



Friday, February 27, 2009



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! Important Announcements !

- Traveling during Spring Break – get your I-20 signed.
A special Travel Seminar has been scheduled for you on Wednesday, **March 4th at 1:30pm**.
- Students who are planning to do an Internship this summer should apply for Curricular Practical Training ([CPT](#)). The CPT seminar will be held on Wednesdays, **March 4, 11 or 25 at 3:00pm** at the Slutzker Center.
- If you would like to request Practical Training authorization (**OPT**) after your May graduation please attend an OPT seminar on Wednesdays, **March 4, 11 or 25 at 3:45pm**. Also, you can find all the OPT information and the application process [here](#).
- On March 18th the PT seminars will be cancelled due to Phi Beta Delta meeting.
- **Graduate Students who are intending to graduate this May 2009** must complete the **File Diploma Request** process in MySlice by established deadlines, published as <http://gradsch.syr.edu/pdfs/GraduationDeadlines.pdf> by the Graduate School. This will activate the certification process and awarding of your degree.
- The Office of International Services has opened access to **CINTAX**, the web-based income tax preparation software for filing your federal tax forms. CINTAX passwords are now available. The only way to request a CINTAX password is from our website at http://international.syr.edu/Form_CINTAX_Password_new.html
It is important that you complete all fields on the form to receive a password. There is a maximum of 3 – 5 business days turn around time for the password.
There will be two tax seminars to be held in March:
 - Monday, March 9 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm (Maxwell Auditorium)
 - Monday, March 23 from 2:00pm – 5:00pm (Maxwell Auditorium)

Come then and learn all about both Federal and State tax returns and how to complete them. You might be eligible for a refund! \$\$\$

Staying in Syracuse during the Spring Break? Would

you like us to organize some activities for you???

The campus is generally very quiet during spring break. But we, at the Sutzker Center, know that many of you remain on campus or in Syracuse. If you are interested in attending some organized activities so that you don't become too lonely or bored, please let us know. We can work together with other offices in Student Affairs (Campus recreation, South Campus, Student engagement) to set up some activities such as:

- going to an ice hockey game of the Syracuse Crunch downtown (perhaps we can get free tickets!)
- going to a few restaurants in a group one evening (paying your own dinner costs unfortunately)
- going to the MOST (Museum of Science and Technology) to watch a movie in their IMAX theatre
- watching some recent movies (not first run movies) together on campus for free (afternoons? evenings?)
- some recreation activities, either outdoors (snow shoeing? x-c skiing?) or indoors (board games? pool?)

Please respond to LESCIS@syr.edu if you are going to be in town, and are truly interested in some of these or other activities..... We don't want to go to the effort of buying tickets, arranging transportation, etc. and have no students attend. This is an outreach to you.... please reply if you are interested. Thanks! Pat Burak, Director

The Beyond Compliance group, is offering an annual award that will be given to any SU department, faculty, staff, student and student group that has demonstrated commitments to inclusion, and worked **BEYOND COMPLIANCE** to foster the inclusion of students with disabilities and/or to create a more disability-friendly environment on campus. The submission guidelines can be found at <http://bccs.syr.edu/bcccaward.htm>.

The deadline is March 6

Spring Break 2009 - \$99 RT Bus Service

Student Association is providing a **\$99 round trip** bus service to four metropolitan areas for this Spring Break. The cities are **New York City, Philadelphia, Boston, and Washington D.C.** The bus will depart from Schine Student Center on **March 6th at 5pm** and will return from the designated locations of the cities on March 15 at 10am. Tickets can be purchased at Schine Box Office.

Indicorps Grassroots Development Fellowship

Indicorps announces over 30 competitive new projects for the [August 2009 Indicorps Diaspora Fellowship](#). We intend to foster the next generation of young Indian leaders who are willing to challenge themselves and "be the change." You will tackle real issues in education, microfinance, social entrepreneurship, environmental conservation, public health, urban infrastructure, and much more. Live simply and dig deep to learn about real India and yourself; projects span from Kanpur to Pondicherry, Gujarat to Madhya Pradesh. Indicorps selects for commitment, perseverance, and drive. To learn more, visit: [.http://apply.indicorps.org](http://apply.indicorps.org)

In the spirit of President Obama's campaign to create "Change you can believe in," Indicorps is a real opportunity for **CHANGE YOU MAKE HAPPEN**. The August 2009 Fellowship model will mobilize passionate, sincere fellows to become strong team players and leaders who will build sustainable new initiative. Apply today to make CHANGE happen!

Deadline: March 15, 2009

Partners in Learning's 20th Anniversary Friend-Raising Event!

