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The Global Connection

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Last minute beach getaways

Are you itching to get to the beach before the end of summer? Well, you don't have to fly to Florida or the Caribbean to find sun and sand. There are several beaches that are within driving distance to Baltimore. Here are a few ideas for a last minute getaway:

Maryland

Sandy Point State Park—closest beach to Baltimore, located near the western side of the Bay Bridge. Good for a day trip. Driving time: about 45 min.

Ocean City—a busy beach town complete with a 3-mile boardwalk and amusement park rides. Driving time: about 3 hours.

Assateague Island National Seashore—national park with camping facilities and wild ponies roaming the islands. Driving time: about 3 hours.



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Delaware

Rehoboth Beach— a mile-long boardwalk. Large outlet shopping center nearby. Driving time: about 2.5 to 3 hours.

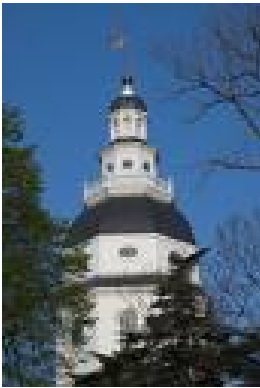
Bethany Beach/Fenwick— a family-oriented, relaxed beach atmosphere. Driving time: about 3 hours.



THE JOHNS HOPKINS INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US ON OUR...

ANNAPOLIS TRIP

Visit Maryland's capitol city!



Saturday, August 22, 2009

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

\$15 per person

**Tickets can be purchased in the OIS of-
fice in Reed Hall (cash only)**

We will take a tour of the State House, where the Maryland General Assembly convenes (optional). Then you are on your own to explore this charming city. You might want to visit the city's other landmarks, stroll along the harbor, enjoy local seafood, or do some shopping.



For more information, contact Dacia Gauer at
internationalsociety@jhmi.edu or 410-955-3370.

Ask the Advisor

Dear Advisor,

I am currently in H1B status and I plan to travel back to my home country to visit my family next month. What immigration documents should I carry with me?

Sincerely,

Prepared Traveler

Dear Prepared Traveler,

Thank you for asking! We recommend that you take the following:

- original approval notice (I-797) - you can get this from the OIS
- copy of recent pay stub
- updated letter of employment from your department
- copy of your H1B petition (only necessary if you will be applying for a visa stamp)

Do you have a question for an advisor regarding visa status or related issues?

Please send us your "Ask the advisor" questions at internationalsociety@jhmi.edu and we will publish them (and our responses) in future issues.



JHIS Welcome Reception Photos

On June 30, the JHIS held it's annual Welcome Reception in Reed Hall for newly-arrived internationals.



ESL Program Highlight

Notre Dame College of Maryland

Study full time or part time. Classes are offered at all levels (beginning through advanced).

*Classes offered include Writing & Grammar, Reading & Discussion, Listening & Speaking, Pronunciation, Vocabulary, American Culture and TOEFL preparation.

*Be a part of the College of Notre Dame Community and enjoy access to a newly renovated Language Lab, Workout & Swimming facilities, Library, Computer Lab and more!

*Meet people from around the world and have fun while you learn.

Upcoming eight-week session:

Fall I: August 24 - October 16, 2009

Fall II: October 19 - December 11, 2009

Located just 5 minutes north of Johns Hopkins Homewood Campus and 15 minutes north of University of Maryland Hospital.

Call 410-532-5566 for information about schedules and fees.

Email: eli@ndm.edu

Visit our website: www.ndm.edu

Check out our complete listing of local programs in our **English Language Programs Resource Guide** online at www.hopkinsmedicine.org/intlsvcs/jhis/index.asp.htm



POSTDOC AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

In an effort to better serve the international postdoc community at The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, the International Society & the JHPDA are joining forces to initiate the Postdoc Ambassadors Program. Each international newcomer will have the option to be assigned to a Hopkins "Ambassador" in an effort to facilitate a smooth transition to Baltimore and Johns Hopkins. An Ambassador should be a current Hopkins affiliate and needs to do little more than contact the newcomer and answer their questions and concerns. We do hope, however, that this program will lead to the establishment of long-term friendships and excellent networking opportunities for all involved. Participating in the Ambassadors Program is a fun way to get involved in the Hopkins community and get to know new people.

How it works:

Send an email to internationalsociety@jhmi.edu with "Ambassador sign up" in the subject line and provide the following in the body of the email: name, work phone, email address, languages that you speak, hosting preferences (i.e. home country, department, etc.), if applicable

When we have a match for you, we will contact you to see if you can be an Ambassador at that time. If so, we will provide you with the new postdoc's contact info and you take it from there!

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Walk-in Advising

Monday and
Wednesday
1:00 p.m.—4:30
p.m.

Tuesday and
Thursday
8:30 a.m.—12 p.m.

About our office...



The mission of the Office of International Student, Faculty, & Staff Services (OIS) is to:

Provide competent and professional service to international students, scholars, faculty, and staff at The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions concerning U.S. immigration laws governing and/or regulating their stay in the United States.

Ensure that The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions maintains compliance with all applicable laws and regulations set forth by the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service (CIS), the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Labor, and other government agencies pertaining to our international population.

Assist The Johns Hopkins International Society in promoting international good will, assisting international visitors in adjusting to life in Baltimore and the U.S., and providing for cultural, social, and educational exchange.

Support and engage in advocacy efforts at the institutional, local, national, and international level to promote the importance of international educational exchange.

We have a lot of helpful info on our website.

Check it out!

www.hopkinsmedicine.org/intlsvcs/

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