Brock Boarding Pass

Your ticket to international education at Brock University

From: Around the World

To: St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada

Date: August 2013

A NOTE FROM THE DR.

WHAT WE'RE UP TO AT IMD!

Welcome to the August edition of the Brock Boarding Pass!

Summer at Brock is just about wrapping up, and we are getting ready to welcome our new and returning students to campus next week.

September is a busy month here at Brock. Students will be moving into residence, finding their way around campus, and attending O-Week festivities. Be sure to check out our events section for more details.

Our staff at IMD have been busy putting together our new brochures. We will be emailing copies to our agents, partners, and school counselors over the next couple weeks. And, of course our recruiters will be out on the road delivering them in the Fall. Check out our travel schedule to see if we will be in your area!

I hope you enjoy this month's Boarding Pass. Happy Reading ☺

The IMD Doctor

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

A STORY OF AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Hello, my name is Zi Wang. I'm a fourth year Accounting student at Brock. My hometown is Wuhan, a big modern city with a long history that lies at the intersection of the Yangtze River and Han River. My hometown is the best place to enjoy the beauty of cherry blossoms in China.

Unlike most students that come to Brock, I am a transfer student from a university in China. Brock shares a lot similarity with my former university, but there are a few things that are unique to Brock – the class sizes and the Student Union. I enjoy the small lectures in Goodman School of Business because we have more opportunities to express our ideas during the class. Thanks to the platform that Brock University Student Union (BUSU) provides, my leadership skills were improved while my club – Brock University Chinese Students and Scholars Association (BUCSSA) – won "the Most Improved Club" while I was the president.

Compared to my former university, Brock offers me a better environment to interact with my professors and fellow students, a better platform to practice my skills as well as to help my friends and the local community, and a better location to embrace the nature! In spring, I enjoy walking under the cherry blossom trees in front of the Tower because I can smell the scent from home when I breathe.

ZI FROM CHINA

A FOURTH YEAR ACCOUNTING STUDENT

In summer, I enjoy wandering on the Loop Trail behind Quarryview Residence because I can see swallows like scissors cutting through the blue sky when I look up. In fall, I enjoy taking a nap in the corridor at Academic South because I can see reeds blowing in the wind when I open my eyes. In winter, I enjoy sitting on the couch on 6th floor of the Gibson A. Library because I can see the silver world when I look down.

The more I explore Brock and St. Catharines, the more I love them, in forms of an impulse to contribute back to the community. I volunteered in fundraising events like Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life, in non-profit organizations like Canadian Blood Service, in community service like CRA-Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. Now, I'm serving Brock as the International Communications, Event & Protocol Assistant at Brock International. In the four years, I have been a student, a leader, a "naturalist", and an employee. Now I can proudly say "I am Brock"!

TRAVEL SCHEDULE

BROCK'S INTERNATIONAL LOCATIONS

If we will be in your area and you would like to set up a meeting or have us do a presentation, email us at international@brocku.ca. Our tentative travel schedule for the fall includes:

SEPTEMBER

Canada
- Ontario

China
India
Oman
NACAC's 69th National Conference, Toronto, ON
Qatar
United Arab Emirates
United States
- New York

Vietnam

OCTOBER

Canada
- Ontario

China
Taiwan
Trinidad
United Kingdom
United States
- Michigan
- New York
- California

NOVEMBER

Antigua
Bahamas
Bermuda
Canada
- Ontario

China
Japan
South Korea
St. Lucia
United States
- New York

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Brock University

O-WEEK
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION @ BROCK

International Undergraduate Orientation

Sunday, September 1-Saturday, September 14
Meet friends and make Brock your new home! For more information please visit
https://www.brocku.ca/webfm_send/26522

International Students Arriving at Toronto International Airport

Be sure to stop by the Welcome Booth to pick up your package http://www.toronto.ca/e-vites/internationalstudents_2013.htm!

MON SEPT 2: Labour Day
University is closed, but the Office of International Services and Programs Abroad will be open and holding the International Orientation Session Day.

Orientation Session Day:
9:30 am - 3:30 pm, Pond Inlet.

It is very important that all new international students attend the Orientation Session Day to learn about the academic culture at Brock University, banking, the library, payment of fees, as well as learn about the international clubs on campus and the many social activities for international students. Lunch will be provided. Make sure you register by clicking on the following link:
http://www.brocku.ca/international-services/student-services/Orientation

University Health Insurance Plan
September 3-5
Complete an application form between 9:00am and 4:00pm in the International Centre, GLN-B 207.

