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INTERNAL NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA



## Are you travel ready?

Spring Break Season has started, and airports struggle to manage higher volumes of passengers than pre-pandemic times.

If you are planning to take off to visit home or just a quick get-away, you need to plan in advance and be ready to have an uneventful trip. Be extra early at the airport (3 hrs or more) and make sure you have your passport valid for at least 6 months in the future, your valid visa and your I-20 with Travel Endorsement in page 2 issued less than 11 months ago,

If you prefer to stay in Tampa, know that we are also a destination for other Spring-breakers, so, roads and places may be a bit overcrowded these days. Gasparilla Festival of the Arts, Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg and the Florida Strawberry Festival in Plant City are some great events to attend to.

Either way, just remember to stay safe and not get into trouble. Your status of international student is more important than anything else.

## ISSS PORTAL

One of the most used requests in the ISSS Portal is the **Reprint/ Revised/ Travel Signature I-20**. It is mostly used for those who need a Travel Signature in page 2 to travel internationally.

This Travel Signature is **valid for one year**. To complete this request, you need to state the **reason for traveling** (vacation, break, family emergency, visa renewal, etc.) and provide a copy of **passport and visa** to check their validity



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## ISSS March Events



- **March 15: Understanding OPT.** Workshop with the Advance Digital Literacy Center. (3-5PM TECH 155)



- **March 30: Movie Screening** as part of the Inclusion Week (DEI/CAL). Before Night Falls: Biography of late gay Cuban poet Reynaldo Arenas. (Reeves Theater, Vaughn Center 5-8PM)
- **March 29: The Do's and Don'ts for International Students.** Maintaining F-1 Status and the ISSS Portal, @ ADLC (3-5PM TECH 155)



## the tip of this month



It is very common for non-Americans to make mistakes and provide a non valid address when filling out a form. This can generate a problem for you since SEVIS only accept verified addresses; and it is a bigger issue when work authorization cards get lost in the mail because of a wrong or non-valid address.

You should learn the format of addresses in the US is **Line 1, Line 2, City, State and Zip code**. No building complex names, no near of or next to is necessary.

You should always run the address you want to use by the United States Postal Services website [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com), They have a tool to **Look Up Zip Code by Address**, where you can verify it or find suggestion to the right address.

Try it now to best learn the US address format.



Did you know that out of the many student organizations at UT we don't have one to represent all international students?

At IPO we are working to change that. We are looking for undergrad students who can commit to lead this new student organization.

We are willing to sponsor it as advisors, and support you also with events and activities for all our international student population.

If you are interested in making such a positive impact in UT life, please reach out.



## GOOD NEWS!!

Walk-In Hours Are Back!!

Now you can stop by our office from **Monday through Friday from 10:30AM to 12PM** to talk to an advisor for less than 20 minutes with no previous appointment.

internationals newsletter welcomes any contribution from international students. If you would like to share your writing talent about a topic of interest to all international spartans, please reach out to our office.



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