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### 1. We are now on Facebook!!

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Join us on Facebook and stay informed and updated about news, events, insights, galleries and much more!!!



### 2. TAXES

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#### Tax Seminars:

It is your obligation as a student/scholar to file a federal (and maybe a state) tax return by April 15, 2011! The Slutzker Center for International Services has tried to set up systems to help you meet those obligations. Information about CINTAX is available on our website [http://international.syr.edu/Tax\\_Information.htm](http://international.syr.edu/Tax_Information.htm), and through this newsletter. In addition, we will have two tax seminars. The seminars will feature the representative from the NYS Department of Finance and Taxation. We advise you to have already completed your federal return via CINTAX and bring the completed form with you for the seminars. It is NOT necessary (nor desirable) to come to both seminars!

#### TAX SEMINARS will be offered:

##### When:

##### 1. Today - March 29, 2011

**Where:** Heroy Geology Auditorium

**Time:** 3:30pm (the seminar will start promptly at 3:30pm).

##### 2. Wednesday – April 6, 2011

**Where:** Maxwell Auditorium

**Time:** 2:00pm (the seminars will start promptly at 2:00pm).

**If you are planning on attending the March 29<sup>th</sup> and the April 6<sup>th</sup> seminar you must have the Federal portion of your tax forms completed as there will only be the State Representative present. In order for you to have the federal portion completed, you must request a CINTAX password by 12:00pm (noon) on Tuesday, April 5.**

The Slutzker Center for International Services has opened access to **CINTAX**, the web-based income tax preparation software for filing your federal tax forms. CINTAX passwords are now available! The only way to request a CINTAX password is from our website at [http://international.syr.edu/Form\\_CINTAX\\_Password\\_new.html](http://international.syr.edu/Form_CINTAX_Password_new.html). It is important that you complete all fields on the form to receive a password. There is a maximum of 3 – 5 business day turnaround time for the password.

#### Are You Employed This Semester?

##### Here's an Important Tax Tip for F-1s and J-1s!

If you are an international student in F-1 or J-1 status who is working on campus for Spring 2011, have you examined your paychecks carefully? Here is some important information for you. The information that comes with your paycheck may show that both federal and state income tax (or just federal income tax) are being withheld from your paycheck. This is correct, since students in F-1 or J-1 status do pay federal and state income taxes on money they earn through on-campus employment. However, if your paycheck information shows that social security tax and/or Medicare tax are being withheld from your paycheck, this may be an error! F-1 or J-1 students who have been in the United States in F-1 or J-1 status for five years or less do not pay social security or Medicare tax on employment earnings authorized by federal Immigration regulations, including on-campus employment. So, if you believe a mistake has been made, speak with someone in the appropriate payroll office, and have your pay stub with you. You are entitled to a refund of any social security or Medicare tax incorrectly withheld.

The rules are explained in **IRS Publication 519: US Tax Guide for Aliens**. To access a copy, go to: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p519.pdf>. You need print only pages 1, 54 and 55.

### 3. Earthquake and Tsunami Affect Japan and People all Over the World

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The Slutzker Center continues to be concerned about the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. Students and scholars with family and friends in Japan are encouraged to contact us if there is any tangible way we can be of assistance to you. Please email us at [lescis@syr.edu](mailto:lescis@syr.edu). We are providing link below to information as it becomes available to us. Our thoughts and prayers remain focused upon Japan and the people who have been affected by these double tragedies.

We are providing links below to information about locating people in Japan, and the latest information from the U.S. Department of State. If there is new information over the weekend, we will post it on this <http://international.syr.edu/index1.htm> website. Please keep checking. Our thoughts and prayers are with all people who have been affected by this natural disaster and we hope that injuries and loss of life will be minimal.

With sympathy and hope,  
Dr. Patricia A. Burak  
Director/Lillian and Emanuel Slutzker Center for International Services

The JSA has started a fundraising campaign. There is a collection box at the front desk in the Slutzker Center and other locations around the university for anyone who would like to help. For further details please check <https://www.facebook.com/JSA.syr.edu>

**4. Mix it up**  
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**SLUTZKER CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICES**  
**310 WALNUT PLACE**

**FUN MIX-IT-UP FOOD**  
**EVENTS**

*A forum for students of all backgrounds to explore international and cultural differences and similarities, creating a more peaceful, sustainable, and interdependent global community!*



**SPRING SEMESTER 2011**

**5:00pm on Wednesday**

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Questions?**

**Contact Elane Granger: [elcarras@syr.edu](mailto:elcarras@syr.edu)**

**5. Practical Training Seminars**  
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Additional Practical Training seminars will be held on the following days:

- CPT – 3:00pm
- OPT – 3:45pm

- 3/30/2011, Friday
- 4/6/2011, Wednesday
- 4/15/2011, Friday
- 4/20/2011, Wednesday
- 4/29/2011, Friday
- 5/4/2011, Wednesday

**6. Important Upcoming Dates**  
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- 4/22 – Good Friday (no classes)
- 5/3 – Classes End
- 5/14 – Commencement Weekend
- 5/15 – Commencement Weekend
- 5/15 – Residence Halls Close for Spring Semester at 6 p.m.

**7. Ever Wonder What Your E-Verify Employer Will See About Your Eligibility For Employment? If you live in Arizona, Idaho, Colorado, Mississippi, Virginia or the District of Columbia you can find out.**  
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Self Check gives workers fast and secure access to their employment eligibility information before they apply for jobs. In this way, workers are able to identify whether there are any inaccuracies in their Social Security Administration or DHS records before they seek employment, and submit corrections for any inaccuracies ahead of time. Self Check also assists employers by reducing the number of tentative mismatches that could otherwise result when a worker's government records are not updated.

Every aspect of E-Verify Self Check was designed to secure users' personally identifiable information and to prevent misuse of the service. For example, E-Verify Self Check uses an identity assurance process to confirm that the person attempting to run a check is who he or she claims to be to avoid fraud or abuse.

