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Lillian and Emanuel Slutzker Center for International Services

Don't miss the last Mix-it-up of this semester!
Friday, April 13, 2012
5:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.
220 Eggers Hall

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Syracuse University Slutzker Center News

April 12, 2012

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- **If you have trouble viewing this message, please view this email using your SYR email account. Every week we also post this SCIS Newsletter on the Slutzker Center website. http://international.syr.edu/newsletters/index.html**
- **The GLACIER Tax Prep access code is now available. You must file your taxes by April 17, 2012!**
- Life After Practical Training Seminar was changed to the 1st Monday of each month
- **Feeling sick? Pick up your over the counter medications at the Health Services Pharmacy. All purchases can be charged to your bursar account. Call 315-443-5691 if you want to know if your medicine is in the pharmacy. Call (315) 443-9005 if you're interested to get a flu shot ! - SU Health Services**

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220 Eggers Hall

PUT DOWN THE BOOKS

and

MIX-IT-UP
end of semester

Meet People – Enjoy Some Good Food

Co-Sponsored by the Slutzker Center for International Services and the
Disability Cultural Center of Syracuse University

American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation will be provided
Room is accessible by elevator
Please RSVP Elane Granger @ elcarras@syr.edu by April 11 and also indicate if you require accommodations

"FUN, MIX-IT-UP, FOOD!!"

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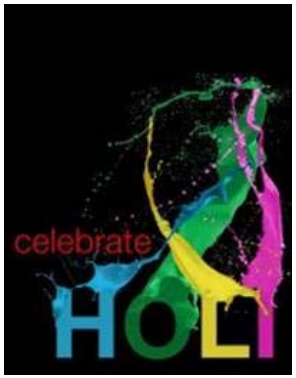

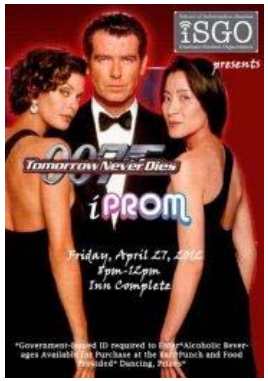

We found a dancing Aziz...he's coming to 'Cuse!
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Aziz Ansari (born February 23, 1983) is an American actor, writer, and stand-up comedian. He currently stars as Tom Haverford on the NBC show Parks and Recreation.

Ansari began his career performing standup comedy in New York City during the summer of 2001 while attending New York University. In 2007, he created and starred in the critically acclaimed MTV sketch comedy show Human Giant, which ran for two seasons. This led to acting roles in feature films including Funny People, I Love You, Man, Observe and Report, and most recently 30 Minutes or Less.

April 13 at the Oncenter War Memorial Arena, $15 on ticketmaster for SU/ESF students, with SUID#
$30 General public

Wellness Week

Sunday *April 15*
Outdoor Education
Green Lakes Hike
1:30 - 5:30 PM @ Green Lakes State Park
Register at http://recreationservices.syr.edu/, transportation included

Monday *April 16*
Healthy Monday Syracuse — The day all health breaks loose
Yoga
10:00 - 11:00 AM @ Quad
Meditation
12:00 - 1:00 PM @ Hendricks small chapel
Move It Monday Cardio Kick Class
4:00 - 4:50 PM @ Flanagan exercise room

Tuesday *April 17*
Run/Walk for Stress Relief
11:00 AM Registration @ Quad
12:00 PM 2.5 mile fun walk/run
Rain date: April 19, 2012

Wednesday *April 18*
Health & Wellness Expo
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM @ Flanagan Gymnasium

Thursday *April 19*
SHAC Paws for Stress Relief & Student Org Wellness Fair
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM @ Quad
wth!
What the Health Launch Party
6:30 PM @ 114 Hall of Languages

Friday *April 20*
SU Active Minds
Send Silence Packing
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM @ Quad

