



E-NEWSLETTER

ISIC Card Day - Thurs. Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The SGPS will be hosting an ISIC card day. We will be making ISIC cards for all our members (new and returning students). This dedicated ISIC booth will be just outside the SGPS office in the JDUC. If you can't make it to our ISIC Card Day that's no problem, we make ISIC cards at our office every day of the year.

TA TRAINING DAY

This is a reminder that pre-registration is required for TA Training Day. Registration closes on September 2 at 4:00 p.m. For complete details, please follow this link:

<http://www.queensu.ca/ctl/programs/conferences/TADay2008/index.html>

WELCOME BACK BBQ AT THE GRAD CLUB

Thursday Sept 11th from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. There will be prizes, food and a DJ! We will have \$1.00 veggie dogs and hamburgers (with purchase of beverage). Proceeds will go to a local charity.

Stay until 9 p.m. for our SGPS sponsored Thursday Night Trivia!!

S E P T E M B E R 2 0 0 8

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2	3	4	5	6	7
12:00 - 3:00 Splash of Success BBQ & Info Fair Biosciences Complex	2:00 - 5:00 Sporting Events JDUC Room 021	8:30 - 3:30 Registration Phys. Ed. Center	8:30 - 4:30 TA Training Day Biosciences Complex	11:00 Corn Maze Wolfe Island Ferry	11:00 - 5:00 Beach Day Sandbanks Provincial Park
7:00 International Night Joy Supper Club	7:00 - 9:00 Haunted Walk Grad Club	9:30 - 1:00 International Student Orientation JDUC Room 117	9:00 - 5:00 Sidewalk Sale Bader Lane	3:00 Wolfe Island Grill Island Grill	
	9:00 Meet & Greet Grad Club	6:30 - 10:00 Boat Cruise Pier (See Map)	6:30 Semi-Formal Portsmouth Olympic Harbour		



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ATHLETICS AND REC OPPORTUNITIES @ QUEEN'S

Full time SGPS members (or part time members who have paid their athletics fees) have full access to Queen's Athletics and Recreation programs and facilities. For more details, visit www.sgps.ca OR www.gogaelsgo.com/.

Sign Up For Fall Intramurals

Tuesday, Sept 9, 2008 from 3 - 8 p.m. at the PEC

Intramurals are a GREAT way to meet fellow grad students!! Men's and women's leagues are based on a faculty system, so all graduate students play on the same team against other faculties (like meds, engineers etc). Co-ed leagues are open to everyone and students can submit their own teams.

Fall Leagues Offered:

Basketball (M/W) - Volleyball (Co-Ed) - Volleyball (W)

Ultimate (Co-Ed) - Innertube Waterpolo (Co-Ed)

Ice Hockey (M/W) - Outdoor Soccer (M/W) - Touch Football (M/W)

To sign up for intramurals, you must attend the A&R Open House (formerly Athletic Info Night) on **Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008 from 3-8pm at the PEC**. There will be an intramural table set up with lists for all sport leagues. Come sign up for the GRAD team!!!

If you can't make it out on this night, you can register at the customer service area (the window immediately to your right when you walk into the PEC) before going out.

Other Important Dates:

Fall Captain's Meetings - Sunday Sept. 14th & Monday Sept. 15th

Leagues Start - Thursday Sept. 18th.

For more information visit www.gogaelsgo.com or contact the Intramural Coordinator:

Duane Parliament
613-533-6000 x74828
4djp3@queensu.ca

TAFA NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS

Interested in getting involved with the union campaign? TAFA needs more volunteers to help sign union cards from September 1 to September 10. Contact info@qtafa.com for more information. The website (www.qtafa.com) is an excellent resource for finding out about upcoming FREE events that are taking place throughout September. Or just drop by the TAFA office located at 177 Wellington Street (second floor, suite 201), in the Jackson Press building.

GOODLIFE CORPORATE DISCOUNT

SGPS Members Get More Than 50% Off!

The SGPS is pleased to announce that starting October 15th, 2008, a ONE year corporate discount with GoodLife Fitness Clubs is available to ALL graduate students and their significant others.

GoodLife Fitness Plus Membership Includes:

- Access to all GoodLife Fitness Club locations across Canada (EXCEPT Platinum and Platinum Plus facilities).
- Complimentary towel service.

The Details:

Duration of membership: **Oct 15, 2008 to Oct 14, 2009 inclusive**

Fee: Over 50% off the regular student membership rate!

Email sgps.goodlife@gmail.com for more details. (We cannot post the fee publicly, sorry.)

[Click here for complete details.](#)

WELCOME INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS!

The SGPS International Student Standing Committee has created a "2008-2009 Arrival to Do List for New International Graduate Students", covering the following issues:

1. Orientation Events by SGPS and International Centre
2. Get your Student ID, UHIP and ISIC card
3. Textbooks
4. Find a Place to Stay
5. Open a Bank Account
6. Get a Social Insurance Number

What's more...?

