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Syracuse University
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Congratulations and Good Luck to our Class of 2010!!!

!Important Announcements!

- Starting **Monday, May 17th** the Slutzker Center for International Services will switch to summer hours. We will be open **Monday through Friday from 8:00am - 4:30pm.**
- Leaving the United States Permanently or Transferring Out to another school. Please read the article below.
- **The Clock is Ticking on Some Practical Training Applications:**

F-1 students who will be graduating this May 2010 and plan to apply for post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) are reminded that they must submit their application paperwork to the SCIS, 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 conferral date, which this year is May 15, 2010.

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 in a timely manner. Currently, it is taking the USCIS Service Centers approximately 12 weeks 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 volunteer work.
- Graduate students expecting to graduate this May 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.
- **Transferring out of SU?**

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/transfer_out.htm
- Students who will be ending 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.
- A special bulletin by The Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services with information pertaining to 'Moving Out Information' included below. Please read the newsletter below for details..

- **Planning to Study Abroad during the Fall 2010 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.**

- **Regal Movie Tickets**

The Schine Student Center Box Office offers two types of Regal Movie Tickets - both at discounted prices.



The VIP Super Saver ticket program is \$7.00 and does carry some minor restrictions during the first 12 days of selected new release films. VIP Super Saver Tickets have No Expiration Date.



The PREMIERE Super Saver ticket is \$8.00, BUT WITH NO RESTRICTIONS! Premiere Super Saver tickets are valid anytime, any show, seven days a week. Yes, even on the opening night of blockbuster films! Premiere Super Saver Tickets have No Expiration Date.

For more information visit the website: <http://students.syr.edu/boxoffice/content/regal.html>

- **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.
- Rent a safety deposit box at your local bank (i.e.: HSBC, Chase, etc.)

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 emergency!

- **Travelling During the Summer?**

Have all Your Documents with you! If you are travelling within the U.S., you must still carry with you your passport, I-94 card and original I-20/DS-2019. The U.S. Border Patrol often inspects documents at train stations, bus stations, and airports. If you do not have your original documents, you could be fined \$100, or detained until your status can be verified.

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.

The Slutzker Center for International Services will offer additional Travel Seminars beginning Wednesday, April 28th to Friday, May 14th. Please read the newsletter below for seminar dates and time.

Worried that your flight might be delayed due to the weather conditions? Please contact your airline, the airport and check this website - <http://www.fly.faa.gov> (for more traveling tips please read below)

- **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 the front and back of your EAD card" and e-mail us a copy of it to lescis@syr.edu.

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

Curricular Practical Training Seminar (CPT) - Wednesday @ 3:00pm
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 address changes or you are in violation of your status. http://international.syr.edu/address_update_opt.htm

U.S. Immigration Requirements If You Are Leaving Syracuse University Permanently.

SCIS advisers are often asked what the immigration requirements are if a student will no longer be continuing at SU, either because the student is returning to his/her home country, or is beginning Practical Training or Academic Training, or because the student is going to begin study at a new school.

Regardless of your plans, retain your old I-20s (or DS-2019s)! These forms represent your immigration history in the United States and should be kept in a safe place as you would keep any important document in case you might need them in the future. 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/transfer_out.htm

Also, follow your new school's instructions for Transfer In forms, obtaining your I-20, and for reporting to that school in a timely fashion.

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Daily Travel Seminars - Through till 5/14

Planning to Travel During Summer?

The Slutzker Center for International Services will offer additional Travel Seminars beginning Wednesday, April 28th to Friday, May 14th. Seminars will be held every business day at the Slutzker Center. When you come for the seminar, please make sure to bring your original I-20/DS-2019, passport, visa, I-94 card, and proof of health insurance. Your health insurance should contain medical evacuation and repatriation. If it does not, you must purchase the supplemental MedEx policy, which costs \$25/person per year.

May Seminar Dates: Monday 5/3 - Friday 5/14

Monday - 5:00PM
 Tuesday - 10:00AM
 Wednesday - 1:30PM
 Thursday - 10:00AM
 Friday - 12:00PM

FY 2010 H1B Updates

FY 2011 H-1B Cap Count

Cap Type	Cap Amount	Cap Eligible Petitions	Petition Target	Date of Last Count
H-1B Regular Cap	65,000	16,500		4/27/2010
H-1B Master's Exemption	20,000	6,900		4/27/2010

For more information and latest updates on H1B Visa cap count, please visit the [USCIS](http://uscis.gov) website.

