



As Spring Breaks starts in a few hours, it is relatively quiet on campus today. Safe travels to everyone who is heading out of town. To those who are staying in-town, I hope you have a restful time and manage to accomplish whatever your goals are.

I offer congratulations to the Model Arab League. You can read about their successes, below. I do want to point out the informational meeting concerning government jobs.

Please make certain that all students are aware of this and encourage them to attend. Mr. Epik has been extremely successful working for the federal government and he wants to share his methods of success with our students. Have a great week, everyone. See you back here on 2 April.

-Lou

#### Department News

##### **Meeting with the Chemists**

I need to have an important meeting with the chemists on Wednesday, 4 April at 12:30. Among other things, we must discuss the scholarships for senior students.

##### **Spring Preview Days 14 April**

On Saturday, 14 April from 9:00 until 11:00 AM is Spring Preview Days. Please see Joe Morgan and let him know that you can help "man" the booth. Parents and prospective students drive here from far and wide. They are looking to talk to Faculty members about JSU and the different majors. Please make an effort to attend. It is not fair to these families when we are not in attendance to answer questions.

##### **Congratulations to the Model Arab League**

Geographers and members of the Model Arab League are congratulated for their award winning performance at the Annual Model Arab League Summit held at Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. The team consisted of 11 delegates representing five different committees during the summit. The team represented JSU and Geography extremely well and managed to bring home two citations. Congratulations go to all the members of the team. Specific congratulations go to Nick Haney and Barbara Edwards for receiving the Chairmain's award, and to Taylor McGinnis and BJ Bonner for receiving the Chair's Honorable Mention.



Above is a picture of the group: (from l to r) Holly Park, Ahmed Maazouzi, Reubin Kennedy, Taylor McGinnis, Soukaina Lamrani, Irish Ferguson, BJ Bonner, Nick Haney, Barbara Edwards, Adam Smart and Amira Oudah



Above are the two teams that won awards at Converse College for the competitions: BJ Bonner and Taylor McGinnis won the Chairman's award (Economic Affairs) Nick Haney and Barbara Edwards (Environmental Affairs) won the Chairs Honorable Mention Award

## Student News

### Government Jobs!

The federal government is a major employer and is looking for individuals with science and technology skills. However, landing a government job is difficult if you are not aware of the process. Often, resumes and cover letters are scanned and sorted by computers. Therefore, the exact words and where you place those words on your resume and cover letter are crucial to the process. Mr. James Epik, a JSU grad has been very successful in working for the Federal Government. He is willing to talk to students about opportunities to work for the federal government and how to apply for the positions. He will be at **335 Ayers Hall on Wednesday, 11 April at 1:00**. I recommend that you write up a resume and attend to learn what sort of jobs are available and how you will have to tweak your resume to land the job. This is open to ALL students. All juniors and seniors are urged, as strongly as possible, to attend.

### Student Travel Grants

We have funding from Sam Kinsaul to support student travel to present research work at conferences. Applications are due by 30 April 2012. See **Lou** or **Tracy** if you need an application. Requests up to \$500 can be made.

### Name the Library Catalog and Win a \$100 Gift Card

As we prepare to move to a new version of the Library online catalog, all students are invited and encouraged to submit a name for that catalog. The deadline for submission is March 23, and a panel will then make the final decision on the best name and award the \$100 gift card prize to the person who submitted it. JSU Students should go to [http://www.jsu.edu/library/name\\_contest.html](http://www.jsu.edu/library/name_contest.html) to submit their suggestions.

### Department Seminars

**ALL Seminars are on Mondays at 12:30 PM in Room 202 Martin Hall**

Everyone is **ENCOURAGED** to attend. Students are more than welcome. If you want to present, please contact **Dr. Jan Gryko**.

**Monday 26 March** no seminar due to Spring Break

**Monday 2 April** we will have: How to make a Million Dollars on a Half-Baked Idea: The Experiences of a Novice Entrepreneur by Lou Reinisch



### University News

#### JSU Celebrates International Week 8-14 April

Jacksonville State University will celebrate International Week April 8-14. Please plan to join us for these great activities:

**Sunday, April 8-** Soccer at the intramural field at 3 p.m.

**Monday, April 9-** Silent Auction at the International House 7 a.m.- 5 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 10-** Silent Auction at the International House 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 10-** Movie Night at the International House basement 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 11-** Zumba at the International House basement 7 p.m.

**Thursday, April 12-** The Vibe Party at the Alumni House 8 - 12 p.m.

**Friday, April 13-** Water Balloon at the International House at 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, April 14-** Taster's Fair at Leone Cole Auditorium from 5 -7 p.m.



## Top Ten List

### Top Ten Spring Break Hot Spots for 2012

I must say that students have much more money than I had as a student (and different priorities). This list is from the webpage

[http://studenttravel.about.com/od/springbreak1/tp/to\\_spring\\_break.htm](http://studenttravel.about.com/od/springbreak1/tp/to_spring_break.htm)

1. Cancun
2. Panama City, Florida
3. Miami and South Beach, Florida
4. Europe
5. Puerto Vallarta
6. Acapulco
7. Bahamas and Jamaica
8. South Padre Island, Texas
9. Tied are two locations: Baja and Puerto Rico
10. North American Ski Resorts

## Contact Details

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