Beginning today, the E-Verify Self Check service is available to users who maintain an address and are physically located in Arizona, Idaho, Colorado, Mississippi, Virginia or the District of Columbia. In the coming months, USCIS will continue to expand the E-Verify Self Check service to additional eligible users on a rolling basis.

Read more at: <http://blog.uscis.gov/2011/03/introducing-e-verify-self-check-online.html>

**8. Win a dinner for two!!**  
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**We are thinking on changing the title for our SCIS News and we need your help!!**

Please click on the link below and suggest different titles that you think that would be the most appropriate for our weekly newsletter.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MZBC727>

The best title for our SCIS newsletter will win a dinner for 2 at **Samrat Restaurant in Syracuse, NY** and your name will be announced in the next Newsletter!!

### 9. Strategies for your Last Minute Internship Search

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Workshop Start: Apr 05, 2011 6:30 pm

Workshop End: Apr 05, 2011 7:30 pm

Description: It's not too late to secure a summer internship! Learn pointers and suggested resources for finding a rewarding internship quickly.

Location: 228B Schine Student Center

### 10. HOUSING UPDATE : Change Batteries

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Make sure to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

### 11. Immigration Update: The Clock is Ticking on Some Practical Training Applications

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F-1 students who will be graduating in May 2011 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, 2011.

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 75-90 days 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.

### 12. FREE Immigration Web Seminar for F-1 Students

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Presented by the Wolfsdorf Immigration Law Group



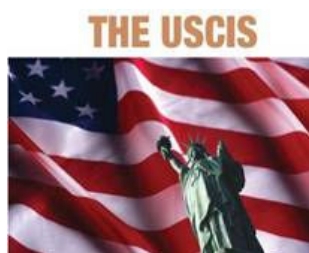
**When:** Wednesday, April 27

**Where:** Maxwell Auditorium, Room 100

**Time:** 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**Do not miss this web seminar that will cover:**

- + H-1B Visas
- + F-1/H-1B Cap-Gap Relief
- + Alternatives to the H-1B Visa, including Free-Trade Agreement visas for Australians, Canadians, Mexicans, Chileans and Singaporeans; O-1 visas, etc.
- + Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
- + Optional Practical Training (OPT)
- + Immigration Options for Spouses and Children
- + "Green Card" Options: Diversity Lottery, Family-Based Immigration and Employment-Based Immigration
- + U.S. Citizenships



### 13. Social Networking Survey for Ph.D students

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Click on the link below to take the survey. If sufficient interest is demonstrated, the first "Grads Group" for international Ph.D. students will be held soon at the Slutzker Center for International Services. More information will follow. Please fill out the following survey. Thank you. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TJ2MX29>

### 14. Etiquette Dinner

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Tuesday, March 29, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Goldstein Alumni and Faculty Center



Unsure of proper etiquette during a lunch or dinner interview? Greg Victory from Syracuse University will speak about table manners and how to make a great first impression, while you dine on a delicious 5-course meal. Reservations and a \$10 deposit (which is returned to you at the dinner) are required for this event; the actual value of your dinner will be more than \$50. Space is limited, so get a group of friends together (or just yourself) and register soon for this opportunity. You must sign up in Career Services, Suite 235 of the Schine Student Center. This dinner is open to *Undergraduate Students Only*.

**15. Commencement Weekend**

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Commencement Weekend (May 13-15) planning has been underway for several months, bringing with it new opportunities, new collaborations, and changes to the weekend's schedule of events. I want to take the opportunity now, as we prepare to send the Commencement Information Booklet to students and parents – to bring you up to date on these changes, which evolved from a variety of factors including a larger class size, new campus venue guidelines, off-campus venue limitations and more. To view the Convocation and Reception schedule, please visit our website, <http://commencement.syr.edu>.

The Engineering convocation has outgrown its previous Schine Student Center location and will move to Manley Field House at 9:00 a.m.; Management will move to the Carrier Dome for a 3:00 pm Convocation; and VPA will shift its Dome Convocation start time to the evening (7:00 p.m.). Graduate Management will move into Schine at noon. Manley Field House will hold three Convocations in the refurbished football practice arena (Engineering, Education, and Human Ecology) and the Carrier Dome will host four Convocations (Arts and Sciences, Newhouse, Management, Visual and Performing Arts) eliminating the dinner dance option. There will be other campus dining opportunities offered this year at Ernie Davis Hall (315-443-3102) and Drumlins Country Club (315-446-4555). Off-campus dining options are listed on The Syracuse Convention and Visitors Bureau website <http://visitsyracuse.org/dine>.

Also new this year, SU Commencement is on Facebook at facebook.com/sucommencement. We look forward to communicating important Commencement-related updates and notices to students and families through this social media tool. We encourage you to share our Facebook address and help us build our 'friend' list.

The Office of Special Events is looking forward to partnering with each of the schools and colleges as we prepare to celebrate our students' accomplishments, and showcase our campus during the weekend of May 13 – 15.

**16. Hasan Abdullah Yabroudi Student Paper Award 2011**

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During the 2010-11 academic year the Middle Eastern Studies Program will continue its tradition of holding an annual essay contest for undergraduate and graduate students.

The Hasan Abdullah Yabroudi Prize will be awarded to the best two essays dealing with any aspect of the Middle East and North Africa that are written by one undergraduate and one graduate student enrolled at Syracuse University. The authors of the winning papers will each be presented with a certificate and a \$500 stipend.

The entries, which can originate as course papers, will be evaluated anonymously by a faculty committee on the basis of originality of research and conceptualization, cogency of argument and clarity of writing. The essays must not exceed 7500 words (including bibliography) and must have been produced between August 25, 2009 and April 14, 2011. Essays can be nominated by the faculty or by students. The committee will only consider one paper from any one student.

