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GLOBAL & IR PROGRAM NEWS

End of the Semester

As the semester draws to a close, we wish everyone happy holidays and safe travels. Best of luck to our students with any remaining exams and papers, and best of luck to the professors for the grading!

With the exception of a few short vacations around Christmas and New Year’s, we will be on campus for the majority of the winter break.

The newsletter will go on hiatus for most of the break, unless we have a critical mass of items to post. Otherwise, look for the newsletter to return in mid-January.

Free Screening Passes for “Slumdog Millionaire”

Courtesy of Fox Searchlight Pictures, we have available a small number of complimentary advance screening passes for the film “Slumdog Millionaire,” which yesterday earned several Golden Globe nominations, including best motion picture (drama) and best director.

The passes are good for a screening on Tuesday, December 16, 2008, at 7:30pm at the Southside Works Cinema. Seating is not guaranteed. Each pass admits two.

To request a pass, please email Traci Sebastian at traci@andrew.cmu.edu. Priority will be given to students in the Global and International Relations Program, although others are welcome to request passes as well.

EVENTS

Cultural Event: Japanese Tea Ceremony

Saturday, December 13, 2008

2:30pm - 3:30pm

University of Pittsburgh Book Center

The art of the Japanese tea ceremony was perfected by tea master Sen-no-Rikyu in the late 16th century, and after his death, the art of chado was passed down through the generations. Sen So'oku, the oldest son of the current grand tea master of the Mushakouji Senke school, is the fourteenth generation tea master of Sen-no-Riyku's descendants. Join us to learn more about the history and art of tea ceremony from one of the world's foremost experts! To guarantee admission, please RSVP to Jennifer Murawski by email or phone no later than Thursday, December 11th, 2008. For more information, contact Jennifer Murawski: 412-383-3062, jennm@pitt.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CAREERS/INTERNSHIPS

New Summer Internship Experience from TechBridgeWorld (Deadline 12/18)

iSTEP: Innovative Student Technology ExPerience is now recruiting students for summer 2009!

Are you interested in a PAID internship opportunity that uses technology to positively impact developing communities? Do you want to make an impact in Africa?

The challenges that developing regions face are significant and technology innovations have not been utilized to the full benefit of individuals in developing communities. Take part in a unique internship program that allows you to work in a multidisciplinary team to conduct research projects in collaboration with partner organizations in developing communities around the world.

This summer we will be sending students to Dar es Salaam in Tanzania to work with the University Computer Centre Ltd. which is based at the University of Dar es Salaam. The multidisciplinary team will be working on three projects:

1. Developing a cell phone application for use by social workers to track information on services provided to AIDS orphans and vulnerable children
2. Creating and evaluating culturally-relevant educational technology and games for child literacy
3. Enhancing and evaluating a low-cost Braille writing tutor for visually-impaired students

QUICK FACTS:

- * Open to undergraduates and graduates.
- * Open to students from the Pittsburgh, Doha, and Washington D.C. campuses.

- * ALL majors are encouraged to apply! We are looking to select students to form a *multidisciplinary* team.
- * 4 students will travel overseas to live and work in Dar es Salaam and 2 students will remain on campus (Pittsburgh, Doha, or Washington D.C.). All students will work on projects in Dar es Salaam.
- * Each student will be paid a salary of US\$3,000 for their participation in the program.
- * Accommodations will be taken care of by the UCC for students in Dar es Salaam. Students remaining on campus may be eligible for an additional US\$1,000 to cover living expenses.
- * Preparations will involve logistical sessions as well as a Spring 2nd Mini course with 6 units of credit.

The application deadline is Thursday, December 18th and you will find out no later than Thursday, January 29th if you are selected for the internship program. For the online application and for more information on iSTEP, please visit <http://www.techbridgeworld.org/istep>. If you have any questions, please e-mail info@techbridgeworld.org.

