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Hoodie Allen performs during Mayfest 2011 at Walnut Park. (Photo by Alexander Abdalian)
<http://sumayfest.syr.edu/>

Mayfest is a **Syracuse University Tradition** celebrating the end of the spring semester with free food, drinks, and live entertainment to all SU and SUNY-ESF students! Join us this year in Walnut Park for an unforgettable afternoon of fun with your friends and classmates.

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- Life After Practical Training Seminar was changed to the 1st Monday of each month
- **Feeling sick? Pick up your over the counter medications at the Health Services Pharmacy. All purchases can be charged to your bursar account. Call [315-443-5691](tel:315-443-5691) if you want to know if your medicine is in the pharmacy. Call [315-443-9005](tel:315-443-9005) if you're interested to get a flu shot ! - SU Health Services**

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<http://sumayfest.syr.edu/index.html>

Mayfest 2012 was designed by [Student Association](#) and [University Union](#) in collaboration with Syracuse University and the City of Syracuse. The event will celebrate the end of the school year and the arrival of spring with free food and beverages and live musical entertainment. This event is for all SU and SUNY-ESF students; college ID is required for entry.

Walnut Park will be split into three sections, following already-existing city blocks. The first section offers complimentary beer and food with proof of age, the middle holds the concert stage featuring live musical acts, and the third section serves free food and non-alcoholic beverages.

Block Party

Mayfest will lead into University Union's [Block Party 2012](#), which takes place the same day at 6:00 p.m. in the Carrier Dome. Kaskade to headline the event. He will be joined by special guests Cold War Kids and special guests to be announced. Doors to the Dome will open at 6:00 p.m.

DATE, TIME, LOCATION

- Friday, April 27, 2012
- 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Walnut Park

ADMISSION INTO MAYFEST

- Entry into Mayfest is free for all SU and SUNY-ESF undergraduate students with a valid SU/SUNY-ESF ID
- Pre-purchased tickets are required for guests of SU and SUNY-ESF undergraduate students, along with a valid college ID
- Pre-purchased tickets are required for all SU and SUNY-ESF graduate students, along with a valid SU/SUNY-ESF college ID
- Pre-purchased tickets are required for all SU law students, along with a valid SU ID
- Must have valid ticket, college ID and state or government issued ID over 21 to receive a bracelet for beer and admission to beer section on Walnut Park
- Entry between 1 p.m.-3 p.m. receives wristbands for four beers
- Entry after 3 p.m. receives wristband for two beers
- Backpacks and/or bags are not permitted

TICKET SALES

- Available at the Schine Box Office beginning Monday, April 9
- 350 guest tickets will be available to SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate students; limit ONE guest ticket per student
- A limited number of tickets will be available to SU/SUNY-ESF graduate students and SU law students
- Tickets include food, non-alcoholic beverages, music entertainment
- Beer is included for students who are 21 years of age with a valid college ID and state or government issued ID over 21
- Tickets will be sold until 4 p.m. on Friday, April 27, or earlier in the event they sell out

TICKET PRICES

- \$10 per ticket for SU/SUNY-ESF graduates students; limit one per student ID
- \$21 per ticket for SU law students; limit one per student ID
- \$21 per guest ticket; limit one per SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate student ID

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Please be certain that you are currently enrolled in an approved health insurance policy for the 2012 academic year. If you have renewed or changed your health insurance please provide the Slutzker Center with an updated copy of it via e-mail lescis@sy.edu or in person. If you have questions, or need helping enrolling in an approved health insurance policy, please make an appointment with an adviser at the Slutzker Center, or see Linda Deon at the Health Center for assistance.

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 [sy.edu](mailto:scis@sy.edu) email address. Please watch for that notice (check your [sy.edu](mailto:scis@sy.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!

Transferring out of SU?

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If you are planning to transfer out of SU, the immigration regulatory process for **transferring** your F-1 status from Syracuse University to a new school in the United States requires you to complete a Transfer Out Form with the SCIS so that your federal SEVIS record can be transferred to your new school. The Transfer Out Form and more detailed information may be found on our website: <http://international.syr.edu/current-students/maintaining-visa-status/transfer-out.html>

Is this your last semester at SU?

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Students who will be completing their studies this May but have no plans to apply for practical training (F-1), academic training (J-1) or continue at a new school or in a new field or level of study (i.e. Master's, J.D., Ph.D), or seek a change of non-immigrant status must depart the United States within 60 days of their academic program end date if they are in F-1 status (see item #5 on your current I-20), or within 30 days if they are in J-1 status.

