

# UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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## DIWALI NIGHT IS TONIGHT!

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"Diwali or "deepavali", as it is known, means "a row of lamps". It is usually celebrated at the end of October or beginning of November. The festival is a mark of victory for when Lord Rama returned to his kingdom Ayodhya with his wife Sita after having vanquished the demon Ravan and having spent 14 years in exile. To guide him home, the people of his kingdom lit his path with oil lamps. With this began the tradition of decorating houses with lamps and lanterns, a symbolism for light prevailing over darkness and rid yourself off all the negativity.

The festival of lights is a much-loved festival all over India. It is a time of merriment where people share home-made sweets and delicacies and wish each other prosperity and good health. It is a five-day long ordeal to celebrate the win of good over evil. Each day signifies a different tradition. Children and adults indulge in colourful fireworks that are the highlight of the festival. People enjoy dressing up in traditional attires and visit each other's homes wishing everyone well.

More than its historical significance, modern day India celebrates the festival to get together with their loved ones over the course of five days and rejoice in their health and prosperity. The Indian Student Council is striving to bring the same authenticity and the sentiment of the festival at our event Diwali Night, this year. We not only want it to be an enjoyable time for Indian students on campus but also be a platform for culture exchange and dialogue between students from various cultural backgrounds. We will have several cultural performances, authentic Indian food, and a recount of how this festival came to be. We hope that the warmth and the light lightens up your hearts and lives.

**The Indian Student Council will host Diwali Night on Friday, November 1st at 6:00 PM in the Beckerman Recreation Center. Entry is free for University of New Haven students, faculty, staff, and alumni (ID is required). Admission for guests is \$7 collected in cash at the door.**



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QUALITY OF LIFE SERVICES

Diwali night

Venue: David Beckerman  
Recreation Center  
Date: 1st November 2019  
Time: 6:00 PM Onwards

JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT OF FOOD & CULTURAL PERFORMANCES

ENTRY FREE FOR ALL UNH STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF AND ALUMNI. \$7 FOR GUESTS



The first Sunday in November of 2019 is when Daylight Saving Time ends in most areas of the U.S., so we'll "fall back" and return to Standard time. **We'll set our clocks back one hour before bed on the night of Saturday, November 2nd.**

The return of Standard Time means the Sun will rise a little earlier (at least according to our clocks) so if you're an early riser, you'll enjoy the rays as you have your breakfast. And you'll "gain" one hour of sleep. The bad news? It will be dark earlier.

Many digital devices like computers and smart phones automatically make the time change, but you want to double check you have the right time, especially if you have plans on Sunday, November 3rd.

## REPORTING REMINDER! *YOUR STATUS, YOUR RESPONSIBILITY*

- **Have you moved apartments recently?**
- **Have you given emergency contact information to the ISO?**
- **Do you have a new phone number?**

Federal regulations require F-1 and J-1 students to report any changes of their name, address, or contact information to the International Services Office within 10 days of the change. It is also required to have an emergency contact on file.

Make sure that the ISO has up to date and accurate information in order to maintain your valid F-1/J-1 status.

You can report any updates to your personal or emergency contact information by going to the ISO page on myCharger. Click the page linked here **"Forms, Letters, Requests"** and select the 1st Form **"Personal Information Update Online Form."** It is an online form so it is quick and easy to complete.

## UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

### DIWALI

*Hosted by ISC*

Friday, November 1st

6:00-9:00 PM

Beckerman Recreation Center

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Sunday, November 3rd

### THE CLASS AND COLOUR OF TONE

Tuesday, November 5th

5:00 PM

Bucknall Theater

### HEALTH & SCIENCE MEET UP

*Hosted by CDC*

Thursday, November 7th

12:00-2:00 PM

Alumni Lounge

### DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR MAY GRADUATION CEREMONY

November 15, 2019

### TASTE OF AFRICA

*Hosted by AGSA*

Saturday, November 16th

5:30 PM

Alumni Lounge

### Follow the ISO!



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# LOOKING FOR A HANGOUT SPOT ON CAMPUS? HERE ARE SOME SPACES FOR YOU!

Whether you're looking for a quiet space to study, a place to meet other international and domestic students, or just a space to kill some time between your classes, here are a few inviting, comfortable spaces on campus you should check out!



