

Welcome Back to School: A Message from the Editor

Greetings Payap students! We hope everyone had a good summer vacation--it seemed to be too short and too fast for some, while others could not wait for school to start. This newsletter is dedicated to our EC students and faculty.

The newsletter team is as follows so please offer comments, feedback, or recommendations that you would like to see:

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We all look forward to hearing your thoughts,

Mike and the newsletter team

PAYAP Clubs: WE WANT YOU!

ISU Game Club: Come and play card games, board games, and many more.

Meet: Every Tuesday in PC116 at 5pm.

Contact: Katie Klepel or visit Facebook Page

Payap Ultimate Frisbee /Club:

Meet: every Mondays & Wednesdays, from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the Payap football field.

Contact: Brandon Boyts, boytspbk@yahoo.com

Payap Ping Pong Club:

Meet: Tuesdays from 4 pm - 6 pm behind the dorms near the basketball courts.

Contact: Brandon Boyts at boytspbk@yahoo.com

Payap Spikeball Club:

Meets: Fridays from 4 pm - 6 pm behind the dorms near the basketball courts.
Contact: Brandon Boyts at

Past events!



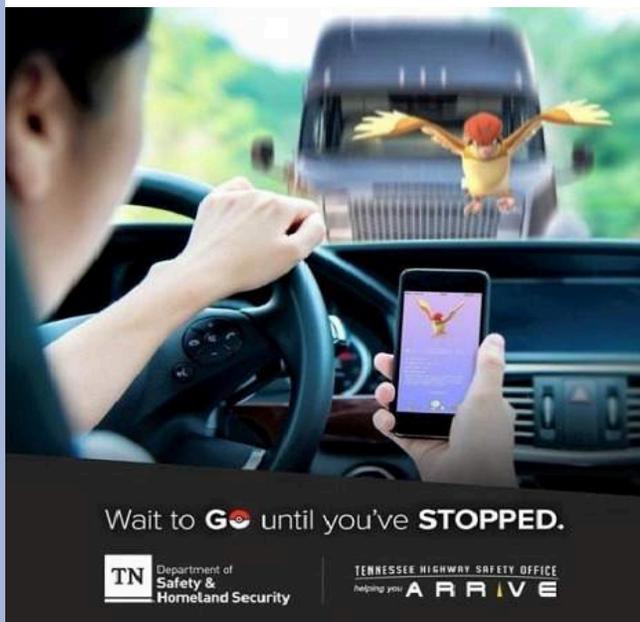
There was a bar-b-que!
Great chicken was had and tasty fruit was carved up by our maestros! A good time was had by all, if you weren't there, don't fret, it will happen again...dates will be posted in the events section...



Pokémon-Go hits Payap!

I'm sure by now you all know, but little Pokémon are all over campus. A great form of exercise walking around campus after lunch or dinner. We even have a pic of Aj Jesse sneaking up on one in the middle of the building, that's right, they're everywhere!

Just be careful, on Facebook I've seen reported that one Payap-er almost wrecked her car, and another almost drove her bike into the pond, so be aware of crazy drivers when you're walking around campus...



(Picture above is an ad from Tennessee in the US. about dangers of driving and playing)

Payap Happenings

**<Peace Building Event>
Celebrate the International Day of Peace. This workshop will explore the roots of the UN's International Peace Day and the significance of this day in the world.**

Led by Mr. Kumaruzzaman Amir, a Peace & Conflict Trainer and a PhD student at Payap University.

**September 21, 2016
from 1-5pm
IRCP building.**

**<Exam Prep>
Preparing Students with Behavioural Strategies to Succeed on Exams.**

Aj Jesse, date to be announce

<A Celebration of Spiritual>

**Duriyasilp, The College of Music, Payap University
By Payap Sacred Music Singers**

INTERVIEWS

TEACHERview

With Aj. Nakesha

Q. What is your educational background?

"I went to several universities. I am from Jamaica and in Jamaica, I went to Shortwood Teacher's College... and I studied teaching. My major is history and science. Afterwards, when I became a teacher, I went to France to study. I taught English for a while and got another bachelor's degree in English history, language and culture. Later on, I got a master's degree in linguistics, specialising in phonetics and phonology, and acquisition of language."

Q. What do you like about teaching?

"I like several things in teaching. First of all, I like the interaction with students. I like to see their eyes light up when they learn new things.... And I like it when students say they hate the subject, then gradually start to understand a little, and love it afterwards, and I find that passion inside. I like students who express themselves, because life is like a journey and it's the most important discovery. I like it when I help students to learn new things and difficult things, and when I can show them what would be useful for their life, not just the career, but their life..."

Q. What is interesting about you?

I like to travel and have been to many countries. I also went to learn new languages. That's why I started to speak French. Something probably more interesting to you is that I like to cook different food. I am not very good at cooking but I like to cook French, Chinese and Thai. I like to create things. I like to write poetry and drama as well. Anything creative.



