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- **New students – If you haven't already checked in with the Slutzker Center, please remember to do so immediately**
- **If you have trouble viewing this message, please view this email using your SYR email account. Every week we also post this SCIS Newsletter on the Slutzker Center website. <http://international.syr.edu/newsletters/index.html>**
- **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 if you want to know if your medicine is in the pharmacy. Call (315) 443-9005 if you're interested to get a flu shot ! - SU Health Services**

Welcome New International Students and Scholars!

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WELCOME NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & SCHOLARS!



Dear Students and Scholars,

As you open this first newsletter of the Fall Semester 2012, I would like to urge you to review it carefully and read those articles which might be relevant to you. We choose articles based upon the needs and questions students have presented to us daily, weekly, and annually. We answer the questions you ask before you ask them! Also included are warnings about safety issues, scams, parking and traffic concerns, and other aspects of your life as a student in Syracuse. If you at least spend 3 minutes reviewing the titles of all the articles each week, you will find that you will be well informed and know what is happening on campus and in the community! We appreciate your attention to this important part of the communication and education process in which you are engaged as a student in our community. We wish you a very successful semester!

Sincerely,
Dr. Patricia Burak
Director

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Regular Office Hours

Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SCIS Advisors will be available daily for brief walk-in questions from 11:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. only. Students and scholars are welcome to come in during these hours should they wish to see an advisor without an appointment. Scholars and students, who cannot come in during student advising hours, please call 315-443-2457 to request an appointment. If you have a general inquiry, please e-mail us at lescis@syr.edu.

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.

Congratulations, Dr. Burak on 35 Years of Service to the SCIS

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Congratulations, Pat!



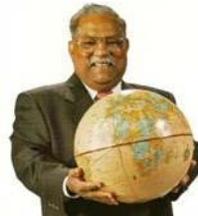
We would like to acknowledge and thank Dr. Patricia Burak for 35 years of service to the Slutzker Center for International Services, Syracuse University and the International Community. Her exemplary leadership, service and commitment to advocating for those who lack advocacy, as well as her efforts to advance issues that concerns internationals inspires us all.

- All of the staff of the SCIS



Dr. T.E. Koshy's Passing

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It is with deep sadness that I write to let you know of the passing of Dr. T.E. Koshy.

Dr. Koshy has been the Evangelical Chaplain at Hendricks Chapel for the past 40 years. First arriving on campus as a graduate student in 1965, Dr. Koshy spent his career welcoming all into the Chapel and into his life. The chaplaincy's Thursday Friendship Luncheons embodied the openness of spirit and love of the Other that was characteristic of Dr. Koshy and his faith. While he will be greatly missed by us all, I am confident that his spirit of friendship and love will live on in the halls of Hendricks Chapel and across the University.

Below is the obituary and hours of calling from New Comer Funeral Home. Hendricks Chapel will host a University memorial service this fall. Details for that service will be announced later.

Peace,

Tiffany
Tiffany L. Steinwert
Dean
Hendricks Chapel

Dr. T.E. Koshy
August 28, 2012

Dr. T.E. Koshy, 78, of Syracuse, passed away on Tuesday. He was born in Kerala, India on September 28, 1933. He loved the Lord Jesus Christ and served the Lord full time for over 45 years. He holds degrees in Literature, Philosophy, Theology, Journalism and Mass Communications having studied in India (BA, L.L.B.), England (Dip. Th., AMBC) and in the USA (MA, Ph.D). He arrived in Syracuse in 1965 and received his MA in Journalism and PhD in Mass Communications from the prestigious S.I. Newhouse School of Communications at Syracuse University. Dr. Koshy served as Evangelical Chaplain at Syracuse University for 40 years. He was also founder and Senior Pastor of International Assembly, Syracuse. Dr. Koshy was founder and executive director of International Friendship Evangelism based in Syracuse. He had a worldwide ministry and has spoken at numerous international conferences including India, all over Europe, the Far East and Australia. He served as the General Secretary of the Billy Graham Crusade in Syracuse in 1989. He worked as a journalist in Washington D.C. and was on the White House Press Corp. under President Lyndon Johnson. He is the author of the Biography of Bakht Singh of India and was one of his close associates. He was a mentor to many around the world including, Joel C. Rosenberg, author of many New York Time bestselling books. Dr. Koshy co-authored a book with Joel called, *The Invested Life: Making Disciples of All Nations One Person At a Time*.

