The Office of International Student Services (OISS) is pleased to offer these Special Events to Regent’s international students for the Spring, 2011 Semester. For planning purposes, please note that RSVPs are required for all of the Trips & the Local Tour. We hope you enjoy these events, and we look forward to seeing you this Spring!

► Tour of Virginia Beach & the Local Area (RSVP Required)
  Saturday, January 8, 1:30–5 p.m.
  DEPARTURE LOCATION: To Be Determined
OISS G.A.s., David Jimenez and Charissa Pajaron, will host this tour of Virginia Beach and the local area. The tour will include a drive past several local churches, grocery stores and malls; a drive past various international food stores in Virginia Beach; and a stop at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront Boardwalk. The tour was designed for brand new international students, but some spaces are available for continuing/returning students. (This is a tour, and not a shopping trip.) If you would like to attend the tour please contact Charissa by Wednesday, January 5 at noon charpaj@regent.edu or 352-4951. Spaces are limited and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

► Writing Workshop: “Language Idiosyncrasies”
  Tuesday, February 8, 12:00 p.m.
  LOCATION: Room 252, Student Center
Are you one of the millions of people who have learned English as a second language? Do you find English difficult? Are you still trying to figure out all the “rules”? If you answered yes to any of these questions then this workshop is for you. We can help you figure out the exceptions to the rules so English can feel more like your first language. This session is sponsored by the University Writing Center.

► Information Session: “American Culture”
  Monday, February 14, 12:00 p.m.
  LOCATION: Room 252, Student Center
Learn what draws people from all over the world to the United States as Dr. Charles Dunn shares about the Magnetism of the American culture.

► Information Session: "Money Managing Tips"
  Monday, March 14, 12:00 p.m.
  LOCATION: Room 252, Student Center
Receive special tips on the basics of money management – budgeting, banking, and saving through sales, coupons etc. – here in the U.S. from the Office of Central Financial Aid.

► Information Session: "Returning Home"
  Friday, April 8, 12:00 p.m.
  LOCATION: Room 252, Student Center
While you have experienced many new things during your time in the United States, your friends and family members at home have not. World Traveler and Missionary, Mr. Jeffrey Anderson, will discuss the experiences and challenges you will face during your reentry back to your home country and will provide some helpful tips for you as well. If you will be returning to your home country soon, come join us!

► Trip to Colonial Williamsburg & Jamestown Settlement (RSVP Required)
  Saturday, April 9, 8:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m. (Approximate Times)
  DEPARTURE LOCATION: To Be Determined
The OISS will be sponsoring a trip to Jamestown & Colonial Williamsburg this April for Regent’s international student visa holders! Williamsburg is located in the middle of Richmond and Virginia Beach and is about 1 hour away by car. Spaces are limited and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please be sure to check your weekly emails from the OISS for more details. If you would like to attend this trip, please email Charissa Pajaron at: charpaj@regent.edu by Wednesday, March 30. Spaces are limited and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Other students will be invited if space permits after the RSVP deadline.

► Weekly Shopping Trips
  Every Friday, 4:30/4:40–7:15 p.m.
  The University Shuttle Service will offer a weekly shopping shuttle run to assist students who have transportation needs this spring. Each Friday, the shuttle provides a trip to a nearby Walmart, which is adjacent to Fresh World International Supermarket and other shops. The shuttle departs from Regent Commons Bldg #1133 at 4:30 p.m. and from Regent Village East Stop (near the traffic light) at 4:40 p.m. The shuttle then collects students at Walmart at 6:45 p.m. and returns to campus at around 7:15 p.m. Should you have questions regarding this weekly shopping trip or any other aspect of Shuttle Services, please email shuttle-service@regent.edu.