### INDEPENDENCE DAY

On Thursday, July 4, the university will be closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday. **Please note that a majority of the OIP staff will be out of the office Friday, July 5 as well.**

**Happy 4th of July!**

### ALEXANDRIA ON LEAVE

Alexandria Harkins Porto is out of the office on Maternity Leave until Mid-September. In the interim, please copy both Irina and Kimberly on all international student and scholar questions, concerns, and requests.

### OIP STAFF AVAILABILITY

Due to staff taking time off during the summer, we ask you to please schedule any appointments, meetings, and needs well in advance.

### TRAVEL SIGNATURES

All F-1 and J-1 VISA holder’s planning to travel outside of the U.S. this summer should visit the Office of International Programs prior to departure to obtain a travel signature on Form I-20 or DS-2019 document. Upon your return to the US you will need to send Irina an updated I-94 ([https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/consent.html](https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/consent.html)) and renewed VISA stamp if applicable.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**ALL Welcome!**

**Tuesday, July 23**

Cross-Cultural Anesthesiology Practices  
4:00 p.m.  
Clendening Auditorium, Zoom Available  
Refreshments served

**Thursday, August 8**

5th Annual KUMC International Meet & Greet  
4:00-5:30 p.m.  
SON Atrium  
Refreshments served

### INDEPENDENCE DAY FACTS


- *How many people signed the Declaration of Independence on the Fourth of July? Two.*
  
- *Which president was born on the Fourth of July?* Calvin Coolidge, the 30th president, in 1872.
  
- *Is there something written on the back of the Declaration of Independence?* Yes. Appearing upside down on the bottom of the document are the words, “Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776.” The memo may have been written as a label.
  
- *Did you know three of the first five U.S. presidents died on the Fourth of July?* John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe all died on Independence Day. Even weirder, Adams, the second president, and Jefferson, the third, died on the same day in 1826, the country’s 50th birthday.
  
- *Did you know John Adams would think the country is celebrating Independence Day on the wrong day?* Adams foresaw that July 2, the day the Second Continental Congress voted to declare independence from Britain, would be the day on which Americans would celebrate their freedom. “The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America,” Adams wrote.
  
- *When were fireworks first used to celebrate the Fourth of July?* The initial fireworks were ignited in 1777 to commemorate the first anniversary of the American colonies' Declaration of Independence.
  
- *There was a baseball pitcher who threw a 4-0 no-hitter against the Boston Red Sox July 4, 1983: Who was it?* The New York Yankees’ Dave Righetti authored this gem. It was the first no-hitter tossed at Yankee Stadium in 27 years.
  
- *Which president was the first to hold a Fourth of July celebration at the White House?* Thomas Jefferson.
  
- *How many people lived in the American colonies when the Declaration of Independence was signed?* 2.5 million.