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## Electronic Diversity Visa Lottery (Green Card Lottery) 2014 Announcement





The congressionally mandated Diversity Immigrant Visa Program is administered on an annual basis by the Department of State and conducted based on United States law, specifically Section 203(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). This law provides for a class of immigrants known as "diversity immigrants," with visas made available to persons from countries with historically low rates of immigration to the United States. For Fiscal Year 2014, 50,000 diversity visas (DV) will be available.

The annual DV program makes visas available to persons meeting simple, but strict, eligibility requirements. A computer-generated, random drawing chooses selectees for DVs. The visas are distributed among six geographic regions, and within each region, no single country may receive more than seven percent of the available DVs in any one year. Visas are allocated to natives of countries with historically lower rates of U.S. immigration. Natives of countries who have sent more than 50,000 immigrants to the United States over the past five years are not eligible to apply for the Diversity Visa program.

#### **DV 2014 Program-Online Registration**

Online registration for the DV-2014 Program started on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 12:00 noon, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (GMT-4), and concludes on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 12:00 noon, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (GMT-4). After the entry period opens October 2, the U.S. Department of State recommends early entry, and encourages applicants not to wait until the last week of the registration period to enter.

For DV-2014, natives of the following countries are not eligible to apply because the countries sent a total of more than 50,000 immigrants to the United States in the previous five years: BANGLADESH, BRAZIL, CANADA, CHINA (mainland-born), COLOMBIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, HAITI, INDIA, JAMAICA, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, PERU, PHILIPPINES, SOUTH KOREA, UNITED KINGDOM (except Northern Ireland) and its dependent territories, and VIETNAM.

Persons born in Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR, and Taiwan are eligible.

Changes in eligibility this year: FOR DV-2014, NATIVES OF GUATEMALA ARE NOW ELIGIBLE FOR SELECTION

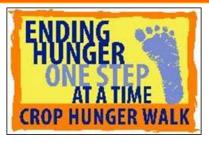
Please find the detailed instructions for applying <u>here</u>.

Instructions in other languages can be looked up here.

Please find more information on the Diversity Visa Program here.

#### **CROP Walk to Fight Hunger**





#### 1.2 billion people in the world are hungry. You can help. Walk with us.

When: Sunday - Oct 14th at 12:30pm - Where: Hendricks Chapel Steps

Registration: pre-register at engages@syr.edu OR register the morning of the walk

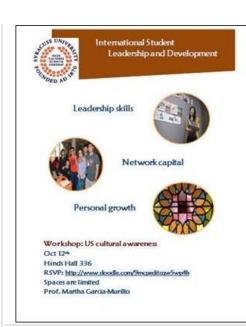
This 3 mile walk starts at Hendricks Chapel and concludes downtown as we join other walkers from the Syracuse area. Though not required, please consider a donation to help feed families locally and globally. Any amount helps! For more information, <u>click</u> here

#### U.S. Cultural Awareness Workshop



A workshop on US cultural awareness conducted by Prof. Martha Garcia-Murillo. Objectives include:

Becoming aware of the cultural differences that exist between the U.S. and other countries.



- Becoming proficient on U.S. social, academic and professional culture.
- Experiencing these cultural differences through fun and interactive activities.

Culture is a set of human-made objective and subjective shared elements that permit people to communicate and interact with each other. This is possible because culture gives us a common language that allows us to set of expectations. This is problematic for an outsider because is unaware of these rules of behavior which can lead to cultural shock. It can be avoided if we become aware of those cultural differences so that we can adapt and integrate better.

When: Friday - Oct 12th at 2:00pm

Where: Hinds Hall 336

RSVP: visit www.doodle.com/9mcpeditcqw5wp4h

#### **Arts and Recreational Events**

#### Mbira Concert - Get a taste of Zimbabwean Music with Erica Azim



Erica Azim, a well renowned practitioner of Zimbabwean Music, will be performing at the Grant Auditorium.

When: Tuesday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> at 8pm

Where: Grant Auditorium

Cost: Free!



"Mbira" is a musical instrument with a wooden board and staggered metal keys

#### **SYRFILMFEST '12 - International Film Festival**



An excellent schedule of International Films is lined up this year. The prime focus of 2012 Syracuse International Film Festival is "Social Justice". In celebration, Ron Pearlman, Tom Bower and Rob Nilsson will be gracing the event with their presence as special guests.



This year's Festival is dedicated to SU student Bassel Shahade - filmmaker, social activist, and student in the Film Program (CVPA) at Syracuse University.



When: Oct 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> (multiple theatres, dates and times)

For a detailed schedule on the films being showcased and the locations please click <u>here</u>. For tickets please click <u>here</u>.

#### SASA Presents - Navratri Garba Raas



navratri garba raaş
South Asian Student Association
Saturday, October 13th
5PM - 9PM
Women's Building Gym A
\$5 with SUID
\$8 without SUID
Tickets sold at the
Schine Box Office
Dandiyas provided
Free snacks
LIVE music all
night long!
Door Prizes

The South Asian Students Association will be having its first event of the semester, entitled "Navrati Garba Raas" in celebration of Navratri.