Partners in Learning is a not-for-profit organization that

operates 2 programs engaging immigrant and refugee families: MANOS, an early education program that prepares 2 through 4 year-old children for school and the West Side Learning Center, where their parents learn English and employment skills.

Both programs have a proven record of success providing parents and their children with the skills required to become contributing members of our community. Last year alone, these programs assisted over 700 families from Africa, Asia, Europe, South and Central America and the Caribbean. Unfortunately, reductions in government funding have threatened the continuation of both programs.

Let's all come together in support of MANOS and the West Side Learning Center! Enjoy a wonderful evening while also supporting cultural connections for immigrant families in our community!

When: Saturday, March 7, 2009

Time: 7:00-11:00 pm

Where: Palace Theater (2384 James St. Syracuse, NY 13206)

Price: \$ 20 advance sale \$ 25 at the door

Proceeds will benefit the children and families of MANOS and the West Side Learning Center

Make your advance-purchase reservation before February 26th to secure a discount! For more information, call (315) 435-4013 or e-mail at manos@twcny.rr.com

Judicial Board/Peer Education Team

The Office of Judicial Affairs is looking for students to participate on the University Judicial Board/Peer Education Team (UJB/PET). The mission of the UJB/PET is to participate in judicial hearings and develop and implement programs that encourage civility and good citizenship within the Syracuse University community. The UJB/PET provides an opportunity for students to be leaders in the University community, promoting civility and citizenship, while also developing skills in facilitation and conflict resolution.

Applicants for the UJB/PET must be matriculated full-time undergraduate, graduate, or law students at either Syracuse University or SUNY-ESF. Both on-campus and off-campus residents are encouraged to apply. A grade point average of at least 2.5 is strongly recommended. Disciplinary or academic violations committed at Syracuse University or elsewhere must be disclosed. Prior infractions will *not* automatically disqualify applicants, but are taken into consideration by the selection committee. Students who are currently on disciplinary probation are not eligible.

Please direct interested students to the ***online application form*** for the University Judicial Board/Peer Education Team at: <http://students.syr.edu/judicial/ujb/index.html> Additionally, I have attached some flyers you may post around your office or shared space. Please encourage students that you feel are qualified to apply. If you know of a student who would be an asset to the UJB/PET, please email me his/her contact information and I will send the application link along to them. **The completed application form and responses must be submitted online no later than March 20, 2009.** Questions may be directed to the Office of Judicial Affairs at 443-3728 or mbornste@syr.edu

We would like to remember the life of Christopher Eric Wallace, an ESF student, who passed away last week. Christopher, from Rochester, NY, was a senior studying Conservation Biology. For those who knew Chris Wallace, we invite you to a celebration of his life, at a CoffeeHaus Tribute is planned for this Friday evening, **February 27th**,

in Nifkin Lounge located in Marshall Hall (SUNY ESF) at 7:00pm.

Quotes of the Week:

"Most great people have attained their greatest success just one step beyond their greatest failure." by Napoleon Hill

"Yet do I fear thy nature; It is too full o' the milk of human kindness." by William Shakespeare (Macbeth)

"It is better to have dreamed a thousand dreams that never were than never to have dreamed at all." by Alexander Pushkin

"Nothing is impossible. Some things are just less likely than others" by Jonathan Winters

2 Women's Basic Physical Defense Class or Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes offered for Spring 2009 Semester

DPS offers two free Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) self-defense classes for women this semester, one starting February 6, the other starting March 24. To register, call 443-5483 or e-mail jlentz@syr.edu.

The R.A.D. course is 12 hours in length, broken down over a four-week period.

Class One Dates: Fridays – February 6, 13, 20, 27
Location: Women's Building Dance Studio (1st Floor)
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Class Two Dates: Tuesdays – March 24, 31, April 7, 14
Location: The Skybarn on South Campus
Time: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS:

- Immediately report suspicious activity, criminal incidents, or other emergencies.
- Walk with others or request a free walking escort.
- Always lock the door to your residence and any ground level windows.
- Never volunteer information over the phone to a stranger.
- Report lost or stolen ID cards to the ID Card Office or to DPS.
- Never give out your personal identification number (PIN).
- Use a good locking device to secure your bicycle and register your bicycle with the DPS.
- Don't hitchhike, use the transportation systems offered by the University.
- Know how to use the "[Call Trace](#)" systems for harassing or obscene phone calls.
- Place your name or an identifiable mark in your textbooks.
- Refrain from propping or disabling locking mechanisms on doors or entrances.
- Remove as many opportunities for crime to occur as possible.

Note:

If you would like to submit a request to publish your news or events in our SCISNEWS letter. Please contact Daniela Baban Hurtle at dbabanhu@syr.edu

