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Syracuse's quest for its first national championship officially began on Thursday when it took the field in Stony Brook in preparation for its NCAA Championship semifinals matchup against No. 1 Florida.

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- **Life After Practical Training Seminar was changed to the 1<sup>st</sup> 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**
- **Friday 6/15 – No travel or On-Campus Employment seminar**
- **Monday 6/18 – There will be an On-Campus Employment seminar at 2:00pm**
- **Tuesday 6/19 – No On-Campus Employment seminar**

**SU's Better Together Syracuse Initiative named Best Overall Campaign Nationwide**

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Syracuse University's Better Together Syracuse initiative was recently named as the Best Overall Campaign in the nationwide 2012 Better Together initiative, which took place on more than 100 college campuses during the 2011-12 academic year.

Better Together kicked off its year with a series of events for Sept. 11, including a Service of Hope and Remembrance in Hendricks Chapel and the annual Juice Jam, which was designated as a benefit concert. Those efforts were part of the National Day of Service, inspired by family members of the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks who have mobilized people nationwide to engage in acts of community service since 2002.

The official launch of Better Together Syracuse took place in September. Through a collaboration between University Union and Hendricks Chapel, the annual Juice Jam was designated as a benefit concert. Juice Jam raised \$30,000 for the World Food Programme for hunger relief in the Horn of Africa and 2,805 cans were collected and donated locally to the Interreligious Food Consortium.

Better Together collected 1,370 pounds of food and collected \$2,560 for the Food Bank of Central New York through the Can It! Rivals on the Court, Teammates in the Fight Against Hunger event, a collaborative effort with Georgetown University, in the Carrier Dome on Feb. 8 and a related food collection drive in the Schine Student Center.

In conjunction with an American Red Cross blood drive in March, student volunteers packaged 12,000 nutritive meals for the international relief organization Stop Hunger Now. The meals were delivered to the Dominican Republic in April.

Other events included the CROP Walk in October, a Fast-A-Thon in February and conversations on campus throughout the year about local and global hunger.

Through Better Together, students also actively explored faith in the world. They learned about faiths other than their own during a "Speed Faithing" event; explored the intersection of social justice and communities of faith; and learned about the church in the world, among other topics.

Source: [SU NEWS](#)

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#### "King of Trucks" All Trucks Supershow

Tractor trailers to lowered mini-trucks will be coming in from all over the northeast and Canada to show off their blinding chrome, huge wheels, slammed or lifted suspensions, and thundering stereo systems. Or for those of you that like getting dirty, we're building a huge off-road obstacle park and a truck-eating mud pit.

You can also run in the truck drags, hook up to the pulling sled, or battle it out at the Tug-O-War! Other events such as the, RTI ramp, mobile dyno, Kids Rule! inflatable play land, R/C truck playground, rock crawling demos and KOT Night Life will keep you busy all weekend long!!

Fri. & Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-3pm

Adults \$12, 3-Day pass \$30; Children 6-12 \$6, 3-Day pass \$15; Children 5 & under free



#### KROCK's Dysfunctional Family BBQ 5

Doors will open at 11am and the bands begin rocking at noon. The show features six bands, FLOGGING MOLLY, HURT, THE DIRTY HEADS, 12 STONES, THE DREAMING and WEAVING THE FATE. See event website for advance sale ticket information (on sale starting April 14th) and concert goer rules & regulations.

Date(s): 05/27/2012

#### Location:

Empire Expo Center/NYS Fairgrounds  
581 State Fair Blvd.  
Syracuse, NY 13209

Time: 12:00 pm

Cost: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door

Age Level: Everyone

Telephone: 315-472-9111

[Visit Web Site](#)

Email: [askus@krock.com](mailto:askus@krock.com)



Taste of Syracuse

This summer kick-off event in Clinton Square! Taste of Syracuse brings out the most exciting food and music throughout Central New York. The festival showcases specialties from over 85 area restaurants, wineries and other businesses. Some exciting features of Taste of Syracuse will include:

- Live Entertainment on three stages, including headliner .38 Special; also featuring Duke Robillard and Tyler Bryant and The Shakedown

- Over 85 Exhibitors with 40-45 food vendors

Each restaurant will sell sample foods for \$1 as well as larger portions for purchase.

The event runs from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday in Clinton Square and the surrounding area.

Date(s): 06/01/2012, 06/02/2012

Location: Clinton Square

W. Genesee and S. Clinton Street

Syracuse, NY 13202

Time: see website

Cost: Free admission

Age Level: Everyone

Telephone: 800-234-4797

[Visit Web Site](#)

Email: [pam@spsevents.com](mailto:pam@spsevents.com)



#### **The All-American Jam - Day 1**

#### **UNDER THE GUN**

**Scars N Stripes, 3 Inch Fury, The Reissues,**

**Just Joe, Juiceboxx**

**Saturday, May 26th, 2012**

**GATES: 1:00pm SHOW: 2:00pm**

Tickets are \$10 per day. Special \$15 tickets for both days are available at The Sound Garden in Armory Square.

All Ages Admitted. 21+ To Drink. Children under the age of 10 are free with adult supervision. Re-Entry is allowed until 5pm.

Gates open at 1pm.

2:00-3:00 Juiceboxx

3:15-4:15 Just Joe

4:30-5:45 The Reissues

6:00-7:15 3 Inch Fury

7:30-8:45 Scars & Stripes

9:10-10:40 Under The Gun

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**IMMIGRATION UPDATES**[Back>>](#)**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	42,000	05/18/2012
H-1B Master's Degree Exemption	20,000	16,000	05/18/2012

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/7vgnextoid=4b7cdd1d5fd37210VgnVCM10000082ca60aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=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.

Students 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](http://international.syr.edu/documents/forms/I-20_Extension.pdf)

**Don't Be Fooled by Copycat Immigration-Help Sites**[Back>>](#)

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>

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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/iss/publications/instuarrest.html>

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### Housing Update : Address Change

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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

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#### 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](http://www.haylor.com/student) or send an e-mail to: [student@haylor.com](mailto:student@haylor.com)

### Motivational Quotes of the Week:

"Never lose a chance of saying a kind word." -**William Thackeray**

"The less people speak of their greatness, the more we think of it." -**Lord Bacon**

"It requires less character to discover the faults of others than it does to tolerate them." -**J. Petit Senn**

"The first step in the acquisition of wisdom is silence, the second listening, the third memory, the fourth practice, the fifth teaching others." -**Solomon Ibn Gabriol**

"Ask yourself this question: *"Will this matter a year from now?"*" -**Richard Carlson**

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