Brought to you by:
SU Active Minds - SU NAMI - SU NEPA - SHAC - Sex Esteem - Sex S.Y.M.B.A.L.S. - Shadows of Health - What the Health Magazine - Healthy Monday Syracuse - LiveU - Division of Student Affairs

http://healthpromotions.syr.edu/get-involved/wellness_week.html

Click here to learn more

Professor Varshney to receive prestigious IEEE Judith A. Resnik Award

Syracuse University Professor Pramod K. Varshney, in the L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science, is an engineer whose pioneering and continuing contributions to distributed detection techniques and data fusion methods have fueled the success of wireless sensor networks benefitting aerospace, defense and even biomedical applications, is being honored by IEEE with the 2012 IEEE Judith A. Resnik Award. IEEE is the world's largest technical professional association.

- The GSO will also be hosting a **Beer Tasting on Thursday, April 19th @ the Inn Complete**. For more information, please visit the Facebook Page for this event: http://www.facebook.com/events/106582322806808/.
- Chinese dating game brings touch of drama to Hendricks Chapel. Click here for more information.
- Over the next two weeks, passengers on board select Connective Corridor buses will get a taste of the arts. Three buses will feature artists at work as part of the "'In Motion' series." The acting, poetry and dance performances will take place on the Corridor bus along Route 443. Click here for more information
- Interested in Golf Lessons?(Click here to learn more)
- **Orange Orators (Student Organizations); Tuesday, April 17, 2012; 12:00pm to 1:00pm; Location: Peter Graham Scholarly Commons :** The Syracuse University chapter of Toastmasters, The Orange Orators of Syracuse University, meet Tuesdays from noon-1 p.m. in Bird Library. Toastmasters is a group that helps to develop and hone public speaking skills in a supportive and friendly environment.

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http://www.facebook.com/slutzkercenter
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E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors List

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The lists below cover employers and federal contractors enrolled in E-Verify through March 15, 2012. The federal contractors listed within self-reported that their contract has the E-Verify FAR clause. The lists contain the following:

- Business name (the name which was used during registration with E-Verify, whether the legal name of the business or individual, a trade name or abbreviation)
- Federal Contractor Identifier (yes/no)
- Federal Contractor Employee verification (all new hires or entire workforce)
- Employer city, state and ZIP code used at registration
- Workforce size (five or more)

- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors (AK-AZ) as of March 15, 2012 (XLS)
- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors (CA-CT) as of March 15, 2012 (XLS)
- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors (DC-MA) as of March 15, 2012 (XLS)
- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors (MD-NJ) as of March 15, 2012 (XLS)
- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors (NM-SC) as of March 15, 2012 (5863KB XLS)
- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors (SD-WY) as of March 15, 2012 (XLS)

Click here for more information

Graduating? Get The Orange Album – The Official Sounds of Syracuse University

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Need a SU souvenir or memorial gift? Get SU's very own Orange Album at the Bookstore or online at:
http://bookweb.syr.edu/ePOS?this_category=807&store=1&listtype=begin&form=shared3%2fgm%2fmain%2ehtml&design=1#
The Orange Album is a collection of songs performed by the Syracuse University Recordings House Band, Syracuse University Marching Band, the Men's Glee Club and the Drumline. Selections include the Fight Song, Alma Mater, and the Fanfare. 11 selections.
For discount, group pricing or any other questions, please contact Syracuse University Recordings (Anqi Jiang: anjiang@syr.edu).

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Social Media Seminar

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Learn how to improve connections with SU, your college, and your friends through social media!

Grand Canyon Backpacking and River Rafting Expedition – Recreation Services
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Explore the majestic Grand Canyon and Colorado River!
May 31 – June 8, 2012
3 days / 2 nights of backpacking through the Grand Canyon
4 days / 3 nights of whitewater rafting on the Colorado River
In partnership with Northern Arizona University (NAU)
$700 SU/ESF Undergraduate Students
$1,000 all other SU/ ESF ID Card Holders
Travel to and from Phoenix, AZ is **not** included in the fees.
Participants are expected to arrive in Phoenix, AZ (PHX) by 2:00pm on Thursday, May 31st and to book flights after 12:00pm on Friday, June 8th