Please send three (3) copies to:

The Yabroudi Prize Contest, Executive Education Office-Middle Eastern Studies Program, 219 Maxwell Hall or electronically to [jgganson@maxwell.syr.edu](mailto:jgganson@maxwell.syr.edu). Your name should appear only on the cover page and not in the pages of the essay itself (to allow for anonymous review by the committee). For further information, please send an e-mail to [tojgganson@maxwell.syr.edu](mailto:tojgganson@maxwell.syr.edu).

Submission deadline is April 15, 2011.

The awards will be presented at a reception on April 28, 2011 at 5:00 PM in the Public Events Room in Eggers Building.

**17. Global Nomads**

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Global Nomads have occupied a prominent place in the life of Syracuse University and SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry. As part of an international organization, its members have the opportunity to address faculty, students and administrators in panel sessions organized to celebrate International Education Week, and in conferences that take place in and beyond the Central New York Region.

If you are interested in meeting other Global Nomads (and that includes newly arrived students and scholars from abroad and "old hands" who have already made their mark on the university community, please respond to this notice by sending an email to:

Sidney (Skip) Greenblatt  
[Sidney.Greenblatt@gmail.com](mailto:Sidney.Greenblatt@gmail.com)

**18. Email Scam - Avoid Green Card Lottery Fraud**

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Have you or someone you know recently received an e-mail claiming you've won the Green Card lottery and asking you to send or wire money?

Don't fall for it – **the sender is trying to steal your money!**

Fraudsters will frequently e-mail potential victims posing as State Department or other government officials with requests to wire or transfer money online as part of a "processing fee." You should never transfer money to anyone who e-mails you claiming that you have won the Diversity Visa (DV) lottery or been selected for a Green Card.

Learn more at: <http://blog.uscis.gov/2011/03/e-mail-scam-avoid-green-card-lottery.html>

**19. Late Night at the Gym**

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**SPRING BREAK**

Wed 3/23	Belly Dancing
Thurs 3/24	Salsa, Merengue / Open Volleyball
Fri 3/25	Break Dancing / Meditation / Open Volleyball
Sat 3/26	Yoga / Open Volleyball
Wed 3/30	Belly Dancing
Thurs 3/31	Salsa, Merengue / Open Volleyball
Fri 4/1	Break Dancing / Meditation / Open Volleyball
Sat 4/2	Yoga / Open Volleyball
Wed 4/6	Belly Dancing
Thurs 4/7	Salsa, Merengue / Open Volleyball
Fri 4/8	Break Dancing / Meditation / Open Volleyball
Sat 4/9	Yoga / Open Volleyball
Wed 4/13	Belly Dancing
Thurs 4/14	Salsa, Merengue / Open Volleyball
Fri 4/15	Break Dancing / Meditation / Open Volleyball
Sat 4/16	Yoga / Open Volleyball
Wed 4/20	Belly Dancing
Thurs 4/21	Salsa, Merengue / Open Volleyball
Fri	Easter Break No Late Night
Sat	Easter Break No Late Night
Wed 4/27	Open Rec.
Thurs 4/28	Open Rec.
Fri 4/29	Open Rec.
Sat 4/30	Open Rec.
Wed 5/4	Open Rec.
Thurs 5/5	Open Rec.
Fri 5/6	Open Rec.
Sat 5/7	Open Rec.

**All events start at 10 p.m.**

**20. Health and Wellness Expo**

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# Health and Wellness Expo

**FREE!** Fitness classes, fitness machine orientations, massages, body fat & strength testing, skin care analysis, nutrition bars, organic food, gluten-free food, & more!

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|---|------------------------|--|
| Art of Massage                              | Fleet Feet Sports      | Vitamin World                          |
| A Touch Above Massage                       | Tops Markets           | Subway                                 |
| G & G Fitness                               | Drumlins Golf & Tennis | Price Chopper                          |
| Customized Fitness                          | TIAA-CREF              | Strike-N-Spare Bowling                 |
| Waterfalls Spa @ Greek Peak Mountain Resort | Crouse Hospital        | CNY Eye & Tissue Bank                  |
| Oviatt Hearing and Balance                  | SU DPS                 | Syracuse Chargers Track Club           |
| PACE CNY                                    | SU Safety              | Carol Baldwin Breast Cancer Foundation |
| S.U. Staff 2 Staff Wellness                 | SU Health Services     | Onondaga Co Traffic Safety             |
| St. Joseph's Hospital                       | SU Library             | Gebbie Speech Language Clinic          |
| SU Food Services                            | SU Counseling Center   | Home Aides of CNY                      |
| SU Dept of Exercise Science                 | SU Bookstore           | SU RAPE Center                         |
| Onondaga Co Health Dept                     | SU LiveU               | SU Outing Club                         |
| CNY Exec Women's Golf Assoc                 | AARP                   | SU Recreation Services                 |
| Onondaga Co Dept of Aging & Youth           | Orange Wrap            | SU Sustainability Division             |
| Elder Care of CNY                           |                        | SU Faculty & Staff Assistance Program  |

**Wednesday, April 6th**  
**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Flanagan Gymnasium**  
**Free admission with an SU/ESF ID card**



For more information, visit:  
<http://recreationservices.syr.edu>

**21. 5K Run and Walk for a good cause**  
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**Judicial Affairs**

"got consent?"

The University Judicial Board/Peer Education Team (UJB/PET) is excited to announce the return of the popular **"got consent?" campaign!** The "got consent?" campaign has occurred annually since its inception to educate and raise awareness about sexual violence. We have maintained the symbolic t-shirts, which have been enhanced this year. If you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt they can be purchased at the Schine Box Office. Additionally, as April is Sexual Assault Awareness month, the UJB/PET decided to expand the "got consent?" campaign this year and is hosting a **"got consent?" 5K run and family fun walk** that will take place on the Syracuse University campus.

The first annual "got consent?" 5K run and family fun walk will take place on Sunday, April 3, 2011. All participants who pre-register by March 16, 2011 will be guaranteed this year's "got consent?" shirt. If you are interested in participating please fill out a race entry form. If you are not able to participate in the 5K run and/or family fun walk you can still purchase your t-shirt at the schine box office. We ask all whom receive a t-shirt to be sure to wear their t-shirt on "got consent?" day which is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2011, in coordination with Take Back the Night week.

