



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUCCESS NEWSLETTER

FALL 2018
SEPTEMBER 4TH-9TH

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

ISS welcomes all new and returning international students to ETSU! We are so happy to have you with us. We hope your first week of classes was wonderful. As you adjust to life on campus and start your classes, please remember that you are not alone. We are here to help you! Don't be afraid to reach out and ask questions.

INTERNATIONAL BUCCANEER BUDDIES

It's not too late to join IBB! The program promotes friendship and international understanding. New students who apply to IBB will be paired with a volunteer student buddy who will assist you in adjusting to your new life here at ETSU. All students who sign up will also be able to participate in IBB trips and activities throughout the year, allowing you to meet and befriend other international and American students. **IBB is open to new and returning international students.** Even if it is not your first semester here, you can still be part of IBB.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, 9/4

Free lunch at Campus House
11:30-1:30 p.m.

Wednesday 9/5

IBB Mid-Week Meetup
12:15 p.m.
Marketplace

International Reception
3:00-5:00 p.m.
Multicultural Center

Dinner for \$1 6:00 p.m.
Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
Campus House

Thursday 9/6

English Table
5:00-6:00 p.m.
Sherrod Library Room 128

Friday 9/7

World Café
8:00 p.m. – Midnight
Campus House

UMOJA Festival
6:00 p.m.
Downtown Johnson City

Saturday, 9/8

UMOJA Festival
10:00 a.m.
Downtown Johnson City

Two ways to sign up for IBB:

1. Send an email to IFP-IBB@etsu.edu and let us you know you want to join. We will send you an application
2. Go to our website: etsu.edu/issuccess (download an application, fill it out and send it back to us via email, or drop it off in person at our office)

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES:

IBB MID-WEEK MEETUP

Join IBB at our mid-week meetup! Come and eat lunch with other international and domestic students at the **Marketplace at 12:15 p.m. every Wednesday**. This is a fun, informal way to meet new people and see your friends in IBB. (You don't have to be part of IBB to come.)

INTERNATIONAL RECEPTION

Come to the Multicultural Center **Wednesday, September 5th** between **3:00 and 5:00 p.m.** to enjoy snacks and refreshments, meet other students and learn about the Multicultural Center.

ENGLISH TABLE

Want to improve your English speaking and listening skills? Want to learn more about American culture? Head over to English Table, a weekly learning group. Contact English Table leader Hannah Absher (abssherh@etsu.edu) for more information.

First meeting:

Thursday, September 6th

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Sherrod Library, room 128 (1st floor)

CAMPUS HOUSE

Officially known as the Christian Student Fellowship, Campus House provides weekly activities and opportunities for international students to make connections with other ETSU students.

Weekly Activities:

Tuesday - Free Lunch from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

International Student
Success

ETSU Multicultural
Center

1st Floor Lucille-Clement
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IFP-IBB@etsu.edu

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NEED TO SEE BRITTANY?

ISS OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Thursday: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

OR

**EMAIL/CALL FOR AN
APPOINTMENT**

Wednesday - Dinner for a dollar at 6 pm and a **worship service** at 7 pm
The worship service is for those interested in a Christian worship/study outlet.

Friday - World Cafe from 8pm to Midnight

Every Friday of the semester (from 8pm to midnight) international students, American students, and community volunteers are invited to come to the Campus House for snacks, games, and conversation.

UMOJA FESTIVAL

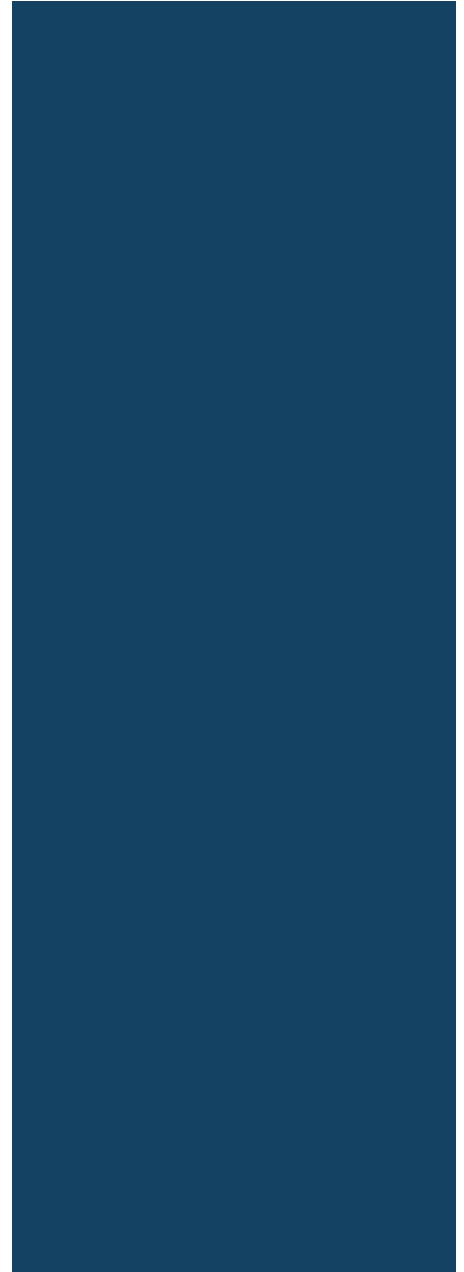
UMOJA's mission is to bridge and unify diverse cultures through education and artistic presentations of art, culture and heritage. The unity festival is a two-day event in downtown Johnson City filled with diverse live music, dance, art and food.

Friday, September 7th (starts at 6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, September 8th (parade starts at 10:00 a.m.)

More details and full schedule of events is available here:

<https://umojajc.org/>



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Meet Muhammed Jawla, ISS Graduate Assistant



Muhammed Jawla is from the small West African country of Gambia. Gambia is an English speaking country that borders the north and south of the Gambia River and is bordered on three sides by the French speaking country of Senegal, and on the 4th side by the Atlantic Ocean. It has less than 2 million people and is a beautiful country with lots of sunshine, sandy beaches, friendly people, and wonderful food like delicious Jollof rice. Muhammed is from one of the seven larger tribes in the country, the Mandinka tribe. Gambia is coming out of a long period of autocratic rule and has a new democratically elected president.

Muhammed went to medical school in Ghana at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi, and practiced medicine at a large teaching hospital in Ghana. He came to ETSU to obtain a Master's degree in Public Health, with a concentration

in epidemiology. He believes health problem must be addressed more preventatively at a public level, and not just treating the problem on an individual basis. Good public health education will prevent many health issues, or help to quickly contain outbreaks of serious diseases. He wants West Africa to develop more health professionals so local problems or outbreaks can be met without needing to import medical professionals. Since he was a teenager, Muhammed has done volunteer activity with non-governmental organizations to educate the public on health issues like: teen pregnancy, early marriage, female genital mutilation, substance abuse, and infectious diseases.

Muhammed has three younger sisters. His late father was also a physician who worked with the World Health Organization in Gambia. His name, Muhammed, is a religious name that happens to be the most common boy's name in the world. He enjoys reading novels, swimming, hanging out with friends, and visiting new places.

After obtaining a Master's degree in Public Health, Muhammed hopes to get further training with a residency in Internal Medicine or Pediatrics. He hopes to eventually move back to Gambia and use his medical training to help the people of his country.