Tentative Itinerary:

Thursday May 31: Arrive in Phoenix, AZ
- Travel to Dubeau Hostel – Flagstaff
- Meet NAU Staff for Orientation / Equipment Rental
- Overnight at Dubeau Hostel

Friday June 1: Travel to Grand Canyon South Rim
- Arrive to GC South Rim Visitors Center
- Backpacking through the Grand Canyon trail system
- Overnight at Backcountry Campsite

Saturday June 2: Backpacking to Bright Angel
- Backpacking through the Grand Canyon trail system
- Overnight at Backcountry Campsite

Sunday June 3: Backpacking out of Canyon - Travel to Flagstaff
- Travel to Flagstaff / Van Rental Return
- Overnight at Flagstaff Hostel

Monday June 4: River Section Begins
- Meet NAU staff / Orientation / Diamond Down for River Trip
- Put in at Diamond-Down Section
- Overnight on the river

Tuesday June 5: Full day on the river
- Rafting / Day Hiking / Canyon Exploration
- Overnight on the river

Wednesday June 6: Full day on the river
- Rafting / Day Hiking / Canyon Exploration
- Overnight on the river

Thursday June 7: Finish river trip / take out and travel back to Flagstaff
- Rafting
- Return to Hostel / Celebration Dinner in Flagstaff, AZ

Friday June 8: Travel from Flagstaff to Phoenix for flight out of Phoenix
- Travel to Phoenix Airport
- Return Van Rental / fly out to destinations

To register for this program, please contact Scott Catucci by April 9, 2012 or as soon as possible as space is extremely limited! Click here for more information

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Syracuse University
Outdoor Education
241 Archbold Gym
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sacatucc@syr.edu

CPT / OPT seminars

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An advisor will be able to process your CPT or OPT on one of the days listed below:

April 17 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
April 19 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
April 24 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
April 26 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

CPT / OPT seminars

April 13 - CPT @ 3pm; OPT @ 3:45pm
April 18 - CPT @ 3pm; OPT @ 3:45pm

F-1 students who will graduate this May 2012 and plan to apply for post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) are reminded that they must submit their application paperwork to the Slutzker Center, and then send the processed documents to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) so that it is received at the USCIS **no later than 60 days** after their degree completion date. The program completion date for Spring semester is May 9, 2012.

F-1 students who have not yet begun the practical training application process are urged to do so soon so that you will have the best possible opportunity to obtain your employment authorization card (EAD) in a timely manner. Currently, it is taking the USCIS Service Centers approximately 70-90 days to process OPT employment authorization applications. Employment cannot begin until you have the card "in your hands".

- Also, a student in F-1 or J-1 status cannot be employed away from the Syracuse University campus unless they have obtained appropriate federal authorization to do so before employment can begin. This includes internships, research and volunteering.

GLACIER Tax Prep program (former CINTAX)

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Due to the overwhelming success of the GLACIER Tax Prep program for Federal Tax returns we only have a limited number of access codes still available. If you are a Syracuse University student and hold the F-1 or J-1 visa status and for tax purposes are considered a non-resident, you are eligible for an access code. Please complete the GLACIER Tax Prep access code form from our website at http://international.syr.edu/current-students/taxes/glacier.html#637:1089:_OKJx0GI-EeG40Lk0fveWVw .
We will give out the access codes on a first come first served basis. Once our of supply access codes is exhausted, we won't have any more to give out.

Also, if you didn't work last year, you do not need a GLACIER Tax Prep access code to complete form 8843. You can find form 8843 and instructions again on our website at http://international.syr.edu/current-students/taxes/index.html .
When asked to provide the Name, Address, and Telephone number of the Director of your academic program, you should list the dean of the school/college in which you are currently studying (i.e. School of Information Studies, School of Architecture, etc.). Please refer to the list below or on our website: http://international.syr.edu/current-students/taxes/index.html
Please do not enter the person's name that is indicated on your I-20 or DS-2019!