The University Judicial Board/Peer Education Team (UJB/PET) has created a t-shirt with a message about communicating **CLEAR** consent **EACH** and **EVERY** time someone chooses to engage in sexual activity with another person. The campaign was started by the 2004-2005 UJB/PET when they undertook the issue of acquaintance-rape awareness as one of its primary programming goals for that academic year. Since then the "got consent?" campaign has grown. On April 14, 2011, members of the Syracuse University community will don their shirts to show support for the "got consent?" campaign. All of those who purchase the t-shirts will also receive information about the definition of communicating **CLEAR** consent **EACH** and **EVERY** time someone chooses to engage in sexual activity as well as a listing of pertinent campus resources.

The event's sponsor, the 2010-2011 (UJB/PET), asks that people purchase their t-shirts in advance at the Schine Box Office and wear their t-shirts on April 14, 2011.



**Where can you purchase a t-shirt?:** Schine Box Office (315.443.4517)  
**When can you purchase your t-shirt ticket?:** February 19-March 16, 2011  
**How much are the t-shirts?:** sizes S-3XL: \$ 10 for SU Students; \$12 for SU Faculty/Staff/General  
**When do I pick up my t-shirt?:** April 11-14, 2011 at the UJB/PET table in the Schine Atrium from 10-2pm or at 310 Steele Hall from 2pm-5pm.  
**When is "GOT CONSENT?" day?:** Thursday, April 14, 2011  
**Proceeds from this event will be donated to the R.A.P.E center.**  
 If you like more information on the "GOT CONSENT?" campaign please join our group ([GOT CONSENT?](#)) and check out our event ("[GOT CONSENT?](#)" 5K Run/Walk) on Facebook.com. Any questions please contact Nicole Asencio at [nasencio@syr.edu](mailto:nasencio@syr.edu) or 315-443-3728.

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**MULTICULTURAL SPRING PROGRAM 2011**  
*Pursuing Academic and Cultural Excellence*

April 17 - April 19, 2011



Host a Prospective Student!

**April 17 - 19, 2011**

Applications are available in the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Office of Admissions. MSP hosts must reside in Syracuse University housing (North or South Campus). Please submit your application by April 1.



For more information or to request an application via e-mail please contact:

Natalie Garza  
Assistant Director  
100 Crouse Hinds Hall  
(315) 443-3486  
ngarza@syr.edu



**23. LGBT events**[Back>>](#)**- Fusion: A Discussion Group for LGBT People of Color****TIME:** Thursday, March 31, 2011, 6.00PM**Fusion** - a place for LGBT students, faculty, and staff of color to gather and celebrate the diversity within the LGBT community. Join us for our free family style dinners and good conversation.**Location:** LGBT Resource Center, Sponsoring department/organization: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center, The Division of Student Affairs**Contact:** Amit Taneja; E-Mail: ataneja@syr.edu, 443-3983**- Reel Queer Film Fest**

The Reel Queer Film Festival will feature a wide variety of short and feature-length films focusing on LGBT issues.

Attendance is free! No tickets necessary. Refreshment will be served.

More information to come online at <http://students.syr.edu/opendoors/>

Sponsored by Open Doors.

**Location:** 207 Hall of Languages, **Sponsoring department/organization:** Open Doors**24. Healthy Monday Campaign**[Back>>](#)**Move it Monday** is a part of the Healthy Campus Initiative. 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 fitness classes will be offered for **FREE** every Monday from **1:00pm-1:50pm** in the Flanagan Exercise Room on a first-come, first-served basis. The maximum enrollment for each class will vary based on the activity. Please arrive early for each class:

April 4 - Yoga

April 11 - Zumba

April 18 - Power Hour

April 25 - Pilates

**For the full Spring 2011 Fitness class Schedule, [click here](#)****Registration Begins Friday 1/21/11 at 8am****Meatless Monday** Every Monday, choose a meatless option at dining centers or where you decide to eat. Also, be sure to check out the Try Me program at Dining Services!**Time-** All day, Monday, March 28, 2011**Location:** Campus Dining Centers, Sponsoring department/organization:Healthy Monday Campaign**Contact:** Jessica Leeds, 443-5775**Restock Monday:** Visit Health Services from 9 a.m. until noon to stock up on condoms, fresh fruit and tea or swing by Schine Atrium from 12-3 p.m. for condoms, lubricant and dental dams!**Time:** 9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday, March 28, 2011**Location:** Health Services & Schine Atrium, Price:**free**, Sponsoring department/organization: Healthy Monday Campaign; Contact:Jessica Leeds, 443-5775**Stress Less Monday:** Feeling stressed? Stop by Schine Atrium from 12-3 p.m. for a professional massage!**Time:** 12:00pm to 3:00pm, Monday, March 28, 2011**Location:** Schine Atrium; Price: **free**; Sponsoring department/organization: Healthy Monday Campaign**Contact:** Jessica Leeds, 443-5775**Meditation Monday:** Meditation helps you reconnect and renew. Clear your mind by coming to a meditation class at 2 p.m. in the Lower Hendricks Chapel.**Time:** 2:00pm, Monday, March 7, 2011, **Location:** Hendricks Chapel, Price: **free**, Sponsoring department/organization: Healthy Monday Campaign**Contact:** Jessica Leeds, 443-5775**25. SU Toast Toastmasters Club Meeting**[Back>>](#)

## SU Toast Toastmasters Club



### "A Student Public Speaking Group"

*In both academia and in the workforce, there will be many instances where you will need the courage and skills to stand up and speak in front of a group of people.*

**Make an impression and it will go a long way towards advancing your career.**

SU Toast members develop leadership and communication skills by participating in club activities and a targeted speech program.

