INDEPENDENCE DAY
On Wednesday, 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 July 2-6.

NEW CHECK-IN PROCESS AT THE OIP
We have a new check-in process at our office. In the past when coming to our office you were asked to sign-in on a clipboard at the back of the office. Now there is a we have a check-in iPad station at the entrance to the office. When you arrive please sign-in on the iPad by following the directions on the tablet. Once you have signed in, we receive an alert that you are waiting for assistance and will be with you as soon as possible.

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 and Alexandria an updated I-94 (https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/consent.html) and renewed VISA stamp if applicable.

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.

STAY UP TO DATE
Are you on Facebook? So is OIP! Like our page to stay up to date on news and events. https://www.facebook.com/kumcoip/

UPCOMING EVENTS
Thursday, August 9
4th Annual KUMC International Meet & Greet
SON Atrium
4:00-5:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 23
Weekly Culture Hour conversations resume
G004 Orr-Major
Noon

TV every other week with Wichita and Salina beginning September 6

A Reminder: J1 visa holders are required to engage in cultural activities and exchanges while in the United States. Culture Hour is a great way to help meet this requirement!

THAT’S A FACT
Links to July 4 events, festivals, and fireworks displays in the Kansas City area.
https://www.kansascity.com/entertainment/article213936884.html

Facts about Independence Day in the US.
FROM: https://academicexchange.wordpress.com/2013/07/03/20-fun-facts-about-the-4th-of-julyindependence-day/

• Only John Hancock actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. All the others signed later.
• The Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 men from 13 colonies.
• The only two signers of the Declaration of Independence who later served as President of the United States were John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.
• The first Independence Day celebration took place in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776. This was also the day that the Declaration of Independence was first read in public after people were summoned by the ringing of the Liberty Bell.
• Every 4th of July the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped (not actually rung) thirteen times in honor of the original thirteen colonies.

Happy 4th of July!
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