Syracuse, New York and will be studying Physical Therapy. Congratulations Sachiko!

We also say goodbye to our exchange students:

Lachlan Hillman – Lachlan is returning to Australia to continue his studies at Griffith University

Ferdane Bekmezci – Ferdane is an exchange student from Maastricht, The Netherlands, and will be staying here in the US after the completion of the program.

We’ve enjoyed having all of you at Puget Sound, and wish you all the best! Keep in touch with OIP – we’d love to hear from you down the road!

Next year we will welcome Miki scholar Hiroshi Kobayashi from Japan and Fulbright scholar Stefanie Hallmann from Passau, Germany.

Immigration/USCIS INFO CORNER

SEVIS I-20s and Summer Travel:
If you will be traveling within the U.S. or internationally, remember that you must carry your passport, SEVIS I-20, and have a valid visa in your passport. The SEVIS I-20 will be used to electronically verify your status. You should also carry proof of enrollment (available from the Registrar’s Office) with your passport to show that you are registered for classes for fall semester 2006. If you are renewing your visa this summer, contact Sally for a list of the documents you need to bring with you.

TRAVEL SIGNATURE - check the last page of your I-20. It must be signed by Sally within the last year to be valid for travel out of the country.

Summer Work
If you’re an F-1 student who will be continuing at Puget Sound in the fall, you can work up to 40 hours/week on campus at UPS. As always, any work off campus requires authorization from the Office of International Programs and/or from the USCIS. Work on campus during the school year is limited to 20 hours/week. Questions about employment? Contact Sally at x2871.

Leaving Town?
If you’re an F-1 student who is graduating, and not applying for OPT or graduate school, you have 60 days to depart the U.S. after graduation. If you’re a J-1 student who will not be doing Academic Training, you have 30 days to depart the U.S. If you plan on traveling in the U.S. this summer for longer than 30 days, please contact Sally at x2871.
**TRANSCRIPTS**

If you are an exchange student, remember to request an official copy of your Puget Sound transcript for your home university. Stop by the Office of the Registrar on the ground floor of Jones Hall to submit your request. Your request must be made in person or in writing. You might want to order an extra copy or two for yourself, as well. Make sure when you order your transcript that you request it be sent AFTER grades have been posted for spring semester 2006. *This is not a service that International Programs can perform for you, so please don’t forget to do this before you leave!*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

The Office of International Programs sends out birthday wishes to the students who celebrate their birthdays over the summer:

Roman Joos     July 17
Miguel Guzman  August 22

**INTERNATIONAL WEBPAGES**

We finally have new International Students webpages uploaded and running!

http://www.ups.edu/intlprogs/current_intl.htm

All of you are featured on the Pictures page. If you do not want your name or your pictures up there, please contact Linh Hoang, our student worker, at oip@ups.edu. Linh would really like to have all your pictures and profiles completed, so please take a few minutes and send us your pictures and a few words about your experience at UPS. If you would rather not have your name or your UPS email published, please contact Linh.

These webpages will be how international students from all over the world see us, and we would be very grateful to have all of you participate in contributing to the pages.

**INTERNATIONAL CLUB**

This year the International club has been very successful with many activities on campus. Our *International Tea and Candy Party* brought together goodies from a variety of countries such as Thailand, Taiwan, Japan, Spain, Italy, France and attracted quite many students on campus.

IC officers and members have also been working to help develop the *International Student Mentor Program* (ISM), which is expected to be implemented this coming fall. This is a program that aims at helping new international students adjust with life at Puget Sound as well as in the US.

IC hopes to continue to be a fun place for all of those who are returning next fall and have more activities outside campus in the larger Tacoma community. We hope to see you all at IC next year!

Our last event before the end of the year will be a BBQ in conjunction with APASU on Sat, Apr. 29. For more information on this event, contact Rachel Reckin at rreckin@ups.edu

**EXPLORE THE EVERGREEN STATE**

If you are staying around this summer, take this opportunity to explore Tacoma as well as other wonderful sights in Washington

[TacomaPierceCountyPublicArt.org](http://www.tacomapiercecountypublicart.org) - The Tacoma-Pierce County offers a virtual art tour where you can easily look up locations of various public art displays and galleries.

[www.experiencewashington.com](http://www.experiencewashington.com) – a comprehensive guide to various attractions and fun activities you can choose from.

Have fun exploring! We would love to hear about your adventures this summer.

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Our office, which you must all be familiar with now, will be open during the summer. So if you are staying around or taking summer classes, stop by and say Hi.

If you are visiting your home countries or traveling, write us! We would love to hear from you.

If you have any question about visa and immigration status, contact Sally ssprenger@ups.edu

*We wish you good luck on all your finals and have a great summer break!*