*We can get rid of the butterflies in your stomach!*

**Come to see our weekly meeting in Room 369, Link Hall on Thursdays, from 7 pm through 8 pm!!**

*(Exception applies on Feb. 3 & Feb. 10: "Meet us in Room 371 same time.")*

For more information @ <http://sutoast.freetoasthost.biz/index.html>

Or contact our President, Joseph T. Heard at [jtheard@syr.edu](mailto:jtheard@syr.edu)

Or call him at 267-815-5155.



### 26. Weekly Salsa Update

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Your "WEEKLY SALSA UPDATE" is organized as follows:



at **SAN JUAN NIGHTS**  
**LATIN DANCE PARTY !!!**

- Guest DJs spin the **HOTTEST** Salsa from Puerto Rico, NYC and classic hits from the 60s, 70s & 80s! Salsa, Merengue, Bachata & Chachacha!
- Every 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month with dancers from all over the world... 17+ event!
- Huge hardwood dance floor, air-conditioned, plenty of free parking.

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sat of the Month**  
**10 pm - 2am 17+ event! Cover \$5**  
**Ballybay Pub, 550 Richmond Ave.,**  
**Syracuse, NY**

[lafamilia@twcny.rr.com](mailto:lafamilia@twcny.rr.com) [www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com](http://www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com)  
315-636-7133 or 315-447-6287 cell

**THIS SAT: Don't miss our 2nd installation of "San Juan Nights" Latin Dance Party at Ballybay!**

Our first "San Juan Nights" was a great success with **63** dancers in attendance!

THIS Sat we are proud to feature our special guest, **DJ Felix from Pura Vida in Ithaca!** He'll be spinning his amazing mix of Salsa Dura from Puerto Rico, New York City and Classic hits from the '60s, '70s & '80s .

We're VERY excited to bring you this special mix of music every 2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays of the month at Ballybay Pub/Nightclub!!!

**We hope to see you all there, it's gonna be AWESOME!**

...our sincere thanks to DJ JAM of SMAC in Binghamton for DJ our very first installation of "San Juan Nights" and spinning his top Salsa hits spanning 5 decades! The dancers LOVED your music, hermano...que viva la SALSA!!!

Brought to you by "La Familia de la Salsa"  
Brian A. Bromka - Founder/Artistic Director  
"bridging cultures through dance...one step at a time"  
[www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com](http://www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com)  
315-636-7133

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#### This Month

**Mar. 30-** Etiquette Dinner: Conducting Yourself Professionally at Business Meals. Wed, 5:30-8:00 pm. Goldstein Alumni and Faculty Center  
Every Fri. & Mon.- Happy Hour at the Inn Complete. Sponsored by your Graduate Student Organization. 5:00-7:00 pm on Fridays and 6:00-7:00pm on Mondays.

#### Deadlines

- GSO Annual Budget Deadline—March 30.
- GSO Conference Travel Grant deadlines for summer travel— April 1.

FPP Certificate of University Teaching completion forms due from Primary Faculty Liaisons—April 1.  
[Click here for the PDF of the full newsletter](#)

from the office of enrollment management

All about graduating!  
[http://www.syr.edu/gradschool/em/current\\_whatyouneed.html](http://www.syr.edu/gradschool/em/current_whatyouneed.html)

Steps for your final semester and procedures of defending a thesis or dissertation:  
<http://www.syr.edu/gradschool/em/pdfs/Steps.pdf>

Thesis Format Guidelines:  
<http://www.syr.edu/gradschool/em/pdfs/FormatGuidelines.pdf>  
 Graduation Deadlines:  
<http://www.syr.edu/gradschool/em/pdfs/GraduationDeadlines.pdf>

## !IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS!

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■ **Planning to Study Abroad during the Summer 2011 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.**

### ■ MEETING YOUR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Syracuse University Health Services has determined that many international students are not in compliance with immunization requirements defined by New York State public health law. Enrolled students found not to be in compliance risk strict administrative consequences including **inability to register, suspension of I.D. card privileges, and may be required to leave campus.**

You must be in compliance with these immunization requirements in order to remain on campus.

The Health Service will be sending an email to all those who are not in compliance via the syr.edu email address. Please watch for that notice (check your syr.edu email address!). If your registration is cancelled, you will also lose your F-1 or J-1 student status. Don't put yourself at risk. Contact the Health Service as soon as you receive that email!

■ **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!**

■ **Students who are planning to do an Internship the 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) – Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 3:00pm and every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 3:00pm.**  
**Optional Practical Training Seminar (OPT) - Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 3:45pm and every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 3:45pm.**

### ■ Address Change?

All International Students and Scholars that will be moving out from the "Campus Housing" must update the US Address where you will be living during the Fall semesters via your "MySlice self-service" and select CURR address.

You must update your address immediately in order to be in compliance with the Immigration. If you do not update your addresses we will not be able to register your record with SEVIS and you will be jeopardizing your Immigration requirements to comply with reporting changes of addresses while you are here in the USA and at Syracuse University.

**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](http://international.syr.edu/address_update_opt.htm)**

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### Full-time Course of Study

**NOTE:** For Syracuse University F-1 students, a full-time course load is required during the Fall and Spring semesters. Full time enrollment means **Graduate** students must enroll for at least **9 credits** every semester. **Undergraduate** students must register for at least **12 credits** every semester. Students are not required to enroll in courses during the Summer. However, **if Summer session is your first semester** then you must maintain full time enrollment of at least 6 credits for that summer session.

Under Federal Immigration Rules, **to maintain F-1 status, no more than 3 online credits per semester may count towards the "full course of study" requirement.** For example, a graduate student required to register for 9 credits per semester to maintain full time status can take only 3 of those credits through an on-line class each semester – **6 credits must be live, in classroom courses.**

However, an F-1 student can take as many on-line or distance education as they wish (with SCIS's approval) during the Summer or over Winter break.

