**TIP OF THE WEEK**

“Do you know how to say ‘Hello,’ ‘Thank you’ or ‘Nice to meet you’ in the language of the country you are going to? No? Well this is the perfect time to brush up on those language skills! Know common greetings to make yourself an awesome guest in your host country!”

-Doug (Discover the World)

**DEADLINES COMING UP**

Scholarship deadlines are fast approaching, so head to our website for details about how to apply!

- The Summer Licari Scholarship is due by March 15th.
- The deadline for the Italian Cultural Center Summer Scholarship is April 25th and May 30th for Semester programs.
- 9 more scholarships available on the website!

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**OGS Blackboard Course Now Live!**

All students who have been accepted into one of our programs have been automatically enrolled in the Office of Global Studies Blackboard Pre-Departure Course. The Blackboard course is part of the mandatory pre-departure orientation process, and all students must complete the course prior to attending their Document Submission Session. Don’t get stressed though: we’ve made the course as painless as possible, and there’s lots of important information in there! To complete the course, just read through each of the 7 “learning modules” (there’s a slideshow presentation for each one) and then complete the Quiz for that section. You can take each Quiz as many times as necessary, but you do have to score 100% on each Quiz to complete this requirement. For instructions on logging in, see the Blackboard section of the Accepted Students site.

**Accepted Students: Confirm NOW!**

Why wait to confirm your spot?! Click here for step-by-step instructions on how to confirm your participation. You will have to submit your $250 deposit, your Program Confirmation Form, your Student Agreement Form and your Health Disclosure Form. Discover the World students will not be assigned a country rotation until they complete the confirmation process.

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**Applied for or Renew Your Passport!**

A passport is required for all Global Studies programs and must be valid for at least 6 months after the program end date. It can take 6 to 8 weeks to get your passport so you’ll want to start this process NOW (if you haven’t already). Click here for a step-by-step guide for how to apply for a U.S. passport.