Financial Aid, English Classes at Queen's, Writing Support at Queen's, On-campus, Off Campus and graduating job search and workshops, On-campus International Graduate Student Support, Living in Kingston Guide

To better adapt to the student life here at Queen's, please feel free to pick up a copy of this list either at Queen's International Centre (John Deutsch University Centre/JDUC 2nd floor) or SGPS front desk (JDUC Rm021)

If you have any questions, please email us: international@sgps.ca

QTS LOOKING FOR STUDENT CALLER

Position: QTS Student Caller

Starting Wage: \$11/hr with \$0.25 increase each academic year employed with QTS.

Hours of Work: ~ 7-8 hours/week (minimum 2 night shifts), Monday - Friday

Application Requirements:

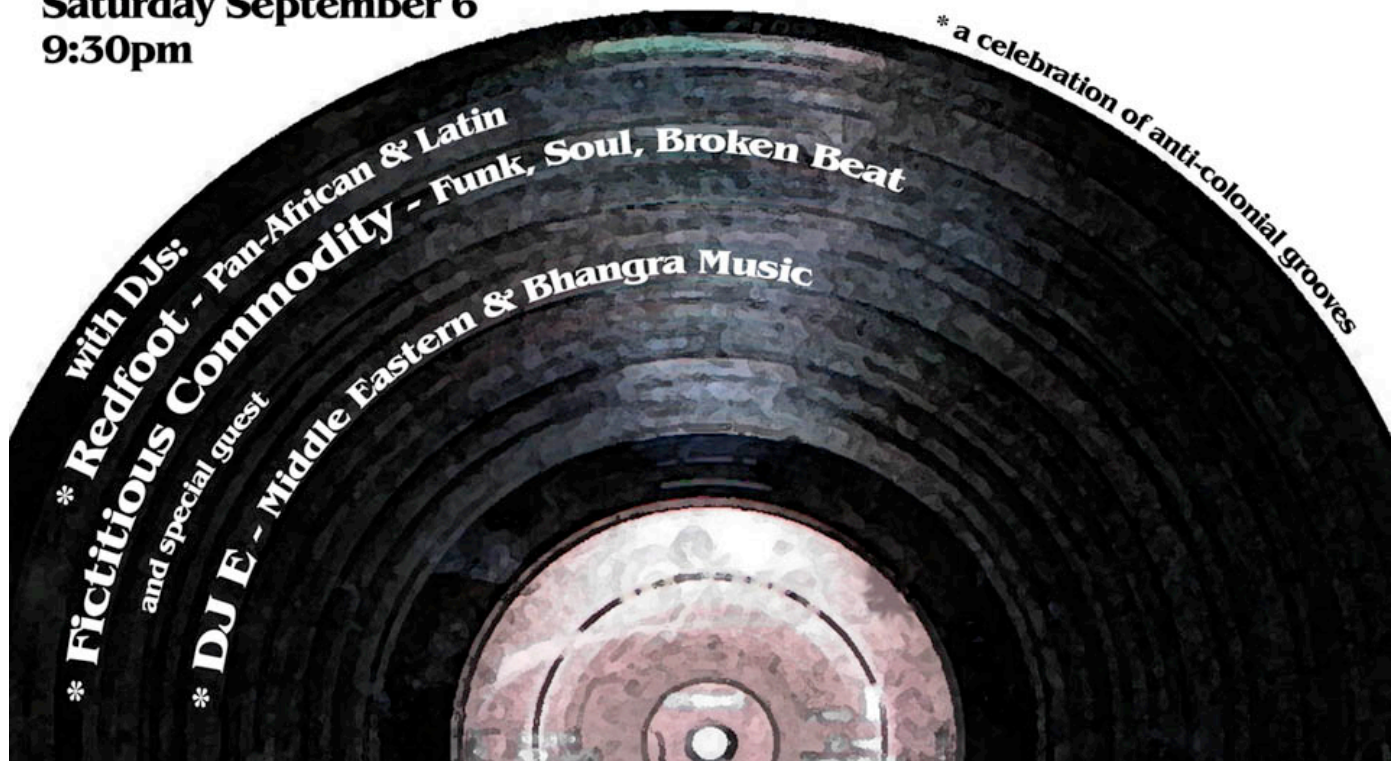
- Current Queen's University student
- Available for night shift calling
- Professional and polite verbal communication skills
- Ability to market Queen's donation opportunities to Alumni over the phone
- Telemarketing/fundraising experience an asset

For complete details, [please click here](#).

Soul Shakedown 3

Saturday September 6

9:30pm



Pre-Sale Tickets: \$8 at Brian's Record Option and SPHR Table at Queen's Sidewalk Sale

Tickets at the door will be \$10 All proceeds will go to Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights at Queen's. SPHR is a student organization which advocates on a strong social justice platform to uphold the rights of the Palestinian people in the face of human rights violations and all forms of racism, discrimination, misinformation and misrepresentation.

