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Syracuse University
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Beautiful spring in Syracuse, NY.
Photo Courtesy of Daniela Baban Hurre

!Important Announcements!

■ The Clock is Ticking on Some Practical Training Applications:

F-1 students who will be graduating in 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.

■ To accommodate student requests at this busy time of the semester, we will have a "Walk In PT Step 2 Service" session next **Wednesday, April 28, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** at the Slutzker Center (for more detailed information please read below).

■ **!! Important Notice !!**

The Slutzker Center will be closed on April 30th from 12:30 - 5:00pm. For urgent matters please call us at 315-443-2457 or for general inquiries please email us at lescis@syr.edu.

■ Recreation Services is offering FREE Meditation classes on Thurs at 3:30pm till April 29.

Interested in taking Yoga, Pilates, Vinyasa, Tae Kwon Do, Tai Chi, Ballet, Zumba, Hip Hop, Biking (RPM), Fencing or Swimming Classes please check this website for more details: <http://recreationsservices.syr.edu/Programs/fitnessclasses/index.htm>

■ 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.

■ Planning to Study Abroad during the 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.

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 This Semester?

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.

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 Spring 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

Walk In PT Step 2 Service

At this time of the semester, appointment requests for curricular and optional practical training begin to "back up."

To accommodate student requests at this busy time of the semester, we will have another "Walk In PT Step 2 Service" session next Wednesday afternoon, **April 28**, from **2:00 to 4:00p.m.** at the Slutzker Center . A number of advisers will be on hand to process your applications on a first come, first served basis. You may have

to wait, so please bring something to read, or plan to watch television or work on the computer. We will process as many student applications as possible during the two hours. If we have more applications than we can process, we will take them in and work on them throughout the rest of the week.

Please be sure to have all documents completed and ready for advisor review. We will work diligently to see as many students as possible during this time. If you feel that your case needs personal attention or you have many questions, please call our office to schedule a regular CPT or OPT Step 2 Appointment so that your case can get the attention it needs.

We hope that this extra service will meet the needs of students who are applying for practical training. Of course, we will continue our regular schedule of CPT and OPT Step 2 Appointments throughout April and May. Depending on the utility (and success) of this walk-in session, we will consider another future date for an evening session.

We look forward to serving you.

MayFest Celebrations on April 30, 2010

A special letter to international students from the Director

Dear Students,

As you must be aware, the University will be hosting a celebration of the end of the semester on April 30 right outside the Slutzker Center, on Walnut Park. This party will be well supported by the University, with free food, drinks (both alcoholic for those over 21 and non-alcoholic for those under 21 or who do not choose to drink alcohol) and entertainment. I encourage you to participate and enjoy the afternoon, and perhaps some of the SCIS staff will see you there!

However, we understand that some students may be planning parties in other locations that day. It is our **VERY STRONG WARNING** to you not to participate in any parties which might violate university, city, state or federal laws or regulations. "Open container" laws will be strictly enforced by the Syracuse Police Department.

If you are found to have an "open container" of an alcoholic beverage in public (i.e. not at a sanctioned event such as Walnut Park), you might be arrested. Also, "public intoxication" is a serious offense and **could result not only in suspension from the university, but loss of your non-immigrant student status in the U.S.**

Please don't put yourself in jeopardy! Enjoy the sponsored party on Walnut Park, and the Block Party in the Dome afterwards (if you have a ticket!) and then be sure to have a good night's sleep **at home**, in your own comfortable bed! Spending the night in the local jail or hospital after excessive "partying" is not a good way to end the semester.

My colleague at Binghamton University has a good article on the topic of **arrest and the international student**. The link is <http://www.binghamton.edu/iss/pubs/intstudarrst.html>. I strongly advise every international student to read this article if you are thinking about attending any unsanctioned events.

We hope that you have a wonderful end to this semester. If we can be of any assistance, please feel free to call upon us!