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. **If a student needs less than a full course load in the final semester to finish his/her degree, the course(s) cannot be taken solely online or as distance education. You must be enrolled in a live, in classroom course during your last semester.**

Students considering on-line courses or courses at a different institution should first discuss the plan with an SCIS advisor. It is necessary to maintain valid F-1 status at all times.  
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**If you are taking less than 9 credits this semester you must fill out a Certificate of Full-Time Status** [http://international.syr.edu/full\\_time\\_status\\_certification-Jan04.pdf](http://international.syr.edu/full_time_status_certification-Jan04.pdf)

**If this is your last semester you will have to fill out the Last Semester Memo** <http://international.syr.edu/>

### USCIS Reaches FY 2011 H-1B Cap

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced today that it has received a sufficient number of H-1B petitions to reach the statutory cap for fiscal year (FY) 2011. USCIS is notifying the public that yesterday, Jan. 26, 2011, is the final receipt date for new H-1B specialty occupation petitions requesting an employment start date in FY2011.

### Is Your I-20 or DS-2019 Expiring Soon? Do You Need an Extension of Stay?

This is the time of year when many international students whose I-20 or DS-2019 will expire this month, but who will be continuing their studies for Spring 2011, are applying for an extension of stay. Students who will begin a new level of study (e.g., completing bachelor's and commencing master's or completing master's and commencing PhD) receive a new I-20 for the new level of study. Changes in level of study require an admission letter from the Graduate School (if completing a bachelor's and commencing master's) or from the student's academic department (if completing master's and commencing PhD) verifying that the student has been approved for the new level of study, and the semester that the new level will begin.

Student's with I-20s or DS-2019s expiring in December 2010 but who will continue their studies at SU **must** begin the extension of stay process (or change in level of study process) well before that date so that the new I-20 is issued before the I-20 expiration date.

Complete information and the required forms are available on-line at: [http://international.syr.edu/extension\\_stay.htm](http://international.syr.edu/extension_stay.htm)

### Important Reminders



### A Reminder About Optional Practical Training EAD Cards

F-1 students who have obtained authorization for Optional Practical Training from the USCIS and who used a mailing address other than the SCIS Office for their Employment Authorization cards are reminded to please email their EAD cards to the SCIS so that we can make a photocopy for your files. Having a photocopy in the SCIS could become very important to you in the future, if we need to verify your F-1 status or if the card is lost or stolen.

### Important Reminder from Human Resources

International students who have jobs on campus (GA positions, TA positions, RA positions and hourly wage assignments) are reminded to be sure to copy the appropriate Human Resources Office on campus for any change of U.S. address. Be sure to look at your address on your most recent pay stub. If it is not accurate, report it to your department or office where you work so that the address can be updated by your department. If you are on any payroll, your change of address is needed so that you can receive your W-2 Wage and Tax Statement forms in late January, as well as any checks that may be coming to you if you are leaving at the end of this semester.

Also, if you have obtained a social security number since starting work, it is essential that you report your social security number to your payroll office for W-2 purposes. If you are uncertain whether or not this is a problem for you, check your most recent pay stub, and look to see if your social security number as well as your current address are included properly.

### Bus Schedule

#### - New Late Night Orange Express Bus Route

Beginning **Friday, Feb. 4**, Syracuse University will be implementing a new Late Night Orange Express Bus service. This service, operated by Caz Limo, will run between 3:30 a.m. and 5 a.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings, and all students will be required to present an SUID in order to board the bus. This bus will operate from College Place to Day, Flint, Sadler, Lawrinson, Brewster-Boland halls, as well as South Campus and the Goldstein Student Center.

Buses leaving the shelter at College Place at 3:30 a.m., 4:15 a.m., and 5 a.m. will proceed directly to Day Hall, Flint Hall, through South Campus, onto Winding Ridge, and will proceed to the Goldstein Student Center. From Goldstein, the bus will return to College Place via Colvin and Comstock. The bus will not operate through the Manley complex in either direction.

Buses leaving the shelter at College Place at 4 a.m. and 4:45 a.m. will proceed directly to West Campus, stopping at the corner of Irving Avenue and Forestry Drive, and at the corner of Henry and Van Buren streets before returning to College Place via Waverly Avenue, University Place and College Place.

**QUESTIONS?** CONTACT: Parking & Transit Services, 621 Skytop Road, Phone: 443-4652, Email: [parkmail@syr.edu](mailto:parkmail@syr.edu)

Web: <http://parking.syr.edu>

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### Keeping Good Rental Records

Lack of knowledge regarding leases or other rental agreements can cause a variety of problems. By keeping records of rental repair requests, security deposit disputes, and other important issues related to rental agreements, you can alleviate many of these types of problems. The most frustrating problems occur when the tenant cannot document their grievances. To prevent this, start a rental file as soon as you sign the lease and add to it throughout your lease term. A rental file is easy to keep, considering the money you may recover through rental modification or qualifying for full return on your security deposit. If a rental problem arises, it is easier to negotiate a solution with the landlord when you have written records that show the extent of the problem, what you asked the landlord to do about it, and how the landlord responded.

#### Your Rental File Should Hold:

##### A Rental Log

Use a simple notebook to write all dates and times you contacted or tried to contact your landlord; make a note of any discussion. Logs are a useful permanent record of how the landlord did or did not respond to problems.

##### Apartment Condition Checklist

This is proof of the condition of the apartment when you move in and out. Keep a copy and send the original to the landlord by certified mail and return receipt.

##### Correspondence With Your Landlord

Make any complaints or concerns in writing and keep copies on file. All verbal requests should be followed up in writing with copies in your file.

##### Reports

Keep copies of the Certificate of Suitability, building inspection reports, police reports, and any other reports from other agencies.

##### Photographs

Photos may be the evidence you need to document a repair or security deposit problem. Photos should be dated and signed by a witness.

### Off-Campus Housing 101

It is that time of year: time to begin looking for off-campus housing for the 2011-12 academic year. The rental season begins very early in Syracuse, but that does not mean that you have to sign a lease right now; you should not rush to sign a lease and should learn about off-campus housing prior to making the decision to move off-campus. A lease should not be signed until the property has been researched, roommates are confirmed, and the lease has been reviewed by Student Legal Services.

