



Friday, December 04, 2009



SU Photo & Imaging Center

! Important Announcements !

- The University will be operating under its "Green Days" format for the Winter Break period from Dec. 24, 2009, through Jan. 3, 2010. Some offices will remain open at reduced hours during the Winter Break include Public Safety, Admissions Processing, E.S. Bird Library, Goldstein Student Center, Health Services office, etc. <http://sunews.syr.edu/winterbreak/index.html>.

It is strongly recommended that any requests for documents be made no later than Friday, December 18 to assure timely processing. Remember not to wait until the last minute!

- Planning to travel during the Winter Break – get your I-20 signed! Daily Travel Seminars have been scheduled for you from November 9th – December 18th.
 - Mondays - 2:00pm
 - Tuesdays - 10:00am
 - Wednesdays - 1:30pm
 - Thursdays - 5:00pm
 - Fridays - 12:00pm
- Planning to Study Abroad for the Spring or Summer 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.
- Graduate students expecting to graduate must complete the File Diploma Request process in MySlice by established deadlines, published at <http://gradsch.syr.edu/pdfs/GraduationDeadlines.pdf> by the Graduate School. This will activate the certification process and awarding of your degree.
- Spring 2010 Course Schedule is Available On-line. Accessing your schedule: You can view and print your schedule online by logging into MySlice. Graduate students must enroll for at least 9 credits every semester. Undergraduate students must register for at least 12 credits every semester. 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.
- Although rare, a fire drill or evacuation could be an opportunity for a thief to strike. To prevent someone from taking your irreplaceable documents and passports we recommend the following:
 - Keep your documents in a secure location.
 - Be able to access and take your documents with you quickly if you need to evacuate the building.
 - A small safe, briefcase, folder or backpack maybe the best way to keep your documents organized.

- o Rent a safety deposit box at your local bank (i.e.: HSBC, Chase etc)
- o Property insurance is always an important thing to have. (www.haylor.com/student)

You should never spend time searching for your documents in an emergency situation. REMEMBER, while you want to do your best to protect your valuable property, your personal safety is the highest importance in an emergency!

- Is Your I-20 or DS-2019 Expiring this December? All extension paperwork must be completed and submitted to SCIS no later than 2 weeks before your program end date of your current I-20 or DS-2019. http://international.syr.edu/extension_stay.htm Examples of acceptable/compelling reasons for program extension are:

- o Changes in major/research topic;
- o Unexpected research difficulties;
- o Lost credits upon transfer into Syracuse University;
- o Documented medical reasons.

- **Travelling This Semester? Have Your Documents!**

If you are travelling outside the U.S., you must make sure you have a valid visa stamp to re-enter the U.S., as well as an unexpired passport valid for at least 6 months into the future, and a blue travel signature from SCIS on your I-20/DS-2019 within the last 1 year (or if you are on OPT, the last 6 months). If you are on OPT, you must also have a valid EAD card and job offer letter to re-enter the United States.

The Travel Seminar - 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 1:30pm at the Slutzker Center.

- **Applied for OPT? The SCIS Needs a Copy of Your EAD Card!**

The SCIS reminds all students who have applied for OPT that once you receive your Employment Authorization Card (EAD), please scan it and e-mail us a photocopy of it to lescis@syr.edu.

- Students who are planning to do an Internship this Spring semester should apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT). Please remember that you have to register for at least 1 credit for CPT.

- o Curricular Practical Training Seminar (CPT) – Wednesday @ 3:00pm
- o Optional Practical Training Seminar (OPT) – Wednesday @ 3:45pm

- **Address Change?**

You must always provide a current physical address to the SCIS in order to keep your SEVIS registration current and to maintain your lawful status. You have 10 days to inform the SCIS of any changes or you are in violation of your status. http://international.syr.edu/address_update_opt.htm

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Newhouse Craft Show Fundraiser for the United Way

Come One, Come all to the 3rd annual Newhouse Craft Show Fundraiser for the United Way. The Craft show is this **Friday, December 4th** it begins at **10:00am and ends at 4:00pm** and will be located in the Lobby of and in the Hergenhan Auditorium at Newhouse 3. Tina Turnbull, one of our International Student and Scholar Advisors will be selling her handmade jewelry in the show and would love for you to drop by to say hello. Tina mostly works with pearls and with Czech crystals producing earrings, bracelets and necklaces.