Surviving are his wife, Dr. Indira Koshy, MD, son, Jay (Susi) Koshy, grandchildren; Joshua & Sophia, 4 brothers; M.E. Eapen, T.E. George, T.E. Abraham, T.E. Cherian and sister, Annamma Koshy Varghese.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday from 4-8pm & Saturday from 9-11am at North Syracuse Baptist Church, 420 S. Main St., N. Syracuse, NY 13212. Services will be held on Saturday 11am at the church .

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be sent to I.F.E., 4274 LaFayette Rd., Jamesville, NY 13078.



In 1979, Dr. Koshy and his wife founded the International Thanksgiving Dinner, a University-wide event that brought together hundreds of international students, their families, and other members of the SU community for over 30 years.

Mix-It-Up

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Originally begun as a comprehensive program to prepare students for [study abroad](#) and to keep students connected to the skills and knowledge garnered internationally upon return to the home campus, *Mix It Up* is now hosted by SCIS to embrace all groups on campus, providing them with a space for dialogue and opportunities to work together on fun projects that focus on the international on the campus and in the city of Syracuse. Discussions and lectures explore identity, intercultural communication, and integration on the SU campus.

**“Mix it Up”
FALL 2012**

**ALL Students Are Welcome Bring
a Friend and Make a Friend
Sharing
Food, Fun, & Stories
with Students from Around the
World**

EVENTS
August 31 September 14 September 21 September 28
Location: Shine Student Center 304
October 5 @ SCIS
Location: Slutzker Center 310 Walnut Place



RSVP IN AN EMAIL TO ELCARRAS@SYR.EDU (ELANE GRANGER)
Sponsor: The Slutzker Center for International Services, 310 Walnut Place

New York State Fair Ticket Raffle

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Michael Shenouda Samaan Shenouda, SU alumnus and a junior preacher at St. Mary and St. Mina Coptic Orthodox Church here in Syracuse is raffling 5 free tickets to the State Fair on Labor Day, September 3, 2012. Raffle winners will be announced on September 3rd before leaving for the fair. Email gelliddie@syr.edu for a chance to win a ticket. DO NOT miss this exciting opportunity, it will be lots of fun!



August 23, 2012 – September 3, 2012

The New York State Fair has always showcased New York's proud farming tradition, hosting nationally renowned horse and cattle shows, 4-H competitions, and the fresh produce grown locally by New York's farmers. A visit to the State Fair is a great way to celebrate our state's farmers and everything New York agriculture has to offer. There's something for everyone - from nationally-acclaimed performers to wild animals, petting zoos, and a thrilling midway with rides and games. It's a great way to spend a summer day - or several - with the entire family right here in the Empire State.

No matter where you come from, or how you get there, the New York State Fair is the perfect end to the summer season.



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Important Dates

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- Fall semester classes started on **Monday, August 27th, 2012.**
- Labor Day: **September 3rd**; the University offices will be closed, no classes will be held, the federal offices, including the Post Office and Social Security Offices will all be closed.
- Mid-Term: Monday, October 15
- Registration for Spring Semester: Wednesday, November 7 - Friday, December 14
- Homecoming & Reunion Weekend: Nov. 8-11
- Thanksgiving Break: Sunday, November 18 - Sunday, November 25
- Final Examinations: Monday, December 10; Wednesday, December 12; Friday, December 14; Tuesday, December 11 and Thursday, December 13 (pm only)
- Last Day of Classes: Friday, December 7

Full-time Course of Study

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If this is your last semester you will have to fill out the Last Semester Memo <http://international.syr.edu/documents/forms/2008lastsemestermemo-su.pdf>

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MEETING YOUR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Please be certain that you are currently enrolled in an approved health insurance policy for the upcoming 2012 – 2013 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 lescjs@syr.edu or in person. If you have questions, or need help 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 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!