Moving Out Successfully: Unwanted Items, Cable Boxes and Trash

- By The Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services

Trash Removal

Before you move out of your apartment, be sure to ask your landlord where you should place any trash or other unwanted items you may have. The City is working to expedite trash collection in the area to maintain the cleanliness of the neighborhood. Remember to place trash in cans provided to you by your landlord. If your landlord has not provided cans, please use 30-gallon trash cans or clear trash bags. Trashcans should not be put out prior to 8:00 p.m. the night before collection and should be removed by 7:00 p.m. on collection day. Place recyclable materials in the blue collection bin provided to you. Break down any cardboard boxes and separate newspapers from plastics and aluminum. If you have any questions regarding trash collection or removal call **448-CITY**.

Change of Address

Before you move, be sure to complete a Change of Address form with the United States Post Office. For more information contact the US Post Office at: moversguide.com.

Ten Tons of Love...Donating Unwanted Items

Ten Tons of Love, Syracuse University's semi-annual food and clothing drive, will

be held through May 21. Students who wish to participate can donate the following good used items:

- Clothing, shoes, backpack
- Kitchen supplies (silverware, dishware, small appliances)
- Furniture, bedding, towels
- Cell phones
- Non-perishable food items

Small Item Drop Off:

- Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services, 754 Ostrom Ave
- Westcott Community Center, corner of Euclid and Westcott

Large Items and Furniture:

- Call OCCS at 443-5489 or e-mail offcampus@syr.edu to schedule a pickup

Good used items will be distributed free of charge to those in need in the Syracuse Community.

Time Warner Cable Boxes

If you have cable TV service with Time Warner you will need to notify Time Warner of your departure and return any equipment to Time Warner. This includes cable boxes and remotes - if this equipment is not returned, Time Warner will bill you for the equipment - amounts in the \$200 range (and place a hold on any future account).

The SU Bookstore at the Schine Student Center will be accepting returns from April 30 through May 14. You should be sure to turn in the equipment to a bookstore employee and receive and retain a receipt.

Volunteer Opportunity:

To assist with Ten Tons of Love-moving and sorting donated items, sign-up at tentons.syr.edu.

Questions or comments? Contact:

The Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services:
754 Ostrom Avenue, Syracuse, NY, 13244
Phone:(315) 443-5489
Email: offcampus@syr.edu

Senior Celebration 2010

Come celebrate for one last time with all of your friends! The theme this year is "Glowing in the Dark" and will be the best senior celebration yet! Tickets are free for seniors at the Schine Box Office and \$12 for a guest.

- Must have a VALID ID and be 21 or over to drink
- Shuttle bus service begins at 8:30pm with pick-up and drop-off at Goldstein Student Center, Schine, College Place and Westcott/Euclid.
- Free parking in Booth, Marion or University Ave Garage with your senior celebration ticket

Date. Time: Thursday, May 13, 2010 - 9:00pm to 1:00am

Location: Skytop

Price: Free for seniors, \$12 for guest

Sponsoring department/organization:Office of Student Activities and the Office of Alumni Relations, Division of Student Affairs

Contact: Sarah Ross. 443-2718. saross01@syr.edu

"Cinco de Mayo" Celebrations

Friday -May 7th, 2010

Havana Night's "Cinco de Mayo Semi-Formal Latin Dance"

La Familia presents our second annual....

Cinco de Mayo Semi-Formal

Friday May 7th
9:30pm-2am

Dance all night to DJ La Maquina's...
SALSA!
CHACHA!
MERENGUE!
BACHATA!
TIMBA!
REGGAETON!

Don't miss our
Beginner Salsa
"Survival" Lesson!
8-15pm-9:30pm
\$7 or \$10 for both
lesson and dance.
No partner needed!
No experience needed!
(Student and military \$8 w ID)

Join us at
Ballybay Pub & Nightclub
550 Richmond Ave, Syracuse

lafamilia@twcny-rr.com * www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com * (315) 636-7133

Saturday -May 10th, 2010

Cinco de Mayo Salsa Celebration at Metro Lounge!!!

Join us THIS SAT as we celebrate Cinco de Mayo at Metro Lounge!

SPECIAL PRICING FOR SU STUDENTSonly \$3 with valid ID!

- * 9:30pm-2:00am ... \$5 (students with valid ID pay \$3) ... 21+ event
- * DJ "la Maquina" spins the HOTTEST Latin dance music from the around the world in Syracuse's CHICEST Nightclub!!!
- * SALSA, MERENGUE, BACHATA, CHACHACHA, REGGAETON Y TIMBA!
- * Full service bar, fully air conditioned, plenty of free off street parking.
- * Walking distance from Syracuse University Campus!
- * VENUE: Metro Lounge & Cafe, 505 Westcott St, Syr. [Map](#)

Syracuse Chiefs vs. Gwinnett Braves

Come out to the Alliance Bank Stadium and cheer on the Syracuse Chiefs, the AAA affiliate of the Washington Nationals baseball team, as they take on the Atlanta Braves AAA affiliate, the Gwinnett Braves.

