

# First Generation Student Newsletter

December 2014 – January 2015

## Upcoming Events

- [Networking – Make the Most of Your Connection:](#)  
Tuesday, December 2,  
from 3:30- 4:30 p.m. at  
100 Bay State Road, 6th  
Floor
- [BU Abroad 101:](#)  
Friday, December 5, from  
6:00 - 7:00 pm at BU  
Admissions at the  
Leventhal Center, 233 Bay  
State Road 2nd Floor
- [First Gen Study Break:](#)  
Thursday, December 11  
from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the  
USC, 881 Comm. Ave,  
Suite B-01

## Important Dates

- [December 10](#)  
Last day of classes
- [December 11-14](#)  
Study period
- [December 15-19](#)  
Final exams
- [December 20](#)  
Residences close at noon
- [January 16](#)  
Residence move-in from  
10:00- 4 p.m.
- [January 20](#)  
Classes begin
- [January 30](#)  
Last day to add a course

Have a question or problem you need help resolving?

Visit us!

**University Service Center**

881 Commonwealth Avenue, lower level

Call us!

(617) 358-1818

E-mail us!

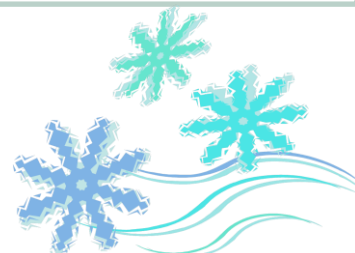
[usc@bu.edu](mailto:usc@bu.edu)

Website:

<http://www.bu.edu/usc/outreach/g1>

Newsletters:

<http://www.bu.edu/usc/g1/newsletter/>



## First Gen Study Break

Need a break from studying for finals? Join First Gen Connect for a chance to unwind! There are plenty of games to choose from, so drop by when you can. Relax with friends, fill up on snacks and pick up a goodie bag too! Please [RSVP](#) by December 9

## First Gen Student Spotlight

Read about our third spotlighted student, Ching S., by visiting our [website](#)! We're looking for first gen students to feature in upcoming months, so please email Salome at [uscgradi@bu.edu](mailto:uscgradi@bu.edu) if you'd like to suggest someone—or to be featured yourself!

Visit the USC's [website](#) for events and workshops happening this month around campus!

Like the [USC's First Gen Facebook page](#) to stay up-to-date on USC news, information, and events.

## Christmas traditions around the world

- In Caracas, Venezuela, on Christmas Eve morning the roads of the city are closed to cars, so that people can roller skate to Mass.
- For many people in Japan, traditional Christmas Eve dinner is KFC. It is so popular and well marketed that you would have to make a reservation to eat at KFC on Christmas
- In Slovakia, at the beginning of Christmas Eve dinner, the head of the family throws a spoon of Loska (a traditional dish) up at the ceiling. The more of the dish remains glued to the ceiling, the richer the crops will be next year.
- In Ireland, its traditional to leave mince pies and a bottle of beer as a snack for Santa

## Spring Events

Save the dates for our spring semester events. We've come up with some ideas for programming, but as always, if you have any ideas for event themes, food, games, or other suggestions, email Salome at [uscgradi@bu.edu](mailto:uscgradi@bu.edu).

- Financial Literacy and Planning Presentation: February 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- Examining Who You Are and How You Fit In The World: March 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- The History, Religion, and Religious History of BU - Marsh Chapel Tour: April 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 4:00p.m.
- Puzzle-Palooza Study Break: May 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.