O-WEEK
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION @ BROCK

TUES SEPT 3
University Open - International Services and Programs Abroad is located in the International Centre, GLN-B 210. Please drop by their office if you have any questions! They are open Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm (Closed Noon to 1:00pm). This campus map to help you find your classroom:
http://www.brocku.ca/facilitiesmgmt/CAMPUS-MAP-LRG.htm
Get Your Brock ID card - Visit the Brock Card office in Market Hall seating area, Schmon Tower, 1st Floor.
Get Your Bus Pass Stickers - For transportation within the Niagara region. You can pick up your U-Pass sticker at Brock University Students' Union, Students' Centre or at the Vendor Fair.
Vendor fair - Schmon Tower Field. Get your bus pass (U Pass). Be sure to come Wednesday and Thursday because contests and giveaways will be happening on both days!

WED SEPT 4 - First day of class
Tea Social - 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the International Lounge, GLN-B 104. International students can get together for tea and delicious snacks and also get a chance to meet with other students from all over the world.
Vendor fair – continues in Schmon Tower Field.

THU SEP 5
Recreation Services Tour – 6:00 pm at Walker Complex Welcome Desk. Check out the gym facilities at the Walker Complex. Register online:
http://www.brocku.ca/international-services/student-services/Orientation/F13RecTour
Library Tour – 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm or 5pm. Library staff will show students the services available in Brock library. The tour will take around 30 minutes. Meet inside the Library at the end of the Circulation Desk by the donor wall. Register online:
http://www.brocku.ca/international-services/student-services/Orientation/F13LibTourReg

FRI SEP 6
Annual Picnic at Lakeside Park - 5:00pm to 7:00pm in Port Dalhousie. This is a popular event where students get the opportunity to meet many people and make new friends. Students can play soccer or volleyball, take a walk on the pier or just sit in the sun with friends and enjoy the beautiful lakeside surroundings. (*Dinner served at 5:30 pm*).
Tickets are $5 and will be available at GLN-B 210.

O-WEEK
STUDENT ORIENTATION @ BROCK

SAT SEP 7
Bus Trip to Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake + Winery Tour for international students - 9:30am to 5:00pm. Space is limited. Tickets are $10 and will be available at GLN-B210. The bus will leave from the International Centre parking lot.

SAT SEP 14
Bus Trip to Canada's Wonderland - 8:30am to 10:00pm. Tickets are $5 and will be available at GLN-B 210.

O-WEEK EVENTS
STUDENT ORIENTATION WEEK #YOURMOMENT13

Sunday, September 1-Sunday, September 8
To view the complete (jam-packed) O-Week schedule: http://www.busu.net/oweek/oweek.php

Sunday, September 1
Residence Move In
9:00 am-3:00 pm, Welcome to Residence, your new home! You will move in, get introduced to your Don and other Residence Life Staff members from your building and meet other students who are about to become your neighbours for the year!

September 3 & 4
Vendor Fair
10:00 am-4:00 pm, Schmon Tower Field
Vendor Fair is the best way to become familiarized with the multitude of services, programs and organizations available to students on campus. It's also a great way to learn about local businesses and organizations in the St. Catharines/Niagara community.

Wednesday, September 4
Big Ticket Concert
7:00 pm, Weatherstation Field
More Information Coming Soon!

Thursday, September 5
Paint Party
1:00 pm-4:00 pm Weatherstation Field
This is the second ever "paint party" at Brock University! This means we'll be gathering enough paint to drench over 1000 students while playing some great music and friendly competitions! There will also be slip and slides, prize giveaways and a "hose down" from our local Fire Station to clean off that biodegradable paint.

EVENTS IN NIAGARA
WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND NIAGARA

Niagara Greek Festival
September 6-8
This annual festival features authentic Greek food, pastries, drinks, dancing, entertainment, and music. It is fun for the whole family. Everyone is welcome!
http://www.niagaragreekfestival.com/

Niagara Food Festival
September 6-8
This annual festival features food from many local vendors. Guests try everything at discounted prices.
http://www.niagarafoodfestival.com/

Niagara Wine Festival
September 14-29
This annual festival is all about wine in Niagara. From the wineries and vineyards to tastings and events, you can look forward to all these activities when you visit the Niagara Peninsula! Visit www.niagarawinefestival.com.