This Information is incorrect.

Information About The Institution That Sponsored Your Immigration Status

The IRS requires certain information about the academic institution that sponsored your immigration status. IF you were associated with more than one college or university during 2011, enter the information about the LAST college or university you attended or worked. If you are not at a college or university, instead enter the information about the institution that sponsored your immigration status.

Academic Institution Details

To answer the questions below, enter information shown on your Form I-20 (if F status) about the Designated School Official.

School of Architecture Mark Robbins, Dean The Warehouse, Fayette Street Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-0790	**School of Information Studies** Elizabeth Liddy, Dean 343K Hinds Hall Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-2736	**The College of Arts and Sciences** George M. Langford, Dean 300 Hall of Languages Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-3940	**College of Law** Hannah R. Arterian, Dean 440 College of Law Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-9580	**School of Education** Douglas Biklen, Dean 230 Huntington Hall Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-4751	**College of Visual and Performing Arts** Ann Clarke, Dean 200 Crouse College Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-5889
The School of Management Melvin Stith, Dean Whitman SOM, Suite 415 Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-3751	**L.C. Smith College of Engineering & Computer Science** Laura J. Steinberg, Dean 227 Link Hall Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-4341	**Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs** James B. Steinberg, Dean 200 Eggers Hall Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-2252	**David B. Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics** Diane Lyden Murphy, Dean 119 Euclid Avenue Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-5582	**S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications** Lorraine Branham, Dean 400 Newhouse 1 Syracuse, NY 13244 (315) 443-2302	

What about State Income Tax Forms?
GLACIER Tax Prep is designed to prepare and produce only federal non-resident forms. **GLACIER Tax Prep** does not complete state income tax forms. But you can easily prepare your New York State tax forms by reviewing the tax information on our website: http://international.syr.edu/current-students/taxes/index.html
NY State Taxes helpline - 1-(800)-225-5829

Concert @ SU - April 22

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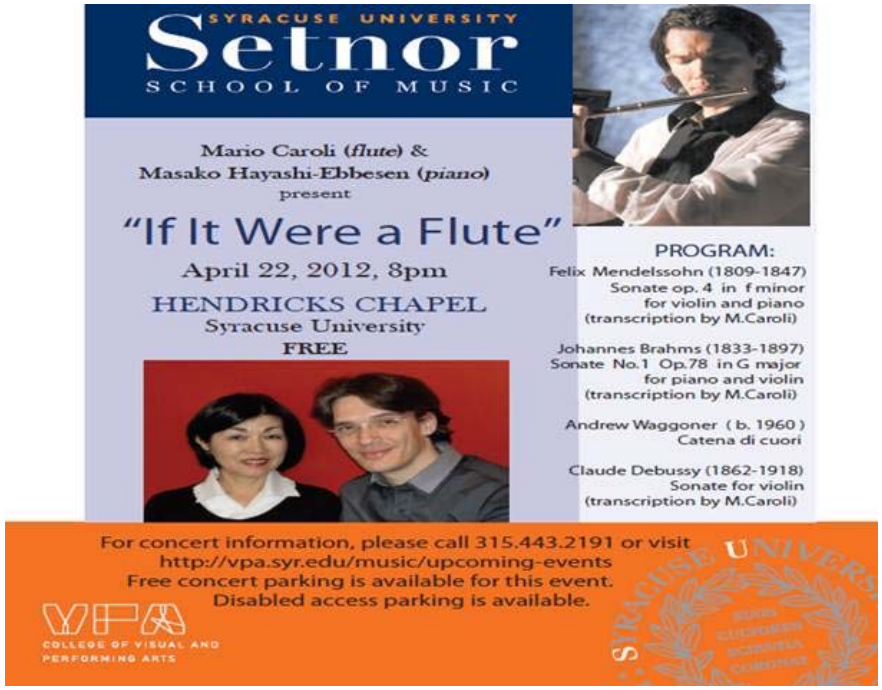

