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SPRING 2021 UPDATE

Looking Forward with Hope

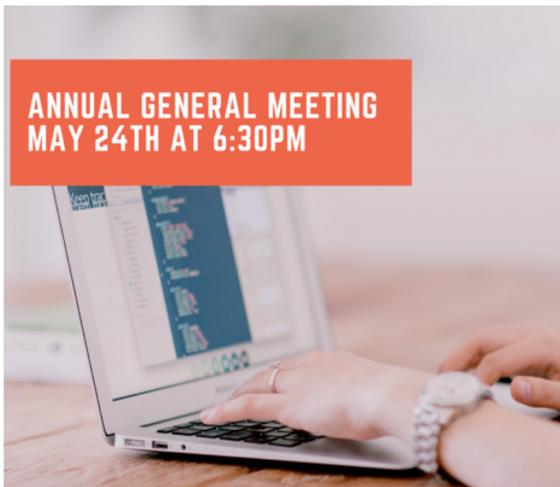
As our volunteers and international friends get vaccinated, we are starting to look forward to the next academic year at OSU with hopefulness.

Here are a few things making us optimistic for the future:

We're looking forward to seeing students on campus in Corvallis! Oregon State has announced that fall term classes will be 'in person.' (We just need to be patient as we wait to hear whether we'll be able to cheer for the Beavers from the bleachers in Reser.)

We're happy that Oregon State has announced that Covid19 vaccination will be required for students in person on campus in Corvallis. This will give international students (and parents) increased confidence and a sense of security about sending students to study in the US.

The State Department is clarifying its policy to allow exceptions for student visa holders from countries with Covid-related travel bans. The gradual opening of our borders to new international students is good news.



Annual General Meeting:

You're invited to attend our online annual general meeting.

Monday May 24th at 6:30 via Zoom.
We'll talk about our anticipated plans for the fall and volunteer opportunities.

Please email crossroadsOSU@gmail.com to RSVP and receive a Zoom link and password for the meeting.

Looking Back with Gratitude: Crossroads Conversation School

During the 2020-2021 academic year, Crossroads Conversation School for Women is our only program currently running. We offer online 10 week English conversation classes (no exams or grading!) to international women via Zoom. Each of our small groups has 2 teachers and 4-6 students.

Many of our students are spouses of international scholars at Oregon State. This year, the number of new visiting scholars has slowed to a trickle of only 1 or 2 a month. Each class has a blend of new arrivals and “experts” who love to offer their advice and experience about life in Oregon.

After arriving in Corvallis, one of the biggest challenges for them has been navigating online classes for their children. We’ve adjusted our class time so it didn’t conflict with school and now that Corvallis School District is back in person—we’ve changed it again.

We’re thankful for the flexibility of our students and teachers—but we’re hoping that fall will bring opportunities for face to face conversations and friendship.

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