Welcome From The South Asia Center

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Dear Incoming and Returning Students,

On behalf of the South Asia Center, I would like to welcome you to campus. The South Asia Center of Syracuse University, a part of the Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, is a United States Department of Education National Resource Center. We work with the South Asia Program at Cornell University to form a consortium with a focus on the research and scholarship of the countries in the South Asia region. Not only does the South Asia Center host a speaker series that brings world renowned scholars of South Asia to campus, but we also offer language instruction, support faculty and graduate student research, and provide outreach to the area schools and the local community.

For your information, I have attached our Fall Speaker Series schedule and our Hindi-Urdu Table schedule. These events are open to the public and everyone is welcome.

If you would be interested in getting updates from the South Asia Center about upcoming activities, email Emera Bridger Wilson (elbridge@syr.edu <<mailto:elbridge@syr.edu>>) about joining our listserv. We also have a Facebook page on which we post things of interest (<https://www.facebook.com/#1/sac.syr.edu> <<https://www.facebook.com/>>). You can also find more about us on our website:

<http://www.maxwell.syr.edu/moynihan/Programs/sac/> <<http://www.maxwell.syr.edu/moynihan/Programs/sac/>> .

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,
Susan S. Wadley and Tula Goenka
Co-Directors, South Asia Center

<p>South Asia Center</p> <p>invites you to</p> <p>Hindi-Urdu Table</p> <p>Fall 2012</p>  <p>आप का स्वागत है! كوشن ليمه</p> <p>Please join us for some chat and conversation. All are welcome to attend, from beginners to native speakers.</p> <p>Wednesday, September 5th Wednesday, September 19th Wednesday, October 3rd Wednesday, October 31st Wednesday, November 28th</p> <p>3:30 pm – 5:00 pm 352 Eggers Hall</p> <p>MOYNIHAN @Maxwell</p>	<p>South Asia Center</p> <p>Fall 2012 Speaker Series</p> <p>Thursday, September 13th, 4:00 pm Maxwell Auditorium <i>Clinical Encounters and Citizenship: Projects in South India</i> Lucinda Rasmberg Department of Anthropology, Cornell University (Co-sponsored by Department of Anthropology)</p> <p>Tuesday, September 25th, 12:30 pm 341 Eggers Hall <i>The Age of the Sick: Postcoloniality, Culture and Medicine in Bengal</i> Anindya Majumdar Department of English, Syracuse University</p> <p>Tuesday, October 23rd, 12:30 pm 341 Eggers Hall <i>India: The Disposable Nation?</i> Vikash Yadav Political Science Department, Hobart and William South Colleges (Co-sponsored by Department of Political Science)</p> <p>Tuesday, October 30th, 12:30 pm 341 Eggers Hall <i>Memory, History, Conflict and Claim: Ruzhshidovs' struggle, Azerbaijan</i> Anishta Saxena Center for Historical Research, Jamshilid-Nizami University</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6th, 12:50 pm 341 Eggers Hall <i>The ITI and the Social Life of Caste: Ajartha Subramanian</i> Department of Anthropology, Harvard University</p> <p>Tuesday, November 27th, 12:30 pm 341 Eggers Hall <i>Pakistani Cinema in the 1950s</i> Hishar Dadi Department of History of Arts & Visual Studies, Cornell University (Co-sponsored by Department of Art and Music Histories)</p> <p>MOYNIHAN @Maxwell</p>
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Call For Volunteers

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Call for volunteers!

Westcott Street Cultural Festival

Sunday, September 18th

This year marks the 21st Anniversary for the Westcott Street Cultural Festival! This amazing neighborhood event embraces diversity and fosters a sense of community among the more than 8,000 people who gather to enjoy music and dance at the seven stages, visit the arts crafts booths and learn about local not-for profit agencies. It starts with the kickoff parade at noon and continuing until 6:30 PM. Community service hours rage from 10:15a-8:30p.