For the full interview video go to <http://ec.payap.ac.th>

<Piano Duo Recital>

Duo Scherzo - Primo
Megumi Nakao Second
Miho Matsuo -Baan Roi-
Chan Hall, Lotus Hotel,
Pag Suan Kaew
September 9, 7.30 pm
Ticket 300 B
Tickets available at
information counter, Kad
Suan Kaew,
Tel. 080-8492009
Present by: The
Chiangmai Youth
Philharmonic Band and
Symphony Orchestra
Foundation x Chiangmai
Ginastera International



FRESHLY DELIVERED **Interview with freshmen!**

Q. Why did you choose Payap?

Nina: I think it's the best international university in Chiang Mai.

Karla: As from the suggestion from my uncle, I found that Payap has a really good friendly environment. I really admire that the most because the first day that I went here, I already had friends... and the good thing is that every student has same situation as me, most of them want to have friends.

Q. What do you want to get out of Payap?

Cha: Hopefully find new friends, and also learn about things that I should improve on.

Hayoung: Firstly, English skill of course. And secondly, writing skills, because I want

to be an editor and I'd really like to be an international person and interact with international people.

Q. What do you think of Payap so far?

Nina: I like it. It's really fun for me. Some classes are very hard... linguistics.

Cha: Yeah. I like it so far. I feel comfortable. Especially the new uniform policy.

Hayoung: People are really nice and professors are really helpful and it is really greater than what I expected.

Karla: I think it's really good here and the teachers are really approachable and friendly. That's the one thing that I admire, because those in the Philippines are not approachable at all, so it's hard. You have to figure it out. But here it's so nice that you can talk or email with professors as much as your classmates.

ALUMination

Interview with alumni

Hi, I am Tangmo and I graduated in 2014 and I started my job at Le Meridien, ChiangMai as front office officer

Q. What is your job like?

Mostly, front office is meeting point for guests who are staying in the hotel.

Mainly, we do guest check in and out, and take care and covering tasks for guests of other departments. Some people who don't stay in the hotel, come after information about rooms or ask for help if they need anything.

Q. Do you like your job? Is it something that you've always wanted to pursue?

I would say I love my job, but some parts I hate. I like to be around of people. Because you stand there for like 10hours per day and people come to ask for information and help. It's fun to work with international people and to see a lot of people. Some of them are very difficult and some of them very nice, and it's challenging.

Q. How did the EC Program help you in your career?

I would say, the EC Program helped me a lot. It gave me a lot of

foundation for sure. They taught me how to communicate with people and how to be confident. Also, I learned from people from different cultures...

Q. What is your goal of life?

Right now, I like working. I see myself to gain better positions in the future. Actually, working in the hotel is very fun and very challenging. And you learn a lot from people. The more you are around people, the more you learn from them. I hope that I stay in the industry or if not the tourism industry, anything that works with people.

Q. Any advice to the EC students?

I would say, try to make the best of what you have in school. Try to enjoy and study hard as well. And also, your internship is very important and it can help you to understand what you really like, and you will gain a lot from it. Try to attend workshops, for example, like a CV workshop, or a presentation that can help you with talking, and do a lot of activities with your friends.



Ajarns Out and About - Focus: Aj Mark Hefner



Last month, Aj Mark Hefner was invited to speak at the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Tourism Professionals (MRA-TP) Conference in Jakarta, Indonesia. Mark earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees here at Payap, and is now the director of Payap's Language Enhancement Center. Way to go Mark, we're proud of you! In Mark's footsteps this week is Aj Jesse Kus, who is *also* headed to speak at a conference in Indonesia...Payap ajarns at the forefront!



Letter from Dylan

I've been in the army for a little over one and a half months now. I was given the vocation of Security Trooper and I finally completed my Security Trooper training and ready to actually start doing the job! I'm being posted to a place called Sembawang Air Base where I will wear the RSAF beret

I did 4 days on On-Job-Training at the air base (waking up at 5 am at home to travel and report at 6:45am for 3 days is taking its toll), and though the job can be mundane, I'm confident about being able to do it. Still, I can't help but miss Chiang Mai and the great people I've met at Payap, and I sometimes daydream about being back there.

Next week, I officially begin work at the air base, where I will be stationed for almost 22 months.



How to survive in college?!

1. Get Organized: In college, the professors post the assignments for the entire semester and expect you to be prepared. Buy an organizer, use an app, or get a big wall calendar – whatever it takes for you to know when assignments are due.
2. Find the ideal place for you to study: It may be your dorm room or a cozy corner of the library, but find a place that works best for you to get your work done – while avoiding as many distractions as possible.
3. Get to know your academic adviser: This is the person who will help you with course conflicts, adding or dropping courses and scheduling of classes for future semesters. This person is a key resource for you
4. Seek a balance: College life is a mixture of social and academic happenings. Don't tip the balance too far in either direction.
5. Get involved on campus: A big problem for a lot of new students is a combination of homesickness and a feeling of not quite belonging. A solution? Consider joining a select group – of student organizations, clubs, sororities or fraternities, or sports teams. You'll make new friends, learn new skills, and feel more connected to your school.
6. Take responsibility for yourself and your actions: Don't look to place the blame on others for your mistakes; own up to them and move on. Being an adult means taking responsibility for everything that happens to you.



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