When: Saturday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 5 PM – 9PM

Where: Women's Building - Gym A

**Cost**: \$5 with SU-ID, \$8 without SU-ID (purchased at the Schine Box Office)

The Pandya Family will be providing nonstop LIVE music and entertainment throughout the evening. Dandiyas will be provided!!!

Worried you won't know the steps? Need a refresher course on the moves?

A Garba Raas workshop will be hosted the night before (Friday, October 12th) at Ernie Davis Gym @ 6 PM!!

Snacks and refreshments will be provided at the end of Garba.

#### Imposibilitados: A Theatrical Performance not to be missed



Community Folk Art Center presents Imposibilitados, a theatrical performance by José Miguel Hernández Hurtado inspired by the paintings of TONY 2012 artist Abisay Puentes.

When: Friday, Oct 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Where: Black Box Theatre - Community Folk Art Center

Cost: Free!

The performance, entitled Imposibilitados, is a captivating original piece that incorporates music and contemporary dance. Puentes



created the piece in collaboration with local actor José Miguel Hernández Hurtado. Hurtado will perform the piece in CFAC's Black Box Theatre.

Imposibilitados is a two-part meditative performance featuring video, body movement and classical music. The performance chronicles the story of a man who refuses to acknowledge reality and despite his many attempts to find peace, he finds himself caught in a perpetual cycle of contradiction.

For more information please visit the event page <u>here</u>.

#### Puccini's breathtaking opera "Tosca" is coming to Syracuse!





When: Friday, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm AND Sunday, Oct 21<sup>st</sup> at 2pm

Where: The Oncenter Crouse-Hinds Theater on 411 Montgomery Street

Sung in Italian with projected English titles

Honor and justice are bitter enemies in Puccini's dramatic clash of art and power. A passionate diva wields a vengeful blade to save her lover in one of the most riveting confrontations in all opera. Sung by three of opera's most prominent artists, our production will steel all of your senses. Puccini's heart wrenching melodies will twist the dagger in a compelling evening of opera... you will not soon forget.

For more details visit here.

## Looking for a getaway? The Fall Festival is on the way



The Greek Peak Mountain Resort Fall Festival means food, foliage and fun for the entire family. There will be a variety of activities and rides for everyone, from face and pumpkin painting, to bounce houses and wagon rides. Kids will love the Bubble Man and Ross Park Zoo's petting zoo. We will have a rock climbing wall and the Euro Bungee from our Adventure Center and so much more! There will be food, drinks and music to enjoy all day!

When: Saturday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 5pm

#### Admission:

\$20.00 for adults (15 and over) \$15.00 for ages 7-14 FREE for kids 6 and under Included with Admission:

Wagon Rides, Bubblemania, Bounce Houses, Home Depot Activities, Petting Zoo, Chairlift Rides, Face Painting, Sheriff Department K-9 unit demonstrations, Vendors, Food and Drinks (excludes alcoholic beverages), And More.

EuroBungy: \$5.00 Wall Climbing: \$5.00

Pumpkin Painting \$1.00 per pumpkin

Charicature Drawings \$5.00

Paintball: TBD Massage \$5.00

For more details visit their page.



#### **International Education Week 2012**



The Slutzker Center will lead the 2012 International Education Week events at SU and in the Syracuse community from November 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. International Education Week events are driven by students and we are seeking students of all levels, American and international, to become part of the planning or to play an active role performing.

Two events are being organized:

- Music Beyond Borders: An International Music Festival
- An Orange Dialogue for Peace and Study Abroad dinner



Students who are musicians, Master of Ceremonies, performers, technicians, publicity designers or have other talents to offer are welcome. We are looking to the SU students to shape our message and the events for 2012. Please contact Elane Granger Carrasco at <a href="mailto:elearras@syr.edu">elearras@syr.edu</a> if you want to be part of this exciting celebration of ourselves as international people under the same sky.

International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of our efforts to promote programs that prepare students for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States.

New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has proclaimed Nov. 12-16, 2012 International Education Week in New York State. This proclamation comes at the request and advocacy efforts of a number of institutions and entities.

More information about International Education Week and other events across the country will be posted soon at the official International Education Week website.





The Association of Public Diplomacy Scholars will host our fifth annual public diplomacy symposium, "The Politics of Change: Public Diplomacy Symposium 2012," this October 18-19, 2012.

Our symposium this year will focus on how public diplomacy has been, is being, and will be shaped by cultural, social, and political change.

When: Day 1 - Thursday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm & 7pm

Day 2 - Friday, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

Where: Day 1 - Hergenhan Auditorium, Newhouse III Day 2 - Public Events Room, Eggers Hall

The 2012 Public Diplomacy Symposium is aptly called "The Politics of Change: How Leaders, Agenda, and Media Shape Public Diplomacy". It will bring together scholars, practitioners, and students who all have change in mind. Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Tara Sonenshine, will be opening "The Politics of Change: Public Diplomacy Symposium 2012" on Oct 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the Hergenhan Auditorium at Syracuse University with her speech "Public Diplomacy: Lodestar for 21st Century Statecraft."

