Cultural Programming

All J-1 Exchange Visitors are obligated to attend at least ONE cultural event per month.

This month, we have several:

- Culture Hour: April 16, 23, and 30 @ 12 p.m.
- International Education Experience Showcase: Podium Presentations: April 20 @ 11 a.m.
- International Education Experience Showcase: Poster Presentations: April 20 @ 12 p.m.
- Clinical Culture and Diversity Series: Religion and Health Care (Doctor’s Panel): April 21 @ 12 p.m.

SPRING IS HERE AND SUMMER IS COMING...

Things to remember:

- Any F-1 or J-1 international traveling outside of the U.S. will need to obtain a travel signature on their I-20 or DS-2019. Contact aharkins2@kumc.edu for an appointment.
- F-1 students interested in doing a summer internship, schedule a meeting and see if CPT is an option
- Remember to use the contact form if you plan on changing your address

ATTENTION:

All J-1 Exchange Visitors!!!

IMPORTANT REMINDER

May 15, 2015 the J-1 Federal Regulations regarding the minimum requirements for insurance will be effective.

If you have not yet updated your health coverage, medical evacuation, and repatriation to meet the minimum requirements, please do so before the May 15 deadline.

The Exchange Visitor Insurance Update Form should be completed and emailed to iaris@kumc.edu and aharkins2@kumc.edu with the proof of the medical coverage attached.

Feature Story:

DEVELOPING CROSS-CULTURAL COMPETENCE AT KUMC

The Office of International Programs sponsors many different programs and events aimed at building cross-cultural competence. Global Connections is one such program that connects our international and local populations through individual relationships. Ramiro Diaz Sanchez, a Mexican citizen who worked here at KUMC, and Andrew Winegarner, a first-year medical student, were introduced last year through this program. They subsequently established a strong friendship and tried to meet twice a week to exchange language and culture lessons, as well as to talk about current events and common interests. Despite coming from very different backgrounds and having very different life experiences, Andrew and Ramiro were able to bond over a shared sense of humor and curiosity about the world. While both men plan to use their improved language skills in the future – Ramiro in his work in America and Andrew during his international clinical experience in Spain this summer – they say that the language benefits are secondary to the friendship and trust that they developed.

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Find out more about how to get involved with Global Connections!