

Office of International Services Welcomes New Students for Spring Semester

By Lauren Ball

On January 5, 2009 the Office of International Services continued its tradition of welcoming new international students at an orientation held on the 4th floor of Talley Student Center. Approximately 75 students attended the event, representing over 17 countries. The day began with a light breakfast enjoyed in small groups facilitated by international and American "Small Group Leaders" who helped answer emails and respond to questions before the students' arrival. The morning continued with a series of important presentations given by offices such as Legal Services, the Office of Equal Opportunity and the Office of Student Conduct. Each speaker covered information specifically valuable to new international students. A creative and entertaining video coincided with the morning's presentations to highlight the topics in a fun way.

Following a lunch at Fountain Dining Hall, students returned to Talley Student Center to participate in an afternoon of mini sessions aimed at encouraging academic and extracurricular success at NC State. D.H. Hill Library, Campus Recreation, the Department of Motor Vehicles and Legal Services were among the organizations and departments that presented information. An opportunity to purchase health insurance through Hill, Chesson & Woody and an opportunity to set up an appointment with Student Health Services for immunization record review were also available during the afternoon.

Events like New International Student Orientation would not be possible without the help and expertise of our volunteers, speakers and presenters. A very special "Thank You" goes out to Spring 2009's Orientation Team, which included Ranjith Kumar, Ganokon Urkasemsin, Hui Wang, Hamed Yarmand, Gurdas Sandhu and Manoj Vyas. Their input and experience was invaluable!

[Photos of the event](#)