International Student Highlight: Faminan Tioro

Faminan Tioro, from Burkina Faso, is studying Electrical Engineering at UT Tyler’s Houston Engineering Center (HEC). Faminan entered his second semester of college with a 4.0 GPA and recently received a UT Tyler President’s Honor Roll Award. “I am really honored to be named among all those amazing students and would like to thank UT Tyler and the Houston Engineering Center. My teachers strive to teach materials in an excellent way,” Faminan said. Some of the strategies he has used to excel in college include paying attention, participating in class, trying to study in a more in-depth manner to gain a clearer understanding, and sharing with classmates. “I love all the teachers I have right now. My favorite is Dr. Melvin Robinson as he really captures your attention and his way of teaching is like a drug that wakes up your mind.” Faminan is an active member in IEEE (The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers), the world’s largest professional association for the advancement of technology. Please join the OIP in congratulating Faminan on his achievements at UT Tyler!

Rewarding Teaching Experience - Tyler Sister City in Japan

Hayley Wallace, a UT Tyler graduate, describes her four years teaching English as an Assistant Language Teacher (ALT) in Yachiyo, Japan, as rewarding. “When I returned home, even though I was just an assistant, they held a big ceremony for me. They threw flowers and waived.” While in Japan, Hayley studied Japanese with encouragement from teachers and other ALTs. She stayed extra hours and devoted her time to building relationships with the children. Her former students in Japan made a remarkable impact in her life and hold a special place in her heart. If you are interested in becoming an Assistant Language Teacher in Japan contact oip@uttyler.edu.

Welcome New International Students

The Spring 2015 OIP New International Student Orientation was held on 8 January 2015, welcoming 39 new students to our campus. The day consisted of informative sessions led by units from across campus, a tasty meal at the MET, and campus tours with new friends.

International Education Week Update

IEW will be 16-20 November 2015. On Wednesday, 18 November, the OIP and all international student organizations (ASO, ISA, and MSA) active on their board. Check out each organizations’ web page to find contact information!
**Friday Shuttle Schedule: Expanded Service!s**

- **Mosque—Prayer Service:** Depart OIP at 1:30pm
  - Prayer Service: 2:00—2:30pm
- **Walmart Trip 1:** Depart from OIP at 3:15 p.m. and proceed to the entrance of the University Center for additional shoppers. Depart Walmart to Return to campus about 4:15 p.m.
- **Walmart Trip 2:** The second trip to Walmart leaves OIP at about 4:30 p.m. and proceeds to the entrance of the University Center for additional shoppers.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONCERN LOG**

Let us know if we can help you. Contact the OIP online student concern log to record your concerns and receive quick response and assistance.

[www.uttyler.edu/oip/student-concern-log.php](http://www.uttyler.edu/oip/student-concern-log.php)

**“Happy” Holi Festival enlightens with love and colors**

Holi Festival 2015 was full of color, food, games, and most importantly, LOVE!! The event was held on the UC Patio, 6 March 2015 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**STUDY ABROAD: EXPERIENCE THE WORLD**

The OIP assists faculty and students at UT Tyler to travel abroad and also facilitates collaborations with 10 partner universities.

Current Faculty-led Study Trip opportunities:
- Belize, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, London, Spain, Taiwan, and Turkey!!

Plus the University Studies Abroad Consortium has opportunities to travel to 25 different countries! See: [www.uttyler.edu/oip/study-abroad/travelstudy](http://www.uttyler.edu/oip/study-abroad/travelstudy)

Scholarships are available every semester: [www.uttyler.edu/oip/study-abroad/scholarships](http://www.uttyler.edu/oip/study-abroad/scholarships)

**ISA introduces its newest board members**

Congratulations to the Indian Student Association newly elected board members!

- **President**—Mr. Chaitanya Polipalli
- **Vice President**—Mr. Prem Mithlesh and Mr. Abhishek Reddy Gaddam
- **Treasurer**—Ms. Harini Reddy Ramasahayam
- **Cultural Heads**—Mr. Srujan Adicharla and Ms. Swetha Chandra
- **Webmasters**—Mr. Surenda Chandauri and Mr. Chiranjeevi
- **PRO**—Mr. Trilok Teja

**Do you have a Passport?**

The U.S. Postal Service visits our campus every semester. Check the OIP Calendar to find out when the next Passport Day event will take place!