This event takes place at the Modern Fuel Artist Run Centre, 21 A Queen St.

QUIC NEEDS HELP

QUIC is busy welcoming in newly-arriving international students. Many have found accommodation and are settled in, others are still looking while others still will just be arriving over the weekend. These students and QUIC need your help.

The most urgent need for hosts for incoming international students is for the period August 29 to September 2.

We are looking for safe and welcoming places (accommodation can be as simple as a couch) for a 1 to 3 night stay while they look for permanent housing. It isn't necessary to provide food or to be a tour guide. The greatest need is for students to have a place to sleep - a kind word, a cup of tea and a place to sleep.

QUIC is open throughout the weekend. Our hours will be 1:00 to 11:00pm and we will continue to offer students assistance in finding longer-term accommodation.

Please contact Sandra Jeffers, International Housing Office Coordinator at 613-533-2604 or Sandra.jeffers@queensu.ca

QUEEN'S FOOTBALL

The Queen's Golden Gaels football team is kicking off their season with a home game against McMaster University this Monday, September 1st, 2008 at 2pm. Games are played at Richardson Stadium and are free to all students. Insiders say this will be a tight game... you won't want to miss it!!

MEDIATION CENTRE HIRING 2 STUDENTS

The Mediation Centre of Southeastern Ontario (MCSO) invites Applications for two Student positions as Mediation Associates with the Centre.

We are interested in bringing into our Program two Student MEDIATION ASSOCIATES. We are looking for Students who have some background in Conflict Resolution studies and/or experience. In particular, we are looking for Students who see themselves as having or envisaging some commitment to the field.

Applications are due September 12th, 2008.

For complete details, [please click here](#).

SGPS COMMITTEES

More than just having fun!

Campaigns and Community Relations Standing Committee—Activist Assembly

The Ontario Component of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) is organizing an Activist Assembly in Toronto on Sept. 26th and 27th of 2008. The Assembly is open to all students (Undergraduate, Graduate, Professional and International students) and all expenses associated with the Assembly (transportation, lodging, etc.) are covered by the CFS. The aim of the Assembly is to provide students and youth with the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully organize activities on their home campuses. The Assembly will be arranged around a series of workshops that will address issues ranging from the state and structure of our post-secondary education system and questions of environmental justice to partnerships between students and non-governmental organizations. For a complete list of the Assembly workshops or for an application form, please contact VP Campaigns and Community Relations, Mark Rosner, at vpex@sgps.ca.

SGPS Space Committee

Thinking that the university puts too much focus on the undergraduates? Think again. This year, SGPS is shifting the university's attention! We want to promote creativity, productivity, and positive student life of our members. Keeping the objectives in mind, SGPS is forming this important committee to take care of the "physical part"; adequate work space, pleasant social space, and comfy residence space that suited the unique needs of graduate and professional students are the key areas of interest. We are now seeking dedicated individuals to take parts in shaping/improving our members' Queen's experiences. We will be working closely with the administrative bodies of the university and other on-campus organizations to provide recommendations for the Queen's Centre, give direction to the SGPS when working with the Grad Club, just to name a few. Interest SGPS members please contact the committee chair, Jeff Welsh, at president@sgps.ca for more information.

International Student Standing Committee

Whether you are new or old to Queen's, doesn't matter if your English has British, or French, or Spanish, or Chinese accent, or any other lovely accents, International Student Standing Committee has something for everybody. In addition to organizing fun social events, the committee is now seeking dedicated individuals to help in making recommendations to the SGPS and QUIC (Queen's University International Centre) on issues facing international students. For more details about the committee or the current projects undertaking by the committee, please contact the committee chair, Miao Li, at international@sgps.ca.

CAMPUS SECURITY NOTICE

Due to an increase in thefts, security alerts, and reports of suspicious persons on campus recently, Campus Security issued an Alert email to provide a few safety precautions and security procedures:

- Trust your intuition and act on it. If you feel uncomfortable, there is a reason for it. Make your feelings known.
- Familiarize yourself with your surroundings, especially phone locations, designated emergency exits, and other possible avenues for help.
- Do not leave items unattended for any length of time. Lock your room or office when leaving it, even for a few minutes.
- Try to work with another person if you are staying past regular hours.
- If you are uncomfortable working alone, keep your door locked. Inform Campus Security where you are working, what time you expect to leave, and call them when you leave. Security can check on you.
- When you leave, consider calling the Walkhome Service (613-533-WALK) to walk you home, or Campus Security (613-533-6080) to escort you across campus.
- If you see someone acting in a suspicious manner, report it to Campus Security by calling 613-533-6111 or by using one of the Queen's Campus emergency or pay phones. This can discourage those who would violate the rights of others and yourself.
- Make your concerns about campus safety known to students, faculty, your colleagues, the administration, and Queen's Campus Security (613-533-6733)
- Remain alert, both on Queen's property and off campus.