There are a number of rental units available in the University area and one of the best sources for advice and information about off-campus housing are friends and classmates. Another good place to search is Orange Housing. Orange Housing maintains a web site of apartment offerings in the neighborhoods adjacent to campus. The Orange Housing website is [www.orangehousing.com](http://www.orangehousing.com). It is important to keep in mind that this local company is not affiliated with Syracuse University or SUNY ESF and there are absolutely no guarantees about the quality and reliability of the information posted on the website. Orange Housing also offers roommate searches, sublet listings, and information relevant to apartment hunters. Apartment listings can also be found in the *Daily Orange* and at [www.apartmentfinder.com](http://www.apartmentfinder.com).

Your first step in your apartment search is determining your needs. Important considerations include:

- Distance from campus
- How much you can afford for rent and utilities
- On or off-street parking
- Number of roommates
- Furnished or non-furnished apartment
- Length of lease
- Pets

Once you have determined your needs you will want to view two or more rentals that meet your criteria. Check out each apartment thoroughly; don't be afraid to test faucets, doorknobs, etc. and make sure you are satisfied with the safety features available (window locks, security lights, etc.). You should talk with the current tenants about the apartment; ask about location and experiences with the landlord. Once you decide on an apartment and have done all needed research, you should have the lease reviewed by Student Legal Services.

The Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services (OCCS) is a resource that you should also utilize in your search for off campus housing. OCCS staff will assist you in your search by educating you on what is needed to have a successful off-campus living experience. OCCS is available for in person assistance at 754 Ostrom Avenue, via phone at 315-443-5489, online at [offcampus.syr.edu](http://offcampus.syr.edu), via email at [offcampus@syr.edu](mailto:offcampus@syr.edu)

### Apartment Safety Tips

Burglars strike in any neighborhood. They are opportunistic and always look for such easy targets as homes that are left open, not well maintained, out of eyesight or earshot of neighbors, or obscured by landscaping or fencing. The best way to minimize your chances of becoming a victim is to take sensible precautions.

The following tips offered by the City of Syracuse Police Department are designed to help you reduce your chances of becoming a victim of crime. You may already be aware of some strategies, but others may be new to you. Remember to trust your instincts and use common sense. Do not let yourself become a victim of a crime!

#### Before Renting an Apartment

Survey the residence for the following security features:

- Does the apartment have metal or solid core wooden entry and exit doors? Are these doors equipped with deadbolts? Are the locks mounted securely? Have the doors been re-keyed since the last tenant moved out?
- Can visitors be observed without opening the apartment door either through a door "peephole" viewer or window?
- Does any outside vegetation block doors or windows from public view? Does the vegetation provide places or concealment at entrances at or along walkways?
- Is there adequate lighting at the building entry doors and along walkways? Are the outer doors kept locked at all times?

#### In Your Apartment

- Keep your doors locked at all times, especially when you are alone, sleeping, or the apartment is unoccupied (even if only for a few moments).
- Determine who is on the other side of the door before opening it. Have repair or service personnel show official identification and confirm their presence with the person requesting the service. Delivery persons should remain outside to await the person requesting the delivery.
- If you return home and something looks questionable (e.g., a slit screen, broken window, or open door) do not go inside. Call the Syracuse Police Department from a safe location.
- Be sure you have blinds or curtains on your windows to discourage window peepers. Always keep your windows covered at night and leave lights on in two or more rooms.
- Make a list of your valuables and record any serial numbers.
- Be sure all outdoor lighting fixtures are in working condition. Ask your landlord to make immediate repairs.
- Place items of value out of sight and in locked areas. Do not leave valuables unattended in such common areas as laundry rooms and lounges.
- Ask your landlord to maintain and trim shrubbery.

### Register your valuables

## Your new iPad sells for \$600 on eBay



Register your valuables  
with the Syracuse  
Police Department.  
Go to  
<http://publicsafety.syr.edu>  
and click on 'Register  
your Property.'

Intended as a  
preventative tool, the  
registration will aid  
SPD and DPS in the  
recovery of personal  
property in the event of  
a theft.

Department of Public Safety Crime Prevention Unit • 005 Sims Hall • 315-443-3873 • dpsadmin@syr.edu

In recent weeks, SU's Department of Public Safety has investigated the theft of several laptops and other personal property stolen from within academic buildings on campus. In each instance, the thefts occurred when students stepped away from their work area for only a brief period of time. Upon their return, the property was missing.

Everyone is reminded to never leave personal property unattended, even for a short period of time. Anyone with questions or concerns may contact the Department of Public Safety at 443-2224.

### Getting Repairs Made in Your Apartment

As a tenant, you are entitled to a livable, safe and sanitary apartment. Failure to provide heat or hot water on a regular basis or to rid an apartment of insect infestation is an example of a violation of this entitlement.

All landlords are required to maintain **electrical, plumbing, sanitary, heating and ventilating systems** in good working order. Landlords of buildings with three or more apartments must keep apartments and public areas in "good repair." Landlords also have a duty to keep every part of a dwelling clean and free of vermin, dirt, garbage, and other offensive material.

All landlords in the City of Syracuse must maintain their premises in accordance with Syracuse Property Code. The Housing Complaint section of the Division of Code Enforcement enforces the City Code by responding to reports and complaints about housing maintenance, overgrown yards, trash and debris and disabled vehicles on private property. In addition they work with other agencies to improve residential neighborhoods.

If you have a complaint concerning the habitability or repair of your apartment, contact the Syracuse Division of Code Enforcement at **(315) 448-8695**.

If you have any questions you can call our office @ 443-5489.

### Landlord Information Sharing Program

The **Landlord Information Sharing Program (LISP)** is designed to provide students with a method for communicating with each other from year to year about their rental housing challenges and successes.