The success of this event is highly dependent on volunteers. **Each year 100+ students from Syracuse University volunteer at the Fair.** Volunteer assignments include set up and take down of chairs and tables, monitoring street barricades, facilitating activities in Kids Korner, and responding to the needs of the performers. Sign up solo, with a friend, or even as a group!

If you would like to be an integral part of this volunteer effort, the process is simple. Just email me, Kate Hammer, with the following information and you will promptly receive an assignment based on your request.

In your email please include:

- Name
- Email
- Phone
- Number of hours you would like to volunteer (between 2-8 hours)
- Time of day you are available (ex. morning, afternoon, evening)
- Name of the class, org, or club you are earning hours for- or if you're volunteering on your own

For more information or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call. I can be reached at 315-443-3919.

Kate Hammer

Community Relations Associate

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Government and Community Relations

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Career Forum for Japanese-English Bilingual Students

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DISCO International, organizer of the world's largest job fair for Japanese-English bilinguals, invite Japanese-English bilingual students to our upcoming Career Forums this fall. We encourage students to register early to be fully prepared for the event.

---Los Angeles Career Forum---

Sept. 14 & 15, 2012

Loews Hollywood Hotel

* Early bird special offer ends July 31

* Special services available for participants <http://www.careerforum.net/event/la/?lang=E>

---Boston Career Forum---

Nov. 11th - 13th, 2011 (Fri. - Sun.)

Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (Boston, Massachusetts) <http://www.careerforum.net/event/bos/?lang=E>

Los Angeles/ Boston Career Forum are for anyone who is:

- Japanese-English bilingual(at minimum conversational level in both Japanese and English)
- looking for a full-time or internship position

Companies will be holding seminars as well as interviews at their booth during the event. Some companies may give out offers by the end of the event. Registration and attending the event is free.

For online registration and more info regarding the above, please go to:

Los Angeles Career Forum:

<http://www.careerforum.net/event/la/?lang=E>

Boston Career Forum:

<http://www.careerforum.net/event/bos/?lang=E>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at cfn@careerforum.net.

We look forward to seeing you in LA and Boston!

Sincerely,

CareerForum.Net

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Central New York
Chapter



Call for Applications

Syracuse University
Division of
Student Affairs

ORANGE DIALOGUE FOR PEACE September, 7, 8 and 9, 2012



Through the Slutzker Center for International Services
& the Outdoor Education Program

If you have ever experienced an unresolved inter-group conflict that you would like to explore or if ethnic/ religious/territorial conflict is or was a part of your life, or if you are simply interested in fun interaction with an inclusive group of students and being part of a unique story-telling experience, then please consider participating in the Fall 2012 Syracuse University *Orange Dialogue for Peace* program. Participants work together in the context of fun, outdoor and indoor teambuilding, and engage in student driven dialogue about the needs, concerns, fears and hopes of their present day

lives, nations and societies.

Establish mutual understanding and trust, and help to lead the world to move toward sustainable world peace and friendship.

LOOK FOR *ORANGE DIALOGUE for PEACE* ON FACEBOOK



We depart from College Place at 1:00pm on Friday September 7 and return on Sunday September 9th by 6:00pm

A free program, funded by the Division of Student Affairs and the CNY Fulbright Association ~ Includes:

- Travel to Antlers Camp on Raquette Lake to spend the weekend at the SUNY Cortland Educational Center
- Indoor / Outdoor Teambuilding/High Ropes/Low Ropes/Canoeing/Kayaking
- Narrative Mediation Dialogue Sessions
- Moonlight Hike
- Lodging / Meals / Roundtrip transportation from SU to SUNY Cortland Educational Site

To apply, please e-mail the following information to Elane Granger elcarras@syrr.edu ~ subject line: *Orange Dialogue for Peace Application*, by **August 31, 2012**

Early Applicants will be given priority and will be notified of acceptance by e-mail

APPLICATION PROCESS

- First and Last Name
- Department / School / UG or Grad
- Country of Citizenship
- SUID / Telephone / Email
- Fulbright Affiliation: Yes_____ No_____
- Tell us briefly why you would like to participate in this program

