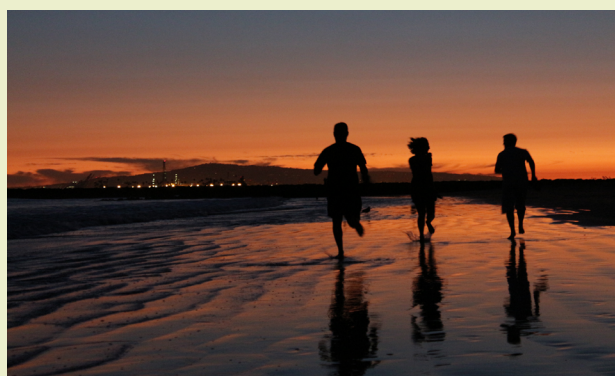




# BOLETIM MENSAL

August 2014 • March 2014 LTE Cohort



## HELLO STUDENTS!

Summer 2014 is coming to a close, and your fall term is about to begin! Please review the information in this *Boletim* and be sure that you have made the proper arrangements.

*Photo: BSMP grantee Abdallah Seoud, studying at California State University, Long Beach, snapped this picture at Seal Beach, California.*

### Health Insurance

As a recent change in the collection of health insurance information, you now have the ability to update your health insurance information via the [Student Service Portal](#). All BSMP students must submit current health insurance information, including provider and coverage dates, to IIE via the portal by September 1st.

### Preparing for the Fall Term

#### Session Breaks

You should have no more than a two week break in between your summer and fall terms. Your institution should provide housing and meals during this time. Please confirm this with your advisor immediately. If you do not have housing or meals during your break, you should contact [BrazilEnglishPayment@iie.org](mailto:BrazilEnglishPayment@iie.org) immediately. If you are traveling off campus during this time, you are responsible for any costs during your trip.

#### Fall Placements

All fall term placements are final. In order to continue in the program,

you must sign and upload your new TOA immediately – transfers will not be considered at this time. You must confirm that you are enrolled in a full-time course load, with housing and sufficient meal plan.

#### Full-Time English Continuation

Students who are remaining in full-time English for the fall term will be considered for academic placement for Spring 2015. In preparation for your academic transition, IIE will cover up to two TOEFL exams per student this fall. IIE will provide more information regarding the testing and reimbursement process in the coming weeks. You must work with your advisor to register for testing times as soon as possible. If your host institution cannot invoice IIE for the cost of the tests, please email [BrazilEnglishPayment](mailto:BrazilEnglishPayment) to discuss alternative payment options. Please note the deadlines below:

- **Monday, November 3:** *First official score reports must be sent to IIE*
- **Monday, December 1:** *Second*

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#### Transferring to a New Institution

If you are transferring to a new institution you will be notified by IIE when your new TOA has been uploaded to the Student Service Portal. Once you have signed and uploaded your amended TOA to the portal, you will receive specific instructions from IIE on how to arrange travel to your new host institution. If you do not receive these instructions within seven (7) days of the fall start date at your new institution, please email [BrazilLTE\\_Academic@iie.org](mailto:BrazilLTE_Academic@iie.org).

#### Financial Transfers

If you are still awaiting any financial transfer or reimbursement from IIE, do not close your bank account at your IEP host institution. IIE is still issuing TOEFL reimbursements and will be sending these to the bank information we had on file at the time your reimbursement request was processed. Closing your bank

**See the back for more information, and the "Student of the Month!"**

account will significantly delay your reimbursement.

## Academic Training

It is a great time to start thinking about summer 2015! After completing at least one semester of academic coursework, you are expected to participate in a summer Academic Training opportunity (a full-time research activity, internship, or observership). More information is available [here](#).

You will receive log-in information for the IIE Academic Training Website at a later date. For now, you should visit the Career Services Offices on-campus to begin working on your resume and start thinking of potential summer Academic Training opportunities.

## Communication with IIE

If you are finishing the intensive English component of your program and transitioning to the academic

part, your main point of contact is now: [BSWB\\_Fall@iie.org](mailto:BSWB_Fall@iie.org).

If you will continue taking intensive English coursework this fall, your point of contact will remain: [BrazilLTESpring@iie.org](mailto:BrazilLTESpring@iie.org).

Please remember to always include your IIE ID number when sending emails to IIE.

## Student of the Month

Congratulations to your peer, Carla, for being selected as the August “Student of the Month!” The writing prompt for this month’s contest was: *What do you love about your field of study? What do you hope to do in the future?*



**Name:** Carla Rigo Lima

**Field of Study:** Physical Therapy

**U.S. Host Institution:** Indiana State University

**Institution in Brazil:** Universidade Federal De Alfenas

A post-stroke woman taking her first move alone; everybody in the room starts crying with emotion. A 22 year-old boy with cerebral palsy achieving his dream at university; everybody around him is astonished. An older man with leg ulcers living at a retirement home and having the chance to feel happy again. A woman struggling with breast cancer having better quality of life and happy moments

instead of sad ones. For many people these scenarios could be sad environments, but not for me. During my last four years, these scenarios were everything that I wanted to fight for. Helping people to have a better life, to achieve their dreams. This is what motivates my life. This is Physical Therapy, the profession and field of study that inspires me to be a better person everyday.

The post-stroke woman cited at the beginning of this essay is my mother and I clearly remember that the day she took her first move without help, I decided to become a physical therapist. I understood that Physical Therapy is a profession that requires patience, dedication and persistence, which I count among my attributes. There are many factors that made me fall in love with Physical Therapy during these four years, but today I want to talk specifically about the one that made me feel sure that it is what I want for my entire life.

Physical Therapy majors learn gradually how to improve the health of patients and uplift their spirit, and when we are in contact with patients we understand how beautiful this “power” is. When we start to transform the patients’ lives we begin to have a strong connection with them, and with our future profession. This is what I love in my field of study.

Now I am starting my academic adventure in the USA. As a future physical therapist, I hope to work in neurological rehabilitation and research. My plan for the future is to learn as much as possible with the opportunity that BSMP is giving me. Moreover, my plan is to come back to my home country and show the people there how amazing science can be, developing and ensuring the best for the patients that need our help. I hope to pursue a successful career, helping my nation to develop a better world for everybody, and now I believe that I can inspire them.

## Next month’s question-

submit your essay and photograph to [bswbexperience@iie.org](mailto:bswbexperience@iie.org) by Thursday, September 11:

**What’s the most interesting thing about your host institution?**