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The Cranwell Courier
Friday, October 23- Friday, October 30

Happy Halloween! We hope you have a safe and healthy weekend.

VT Students, we want YOU to be a Global Ambassador!

The Global Ambassador program is an exciting and engaging leadership development program designed for current Virginia Tech students seeking to develop their global leadership skills. Global Ambassadors are charged with welcoming new international students to the Virginia Tech community and continuing meaningful interactions with students throughout the academic year. Any currently enrolled student is eligible to apply. For more information, see our website:

http://www.international.vt.edu/programs_and_activities/global_ambassadors/index.html

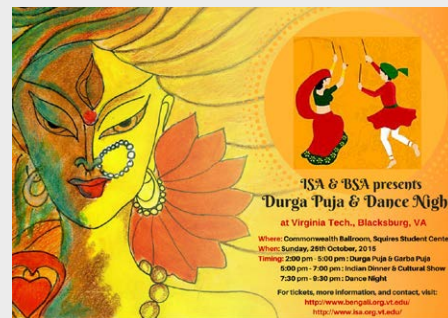**2016/2017 School Year Application Deadline: Monday, November 9th!**
Apply via GobblerConnect: https://gobblerconnect.vt.edu/form/start/83956

Cranwell Events and Activities

Understanding Your Personal Wellness: An Introduction to the Dimensions of Wellness for International Students

Virginia Tech Events and Activities

Durga Puja and Dance Night 2015 - Mega Celebration!

This year, the VT Indian Student

This interactive wellness workshop will help students to take control of their health and well-being and create a personal wellness plan that will help them to thrive.

The workshop will go through the Gallup five essential elements of well-being (purpose, social, financial, physical and community) and introduce available campus resources to help students address their needs in these areas.

Students will then be given the opportunity to identify areas where they might need more information–with the hope that a monthly international student wellness group may be created.

When: Thurs, October 29, 6 pm
Where: Cranwell Community Room (1015 Harper Hall)

For more information, email **international@vt.edu**.

Autumn Traditions Around the World!

The Cranwell International Center presents a Keystone Experience event entitled *Autumn Traditions Around the World!*

Join us for an evening of intercultural connections, food, and music with Blacksburg's international and local community. Vegetarian food options will be available at this event, and those who wish can participate in an

Association (VT ISA) and VT Bengali Student Association (VT BSA) are coming together to have a Mega celebration of Durga Puja and Dance Night on October 25, 2015!

What: Durga Puja is the Indian festival of Hindus celebrated by worshipping Goddess Durga. It marks the victory of "Good over Evil" . Dance Night is organised to celebrate Garba Dance of Gujarat (with Dandiya Sticks) along with all other types of Indian Dances ranging from Bollywood to Freestyle.

Come join us for this beautiful celebration of Indian Culture with delicious food.

When: Sunday, October 25, 2-9:30 pm

Where: Squires Student Center, Commonwealth Ballroom

For tickets and more information, check out the Facebook event!

BSA website
ISA website

Parking and Transportation Master Plan

Virginia Tech has initiated a *Parking and Transportation Master Plan*. The planning process is expected to be completed by Spring 2016.

The university wants YOUR feedback on parking issues! Click the link below to find out how you can be entered to **win a $100 VT Bookstore Gift Card!**

http://www.vt-ptmp.com/

Appalachian square dance!

This year, in the spirit of *Ut Prosim,* we are requesting that each attendee bring two cans of healthy food to donate. This food donation will be distributed to help support local families in need via a local food pantry.

Date: November 6, 2015
Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm
Location: Commonwealth Ballroom

What to Bring: Two cans of healthy food per an attendee which will be donated to a local food pantry. Please donate cans filled with healthy foods such as fruit, vegetables, beans and soup.
Students, sign up on
GobblerConnect!

Food Insecurity Survey

Students, faculty, staff and community members: please take the time to fill out a survey about an important issue, food insecurity.

