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# Newsletter

## Record Enrollment Numbers

NC State University welcomed its biggest class of new international students this fall with increases at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. The GTI and exchange student numbers are also up significantly this year. Close to 900 new students joined the ranks of the wolfpack with the five biggest sending countries (and total enrollment) being: India (814), China (640), Korea (161), Turkey (68), and Taiwan (67). The University's overall enrollment is also up with close to 34,000 registered students. Check out the OIS website soon for more enrollment figures.



## 2009 North Carolina State Fair



The State Fair is coming to Raleigh October 15th through the 25th. This is a "must-do and must-see" event for every international student. No where else in North Carolina can you find so many different cultural and fun things to see and do —this is an activity you will never forget. Plan on going back a second time —you won't be able to do everything during the same visit. Take your camera, water bottle, comfortable shoes, cash, TUMS, and a friend. Buses run from Hillsborough Street or you can find free parking over by the Football stadium. There are loads of contests (art, baked goods, animals, wood cutting, etc.,) strange foods (fried Twinkies, turkey legs, cotton candy, candied apples, funnel cakes), carnival rides at the "Midway," fireworks, concerts, dances, gardens and flower arrangements, prizes, stunts, and art. Be sure to check out all the local crafts, which make great gifts to send home! For more information about the State Fair, go to: <http://www.ncstatefair.org/2009/> You will find information about how to get free admission and discount ride tickets (half off!), a map, schedule of events, and photos of previous years.

### Favorite Activities/Events/Foods of the OIS staff:

Michael—the horse competitions and the demolition derby  
 Thomas— Turkey legs, the "Zipper," antique tractors  
 Derrick— Cotton candy and the carousel  
 Kelia— Candied apples, polish sausage, fried Oreos  
 Lauren—Fried Milky Way candy bar, all the animals, "Sling Shot"  
 Pascale— funnel cakes, turkey legs, and the arts & crafts area  
 Nieke—fresh apple cider, salt water taffy, and people watching  
 Elizabeth—fried pickles, fried pecan pie, baked goods contest  
 David —Ferris wheel, pig racing, bumper cars, bike stunts  
 Diane—Funnel cakes, roasted corn on the cob, demolition derby  
 Jason—fried dough (aka, Zeppoli, beignet, etc.)



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**OIS Walk-in Hours**

Monday through Friday  
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Stop by 320 Daniels for quick questions, drop-offs, and pick-ups.

For information regarding walk-in topics and questions that require an appointment, please read:

<http://www.ncsu.edu/ois/contact.php>

Need an I-20 for something? Submit your request online at: <http://oishd.acsad.ncsu.edu/ehelpdesk/>

Got a question? First check out the new OIS website or the KnowledgeBase (the FAQ feature of the new OIS Help-Desk) to learn how to change your level of study, change curriculum, invite family members, transfer, change status, get a travel signature, do a program extension, apply for off-campus work authorization, etc

**OIS, Serving You...**

**Daniels Hall, Room 320**

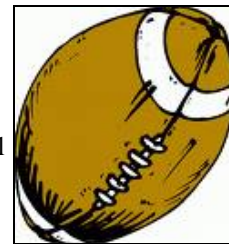
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**OIS Programs Update****Football Tour**

On Wednesday, September 16th, a group of international students had a special introduction to the NC State football program. They toured the Murphy Center, interacted with some of the players, and met Coach Tom O'Brien. Watch the video at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BffHyQFmOXM> Athletics is an important part of US universities as well a big part of the social and economic life in the US. Be sure to go to a football, basketball, or other sporting event this year.

**Upcoming Events**

International Festival

Friday-Sunday, Oct 2-3

Raleigh Convention Center, Downtown Raleigh

<http://www.internationalfestival.org/>

18th Annual Dog Olympics

Saturday, Oct 3 10-3 PM

Moore Square, Downtown Raleigh, Admission \$1

Fall Break (No classes)

Thursday/Friday, Oct 8-9

NC State Fair

Fairgrounds, Oct 15-25 (see related article)

<http://www.ncstatefair.org/2009/>

Int'l Leadership Conference

ASU/Boone, November 14-15

Applications available at OIS—for students across NC

<http://www.ncaie.org/ncicl.html>

**New Faces at OIS**

Many of you may have been helped by Ms. Milagro Rumble who has answered the phones and answered questions at our front desk part-time for the past two years—thanks, Milagro! We have two graduate assistants this year—Diane Armstrong, who is in the MIS graduate program and is helping us with our advising processes and Mr. Jason Gionta, (PhD student in Computer Science) who is helping us with our IT needs. Workstudy students this year are Rachel Morgan helping with Programs, Kelvin (back for a second year after a trip to China last summer) Howard, Nathania Nhouyvanisvong and Farrah Chaudhry. Be sure to say, “Hello,” to them when you come in. The OIS staff appreciate all the contributions of our part-time assistants and volunteers.

**NC State Campus Farmers Market**

University students and staff can now purchase fruits, vegetables, eggs, milk, meat, and other North Carolina products on campus Wednesdays from September through November 18th. Come to the Brickyard behind the D.H. Hill Library on Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to purchase locally grown produce. Area farmers are invited to sell their products to the University community at the request of Student Government.

**Alternative Service Break—Washington D.C.**

What are YOU doing Fall Break? Thirty NC State students (American and international) have been selected to Washington D.C. for the 2009 Fall **Alternative Service Break** from October 8-11 to engage in a service project oriented around alleviating hunger in the nation's capitol. OIS is proud to offer an OIS Service Learning Scholarship of \$100 to seven international students. Look for their reflections and photos in the November OIS newsletter. The scholarship winners this year are: Wenjin Wang, Lele Bao, Manqing Ying, Xian (Cindy) Lu, Qian Jia, Ramakrishnan Krishnaswamy, and Hammad Cheema. Congratulations everyone.

**H1N1 Update**

Are you doing everything you can to protect yourself from the Flu? More than 500 students at NC State have been diagnosed this Fall with one of the flue strains. Go to: [http://www.ncsu.edu/student\\_health/whatsNew/influenzaupdate1.html](http://www.ncsu.edu/student_health/whatsNew/influenzaupdate1.html) for the latest update from Student Health Services on campus.