Great News! The Office of International Programs proudly announces new classes at the Intensive English Language Institute (IELI) to assist non-native English speakers to improve their language and culture skills as well as prepare for university matriculation. Session dates for spring and summer sessions are posted on the website at www.uttyler.edu/oip/ieli_program.php. Spread the word—let your friends know about the IELI program!

Meet the ISSFS Staff

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We are here to serve our International student community. Please come by UC 2160 or email us at issfs@uttyler.edu. We look forward to seeing you soon! -- Dr. Teresa Kennedy, Executive Director, OIP

“Girls Night Out” Social
On 17 January 2014, 16 students from 9 countries joined OIP staff and special guest speaker Katya Banta, a legal assistant specializing in immigration matters, for a “Girls Night Out” Ice Cream Social. The students enjoyed delicious ice cream with various toppings. A casual discussion was held about future OIP activities. It was a wonderful evening of cultures coming together to discover common interests. We look forward to our next get together with these wonderful international students!
The Office of International Programs welcomed 43 new students from 11 countries at the spring 2014 International New Student Orientation held on 9 January 2014. Countries represented: Australia, China, Gambia, Ivory Coast, India, Korea, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia, South Africa and the United Kingdom. New students enjoyed information sessions, meeting Swoop, and a Tour of Tyler.

—INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FEATURE—

Ana Carolina Martinez Paez is an international student from Bogota, Columbia. She is currently seeking her master’s degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. As a graduate student, Ana performs evaluation and assessment through Psychology lab research training. Ana is also a Graduate Assistant for GATE, Global Awareness Through Education. She administers surveys to assess curriculum, and coordinates GATE events and student activities. On 17 February, Ana and her coworker Georgette Jacobs will participate in the 14th Annual Texas A & M Assessment Conference “From Credit to Credibility”. The forum will share innovation assessment methods for student learning and institutional effectiveness. During the poster presentation, Ana and Georgette will discuss GATE’s plan and the student abroad experience for an assessment of learning programs. Congratulations to Ana!

“Understanding Culture Through Ethics” GATE and Center for Ethics Event!
All students are invited to attend Wednesday, 19 February from 5-8 pm in the UC Ballroom. Don’t miss it!

Need assistance with writing your paper?
Stop by the Writing Center in Business Building Room 202.
9 am - 6 pm Monday to Thursday
9 am - 3 pm Friday 903.565.5995

Want to improve your math comprehension?
Come by the Math Learning Center in RBN Building Room 4021.
8 am to 10 pm Monday through Thursday
8 to 5 pm Fridays 903.566.7000

SHOPPING OPPORTUNITIES!
The OIP shuttle bus goes to Walmart every Friday at 4:00pm. The bus leaves from the Office of International Programs (OIP) 3620 Varsity Drive
Sign up is REQUIRED by 12:00pm the day of the trip  oip@uttyler.edu

Mosque Prayer Service & Halal Shopping Every Friday
Every Friday at 1:00pm the OIP shuttle bus goes to the Islamic Center of Tyler and stops at Nu-Way Grocers (specializing in halal foods) on the return to campus. Sign up required: oip@uttyler.edu Departs from the OIP!