## MYATT CENTER FOR DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Located in on the first level of the Gerber Residence Hall, the Myatt Center is a welcoming, inclusive space for students of all backgrounds. There are often discussion groups, programs, and informal gatherings of students in this space, so it's a great place to meet new people! It is open to graduate and undergraduate students. Stop by on Wednesdays from 2-3 PM when the Career Development Center has walk in advising!



## GRADUATE OR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT LOUNGES

Whether you are a graduate or undergraduate student, there is a private space just for you located in Maxcy Hall. Use the entrance to the Student Mail room and take the stairs to right. You will find the Graduate Student Lounge on the 2nd floor and the Undergraduate Student Lounge on the 3rd floor. These bright spaces have tons of natural light, desks to do work, and comfortable chairs.



## BARTELS STUDENT ACTIVITY CENTER (BSAC) LOUNGE

Right across the green from the Myatt Center, you will find BSAC which is a great lounge space to study, relax, or meet up with friends. There are plenty of lockers and comfy chairs. There is also a charging station and some private study stations. On nice days, they have some tables on the outdoor patio that you can enjoy, too!



## WANT TO CELEBRATE A TRADITIONAL U.S. AMERICAN THANKSGIVING?

Thanksgiving is a special holiday in the United States when families and friends come together to celebrate what we are grateful for. This year Thanksgiving is celebrated on **Thursday, November 28th**. Thanksgiving often involves a traditional harvest meal shared among loved ones.

Several University of New Haven faculty and staff members have offered to host international students at their Thanksgiving celebration as an opportunity to share cultures. If you are interested in attending a U.S. American Thanksgiving gathering, please complete the [questionnaire linked here](#). Please note that spaces are limited and it is on a first-come, first served basis.

## Preparing for Thanksgiving Break On-Campus



If you live on campus, be advised that residence halls close for Thanksgiving Break on Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 10 a.m. for all students.

If you are planning to stay on campus for Thanksgiving Break, you must submit a **Thanksgiving Break Housing Request** on myHousing before Wednesday, Nov. 20.

Keep in mind that on campus food services and shuttles may have adjusted schedules during Thanksgiving break. Once schedules are confirmed, we will include them in a future newsletter.

## SPRING COURSE REGISTRATION REMINDERS

Registration for Spring semester courses is opening soon! Please see the schedule below:

- Graduate students- Monday, October 28th
- Undergraduate seniors- Monday, November 4th
- Undergraduate juniors- Thursday, November 7th
- Undergraduate sophomores- Tuesday, November 12th
- Undergraduate freshmen- Thursday, November 14th

For more information about registration, visit <https://mycharger.newhaven.edu/web/mycharger/registration>

Make sure to check your Self-Service Banner to be sure that you do not have any holds that will prevent you from being able to register.

If the ISO is missing any of your documents or you have not completed the Orientation requirement, you must finish all requirements in order to have your hold removed.

# Health & Science Meet Up

Thursday, November 7th  
12PM - 2PM  
Alumni Lounge

Explore career opportunities within the healthcare and science industries! Practice your networking skills & get to know industry professionals looking for talented students like YOU!

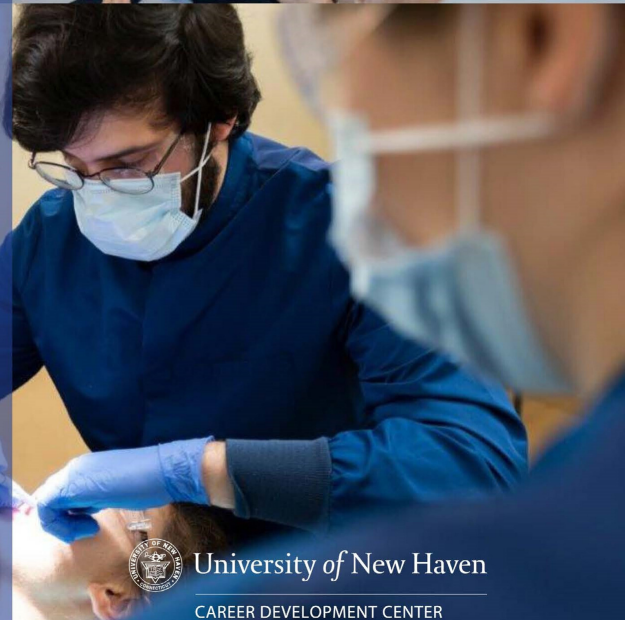
Your next internship, part or full-time opportunity could be here!