Questions? Email ELCARRAS@SYR.EDU
Or Call Elane Granger @ 443-2457



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There's a lot happening in downtown Syracuse the next few weeks! Check it out here:

<http://fb.me/1E17rggrn>

American Idol Live, Tuesday, September 4th



AMERICAN IDOL will heat up arenas across North America, when AMERICAN IDOLS LIVE! returns for another summer jaunt, showcasing performances by this season's top performers. AMERICAN IDOLS LIVE! 2012 lineup promises to be the most memorable yet given the diverse and daring talent on the roster, and it's hitting markets all across North America. Performers are primed and pumped to give fans a night of unique and unforgettable performances on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, 07:00 pm at the War Memorial Arena.

- Some great upcoming events through the Whitman School. Be sure to visit [their calendar page](#) often for professional development opportunities, programmatic offerings, open-houses and more.
- How do you get experience if nobody will hire you without any? <http://www.cnn.com/2011/LIVING/01/12/cb.get.experience.without.any/index.html>

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E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors List

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The lists below cover employers and federal contractors enrolled in E-Verify through March 15, 2012. The federal contractors listed within self-reported that their contract has the E-Verify FAR clause. The lists contain the following:

- Business name (the name which was used during registration with E-Verify, whether the legal name of the business or individual, a trade name or abbreviation)
 - Federal Contractor Identifier (yes/no)
 - Federal Contractor Employee verification (all new hires or entire workforce)
 - Employer city, state and ZIP code used at registration
 - Workforce size (five or more)
- [E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors \(AK-AZ\) as of March 15, 2012](#) (XLS)
- [E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors \(CA-CT\) as of March 15, 2012](#) (XLS)
- [E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors \(DC-MA\) as of March 15, 2012](#) (XLS)
- [E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors \(MD-NJ\) as of March 15, 2012](#) (XLS)
- [E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors \(NM-SC\) as of March 15, 2012](#) (5863KB XLS)
- [E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors \(SD-WY\) as of March 15, 2012](#) (XLS)

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An advisor will be able to process your CPT or OPT on one of the days listed below:

September 4 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
September 7 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
September 11 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
September 13 - 10:00am - 12:00pm



F-1 students who will graduate this December 2012 and plan to apply for post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) are reminded that they must submit their application paperwork to the Slutzker Center, 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 completion date. The program completion date for the fall semester is December 14, 2012.

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 (EAD) in a timely manner. Currently, it is taking the USCIS Service Centers approximately 70-90 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 volunteering.

Full-time Course of Study

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Monday, September 3rd is Labor Day, the University offices will be closed, no classes will be held, the federal offices, including the Post Office and Social Security Offices will all be closed.

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!

A Reminder About Optional Practical Training EAD Cards

F-1 students who have obtained authorization for Optional Practical Training from the USCIS are reminded to please email a copy of their EAD cards (front + back) to the SCIS at lescis@syr.edu so that we can keep a copy 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.

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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@syr.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 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!

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>

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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

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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

On June 11, 2012, USCIS received a sufficient number of petitions to reach the statutory cap for FY 2013. On June 7, 2012, USCIS also received more than 20,000 H-1B petitions on behalf of persons exempt from the cap under the advanced degree exemption. USCIS will reject petitions subject to the cap for H-1B specialty occupation workers seeking an employment [start](#) date in FY 2013 that are received after June 11, 2012.

USCIS continues to accept petitions exempted from the cap and DOD cooperative research worker H-1B petitions and Chile/Singapore H-1B1 petitions requesting an employment start date in FY 2013. For more information and latest updates on H1B Visa cap count, please visit the [USCIS](#) website.

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

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/iss/publications/instarrest.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.

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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.

"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 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

Motivational Quotes of the Week:

"Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds.."

- **Albert Einstein**

"Men's best successes come after their disappointments.."

- **Henry Ward Beecher**

"The only way of finding the limits of the possible is by going beyond them into the impossible. "

- **Arthur C. Clarke**

"Do not wait to strike till the iron is hot; but make it hot by striking.. "

- **George Bernard Shaw**

"Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do."

- **Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**

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