Sincerely,
Dr. Patricia A. Burak
Director, Slutzker Center for International Services

SU Showcase & Mayfest Notice

SU Showcase-our annual, spring celebration of discovery, creativity, and community engagement-will take place on **Monday, April 19**. Unlike previous years, the day of SU Showcase will be a regular **instructional day** (classes will be scheduled as normal). Featured activities will run from **9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**, emphasizing the theme of sustainability, in recognition of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. The centerpiece will be presentations given on the Quad by a select group of SU students, recognized as Showcase Fellows, nominations for which remain open. We encourage you to put forward stand-out students whom you know for this excellent learning and teaching opportunity. You may nominate them, or they may self-nominate, by filling out a brief web-based form at <http://sushowcase.syr.edu/RegAcademicEvents.htm>. The complete schedule is available at <http://sushowcase.syr.edu/index.htm>.

Friday, April 30, from **1 to 5:30 p.m.**, a new "**Mayfest student celebration**" will take place in **Walnut Park, open to SU and SUNY-ESF students only**. Mayfest will also be a regular **instruction day** (the last Friday of classes). This event has been designed collaboratively by representatives of Syracuse University, the SU Student Association, University Union, and the City of Syracuse with the shared, paramount goal of providing a safe, controlled environment in which our students may celebrate the end of the school year and the arrival of spring.

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	13,500		4/8/2010
H-1B Master's Exemption	20,000	5,600		4/8/2010

For more information and latest updates on H1B Visa cap count, please visit the [USCIS](#) website.

**"Earth Day Cleanup" - April 22nd
- by OCCS**

Last year, 100 students and Syracuse residents gathered together to pick up litter in the University neighborhood. At the end of the day, the Department of Public Works removed over 75 bags of trash.

This year's **County Wide Earth Day Cleanup** is scheduled for **April 22**. It is being sponsored by The Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services, the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency, and the Office of Government & Community Relations. **Volunteers will meet at the Westcott Community Center to work from 10:00 a.m.-12:30p.m. Lunch from ZJ's Pizza and Wings will be provided.**

2010 Irma Almirall-Padamsee La Fuerza Community Enhancement Awards

The Office of Multicultural Affairs cordially invites you to attend a reception recognizing exemplary & committed Syracuse University Student Leaders with a presentation of the 2010 **Irma Almirall-Padamsee La Fuerza Community Enhancement Awards** and **Chancellor's Feinstone Grants for Multicultural Initiatives**.

Date: Friday, April 16, 2010

Location: Goldstein Alumni and Faculty Center

Time: 4 pm - 6 pm

For more information on this event, or to RSVP, contact Marissa at mlwill07@syr.edu or 443-9676

National Day of Silence - April 16, 2010

The bullhorns in these trees are a part of a creative queer public art project which symbolizes the silence experienced by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) and straight ally individuals on a daily basis.



Participants in this project were asked "If you had a bullhorn, what would it say?" Participants designed their bullhorns and send LGBT affirming messages, and will use these bullhorns to end the silence around LGBT issues at the **"National Day of Silence"** rally, which will be held on the quad on **Friday, April 16 at 4:45 p.m.**

This project brings the LGBT people and straight allies together to speak up against discrimination in all of its forms.

SU Spring Football Game

SU Spring Game including contests, giveaways, autograph signings, celebrity appearances. Admission is FREE!



Date: 04/17/2010
Location: Carrier Dome. 900 Irving Ave. Syracuse, NY 13244
Time: 1:00 pm
Cost: Free
Telephone: 315-443-3042
Website: <http://suathletics.com/index.aspx>
Email: mrwatson@syr.edu

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

An Evening with Emmy Award Winner Bill Persky - May 5

Syracuse University and the Bleier Center for Television and Popular Culture in the Newhouse School will host a special event with Emmy Award-winning writer, director and producer Bill Persky '53 on Wednesday, May 5, in New York City.

"From 'That Girl' to 'Cougars': How Laughter Helped Move the Women's Movement Forward," an informal conversation with Persky moderated by Newhouse School professor Robert Thompson, will be held at 7 p.m. at SU's Joseph I. Lubin House, 11 E. 61st St., Manhattan. A reception will precede the event at 6 p.m. For more information or to R.S.V.P., contact SU's Office of Gift Planning at (888) 352-9535 or giftplan@syr.edu.