Scan the QR code to see the organizations attending!



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Questions? Email: [careerdevelopmentcenter@newhaven.edu](mailto:careerdevelopmentcenter@newhaven.edu)

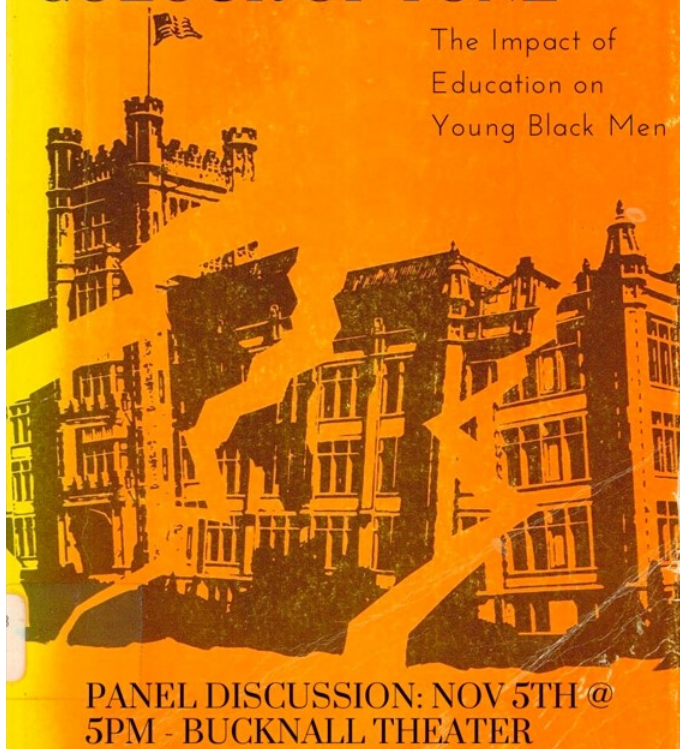


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CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

# THE CLASS & COLOUR OF TONE

The Impact of Education on Young Black Men



PANEL DISCUSSION: NOV 5TH @ 5PM - BUCKNALL THEATER

## HOW EDUCATION IMPACTS BLACK MEN

You are invited to hear a panel of “The Class & Colour of Tone”. This discussion is comprised of educational experts, administrators, and policy makers along with a select group of young black males to share their educational experiences. Experts, administrators, and policymakers will give short introductions along with their opinion on the importance of education and how they have seen it impact the lives of young black males throughout their career. Then several young black males will speak for themselves and share their experiences and how education has impacted their lives.

**This panel will be taking place on November 5th, 2019 @ 5:00 pm at the University of New Haven Bucknall Theater.** Throughout time, conversations with and about young black males have focused on the wrongs that they do and the odds that are against them. Often, young black males’ voices are set against the backdrop of haughty social invectives and shortsighted analyses of their problems. The dialogues we have with them typically assume their current environment and behavior which are debased beyond anything witnessed in modern history, which we justify through relentlessly repeating ill-conceived and poorly sourced statistics.

## TASTE OF AFRICA RESCHEDULED TO NOVEMBER 16TH

AFRICAN GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION presents

### TASTE OF Africa

*It serves as a means to expose the community on campus to the rich and diverse african culture.*

FEATURES:  
DANCE // PHOTO SESSION // FASHION SHOW  
// COUNTRY PRESENTATION //

ALUMNI LOUNGE  
5:30PM PROMPT

SATURDAY 16TH NOV. 2019

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL UNH STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF AND ALUMNI!



## HEY, ORANGE CAMPUS! DID YOU KNOW?

The Career Development Center hosts walk-in career advising hours at the Orange Campus Lobby every Thursday from 2:30-4:30. Bring a hard copy of your resume and/or cover letter for review. Get advice on any career-related questions. Don't miss this opportunity!