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Planning to Study Abroad during the Summer 2012 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

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USCIS FY 2012 H-1B Cap Count

FY 2012 H-1B Cap Count

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that it received a sufficient number of H-1B petitions to reach the statutory cap for fiscal year (FY) 2012. USCIS notified the public that November 22, 2011 was the final receipt date for new H-1B specialty occupation petitions for FY2012. USCIS will reject cap-subject H-1B petitions that arrived after November 22, 2011.

H-1B petitions reached the statutory cap for the past fiscal years: (FY) 2011 on Jan. 26, 2011
(FY) 2010 on Dec. 21, 2009
(FY) 2009 on April 7, 2008
(FY) 2008 on April 2, 2007

FY 2013 H-1B Cap Count

Cap Type	Cap Amount	Cap Eligible Petitions	Date of Last Count
H-1B Regular Cap	65,000	25,000	04/20/2012
H-1B Master's Degree Exemption	20,000	10,900	04/20/2012

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

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=4b7cdd1d5fd37210VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD>

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 May, but who will be continuing their studies for Summer 2012, 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 May 2012 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/_documents/forms/I-20_Extension.pdf

Don't Be Fooled by Copycat Immigration-Help Sites

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Some private websites that charge to prepare immigration forms mimic the look and feel of official government sites, leading users to mistakenly believe they are dealing directly with the government and paying USCIS fees. Many copycat sites add to the confusion by charging applicants the same amount for preparing an immigration form that USCIS charges for filing that same form.

As a result, some applicants have sent forms to USCIS without submitting the filing fees. These applicants mistakenly believed they had paid the USCIS filing fee when they paid the private firm for preparing the forms.

To learn more, visit: <http://blog.uscis.gov/2011/09/dont-be-fooled-by-copycat-immigration.html>

International Students and Arrests

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Although it is not a pleasant subject, there are a few situations where an international student might be arrested in the United States and charged with a crime. Common misdemeanor or felony arrests can include theft, drunk driving, shoplifting (stealing goods from a store without paying for them) and drug possession (with or without intent to sell).

Binghamton University has published an article that discusses the consequences such arrests can create with a student's U.S. immigration status, even if the charges themselves are dismissed or reduced. The article may be viewed at: <http://www2.binghamton.edu/isss/publications/instuarrest.html>

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Address Change?

All International Students and Scholars that will be moving into their new on-campus and off-campus housing must update their US Address where you will be living during this Fall semester via your "**MySlice self-service**" and select CURR address.

You must update your address immediately in order to be in compliance with the Immigration Regulations. If you do not update your address 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 studying at Syracuse University.

Please always update your address within 10 days of your move on MySlice.

Department of Public Safety Reminder[Back >>](#)**FOR YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE REMEMBER:**

- To safeguard your personal property—DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PROPERTY UNATTENDED
- On campus after dark, use DPS' free escort service. Off campus, use SU Home (it's free), call 443-SAFE (7233) for more information about these services.
- 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.
- Keep porch lights on at night.
- 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 & tag number.



SAFETY ESCORTS

WALKING ESCORTS
 To request a walking escort, dial **315-443-SAFE (7233)**
 Escorts begin at 8:00 p.m. every day of the week
 You can request an escort to North Campus buildings, residence halls, parking lots

SHUTTLE-U-HOME
 When you need an escort, go to **019 Watson Hall** with your SU/ESF ID
 The SU Home shuttle runs from 8:00 p.m. - 3:30 a.m. every day
 From Watson to off-campus residences.
Does not travel to South, Manley, University Village, Park Point Apartments

SHUTTLE 44
 To request a ride, dial **443-SAFE (7233)**
 Shuttle hours are 11:00 p.m.-3:00 a.m. Sun.-Tues. and 10:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m. Wed.-Sat.
 We ask you to remain patient, as shuttles can be delayed by traffic, weather, or a large volume of calls

REMEMBER
 Don't walk alone. Request an escort or walk in a group with at least two other people.
 Know how to contact us. Program the escort number and the DPS emergency number into your cell phone.

FROM DPS AND STUDENTS FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY

"Your Safety and Security at Syracuse University" is part of Syracuse University's ongoing commitment to the prevention of crime. It is available online at:
<http://publicsafety.syr.edu/PublicSafety/ckfinder/userfiles/files/2011%20Clery.pdf>

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](tel: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 or send an e-mail to: student@haylor.com

Spring 2012 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: [315-443-1049](tel:315-443-1049)
- Web: <http://parking.syr.edu>

Motivational Quotes of the Week:

"Quality is more important than quantity. One homerun is better than two doubles." - **Steve Jobs**

"Good design is obvious. Great design is transparent." - **Joe Sparano**

"That which doesn't kill us makes us stronger." - **Friedrich Nietzsche**

"Life begins at the end of your comfort zone." - **Unknown**

"Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right." - **Henry Ford**

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