First Generation Student Newsletter
March 2013

Upcoming Events

- **Spring Break Luau**: March 5\(^{th}\) from 5-6 p.m. at the University Service Center
- **Landing an Internship Workshop**: March 6\(^{th}\) from 4-5 p.m. at 100 Bay State Road, room 101
- **Effective Resumes and Cover Letters**: March 20\(^{th}\) from 4-5 p.m. at 100 Bay State Road, room 101
- **Networking 101: Make the Most of your Connections**: March 21\(^{st}\) from 3-4 p.m. at 100 Bay State Road, room 101

Important Dates

- **March 1\(^{st}\)**
  
  Application deadline for most summer study abroad programs

- **March 15\(^{th}\)**
  
  Application deadline for most fall study abroad programs

- **March 9-17\(^{th}\)**
  
  Spring recess; residences close 3/9 at noon and reopen 3/17 at 10 a.m.

- **March 18\(^{th}\)**
  
  Classes resume

- **March 29\(^{th}\)**
  
  Last day to drop standard courses (with a ‘W’ grade)

Have a question or problem you need help resolving?

Visit us! **University Service Center**

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Spring Break Luau

Wish you were traveling somewhere tropical over spring break? Or want to get a head start if you are lucky enough to travel somewhere warm? Come to the University Service Center’s First Gen Spring Break Luau to chase the winter blues away with tropical treats and games. It will be Tuesday, March 5\(^{th}\), from 5-6 p.m. at the USC (881 Comm. Ave., lower level). Please RSVP [here](http://www.bu.edu/usc/outreach/g1)!}

First Gen Alumna Spotlight

Read about our first spotlighted alumna, Judy Phan, by visiting our website! We’re looking for first gen students to feature in upcoming months, so email Stephanie at uscgradi@bu.edu if you’d like to suggest someone—or to be featured yourself!

A Call for Orientation Volunteers

Are you planning on staying in Boston for all or part of the summer and want to help new first gen students feel welcomed to campus? Then become a First Gen Orientation Reception volunteer! Attend one or all seven receptions. The dates are June 12\(^{th}\), 19\(^{th}\), and 26\(^{th}\); July 10\(^{th}\), 17\(^{th}\), and 24\(^{th}\); and August 28\(^{th}\) in the early evening. Please email Stephanie at uscgradi@bu.edu if you think you might be able to help! (You get free catered food, too!)

Time Management Tips

- Use a calendar to keep track of everything in your schedule, including assignment due dates, classes, meetings, and activities. You may even want to block out time for studying and sleeping so that you have ample time for them.
- Try to complete homework and studying early in the day so that at night you have time to relax, watch TV, hang out with friends, etc. Having something fun to look forward to can help counter procrastination.
- Use small chunks of time wisely. While you’re on the T, read or study instead of playing games on your phone. Go to the library in between classes if you have any short breaks. You’ll get more things out of the way earlier in the day.
- Plan ahead in your schedule. If you know that you have a large research assignment due at the end of the semester, plan out how much time you think you’ll need to complete it. Write this down in your calendar so that the assignment doesn’t take you by surprise the week before it’s due.

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