Spring Learn-to-Skate

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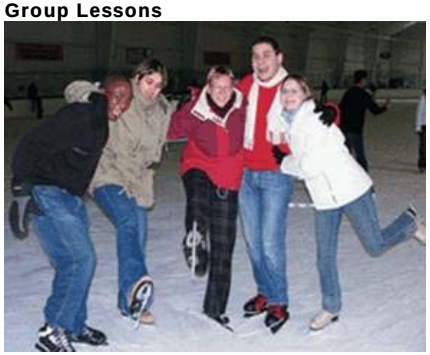
Group Lessons



At Tennity we offer skating lessons taught by professional instructors for a variety of ages and abilities. The Tennity program follows the guidelines of the Ice Skating Institute (ISI) for lessons and testing. The ISI concept ensures enjoyable and relaxing skating while providing a practical approach to mastering the skills of skating. Click on the links for more information and applications.

*All Learn to Skate participants must be affiliated with Syracuse University (alumni, faculty, staff, student, dependent)

Schedule

Spring 2012

Saturdays until April 28th.
Click here for registration
Class Descriptions

Tots I, II, III, IV (ages 3-5)*Instruction with learning to fall and recover correctly. Balance and self confidence are stressed. A beginner who has never skated belongs in Tot I.	**Kids Beginner*** For those 6 and older who have never skated before. Correct falling and recovery, skating posture and balance are taught.	**Pre-Alpha*** For the skater with some basic knowledge of skating. One and two-foot glide, forward and backward swizzles, and backward wiggles are taught.
Alpha (Basic) For the skater who has passed Pre-Alpha or has done some crossovers (left and right). Snow plow stop, beginning forward spiral, and two-foot spins are taught.	**Adult Beginner** Adults only. Adult I is for the beginner. Adult II is for the skater with some basic knowledge of skating.	**Beta** (Intermediate) For the skater who has passed Alpha or has beginning knowledge of backward connecting skating. Backward skating, backward crossovers (left and right), and T-stops are taught.
Gamma (Advanced) Mohawks (left and right), outside 3 turns, hockey stops, and beginning waltz jumps are taught.	**Delta** (Pre-Freestyle) Inside 3 turns, forward outside and inside edges, lunge, shoot-the-duck, and bunny hops are taught.	**Freestyle I-V** For the skater who has passed Delta. Beginning jumps and spins are taught.
	Hockey Skills* Designed to teach the basic skating skills to prepare for team play. Must be able to balance and move across rink on own.	

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Sunday May 13th, 2012 9:30 A.M. Carrier Dome
http://commencement.syr.edu/

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Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center, The Division of Student Affairs

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New to 'Quse : **Monday, April 16, 2012, 7:30pm to 9:00pm:**
A weekly discussion group for all those new to the LGBT campus community! Join us for food, fun, games, and the opportunity to get to know the LGBT community at SU!.
Location: 750 Ostrom Ave; **Price:Free**;
Contact: Danielle Sutton; E-Mail: dssutton@syr.edu; 443-3983

TransCuse : **Tuesday, April 17, 2012; 5:30pm to 7:00pm**
TransCuse- a bi-weekly discussion group for transgender-identified folks, their partners, and friends.
Location: 750 Ostrom Ave.; Price: Free
Contact: Lauren Adamski; E-Mail: lgbt@syr.edu; 443-3983

Cafe Q: **Thursday, April 19, 2012; 8:00pm to 10:30pm**
Fuel your Thursday night right with Cafe Q! Come back to unwind and relax at this chill coffeehouse that blends coffee, tea, music, and a quirky attitude!
Location: 750 Ostrom Ave.
Price: Free
Sponsoring department/organization: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center, The Division of Student Affairs

Contact: Lauren Adamski; E-Mail: lgbt@syr.edu; 443-3983

Healthy Monday Syracuse

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Meditation Monday
Monday, April 16, 2012; 12:00pm to 1:00pm
Come relax and de-stress with this free meditation class. This class is located in the small chapel of Hendricks (on the lower level).
Location: Hendricks Chapel, lower level small chapel; Price: free
Sponsoring department/organization: Healthy Monday Campaign
Contact: Matt MacDougall; E-Mail: healthymonday@syr.edu; 443-4526

