MN STATE FAIR

Enjoying your summer? Then you will love the Minnesota State Fair! It attracts nearly 1.8 million guests per year and runs August 21 to September 1 (12 days). It is known for its various delicious food items, live music, and fun rides. Visit Tommie Central to purchase discounted tickets!

New food items at the 2014 MN State Fair

- Blue Cheese & Corn Fritz
- Caribbean–Style Lobster Roll
- Schnitzel Strips
- Pretzel Curds
- Shrimp Dog
- Breakfast Juicy LuLu
- Chilaquiles

Full list here!

Welcome Megan!

Megan Couch will be joining the ISS staff as our new Graduate Assistant. She will be running the CultureLink Tea program as well as helping plan various events aimed at exploring MN!

Here’s a bit more about Megan:
"I was raised in Iowa, but moved to Wisconsin in 2001 where I stayed up until this year. I obtained my B.A. at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in 2013, concentrating in Rhetoric/Writing and French. I studied in Nancy, France for a semester while honing my foreign language skills and traveling to all parts of the country. I thoroughly enjoyed learning about a new culture and finding new foods and fashions. I have worked for study abroad offices and international education/foreign language departments in the past, and have found the experiences to not only be very enriching but also thrilling and educational.

Through my graduate degree here at St. Thomas, I hope to find a job in higher education pertaining to International Education and Study Abroad after my two-year stint at our university. I am extremely excited to get started with our international students this year, and to create fun, culture-driven events for students in hopes that our St. Thomas community can develop and deepen our learning experience!"
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GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIAL

****SAVE THE DATE****

Plan on joining ISS for our annual graduate student social held on **September 5th, 2014** from 5:00-7:00pm

Pay attention to future emails regarding signing up for this event!

My Music of the Month

Recommended by Ruben Johansen (ISS office)

I have been listening to a lot of different genres lately. What captivated me this month were the following songs:

- **Les Miserables - Stars** (performed by Russell Crowe in the latest movie and by the winner of Britain’s got Talent 2014 Collabro)
- **Cazzette feat. The High - Sleepless**
- **Lorde - Tennis Court (Flume Remix)**
- **My Chemical Romance - I’m Not Okay**
- **Bastille - Pompeii**
- **John Farnham - Burn for You**
- **Kenny Loggins - I’m Free**

Some of these songs are recent, while others are not. This list is created with the intent of helping you find new music. I personally can get pretty tired of hearing the same songs over and over!

Concerts in Twin Cities

- **Vampire Weekend** (August 5, 7:30pm)
- **Austin Mahone** (August 10, 7:30pm)
- **Black Stone Cherry** (August 13, 8:30pm)
- **Katy Perry** (August 22, 7:30pm)
- **Passenger** (August 24, 8:00pm)
- **Kenny Loggins** (August 30, 8:00pm)

Click here to see all the concerts!