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Native Heritage Month

Sponsored by OMA Saturday, December 12

From the Earth Arts & Crafts Festival

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Place: Onondaga Nation School, Onondaga Nation

Haudenosaunee Singers & Dancers to perform from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Traditional foods available

Contact: Freida Jacques at (315) 469-6991

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Special Registration (NSEERS)

Further security checks after initial immigration inspection are typically required for:

- Certain citizens or nationals of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Syria, as designated by the DHA Secretary in the Federal Register.
- Males age 16-45 from Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen
- Foreign nationals of any country may be asked by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) officer to undergo Special Registration if they feel they may be a national security threat

If you are subject to [special registration procedures](#), it is your responsibility to make certain that your entry and departure is documented by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) inspecting officer, every time you leave and re-enter the U.S. (This may add a significant amount of time onto departure so please plan accordingly).

A helpful reminder of where the pertinent NSEERS registrations may be found at the following airports in the state of New York. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-28418.htm>

- Buffalo Peace Bridge POE, New York;
- Cape Vincent POE, New York;
- Champlain POE, New York;
- Chateaugay POE, New York;
- Fort Covington POE, New York;
- Heart Island POE, New York;
- John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), New York;
- Lewiston Bridge POE, New York; Mooers POE, New York;
- Niagara Falls, Rainbow Bridge, New York;
- Newark International Airport (NEW), New Jersey; Ogdensburg POE, New York;
- Rochester-Ferry Terminal, New York; Rouses Point POE, New York;
- Seaway International Bridge/Massena POE, New York;
- Thousand Islands POE, New York;
- Trout River POE, New York;

The 30th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner was held on November 22nd.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- International students at SU are finding out what Thanksgiving is all about. The 30th Annual International Thanksgiving Celebration was held Sunday at SU's Goldstein Auditorium.

The event is sponsored by Hendrick's Chapel, the Division of Student Affairs, and the Slutzker Center for International Students. It's a way to show non-Americans the culture behind the turkey and mashed potatoes.

"Many of our students don't go anywhere during the Thanksgiving break, where as the American students go home to mom and dad and grandparents. So our students come here on Sunday and celebrate this dinner," said Pat Burak, SU International Services.

"I never really knew what Thanksgiving was like before I came here. So it's nice that they actually serve food and explain how everything started and the food itself is great," said Marina Brink, international student.

The night was topped off with musical performances.

Please watch the following video posted by the News10Now: http://news10now.com/all-regions-news-2133-content/video_stories/488439/su-international-students-celebrate-thanksgiving?ap=1&MP4

Defend Your Honor basketball tournament

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23:
In the Community
CELEBRATION OF ARTS, CULTURE AND EDUCATION IN THE SYRACUSE COMMUNITY
Seymour Dual Language Academy - 108 Shonnard Street
2 - 4 p.m. (free and open to the public)
Hosted by Syracuse University and Community Organizations. Visit Hendricks.syr.edu for more information

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24:
On Campus
A CONVERSATION WITH GWEN IFILL
A discussion of Ifill's book, *"The Breakthrough: Politics and Race in the Age of Obama"*
Maxwell Auditorium
3 - 4 p.m. (free and open to the public)
EVENING CELEBRATION
Keynote address by Gwen Ifill
Program includes the presentation of the 2010 Unsung Hero Awards and entertainment Syracuse University Carrier Dome
Dinner: 5 p.m. /Program: 6:30 p.m. (free and open to the public)
Tickets are \$25 per person; \$15.00 for students without meal plans and a dinner charge for students with meal plans. For ticket information, contact Hendricks Chapel: 315-443-5044