Employment Opportunities Conference (EOC) Coming in February

Thursday, February 5, 2009

12:00pm – 6:00 pm

University Center Gym and Rangos Ballroom

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, February 2 (Midnight)

The Career Center invites you to attend the Fifth Annual Employment Opportunities Conference (EOC) -- a job and internship fair for all students from all Carnegie Mellon colleges. The EOC is open to all currently enrolled degree seeking students of Carnegie Mellon University and Carnegie Mellon Alumni

Whether you are seeking a summer internship or a full-time employment opportunity, the EOC is an excellent job fair for you to attend. Over 65 “actively recruiting” organizations have already registered -- don't miss your chance to meet them.

For detailed information, log on to: <http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/career/eoc/eocstu.cfm>

PLEASE REGISTER THROUGH YOUR TARTANTRAK ACCOUNT: Login to TartanTRAK, select the “info sessions/events” tab, then select “Employment Opportunities Conference”
<https://cmu-csm.symplcity.com/students/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CONFERENCES/PUBLICATIONS

Forum: The Politics and Economics of Information and Communication Technologies

May 20-22, 2009

United Nations, New York

300 college students and young entrepreneurs are expected to convene at the UN Headquarters in New York City from May 20-22, 2008 for Athgo International's 4th annual Global Forum titled,

“The Politics and Economics of Information and Communication Technologies.” The three-day interactive event will explore the significance of ICT universal proliferation to meeting the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and economic and political challenges associated with implementation. The participants, within groups and individually, will be tasked with designing commercially and politically viable solutions addressing some of the issues highlighted by experts, private and public sector executives, UN senior officials as well as on-ground entities and individuals.

Visit http://www.athgo.org/programs/forums/2009/new_york/default.html for more information or to apply.

Forum: Global Clean Technology

March 4-7, 2009

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Limited seating. Apply before December 31st, 2008 to receive a discounted registration.

The forum is set to encourage young people to get engaged in, develop, and propose new sustainability and renewable energy initiatives in creative and cordial environment. Each participant will have an opportunity to engage corporate and public decision-makers and his/her peers while drafting group and individual innovative solutions to address global environmental and alternative energy challenges. The forum will conclude with young participants presenting their plans on group innovation panels. The proposals will be evaluated by leaders in government, the private sector, and civil society, and will be showcased at the conference closing ceremonies. The individuals with best results, with the support of Athgo, will continue the development of the business models.

Visit http://www.athgo.org/programs/forums/2009/los_angeles/default.html for more information or to register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MISCELLANEOUS

Attention Grad Students: Alternative Break Trip Advisors Wanted!

If you are an energetic, enthusiastic person who likes to perform community service, travel, and work in groups, and feel great about what you do. Then join Alternative Break. Alternative Break is a student-managed organization, which endeavors to provide service-learning experiences to the Carnegie Mellon community. Alternative Break accomplishes this goal by planning student trips that involve participating in experiential service-learning opportunities, pre-departure educational sessions, academic credit, and outreach sessions to share these experiences with the larger campus and regional community.

This Spring Alternative Break is going to San Pedro de Casta, Peru to volunteer in the town through the non-profit organization, Globe Aware. This trip will focus on Education and Native Andean Culture. The proposed trip dates are March 6 to March 13. Participants will volunteer for one week performing various activities that could include teaching basic computer and

English skills at the community center, helping construct a new building to house an early childhood education program, or working in a tree nursery to combat deforestation.

The second trip this Spring is to St. Bernard's Parish, Louisiana. It is a parish right outside of New Orleans. We will be working with the St. Bernard Project. The trip will focus on rebuilding, both homes and people's lives, to help restore some hope in New Orleans. We will have the opportunity to work directly with the homeowners to help them get a life back, starting at their home. Our efforts will bring them closer to getting the city they have always known and loved back. The proposed dates are March 8 through March 15.

As a Trip Advisor your responsibilities are to assist the two trip leaders in running the trip smoothly and safely as to make the trip as enjoyable and productive for all participants. Prior to the trip, a Trip Advisor is expected to attend the weekly pre-departure meetings (1-2 hours a week) and demonstrate a growing relationship with the trip leaders. Trip Advisors must be a Carnegie Mellon graduate student, faculty, or staff.

For all inquiries please contact Carlton Reeves, President, Alternative Break, at Altbreak@andrew.cmu.edu.

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