Move It Monday Fitness Class
Monday, April 16, 2012, 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Free fitness class for Move It Monday, located in the Flanagan Fitness Room.
Location: Flanagan Exercise Room; **Price: free**
Sponsoring department/organization: Healthy Monday Syracuse
Contact: Matt MacDougall; E-Mail: healthymonday@syr.edu; 443-4526

Full-time Course of Study

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NOTE: For Syracuse University F-1 students, a full-time course load is required during the Fall and Spring semesters. Full time enrollment means **Graduate** students must enroll for at least **9 credits** every semester. **Undergraduate** students must register for at least **12 credits** every semester. Students are not required to enroll in courses during the Summer. However, **if Summer session is your first semester** then you must maintain full time enrollment of at least 6 credits for that summer session.

Under Federal Immigration Rules, **to maintain F-1 status, no more than 3 online credits per semester may count towards the "full course of study" requirement.** *For example*, a graduate student required to register for 9 credits per semester to maintain full time status can take only 3 of those credits through an on-line class each semester – **6 credits must be live, in classroom courses**.

However, an F-1 student can take as many on-line or distance education as they wish (with SCIS's approval) during the Summer or over Winter break.

If it is your last semester and fewer than 12 credits are required to graduate for undergrads and 9 credits for grads; it is acceptable to carry only those credits required to complete your degree. **If a student needs less than a full course load in the final semester to finish his/her degree, the course(s) cannot be taken solely online or as distance education. You must be enrolled in a live, in classroom course during your last semester.**

Students considering on-line courses or courses at a different institution should first discuss the plan with an SCIS advisor. It is necessary to maintain valid F-1 status at all times.

If you are taking fewer than 9 credits this semester you must fill out a Certificate of Full-Time Status http://international.syr.edu/_documents/forms/full_time_status_certification-Jan04.pdf

If this is your last semester you will have to fill out the Last Semester Memo http://international.syr.edu/_documents/forms/2008lastsemestermemo-su.pdf

Important Reminders

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A Reminder About Optional Practical Training EAD Cards

F-1 students who have obtained authorization for Optional Practical Training from the USCIS are reminded to please email a copy of their EAD cards (front + back) to the SCIS at lescis@syr.edu so that we can keep a copy for your files. Having a photocopy in the SCIS could become very important to you in the future, if we need to verify your F-1 status or if the card is lost or stolen.

Important Reminder from Human Resources

International students who have jobs on campus (GA positions, TA positions, RA positions and hourly wage assignments) are reminded to be sure to copy the appropriate Human Resources Office on campus for any change of U.S. address. Be sure to look at your address on your most recent pay stub. If it is not accurate, report it to your department or office where you work so that the address can be updated by your department. If you are on any payroll, your change of address is needed so that you can receive your W-2 Wage and Tax Statement forms in late January, as well as any checks that may be coming to you if you are leaving at the end of this semester.

Also, if you have obtained a social security number since starting work, it is essential that you report your social security number to your payroll office for W-2 purposes. If you are uncertain whether or not this is a problem for you, check your most recent pay stub, and look to see if your social security number as well as your current address are included properly.

MEETING YOUR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

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Please be certain that you are currently enrolled in an approved health insurance policy for the 2012 academic year. If you have renewed or changed your health insurance please provide the Slutzker Center with an updated copy of it via e-mail lescis@syr.edu or in person. If you have questions, or need helping enrolling in an approved health insurance policy, please make an appointment with an adviser at the Slutzker Center, or see Linda Deon at the Health Center for assistance.

Syracuse University Health Services has determined that many international students are not in compliance with immunization requirements defined by New York State public health law. Enrolled students found not to be in compliance risk strict administrative consequences including **inability to register, suspension of I.D. card privileges, and may be required to leave campus.**

You must be in compliance with these immunization requirements in order to remain on campus.