#### Process

Any Syracuse University or SUNY ESF student can fill out a Comment Form found on our web site at [offcampus.syr.edu](http://offcampus.syr.edu) or in our office at 754 Ostrom Avenue. Students must clearly explain their concerns or issues in the form provided or by attaching a separate typed letter. They must use facts to describe the situation that is the basis for their documentation—they cannot simply provide an opinion of their landlord with no supporting factual basis.

OCCS staff would also like to hear about any positive interactions that students might have with their landlords. If students have positive experiences that they would like us or other students to know about, they should send us a letter clearly explaining the interaction, using facts to describe the situation—they should not simply provide an opinion of their landlord with no supporting factual basis.

#### What happens when a Comment Form is filed?

OCCS staff will review all completed Comment Forms. If any include unprofessional language or are not appropriate to share with other students, it will be returned to the student with a letter explaining why. OCCS staff will forward a copy of the submitted Comment Form to the student's landlord. The landlord may respond to the concerns or issues directly or may respond by sending a letter to the OCCS. If the OCCS receives a response, a copy will be mailed to the student. OCCS staff will keep a copy of all Comment Forms and landlord responses in our office at 754 Ostrom Avenue. All names, contact information, and any other identifying information will be redacted from the Comment Forms and responses. Other SU/SUNY ESF students will be able to view your Comment Form and your landlord's response when they are searching for off-campus housing.

We encourage students viewing the landlord files to consider not only the number and type of concerns or issues raised, but the landlords' responses to them. Please note that the views expressed in these materials are solely those of students and local property owners and not those of Syracuse University.

Sometimes your landlord may not respond to your concerns or issues, or may respond unfavorably. OCCS staff will work with you throughout the process to seek to accomplish a resolution to your problem. When appropriate, OCCS staff will refer you to agencies that are better able to assist you, such as the Syracuse Police Department, City of Syracuse Division of Code Enforcement, Conflict Mediation Center, Student Legal Services, etc.

### Lease Disputes and General Landlord Complaints

- If you have a disagreement with your landlord concerning either of your responsibilities, it is best to try to reach an agreement.
- After reaching an agreement with your landlord in person or over the phone, follow up your discussion in writing. Include anything you or your landlord agreed to in your letter.
- If a dispute still exists between you and your landlord, you may want to consult Student Legal Services (443-4532). They can provide free legal consultation and advice about landlord-tenant issues.
- You can also file a complaint against your landlord with the New York State attorney general's office. To obtain a complaint form, call 448-4800 (ask for the Consumer Affairs Department) or 1-800-771-7755 (Consumer Helpline); visit [www.oag.state.ny.us](http://www.oag.state.ny.us) (go to Consumer Issues); or contact The Office of Orientation and Off-Campus Programs.
- When you file your complaint with the attorney general's office, include a copy of your lease and copies of any correspondence you've had with your landlord concerning the problem.
- Once you file your complaint, staff from the attorney general's office will conduct an informal mediation session between you and your landlord, usually by phone, and provide advice for resolving the dispute.

### Parking Regulations In The University Neighborhoods



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.

### Cell phone Offers to SU International Students



**18% off** for Syracuse University Students use Discount Code [2386165](#)

- World Phones available
- Exclusive provider of the Apple iPhone & BlackBerry TORCH
- Competitive domestic and international plans available
- Only domestic carrier that offers rollover minutes
- Receive 18% off monthly voice and data plans (not prepaid)
- Text messaging plan discounts available on select phones
  - \$2 Off 200 Message Plan - Your Cost \$3
  - \$5 Off 1500 Message Plan - Your Cost \$10
  - \$5 Off Unlimited Plan - Your Cost \$15
- Offer excludes iPhone Text Messaging Plans
- Prepaid service plans available
- Waived security deposit for one line of service (only available only at Company Owned Retail Stores, not available online or at Authorized Dealers.)
- Prices reflect 18% Syracuse University Student Discount Code [2386165](#)
- Rates apply to calls made from within the U.S., Puerto Rico and U.S Virgin Islands
- Convenient and affordable calling from the U.S to over 220 countries
- International Roaming agreements in over 100 countries, rates vary
- For more details on International Roaming, see [www.att.com/international](http://www.att.com/international)

**T-Mobile** also offers prepaid [Pay-As-You-Go](#) plans. Which are designed for single subscribers (no family plans) who are in the USA for only a couple of years. For further details please check the following website  
<http://www.t-mobile.com/shop/plans/prepaid-plans.aspx>

### 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



### 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

All your personal belongings are insured against a wide range of losses. The SCIS supports this policy and we encourage every student to have this insurance.

- Laptops, cell phones, jewelry, watches, iPods, cameras, clothes, books, sports equipment, furniture **all** your "stuff" is covered. You're insured for countless types of losses, including theft, vandalism, fire, and accidental damage.
- Worldwide coverage on and **off** campus (in your apartment, in a foreign country, "at home", in storage, or anywhere else they may be).
- Property of the University is covered while in your care
- Buy \$4,000 of coverage for less than \$94! Also there is up to \$20,000 coverage available for an annual premium of only \$250.

For more information about our student personal property program, call 1-866-535-0456 and ask for a college specialist to assist you. Or better yet Enroll online! It's fast and easy. Simply log on to: [www.haylor.com/student](http://www.haylor.com/student) or send an e-mail to: [student@haylor.com](mailto:student@haylor.com)



### For your safety, please remember...

- On campus after dark, use DPS' free escort service. Off campus, use SU Home (it's free); call 315-443-2224 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.

### Fall 2011 Bus Schedule

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**Motivational Quotes of the Week:**

"It is confidence in our bodies, minds and spirits that allows us to keep looking for new adventures, new directions to grow in, and new lessons to learn - which is what life is all about."

~ **Oprah Winfrey**

"If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change."

~ **Wayne Dyer**

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

~ **B.F. Skinner**

" The most beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing apart".

~ **Elizabeth Foley**

"The only good is knowledge and the only evil is ignorance".

~ **Socrates**

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