R.A.P.E. Center volunteers help promote the work of the R.A.P.E. Center. So far this fall, volunteers have accomplished the following activities: * Assisted at the Syracuse Welcome 2009 event, "Everyday Heroes" * Met with first-year students in the L.O.O.P. (Leadership Outdoor Orientation Program) to talk about becoming empowered bystanders * Facilitated an Empowered Bystander training for Orientation Leaders * Led discussions in First-Year Forum classes * Tabled in Schine Student Center for Healthy Monday * Prepared materials to be distributed to First-Year Forums * Organized packets of information for new volunteers * Prepared booklets for participants in the Mentors in Violence Prevention trainings * Attended the Mentors in Violence Prevention peer facilitator training * Led 5 Sex Jeopardy workshops in residence halls * Facilitated conversations reaching over 180 students with e5m presentations. If you are interested in becoming part of the R.A.P.E Center team by joining one of these volunteer groups or would like more information please email Jill Sneider at jasneide@syr.edu.

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Reminder On Parking Regulations In University Neighborhoods - by OCCS



Parking in the neighborhoods surrounding campus may be a new experience for some. To avoid ticketing and towing, and to help maintain the quality of life in the University area, members of the University community are reminded to observe city parking regulations.

Many city streets have alternate side (**odd-even**) parking, which takes effect at **6 p.m. On odd dates, parking starts at 6 p.m. on the side of the street with odd address numbers; on even dates, parking starts at 6 p.m. on the side with even-number addresses.**

“Parking illegally on a city street creates traffic hazards to motorists and pedestrians, obstructs vehicular and pedestrian traffic, prevents emergency vehicles from entering areas, and delays public services such as trash collection and snow removal. And parking on front lawns and across sidewalks is not only illegal, but also poses a safety threat to pedestrians who are forced to walk off the sidewalks. Working collaboratively with the Syracuse Police Department, we want the campus community to know the rules so they can follow them.

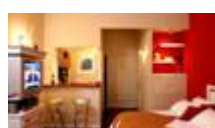
” To reduce and discourage illegal parking, the Syracuse Police Department will strictly enforce the parking regulations in the University area and will routinely conduct Ticket and Tow Operations in persistent violator areas. Drivers should obey the posted parking regulations in order to avoid being ticketed and towed, and should be mindful that failure to respond to parking violations may result in collection agency involvement or other punitive action against the registrant and/or the vehicle.



Pedestrian Safety Tips

October is Pedestrian Safety Month! Stay safe while you’re walking to campus. Here are some tips:

- Use sidewalks and paths whenever possible.
- Use crosswalks, and don’t start walking until you see the “WALK” signal.
- Walk facing traffic so you can see vehicles as they approach, and they can see you. Always walk in groups of three or more!
- Remember, pedestrians only have the right-of-way if a driver sees them! As a driver, it is important to be familiar with pedestrian safety laws. When a pedestrian is crossing at a crosswalk, drivers must wait until the pedestrian has *completely* crossed the street and has reached the other side safely.
- When making a right-hand turn at a red light, it is important to come to a complete stop and check for pedestrians crossing the street. Also remember there are many “No Right on Red” turns in the Syracuse University area!



Protect your Personal Property

The SCIS supports this policy and we encourage every student to have this insurance.

- Laptops, cell phones, MP3 Players, clothes, books, sports equipment, furniture--- **all** your “stuff” is covered
- You’re insured for countless types of loss, including theft, vandalism, fire, water, and accidental damage
- Worldwide coverage---on and **off** campus
- Property of the University is covered while in your care
- Low deductibles of just \$50 or \$100
- Buy \$4,000 of coverage for less than \$95!

For more information about our student personal property program, call **1-800-289-1501** and ask for a college specialist. Or better yet **Enroll online!** It’s fast and easy. Simply log on to: www.haylor.com/student



For your safety, please remember...

- **On campus after dark, use DPS' free escort service.** Off campus, use SU Home (it's free); call 443-2224 for more information on these services. Additional options are 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.
- 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 and tag number.
- IMMEDIATELY report emergencies or suspicious activities, persons and vehicles. For SU's Department of Public Safety, dial 711 on campus or #78 (from a cell phone); for the Syracuse Police Department, dial 911.

