

# International Student Newsletter



## 2008 Presidential Election

On November 4th, Americans will vote for a new President of the United States. The 2008 election is particularly notable because it is the first time an African American is a presidential nominee for a major party, and the first time a woman is a nominee for vice president for a major party. This year's presidential election is being followed with great interest in many countries around the world. There are two major political parties in the U.S.: the Democratic National Party and the Republican National Party. Each selects a candidate for the election. The president and his administration serve a four-year term, and can be re-elected to serve an additional four years. Any American citizen aged 18 or older may register to vote and participate in the election process. Everyone is encouraged to become part of the democratic process. Surprisingly, only about 55% of Americans exercise that right. But this year, with many difficult issues facing Americans, voter turnout is expected to be very high.



## November Calendar

Nov 11	Veteran's Day Holiday (no classes)
Nov 23	Last day to drop classes with a "W"
Nov 26	Instructor PDA Flex day (no classes)
Nov 27-30	Thanksgiving Holidays (no classes)



## Festivals and Events

### Latino Film Festival

November 7-23

This festival celebrates Independent Latino films from Latin America, Spain and the United States. Films will be screened in San Francisco and other locations in the bay area.

[www.latinofilmfestival.org](http://www.latinofilmfestival.org)

### Russian Holiday Bazaar

November 8-9

Specialty foods, baked goods, gift items and traditional Russian crafts.

St. Seraphim Orthodox Church, 90 Mountain View Avenue, Santa Rosa.

[www.saintseraphim.com](http://www.saintseraphim.com)

### SRJC Planetarium Show: Volcanoes of the Solar System

Through November 16

In this program we will learn about volcanoes on planet Earth and visit their counterparts on other planetary bodies in our solar system.

[www.santarosa.edu/planetarium](http://www.santarosa.edu/planetarium)

### International Taiko Festival

November 22-23

A unique musical performance of traditional Japanese drums, dance and martial arts.

Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley campus, Berkeley

[www.sftaiko.com](http://www.sftaiko.com)

### Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

November 30, 3-5pm

Annual Holiday tree lighting and merchant open house in downtown Healdsburg.

Healdsburg Plaza Park, Healdsburg

[www.healdsburg.org](http://www.healdsburg.org)

International Students at SRJC ~ Fall 2008	
<b>Asia</b>	
Cambodia	1
China	6
India	1
Japan	7
Korea	10
Malaysia	2
Nepal	27
Philippines	2
Sri Lanka	1
Taiwan	4
Thailand	5
Vietnam	4
<b>Middle East</b>	
Israel	2
<b>Europe</b>	
Belgium	1
Finland	2
France	2
Latvia	2
Serbia	1
Sweden	2
Ukraine	1
United Kingdom	3
<b>North &amp; Central America/Caribbean</b>	
Belize	1
Canada	4
Honduras	2
Jamaica	1
Mexico	1
<b>South America</b>	
Argentina	1
Brazil	1
Ecuador	1
Venezuela	1
<b>Africa</b>	
Ghana	1
Kenya	6
Senegal	1
Tanzania	1
<b>Oceania</b>	
Fiji Islands	1
New Zealand	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>110</b>



### Did you know...

- According to recent figures from the *Institute of International Education*, there are about 583,000 international students currently in the United States.
- California is the leading “host state” with over 75,000 international students.
- International students contribute over **14.5 billion dollars** to the US Economy each year.
- The US remains the #1 study destination of all International students. Other popular destinations include: United Kingdom, France, Germany, Australia and China.
- Over half of all international students on US campuses come from Asia, with India, Japan, China, Korea & Taiwan as the leading places of origin.
- Over 20% of all international students in the US choose Business as their preferred field of study. Other popular majors include: Engineering, Life Sciences, Math, and Computer Sciences.

### Rules & Regulations

The U.S. Visa application fee has increased to \$131 dollars, and the SEVIS processing fee for new visa applicants has increased to \$200. New students coming to the US for the first time will be subject to both fees. Current students who need to renew their visa will only be subject to the new visa application fee.

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