The goal of this survey is to anonymously assess the food security levels and nutritional awareness among graduate and international students at Virginia Tech. Ultimately, a program will be implemented to address the needs determined from the results of this survey. This survey is a collaborative effort between the Virginia Family Nutrition Program (SNAP-Ed), VT Engage and the Cranwell International Center.

Click here to fill out the survey!

Calling all native Spanish speakers!

Justin Bland, a graduate student in Foreign Languages, Culture and Literatures is looking for native Spanish speakers for a study he is conducting. The main goal of his study is to examine the levels of language development that learners (non-native speakers of Spanish) go through as they learn Spanish, so your contribution to the study as a native speaker would be very important to provide a baseline against which to compare the learners.

The study involves a few short activities, including a story narration activity, a picture-word matching activity, a fill-in-the-blank activity, and a background questionnaire. The story narration and picture matching activities will be recorded, and all recordings will be kept confidential. Your participation is voluntary and confidential and will take less than an hour.

If you are interested in participating in the study or if you have questions, please contact him at jebland@vt.edu.

New CISO Logo Design Competition!

The Council of International Student Organizations (CISO) is looking for a new logo and they need your help!

What is CISO? CISO is an umbrella organization that serves the needs of international students at Virginia Tech.

Primarily, CISO advocates for international students through all facets of the university governance system. In addition, we also put on events such as Dance of Nations, Parade of Nations, and International Street Fair.

We are looking for a creative and unique logo that captures the CISO mission. The logo should speak to the global conscientiousness that is present on campus in a thoughtful and inventive manner. It also needs to incorporate the letters "CISO" in some manner. In your design, please DO NOT incorporate flags of actual countries. The design must adhere to university branding standards. Please refer to the VT Brand Guide for further guidance.

Apply now to the Sustainability Institute's Winter Session Professional Development Training!

January 4-8 + 11-15

This free, two week training program is open to any VT undergraduate student and will be offered each winter and summer session. **Apply now for the winter cohort – the deadline is Nov. 1st!**

During the program, you will learn specific strategies for integrating sustainability into an organization, critical skills that employers say you need to get hired, and how to effectively build a professional network before you graduate. Our goal is to help you get your first job in the sustainability field! **The program is 100% free including a 3 day networking trip to Richmond.** After the training, you will be connected to a mentor and internship opportunities.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Apply online at cnre.vt.edu.
- Email resume to: adesoto@vt.edu

ATTEND AN INFO SESSION:

- Monday October 26: 6:30-7:30pm in Cheatham 317 – Sign Up Here
- Tuesday October 27: 6:30-

The designer of the winning logo will win a $50 Amazon Gift Card.

*Please submit your logo in **jpg format** here*

Contest ends on December 1, 2015 at 12pm.

Winner will be announced on December 10, 2015

Questions? Contact **Margaret Appleby,** mfappleb@vt.edu

Dance of Nations

Join the Council of International Student Organizations in celebrating the cultural diversity of the Hokie Nation through dance!

When: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 7p.m.
Where: Graduate Life Center's Auditorium.

This event is free and open to the general public.

7:30pm in Cheatham 317 – Sign Up Here

Free pizza will be provided to those who sign up in advance!

Any questions can be directed to Angie De Soto at adesoto@vt.edu.

New Course: Gender in African History

HIST 2984: GENDER IN AFRICAN HISTORY (CRN: 19844) T/Th 9:30-10:45

Why were female slaves more valuable than male slaves? How did the spread of cocoa farming change the nature of marriage in Ghana? Why did the Tanzanian government in the 1970s try to outlaw miniskirts? Why did Kenya's vice-president warn Obama not to bring his "gay agenda" on his visit to Nairobi? This discussion-based course will explore these and other questions through novels, autobiographies, media, NGO reports, government articles, and more.

For more information, contact the instructor, Brett Shadle: *shadle@vt.edu*.

Check out these *online* calendars for even more exciting local events and programs!

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Virginia Tech Events Calendar

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