Your quick report may help prevent others from becoming victims.

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Fall 2009 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

- o Phone: 443-1049
- o Web: <http://parking.syr.edu>

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Community Folk Art Center "Power and Pride: An Elizabeth Catlett Retrospective"

Syracuse, NY - This weekend, the Community Folk Art Center hosted several well-attended events to mark the beginning of their new exhibit, Power and Pride: An Elizabeth Catlett Retrospective, including a VIP reception with the artist on Friday, and a screening of the film Betty Y Pancho by her son, Juan Mora Catlett on Saturday.

Both events saw excellent turnout, with the reception hosting over 100 attendees and the film screening on Saturday seeing over 30. This is likely due to the press we received previewing the event from the Syracuse New Times, Syracuse.com/Syracuse Post-Standard, and CNYLink.com. We also publicized the event through our social networking accounts on Facebook and Twitter. The exhibit continues to be shown at the Center until December 12th.

<http://cmac.syr.edu>

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"WEEKLY SALSA UPDATE"

Local Latin Radio Shows

WEDNESDAYS - Syracuse

8pm CNY Latino, Talk Show with HUGO ACOSTA (101.5, 95.3, & 98.1 FM)

9pm CNY Latino, SPORTS Show with JOE RODRIGUEZ (101.5, 95.3, & 98.1 FM)

* Listen online at: www.cnylatino.com

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"What Can Be Recycled?"

The following items can be placed in the blue recycling bins:

- Any plastic bottles with a number 1 or 2 recycling symbol on the bottom
- All food and beverage cans
- Empty aerosol cans
- Aluminum foil and aluminum baking tins
- All clear and colored glass food and beverage bottles
- Milk and juice cartons
- All newspapers, magazines, catalogues and inserts
- Discarded mail and envelopes
- Pizza, cereal, pasta and other food boxes
- Corrugated (grooved) cardboard boxes

The following items CANNOT be recycled:

- Plastic grocery bags
- Frozen food and meat trays
- Plastic bottles without a recycling symbol, or with recycling numbers 3-7 on the bottom

- Plastic containers other than bottles, regardless of symbol on bottom (including margarine, yogurt, whipped topping and "baby wipes" tubs) ·
- Polystyrene (Styrofoam)
- Six pack holders and rings
- Paint cans or anything that once contained hazardous waste (pesticides, lubricants, paint, etc.) ·
- Broken glass, dishes or drinking glasses
- Egg cartons, paper plates, paper towels, metallic paper. · Hardcover or paperback books.

Recycling hints:

- Need a second blue bin? If you live in a town or village, get your second bin from your highway department garage. If you live in the City of Syracuse, call 448-2489. The city will deliver a bin to you. If you live in an apartment please ask your manager.
- Please, no plastic grocery bags in the blue bin. Put your newspapers, junk mail and other paper recyclables in a paper bag. Return plastic grocery bags to your grocery store for recycling or use them to dispose of your trash.
- Please flatten all cardboard boxes. Also cut cardboard into 3 foot by 3 foot sections and place next to blue bin.
- Please throw away plastic bottle tops and caps. Do not place plastic bottle tops and caps in your blue bin.
- Please rinse food cans, aluminum foil, and baking tins to remove food particles before placing items in blue bin. Questions? Visit www.ocra.org or call the Operation Separation Hotline at 453-2870

Motivational Quotes of the Week:

"When expectations are bigger than efforts it always gives disappointment."
by Krishna K. Sharma (Ph.D. student, Syracuse University)

"All mankind's inner feelings eventually manifest themselves as an outer reality.."
by Stuart Wilde

"You are the most powerful magnet in the universe! You contain a magnetic power within you that is more powerful than anything in this world, and this unfathomable magnetic power is emitted through your thoughts..."
by Rhonda Byrne

"The quality of events surrounding you in any given moment in time may be reflecting specific beliefs that you hold in that moment of time."
by Gregg Braden

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Note:

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

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