



March 2019

<h3>1st and 3rd Thursday</h3>  <p>The graphic features a white coffee cup with a brown sleeve that says "INTERNATIONAL COFFEE HOUR" and "UNC-CHARLOTTE". To the right of the cup, text reads: "Meet people from around the world, share ideas, and relax with coffee and free refreshments." Below this, it says "WHEN 1st and 3rd Thursdays 4:00 - 6:00 p.m." and "WHERE Faculty/Staff Dining Room of Prospector". At the bottom, it says "Open to all students, faculty, & staff."</p>	<h3>International Coffee Hour</h3> <p>Enjoy coffee and conversation at this informal gathering held on the first and third Thursday of the semester months. International Coffee Hours in March will be on March 7th & 21st! For a complete list of dates click HERE <i>Prospector, Gold Room</i> Contact: intlssso@uncc.edu</p>
<h3>Spring Forward!</h3>  <p>The graphic shows a clock face with a large orange arrow pointing from 12 to 1. The words "SPRING FORWARD" are written in large, bold, yellow letters across the clock.</p>	<h3>Change clocks on March 10th!</h3> <p>Don't forget to change your clocks on Sunday, March 10th at 2:00am. Since it's now Spring, we "spring" ahead 1 hour and gain more light. For more information, see http://webexhibits.org/daylightsaving/b.html.</p>

Immigration Workshops



UNC CHARLOTTE
International Student and Scholar Office
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OPT

Online workshop
anytime

Optional
Practical
Training

For more information about Optional Practical Training,
visit our website at:
isso.uncc.edu/programs-workshops/workshops/opt

Online OPT Workshop! Participate NOW!

If you were not able to attend one of our live workshops, please participate in our [Virtual OPT Workshop](#).

If you are graduating during the upcoming semester and are interested in applying for employment authorization, you **MUST** attend an Optional Practical Training (OPT) Workshop. Time-sensitive deadlines are set by the U.S. Government, so plan to come to an early session!

- Students must be in lawful immigration status for one full academic year (fall and spring semesters) in order to be eligible to apply for OPT
- Applications **MUST** be received by USCIS no later than 60 days after the student's graduation date
- Processing time by USCIS varies but can be up to 3 months. Therefore, students are strongly encouraged to apply up to 90 days prior to graduation

For more information about Optional Practical Training, visit our [Employment Page](#).

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CPT

Tuesday
March 12, 2019
1pm - 2pm
Friday Hall 383

Curricular
Practical
Training

For more information about Curricular Practical Training,
visit our website at:
isso.uncc.edu/programs-workshops/workshops/cpt

Final CPT Workshop!

If you have been enrolled full-time for one full academic year (excluding summer) and currently hold an F-1 status, you **may** be eligible to apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT), work authorization for off-campus internships.

ISSO holds CPT workshops per semester. We strongly encourage AND expect you to attend **one** CPT Workshop.

For more information about Curricular Practical Training, visit our [Employment Page](#).

International Women's Day at UNC Charlotte

14th Annual International Women's Day Celebration

International Women's Day, recognized by the United Nations on March 8, is celebrated in

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AT UNC CHARLOTTE

NOMINATE

UNC Charlotte women whose achievements deserve recognition!

Nominations: global.unc.edu/IWD

DEADLINE
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EDUCATE

"Keynote Speaker"

H.E. Audrey Marks is Jamaica's thirteenth Ambassador to the United States of America and the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the Organization of American States (OAS).

Ambassador Marks was the first Jamaican female Ambassador to the USA, and also the first Ambassador to be assigned to the same post twice. Prior to assuming her Ambassadorial role, Ambassador Marks, an entrepreneur by profession, started and operated six previous businesses, including a 100-acre banana exporting farm, a transportation company, as well as a real estate sales and development company. She also operated a venture capital company with diverse investments, including manufacturing, travel and entertainment.

CELEBRATE

Recognize the 2019 International Women's Day honorees at the 14th annual celebration.

Student Union 340
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

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global.unc.edu/IWD

various countries around the world. International Women's Day, as acknowledged by the United Nations, is a time to reflect on progress made and a call for change. Most importantly, International Women's Day is a celebration of acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. The UNC Charlotte campus community has celebrated IWD since 2006.

This annual event includes historical information and recognition of faculty, staff, and students who have been nominated for their impact on the lives of women locally and globally. **Nominations will open Monday, February 4 and will be accepted until Monday, March 11.**

The 14th annual UNC Charlotte recognition of IWD is co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs, the Women's and Gender Studies Program, and the Office of Identity, Equity, and Engagement. The event is open to the campus community.

Contact: globaleducation@unc.edu

Crossing Borders



Theme

How has your international experience affected your perspective of the world?
Write an original essay, short story, or report based on your experience.
No more than 1000 words, typed double-spaced.

Eligibility Criteria

The contest is open to current UNC Charlotte **undergraduate, graduate and upper level students** (5 & 6) of the English Language Training Institute (ELTI).

How to Enter

Eligible students must submit their Writing Contest entries online using the Marian Beane Crossing Borders Writing Contest Entry Form at:
global.uncc.edu/writing-contest

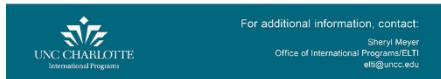
All entries must be submitted in PDF format.

Awards and Recognition

One \$400 award in each category (Undergraduate, Graduate, and ELTI).
Two \$175 honorary mention awards in each category.
Recognition at the International Education Awards Celebration.

Deadline for Submissions

Online application and essay submission
deadline for entries is Monday, March 18, 2019 at 11:59pm
Submissions open on Monday, February 18th.



Marian Beane Writing Competition

The Marian Beane Crossing Borders Writing Competition is an internationally themed annual writing contest for UNC Charlotte students. The Writing Contest is sponsored by the Office of International Programs, the English Language Training Institute and the UNC Charlotte International Club.

Theme: Different culture. Different me. How has your international experience affected your perspective of the world?

Guidelines: Submissions must be original essays, short stories or reports based on the student's experience, and may be no more than 1000 words, typed, and double-spaced. Include your full name and UNC Charlotte email address on your submission.

Eligibility Criteria: The contest is open to current UNC Charlotte undergraduates, graduates and upper level students (5, 6) of the English Language Training Institute (ELTI).

Awards and Recognition:

1. One \$400 cash award in each category (Undergraduate, Graduate, and ELTI)
2. Two \$175 honorary mention cash awards in each category
3. Recognition at the International Education Reception. Please plan to attend. The International Education Reception will be held on Tuesday, April 16th from 3:30pm - 5:00 pm in the SAC Salons A-C.

How to Enter: Eligible students must submit their Writing Contest entries online using the [Marian Beane Crossing Borders Writing Contest Entry Form](#). The Deadline is **Monday, March 18, 2019**.

Think Before You Act!



Reminder: Full Course of Study is Required

Midterms are upon us and we hope you all do great! We also want to remind you that dropping below a full-time course of study without prior authorization is a violation of your immigration status. If you are having difficulty with a class and are thinking of dropping a course, please consult with an ISSO advisor.

Again, full-time is defined as the following:

- Undergraduate = at least 12 credit hours
- Graduate = at least 9 graduate credit hours

More Quick Reminders



Academic and Health Support Services

Please take advantage of the different offices that offer academic support such as the [University Center for Academic Excellence](#), [The Writing Center](#), and [The Center of Graduate Life](#).

We also encourage all of you to continue to maintain good physical and mental health and take advantage of the [Student Health Center and Counseling](#) and [Psychological Services](#) to help you get through the rest of the winter season.