The Health Service will be sending an email to all those who are not in compliance via the syr.edu email address. Please watch for that notice (check your syr.edu email address!). If your registration is cancelled, you will also lose your F-1 or J-1 student status. Don't put yourself at risk. Contact the Health Service as soon as you receive that email!

Transferring out of SU?

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If you are planning to transfer out of SU, the immigration regulatory process for **transferring** your F-1 status from Syracuse University to a new school in the United States requires you to complete a Transfer Out Form with the SCIS so that your federal SEVIS record can be transferred to your new school. The Transfer Out Form and more detailed information may be found on our website: http://international.syr.edu/current-students/maintaining-visa-status/transfer-out.html

Is this your last semester at SU?

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Students who will be completing their studies this May but have no plans to apply for practical training (F-1), academic training (J-1) or continue at a new school or in a new field or level of study (i.e. Master's, J.D., Ph.D), or seek a change of non-immigrant status must depart the United States within 60 days of their academic program end date if they are in F-1 status (see item #5 on your current I-20), or within 30 days if they are in J-1 status.

Studying Abroad?

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Planning to Study Abroad during the Summer 2012 semester? If so, please talk to an international advisor at the Slutzker Center soon. There are steps which you must take in order to insure your continued non-immigrant status for re-entry to the U.S

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USCIS FY 2012 H-1B Cap Count

FY 2012 H-1B Cap Count

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that it received a sufficient number of H-1B petitions to reach the statutory cap for fiscal year (FY) 2012. USCIS notified the public that November 22, 2011 was the final receipt date for new H-1B specialty occupation petitions for FY2012. USCIS will reject cap-subject H-1B petitions that arrived after November 22, 2011.
H-1B petitions reached the statutory cap for the past fiscal years: (FY) 2011 on Jan. 26, 2011
(FY) 2010 on Dec. 21, 2009
(FY) 2009 on April 7, 2008
(FY) 2008 on April 2, 2007

USCIS has started to accept H-1B petitions subject to the fiscal year (FY) 2013 cap as of April 1, 2012. There already have been 22,323 petitions received.

FY 2013 H-1B Cap Count

Cap Type	Cap Amount	Cap Eligible Petitions	Date of Last Count
H-1B Regular Cap	65,000	17,400	04/09/2012
H-1B Master's Degree Exemption	20,000	8,200	04/09/2012

For more information and latest updates on H1B Visa cap count, please visit the USCIS website.

http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=4b7cdd1d5fd37210VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD

Is Your I-20 or DS-2019 Expiring Soon? Do You Need an Extension of Stay?

This is the time of year when many international students whose I-20 or DS-2019 will expire this May, but who will be continuing their studies for Summer 2012, are applying for an extension of stay. Students who will begin a new level of study (e.g., completing bachelor's and commencing master's or completing master's and commencing PhD) receive a new I-20 for the new level of study. Changes in level of study require an admission letter from the Graduate School (if completing a bachelor's and commencing master's) or from the student's academic department (if completing master's and commencing PhD) verifying that the student has been approved for the new level of study, and the semester that the new level will begin.

Student's with I-20s or DS-2019s expiring in May 2012 but who will continue their studies at SU ***must*** begin the extension of stay process (or change in level of study process) well before that date so that the new I-20 is issued before the I-20 expiration date.
Complete information and the required forms are available on-line at: http://international.syr.edu/_documents/forms/I-20_Extension.pdf

Don't Be Fooled by Copycat Immigration-Help Sites

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Some private websites that charge to prepare immigration forms mimic the look and feel of official government sites, leading users to mistakenly believe they are dealing directly with the government and paying USCIS fees. Many copycat sites add to the confusion by charging applicants the same amount for preparing an immigration form that USCIS charges for filing that same form.
As a result, some applicants have sent forms to USCIS without submitting the filing fees. These applicants mistakenly believed they had paid the USCIS filing fee when they paid the private firm for preparing the forms.