Persky is a five-time Emmy Award winner for such shows as "The Dick Van Dyke Show," "That Girl," "Sid Caesar," "Bill Cosby" and "Kate & Allie."

The event is co-sponsored by SU, the Bleier Center, the Newhouse School and Pathfinders

Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2010
Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Location: Lubin House, New York City

Wegmans' Taste of Success--Wine, Beer and Culinary Reception

Enjoy an evening of live music, distinctive wines, beers, and culinary delights hosted by Wegmans to benefit Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection. More than 125 international and New York State wines and select craft beers, fine foods from Wegmans.

Date(s): 04/16/2010
Location: Empire Expo Center/NYS Fairgrounds. 581 State Fair Blvd. Syracuse, NY 13209
Time: 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Cost: \$30 in advance; \$40 at the door
Telephone: 585-256-7660
Website: <http://events.visitsyracuse.org/events/detail/20100414/5/19/4/0/20/5023>

Spring into Action Fun Run and Walk - April 26

Get off your bum! Healthy Monday, Recreation Services, and the Division of Student Affairs Student Leadership Institute present the Move-It Monday program, "Spring Into Action!" Fun Run and Walk - **Monday, April 26 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Join us on the **Quad** for a fun run and walk. Registration starts on the **Quad at 11:30 a.m.** and the fun run/walk will start at noon.

Wild Ocean - Bristol IMAXR Omnitheater

Wild Ocean will flood your senses as it fills the big screen in our Bristol IMAXR Omnitheater. This action-packed, inspirational documentary explores the interplay between man and our endangered ocean ecosystem. Using the breathtaking panoramas of the Wild Coast, a rocky coastline off the Southern tip of Africa, Wild Ocean throws you into the water to swim alongside sardines, sharks, dolphins and whales.

Location:
 Museum of Science & Technology (MOST)
 500 S. Franklin St.
 Syracuse, NY 13202

Time: Call for show times

Cost: Call for ticket prices and information

Event Type: Everyone

Telephone: 315-425-9068

Website: <http://www.most.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.

Research Survey: Characteristics that lead to friendship satisfaction with closest friends among college students - by Kyoung Mi Choi

We invite you to participate in the research survey exploring the **characteristics that lead to friendship satisfaction with closest friends among college students**. This survey is administered by Kyoung Mi Choi who is a Graduate Assistant at the Slutzker Center and also a doctoral candidate in Counselor Education and Supervision at Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

If you are interested in participating in this research, please contact Kyoung Mi Choi at kmchoi01@maxwell.syr.edu.

For more information about the project, please visit the Slutzker Center [website](#).

Undergraduate Students in Academic Difficulty

We have found that many new students in fall 2009 are now facing academic warnings or probation as a result of poor academic performance in the fall 2009 semester. Kyoung-Mi ("Rebecca") Choi, a graduate assistant in the Slutzker Center, is reaching out to you! She will be emailing you soon, inviting you to meet with her, and find ways to improve your academic performance this semester. Please reply to her email as soon as you receive it. After one semester of probation, many students find themselves facing a year suspension! This could be a way out of that situation! Please take advantage of this opportunity.

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.

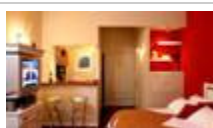
If you are interested in becoming part of the R.A.P.E Center team by joining one of these volunteer groups or would like more information please email Jill Sneider at jasneide@syr.edu.



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:

"Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I assure you, it's much more serious than that."

- Bill Shankly (Scottish Football Player and Manager, 1913-1981)

"To err is human - and to blame it on a computer is even more so."

- Robert Orben

"A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person."

- Mignon McLaughlin

"Humor is just another defense against the universe."

- Mel Brooks

"When the missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said "Let us pray." We closed our eyes. When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land."

- Desmond Tutu

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Newsletter, your e-mail address, your first and last name. _____

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