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**Syracuse University**  
**Friday, April 09, 2010**



Beautiful spring in Syracuse, NY

### **!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 Monday, April 12, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Slutzker Center (for more detailed information please read below).**

■ **FREE TICKETS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S PERFORMANCE OF THE SYRACUSE SYMPHONY.**

The Slutzker Center has 2 tickets for Friday evening (tonight) and 3 tickets for Saturday's fine performance of the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra. The concert takes place at the Civic Center downtown, and you may travel down on the Connective Corridor bus, and travel back to campus on the Connective Corridor Bus. Unless you want to buy a soda and/or candy at the Civic Center, there will be no charges at all for you!

The performance tonight is "The Seductress" and features Daniel Hege as conductor, and Kelly Cae Hogan as lead soprano. The orchestra will perform "Death and Transfiguration" by Strauss, Suite No. 3: "Air on a G-String" by J.S. Bach/Stokowski, "Knoxville: Summer of 1915" by Barber, and "Dance of the Seven Veils from 'Salome'," by Strauss. A wonderful line up!

The Connective Corridor bus leaves at 7:08 p.m., from the College Place stop, and will return to campus at the end of the evening (probably around 11 p.m.).

The first students to request these tickets by email (email the director, Patricia A Burak at [paburak@syr.edu](mailto:paburak@syr.edu)) will be given these tickets. Enjoy!!

■ **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>

■ **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.**

■ **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.**

■ **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 it and e-mail us a photocopy of it to [lescis@syr.edu](mailto: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 changes or you are in violation of your status. [http://international.syr.edu/address\\_update\\_opt.htm](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 a "Walk In PT Step 2 Service" session next Monday afternoon, April 12, from 3:00 to 5:00p.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 March, 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.

### **Life After Optional Practical Training (OPT)**

An Informative Seminar Critical for all International Students.

**When:** Friday April 9, 2010

**Time:** 3:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M.

**Where:** Shemin Auditorium in the Schaffer Arts Building



Join a Syracuse based immigration attorney, and representatives from CASE, The Center for Career Services and The Slutzker Center for International Services to learn the best strategies for navigating immigration rules and regulations.

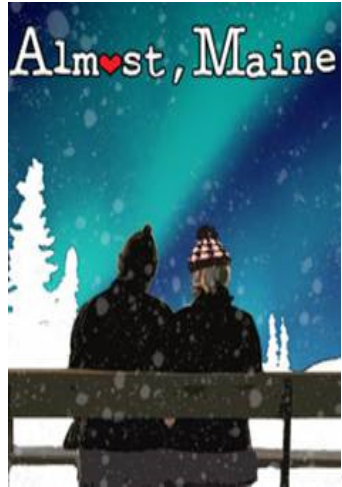
Presented by: **Andrea Godfread-Brown, Esq., Hancock & Estabrook, LLP**

What it's about:

1. When do I apply for OPT
2. What is considered "employment" once I receive my EAD?
3. How do I talk to my employer about E-Verify?
4. Do I need to be concerned about E-Verify?
5. How and when do I apply for the STEM extension?
6. Who pays the costs for H-1B?
7. When/how do I bring up Permanent Resident sponsorship?
8. Travel-related issues
9. When do I need an attorney separate from my employer?
10. J-1 issues
11. Family relationships and related immigration options
12. And more....

Do not miss this Informative Seminar

### **Romantic Happenings Bloom in Almost, Maine**



One winter night with the aurora borealis creating celestial enchantment, eight couples fall under the spell of that funny little unpredictable thing called love. By turns touching, comic, warm, gentle and altogether surprising.

[Watch the Video Trailer](#)

[Watch the :30 second commercial on YouTube](#)

**SU Staff & Faculty:** \$20 tickets for Sunday, April 4 at 2 p.m. Available in person or by calling 315-443-3275 (\$5 processing fee by phone).

**SU Students:** \$9 tickets available in person or by calling 315-443-3275 (\$5 processing fee by phone).

Visit [www.SyracuseStage.org](http://www.SyracuseStage.org) for more info.

Contact: Syracuse Stage Box Office at 315-443-3275.

### **"Earth Day Cleanup" - 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.**

Interested volunteers should contact The Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services at 443-5489 or at [offcampus@syr.edu](mailto:offcampus@syr.edu) by April 14.

### **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](mailto:kmchoi01@maxwell.syr.edu).

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

### **Income Tax Deadline Approaching Soon**

Filing for taxes is coming to an end next week. If you were in the US anytime during 2009, you need to file taxes. All Federal and State tax information is on our website. Please read all information to see what you need to do. CINTAX passwords will only be available until 4/15/10. If you have received a password and have not completed your forms you need to do so by April 15, 2010. If you have not received a password, you need to do so as soon as possible in order to complete you forms by April 15, 2010. ([http://international.syr.edu/Tax\\_Information.htm](http://international.syr.edu/Tax_Information.htm)), BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS NEED TO BE POST MARKED ON APRIL 15, 2010.

### **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.

### **Take Back the Night, 2010!**



#### **Calendar of Events:**

##### **April 12**

#### **Hands Against Violence/Empowered Bystander Project**

Schine Student Center Atrium @ 11am-3pm

Hands Against Violence,  
Goldstein Student Center @ 5-7 pm

##### **April 13**

#### **Hands Against Violence/Empowered Bystander Project**

Schine Student Center Atrium @ 11am-3pm

Hands Against Violence,  
SUNY ESF, Marshall Hall, First floor @ 11am-2pm

**April 14**  
**Hands Against Violence/ Empowered Bystander Project**  
Schine Student Center Atrium @ 11 am-3pm

**Take Back the Night Rally, March and Speak-Out**  
Hendricks Chapel @ 7:30pm

**April 15**  
**Got Consent? Campaign**  
University Judicial Board/Peer Education Team  
**Wear your Got Consent? T-shirt - All Day**

For more information about any of the Take Back the Night events, contact **Sacchi Patel**, R.A.P.E. Center Graduate Assistant, at 315-443-7273 or via email at [sapate01@syr.edu](mailto:sapate01@syr.edu).

### **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.

### **Move It Monday FREE Fitness Classes @ 1:00pm.**

Move it Monday is a part of the Healthy Campus Initiative Healthy Monday. This is a program that focuses on participation in activities that promote the various components of wellness on campus at little or no cost to the user. Various **FREE** fitness classes will be offered every Monday during our Fitness Class schedule **from 1:00-1:50pm** in the Ernie Davis Exercise room on a drop-in, first come, first served basis. Please arrive early as the maximum enrollment for each class will vary based on activity.

April 12 - Power Hour  
April 19 - Yoga'lates  
April 26 - Zumba

### **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](mailto: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](http://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](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:

"Dogs never bite me. Just humans."

- **Marilyn Monroe**

"A dog is not considered a good dog because he is a good barker. A man is not considered a good man because he is a good talker. "

- **Buddha**

"My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness."

- **Dalai Lama**

"Reality leaves a lot to the imagination."

- **John Lennon**

"History repeats itself, first as tragedy, second as farce."

- **Karl Marx**

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