To learn more, visit: http://blog.uscis.gov/2011/09/dont-be-fooled-by-copycat-immigration.html

International Students and Arrests

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Although it is not a pleasant subject, there are a few situations where an international student might be arrested in the United States and charged with a crime. Common misdemeanor or felony arrests can include theft, drunk driving, shoplifting (stealing goods from a store without paying for them) and drug possession (with or without intent to sell).
Binghamton University has published an article that discusses the consequences such arrests can create with a student's U.S. immigration status, even if the charges themselves are dismissed or reduced. The article may be viewed at: http://www2.binghamton.edu/isss/publications/instuarrest.html

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Address Change?
All International Students and Scholars that will be moving into their new on-campus and off-campus housing must update their US Address where you will be living during this Fall semester via your "**MySlice self-service**" and select CURR address.
You must update your address immediately in order to be in compliance with the Immigration Regulations. If you do not update your address we will not be able to register your record with SEVIS and you will be jeopardizing your Immigration requirements to comply with reporting changes of addresses while you are here in the USA studying at Syracuse University.
Please always update your address within 10 days of your move on MySlice.

Department of Public Safety Reminder

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FOR YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- To safeguard your personal property—DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PROPERTY UNATTENDED
- On campus after dark, use DPS' free escort service. Off campus, use SU Home (it's free), call 443-SAFE (7233) for more information about these services.
- Centro Bus or taxi service.
- Walk, bike or jog in groups of three or more – away from bushes, cars, and other objects a suspect could hide behind.
- Look and listen. Headphones and cell phones can create tunnel vision.
- Travel in well-lighted and well-traveled areas.
- Keep porch lights on at night.
- Don't approach strangers or let them get close to you.
- If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. Go toward an open business or lighted house.
- Have your house or car keys in hand before you reach your door.
- Know where "Blue Light" phones are and how to use them.
- If someone tries to rob you, don't resist. Give up your property, not your life.
- Try to get a description of the suspect(s) and any associated vehicle & tag number.

"Your Safety and Security at Syracuse University" is part of Syracuse University's ongoing commitment to the prevention of crime. It is available online at: http://publicsafety.syr.edu/PublicSafety/ckfinder/userfiles/files/2011%20Clery.pdf

Protect your Property

All your personal belongings are insured against a wide range of losses. The SCIS supports this policy and we encourage every student to have this insurance.

- Laptops, cell phones, jewelry, watches, iPods, cameras, clothes, books, sports equipment, furniture **all** your "stuff" is covered. You're insured for countless types of losses, including theft, vandalism, fire, and accidental damage.
- Worldwide coverage on and **off** campus (in your apartment, in a foreign country, "at home", in storage, or anywhere else they may be.
- Property of the University is covered while in your care
- Buy $4,000 of coverage for less than $94! Also there is up to $20,000 coverage available for an annual premium of only $250.

For more information about our student personal property program, call 1-866-535-0456 and ask for a college specialist to assist you. Or better yet Enroll online! It's fast and easy. Simply log on to:www.haylor.com/student or send an e-mail to: student@haylor.com

Spring 2012 Bus Schedule

Centro is the provider of public transportation in Syracuse and throughout Onondaga, Cayuga and Oswego Counties. Centro operates a system of shuttle routes on campus under contract with Syracuse University. These are regular transit routes which Syracuse University students can board for free. Centro also operates an extensive system of bus routes connecting the Syracuse University campus to points throughout the area. Students may ride free on these routes within certain specified "free fare zones". If you wish to travel to an area outside of these zones, you must pay a fare.
http://parking.syr.edu/Parking/display.cfm?content_ID=%23%28%289%21%0A

QUESTIONS? Contact:
Parking and Transit Services
621 Skytop Road

- Phone: 315-443-1049
- Web: http://parking.syr.edu

Motivational Quotes of the Week:

"Storms make oaks take roots."
- Anonymous

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit."
- Aristotle

"Hope is like the sun, which, as we journey toward it, casts the shadow of our burden behind us."
- Samuel Smiles

"Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do."
- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

"You're happiest while you're making the greatest contribution."
- Robert F. Kennedy

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