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### \***Student Absence Policy change**

The Office of the Dean of Students (ODOS) has a new policy, beginning this semester, in distributing letters for student absences. As before, students must go to ODOS or call the Emergency Dean to request an absence letter. However, once ODOS generates the letter, they send only a paper copy to the student's college office (206 EH), and an e-mail to the student. **Letters or e-mails to the student's course instructors are no longer sent. It is now the student's responsibility to forward the ODOS e-mail to his or her instructors.**

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### \***Moon Work!: A NASA Engineering Design Contest** **Contest closed May 1, 2010**

NASA encourages college students to get involved with NASA's return to the Moon by helping design the tools and instrument pages needed for the next generation moon rover. Student projects will tackle real problems required for a successful manned lunar mission.

For more information, go to <http://moontasks.larc.nasa.gov>

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### \***NASA Travel Grant**

**Deadline: October 15, 2009**

The Gerald A. Soffen Memorial Fund is pleased to announce the last 2009 Travel Grant application opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing studies in fields of space science and engineering.

The Travel Grants, in the amount of \$500, enable student recipients to attend professional meetings to present their research. The electronic application materials and instructions are located on the Soffen Fund website: <http://nasa-academy.org/soffen/travelgrant/>

Questions regarding the application or application process may be sent to:  
[travelgrant@nasa-academy.org](mailto:travelgrant@nasa-academy.org)

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### \***Engineering Career Services (ECS) Activities**

**Advantages for Working for a Small Company**  
**Tuesday, September 22, 5:00 pm, 1310 DCL**

There will be a brief presentation and/or panel of company representatives followed by open house style interaction with companies.

**Interviewing to Impress: Are You Making the Right Impression**

**Thursday, September 24, 5:00 pm, 1310 DCL**

Are you making the right impression in your interview? Interactive workshop focused on practicing and improving interviewing skills.

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**\*Study Abroad Scholarships**

**Tuesday, September 22, 3:00 pm, Room 514, Illini Union Bookstore**

The National Security Education Program (NSEP) provides study abroad scholarships of \$6,000-\$20,000 for a full academic year, \$4,000-\$10,000 for a semester, or \$2,500-\$8,000 for a summer session of at least 6 weeks. Scholarships may be used for U.S. citizens to study in Asia, Africa, Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America, or the Middle East on almost any study abroad program.

Sarah Gleisner, a Boren Program Manager, will be providing participants with information about the program and tips on filling out competitive applications. Further information is available at <http://www.topscholars.illinois.edu/prestigious/nsep.html>.

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**\*Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship**

The Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship is a competitive national program that provides college graduates the opportunity to work in Washington, DC, with a public-interest organization focusing on international security issues. The fellowship is offered twice yearly, in the spring and fall. It lasts from six to nine months and provides a stipend, health insurance, and travel costs to Washington. Those interested in peace and security issues may visit our website at [www.scoville.org](http://www.scoville.org).

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**\*Institute of Aviation Flights**

Saturday, October 17 and Saturday, October 24, 8:00-4:00 pm

The Institute of Aviation will be offering fun flights over the Champaign area for two upcoming weekends in October. For sixty-five dollars (which can be charged to your student account) you will be able to take a flight in a University plane with one of our certified flight instructors. To sign up for flight spot either visit the Institute of Aviation's website at [www.aviation.uiuc.edu](http://www.aviation.uiuc.edu) or by phone at: (217) 244-8606.

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**\*AE Tutoring Sessions**

**Monday-Thursday from 5:30-8:30 pm, Room 319M Talbot Lab**

The tutoring sessions will begin on Monday, August 31, 2009. The tutors will help with all technical courses. All students are welcome to use the tutoring sessions or if you just need a quiet room to study. If you have further questions or concerns, please email Barb Kirts at [bkirts@illinois.edu](mailto:bkirts@illinois.edu)

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AE homepage: <http://www.ae.uiuc.edu/>.

Undergrad program: <http://www.ae.uiuc.edu/academics/undergrad/>

Opportunities: <http://www.ae.uiuc.edu/opportunities/>

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