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UWG STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2019

Nominations are open in [Orgsynch](#) through March 8. Awards Ceremony is April 16th, 7pm. All are invited to attend. For a list of awards available, check out the [Student Achievement Awards Webpage](#).



TAX SEASON 2019 IN PROGRESS | DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2019



ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IN THE U.S AT ANY TIME DURING **2018** HAVE AT LEAST ONE TAX FORM TO COMPLETE IN 2019 BY THE DEADLINE ABOVE.

If you arrived in the U.S. for the 1st time in 2019, you don't have anything to file this year. Relax :)



(Internal Revenue Service)

The #1 Question About Taxes in the U.S.

Q: *I'm not a U.S. citizen, so why do I need to do this?*

A: *The US government might owe you a refund. If you don't ask for it, you won't get it. If you ever apply for a future visa, status or a Green Card, all tax records will be required for every year. Filing a tax form each year is the law for everyone in the U.S., regardless of income or employment.*

Which one is your situation?

- a. I was in the U.S. in 2018 and had income or a taxable scholarship:
>> Prepare a completed non-resident tax return, form 1040-NR-EZ, using Sprintax.
- b. I was in the U.S. in 2018 but had no income or scholarships:
>> Do not use Sprintax. Only complete [form 8843](#). It's a free simple form. Come to our "Let's Taco Bout Taxes" event for help with it. See below.
- c. I have been in the U.S. more than 5 calendar years:
>> You may be considered a *Resident for Tax Purposes*. You cannot use Sprintax, but you can use the same software (Turbo Tax, H&R Block) as Americans.

Confused? Need Helps? Just want to ask questions before filing anything? Attend our "Let's Taco' Bout Taxes" event. See below. Sign-up Required.



1: Click the photo to watch a short intro video from Sprintax.



- 2:** Review the [ISAP tax information page](#)
- 3a:** If you had taxable income in 2018, use Sprintax and the free code sent to your UWG email to pay at the end.
- 3b:** If you did not have U.S. income in 2018, only submit [form 8843](#).
- 4:** Print your return or [form 8843](#) and mail it to the IRS. Keep a copy for your records. The IRS address is on our website.

Be aware: the Sprintax code provided by ISAP is only for use by UWG international students who are enrolled or on OPT. Sharing the code with anyone else is a basis for termination of your status.

ALERT VIDEO | TAX SEASON IS ALSO FRAUD SEASON



- ISAP has received reports of unknown individuals pretending to be IRS agents who try to collect payments via high pressure calls or emails. Ignore such contact!! Ask ISAP first. Please watch this short [VIDEO](#) about tax fraud. Spread the word!



LET'S TACO 'BOUT TAXES



To sign up, email:
dplummer@westga.edu

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH, 1:00 PM
MANDEVILLE CONFERENCE ROOM**

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE USA DURING 2018 HAVE A TAX FILING OBLIGATION IN 2019, REGARDLESS OF EMPLOYMENT.

COME GRAB A TACO, AND LET'S TACO ABOUT YOUR TAX FILING REQUIREMENTS. ANY FUTURE PLANS FOR A VISA OR STATUS IN THE U.S., WILL REQUIRE PROPER TAX DOCUMENTATION FOR ALL PAST YEARS IN THE U.S.



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SPRING BREAK TRIPS | COMING UP

>> Sign up on orgsync for ISAP trips and myrec.westga.edu for Outdoors Trips

1. **Six Flags:** Saturday, March 9th – **FULL**

Those who signed up should pay by March 6th, or your spot will go to someone else. Pay in the ISAP office. Includes transportation & entry.

2. **ASHEVILLE, North Carolina:** Mon – Wed, March 18-20

Cost: \$100. Deadline to pay: March 6th.

Includes: Tallulah Gorge, transportation, 2 nights lodging, 1 shared meal. Watch this >> [preview video](#) <<



3. **SKYDIVING:** Sunday, March 31st – sign up at myrec.westga.edu



4. **STONE MOUNTAIN:** Friday, March 29th – **Rescheduled**



TRAVEL SIGNATURE REMINDER | FORM I-20 OR DS-2019

If you plan to travel internationally over Spring Break, don't forget to request an updated travel signature by visiting the ISAP office.

You need an updated signature if your last one is more than 6 months old.

Please review our [travel information](#) page also before booking any international travel



ISAP NOW ON INSTAGRAM



IG users, check us out!

This is another fast, easy way to keep up with important ISAP reminders, events and photos.

For questions about this information, or to be added to our distribution, please contact ISAP.

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Walk-in Advising

Monday – Friday (except Tuesday mornings)

9:30am – 11:30am | 1:30pm – 4:30pm.