Date(s): May 7 - May 9

Location: Alliance Bank Stadium, 1 Tex Simone Dr. Syracuse, NY 13208

Time: 7:00 pm Thurs & Fri; 2:00 pm Sat & Sun

Cost: Call for ticket prices

Telephone: 315-474-7833

Website: [Visit Web Site](#)

Downtown Syracuse Events

Comedian Jay Black

Date(s): 05/07/2010, 05/08/2010

Venue: Wise Guys Comedy Club, 201 South Salina Street

Time: 8:00 pm

Telephone: 477-9898

Website: www.wiseguysyracuse.com

The Wizard of Oz

Presented by the Syracuse Children's Theatre.

Date(s): May 07 - May 09

Venue: Mulroy Civic Center at Oncenter

Time: 7:00 pm

Telephone: 432-5437

Website: <http://syracusechildrenstheatre.com/index.php?module=shows>

For more events: go to <http://ds.calendarpublisher.com/>

Susan G. Komen - Race for the Cure



Date: May 15, 2010

Location: NY-State Fairgrounds

Events: 5k run-walk/1 mile walk

Register online at: www.komencny.org

Mynavi Global Career EXPO 2010/ "Tokyo Summer"

(Job Fair for Japanese-speaking Students!)

Date & Time:

Monday, June 21st 10:00-17:30

Tuesday, June 22nd 10:00-17:30

Place: Tokyo Big Sight (Tokyo, Japan)

Our website (in Japanese) <http://global.mynavi.jp/index.html>

All majors are welcome.

Companies from the following industries participated in 2009.

Automobile/ Banking/ Chemical/ Communication/ Consulting/ Education/Electronic/ Energy/ Entertainment/ Financial/ Food/ Human Resources/Insurance/ IT/ Manufacturing/ Media/ NGO/ NPO/ Publication/ Real Estate/ Research/ Trade/ Travel etc.

Weekly Salsa Update

Your "WEEKLY SALSA UPDATE" is organized as follows:

- Weekend Lessons
- La Familia's Weekly Dance Class Schedule

Brought to you by "**La Familia de la Salsa**"
Brian A. Bromka - Founder/Artistic Director
 "bridging cultures through dance...one step at a time"

Website: www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com

Phone: 315-636-7133

Weekend Lessons:

EVERY FRIDAY - Syracuse:
 Beginner Salsa "Survival" Lesson!
 OUR MOST POPULAR CLASS taught by Roberto Perez, Cardio Salsa Instructor
 and co-founder of La Familia de la Salsa!
 Friday nights ... 8:15 - 9:30pm, just prior to Havana Nights Latin Dance! (see Sec 2,
 above)
 \$7 (or \$10 for lesson + dance)
 Student discount - only \$8 for lesson and dance (must show ID!)!
 Ballybay Pub/Nightclub, 550 Richmond Ave., Syracuse, NY, [Map](#)
 Class Description: Learn fundamentals of "the most FUN you will
 ever have on the dance floor"! You'll LOVE it or your money back!!!
 NO partner necessary. NO experience necessary.
www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com

La Familia's Weekly Dance Class Schedule!

"La Familia" teaches private and group classes, weekly, at various locations
 throughout Central NY (...and we rotate partners in every class, so, there is NO
 partner necessary!).

To view our entire weekly schedule of classes [Click Here](#)

Say Yes to Education Overview

The Say Yes to Education: Syracuse program combines comprehensive, high-quality
 and sustained academic, social, emotional, health and family supports throughout
 the K-12 years, and culminates with the incentive of free college tuition for SCSD
 graduates who meet residency and college admission requirements into one of
 nearly 100 higher education institutions in the Say Yes compact. The Say Yes Higher
 Education Compact eliminates the most significant obstacle faced by families across
 the income spectrum—the high cost of a quality post-secondary education...

The mission of Say Yes is to value and realize the promise and extraordinary
 potential of economically disadvantaged youth and families. Say Yes recognizes the
 daunting challenges faced by children living in poverty, but knows through
 experience and field-tested results that children can overcome these challenges
 when given holistic support.

To find out more about the Say Yes to Education you can read the December 2009
 Newsletter: <http://wpbdc.syr.edu/email/sayyes/enews12-09.pdf>

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



R.A.P.E. Center volunteers

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.



Pedestrian Safety Tips

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 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
- 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.

Spring 2010 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: 443-1049
- Web: <http://parking.syr.edu>

Motivational Quotes of the Week:

You cannot help but learn more as you take the world into your hands. Take it up reverently, for it is an old piece of clay, with millions of thumbprints on it".

~ **John Updike**

"There is a good reason they call these ceremonies "commencement exercises." Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning."

~ **Orrin Hatch**

Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten.

~ **B.F. Skinner**

"Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army."

~ **Edward Everett**

"Character is higher than intellect."

~ **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

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