HELLO, INTERNATIONAL TIGERS!

On behalf of Towson University and the ISSO, welcome or welcome back! We know what an enormous challenge the last two and a half years have been, and the excitement you must feel being on campus again. We share that excitement and welcome our newest international tigers, as well as those who have returned to campus for the fall semester.

The staff of TU-International enjoyed meeting you at the ISSO New Student Orientation at the end of August, and we hope it was the same for you. It was even better to see you engaging with each other and starting to build friendships and a support network that will hopefully strengthen over the coming semesters and lead to lifelong relationships. By now you have been in classes for a couple of weeks, and we want to remind you that the ISSO is here as your resource for immigration guidance as well as other issues you might encounter.

We will do our best to help you navigate your new environment, and together, make your time at TU successful and enjoyable! Please stop by our offices to say hello when you have a chance.

Best wishes for a successful semester,

Gail Gibbs, Director, ISSO
On the 24th of August, the ISSO welcomed students at our New Student Orientation Program for the Fall 2022 term.

Students from all over the world kickstarted their TU educational journey with engaging activities while learning more about studying in the United States. The program included sessions about visa regulations, and campus resources and services, and available facilities. Assisted by the ISSO staff and colleagues from Study Abroad & Away, the students engaged in ice-breakers and games designed to encourage communication and interaction with their new TU community.

Joy Costa, President of the International Students Association, and his team presented the educational and recreational activities they organize for international students throughout the year, and encouraged all new International Tigers to join the organization. An open buffet, generously sponsored by CAPSTONE Properties, featured Chik-Fil-A and a variety of delicious desserts, and ensured no one left hungry!

The event closed with a raffle of t-shirts, sweat shirts, and other TU gear, guaranteeing many will be outfitted in proper Tiger-style, as they begin the start of what we hope will be a very exciting semester.
Many thanks for the generosity of Baltimore Coffee and Tea Company, 9 West Aylesbury Road in Timonium, for sponsoring our monthly discussion series “Tiger Topics and Tea!”

You will find us every 1st Tuesday, from 4-5 pm, at the ISSO lounge hosting the Health and Counseling centers in themed discussions about issues pertinent to our international student body.

Join us on Tuesday, October 4th for a soothing cup of tea and a lively discussion with your peers!

Click here for ISSO's full calendar of September events!
Raphaela Morais is an alumna of Towson University’s master’s degree program in Marketing Intelligence. She graduated last May, 2022 and as part of her achievements, she was nominated for the Annual News and Documentary Emmy Awards.

Born in Brazil, Raphaela came to the U.S. with experience building and maintaining databases, and overseeing project logistics, working at Dell Computers in their Brazilian logistics department. Morais also has a unique artistic background with experience in diverse disciplines such as circus, ballet, modern dance, and acrobatics. This provided an opportunity to travel while learning the risks and challenges of independence.

Raphaela was employed initially in the U.S. by an investigative unit at The New York Times, and subsequently by The Outlaw Ocean Project, a non-profit journalism organization founded by Ian Urbina focused on human rights, labor and environmental abuses at sea. Throughout this period, she worked with a team handling complex reporting arrangements and coordinating the visuals department. Her Towson education impacted this journey by helping her deepen and improve her skills in this arena, “I want to know how to use data to better leverage marketing and media platforms to tell important stories that the world should know.”

The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) announced that The Outlaw Ocean Project was nominated for two 2022 Annual News and Documentary Emmy Awards: one for Best News Coverage - Long Form, and another for Outstanding Crime and Justice Coverage for “Get Away from the Target” - Rescuing Migrants from the Libyan Coast Guard.

The awards recognize the best in professional journalism in a wide range of television categories from breaking news to investigative documentary to news coverage, among others. Raphaela Morais is honored to be nominated for these awards amidst an expansive array of high-caliber journalism entries with The Outlaw Ocean team.

ISSO REMINDERS!
Submit all documents required by the ISSO on time via the ISSO Portal, or email isso@towson.edu.
What's Happening on Campus

Friday
16
- CAB Movie
  Minions: The Rise of Gru
  UU Theatre, 6:30pm

Monday
19
- Game Night
  Video Games
  UU Theatre, 7:00pm

Wednesday
21
- Welcome to Hogwarts
  UU 224, 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Saturday
24
- Towson Football vs New Hampshire
  Johnny Unitas Stadium, 4:00pm

Oct, Friday
6
- Firepit Fridays
  TUCC Ward and West Lawn
  5:00pm

Towson African Diaspora Club holds many events throughout the week. Follow their Instagram
Instagram: @towsonadc

Korean Culture and Society Club
Tuesdays, 5:00pm-6:00pm
Instagram: @towson.kcc

TU Society of Arab Students
Wednesdays, 6:00pm - 8:30pm
Instagram: @towsonsas

Ethiopian-Eritrean Student Association
Mondays, 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Instagram: @eesatowson