For a full schedule of events please visit the website <u>here</u>.

## **SU News and Trending Topics**



#### One World Concert - Wrapped up on a peaceful note



His Holiness the Dalai Lama, sporting a bright orange Syracuse University visor, made the tongue-in-cheek claim that music didn't much interest him. But that didn't stop him from shaking hands and exchanging bows with the star-studded roster before leaving the stage, before the artists brought a crowd of 24,000 to its feet. Read the full story here.

#### SU Basketball: Individual Hoop Tickets Available Oct. 10



Individual game tickets for Syracuse men's and women's basketball will go on sale beginning Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 10:00 a.m. The men's basketball program is coming off a school-record 34-win season and another NCAA Tournament berth while the women's squad welcomes the sixth-ranked recruiting class to a roster that already returns four-of-five starters. Click <a href="here">here</a> for full info.

## Put on your groove shoes for Salsa



Beginner Salsa Partnering Class 6-week series will be starting Thursday, Oct 25th at Ballybay Pub/Nightclub NO prior Salsa experience necessary!!! .. NO partner necessary...we rotate partners in each class!!

When: Thursdays from 6:30pm to 7:40pm (Meetings are held on 10/25, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29, 12/6 and 12/13 only)



Where: Johnston's Ballybay Pub/Nightclub at 550 Richmond Ave

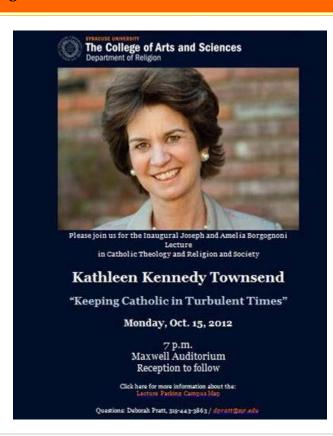
Cost: Full time students with college ID - \$50, all others - \$60

Instructor: Brian A. Bromka - La Familia founder & Master Instructor, assisted by La Familia students!

**Registration**: Enrollment is limited, so pre-register at (315) 636-7133 or <u>lafamilia@twcny.rr.com</u>. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

#### **Keeping Catholic in Turbulent Times**





## A Special Announcement from The College of Arts and Sciences

Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, the eldest daughter of the late Robert Kennedy, is the author of "Failing America's Faithful: How Today's Churches Are Mixing God With Politics and Losing Their Way" (Warner Books, 2007).



Monsignor Charles L. Borgognoni (a.k.a. Fther Charles) established the Joseph and Amelia Borgognoni Fund in memory of his parents, to promote the study of Catholic theology and religion in society. During his 30 years on campus, he served as the Roman Catholic chaplain of the St. Thomas More Campus Ministry, raised more than \$1 million for the construction of the John C. Alibrandi Catholic Center, and was chaplain of the SU football and basketball programs. Monsignor Borgognoni was a

visionary, teacher, mentor, and friend to students and faculty alike.

Augmented by leadership gifts from SU friends and alumni, the Borgognoni
Fund exemplifies the affinity he felt for the University.

Click here to make a gift to the Borgognoni Fund. https://secure.syr.edu/giving/thecollege\_giving.aspx.

Sponsored by the Borgognoni Fund for Catholic Theology and Religion in Society, with additional support from the Campbell Public Affairs Institute in the Maxwell School and the Religion and Society Program in The College of Arts and Sciences.





Moynihan European Research Centers invite you to Turkish Table Fall 2012

When: Tuesday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:45pm to 6pm

Where: 341 Eggers Hall

Interested in learning more about Turkish culture, language and meeting your fellow students? Please join us for a Turkish Table! All are welcome to attend (from beginners to native speakers). Turkish Table will be led by Professor Jaklin Kornfilt, Turkish Program Coordinator, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics. Pizza will be served!!

## **English Conversation Groups**





"Group Leaders Wanted! - Based on increased interest in this program, if you are a native English speaker and would like to lead a weekly 1-hour group at the Slutzker Center for International Services, please write to Riet Dekleermaeker at <a href="mailto:mdekleer@syr.edu">mdekleer@syr.edu</a> for details. These groups are a great opportunity to learn more about the world and discover new and interesting friendships."

If you (or your spouse or partner) feels a need to improve your informal English language skills, please feel free to join one hour weekly meetings of the English conversation program. English Conversation Groups usually consist of 4 to 6 people and are led by a native English speaker, often an S.U. student or member of the Syracuse community.

By joining this program, you will have an opportunity to practice and improve your English language skills and also to learn more about life in the USA, while meeting new people and making new friends.

When: Weekly meetings will continue this semester during regular office hours

Where: Slutzker Center for International Services - 310 Walnut Place

To apply for an English Conversation Group, please contact Riet DeKleermaeker (coordinator) at <a href="mailto:mdekleer@syr.edu">mdekleer@syr.edu</a>. Riet will reply by e-mail to inform you about available days and times of meetings.

#### Let's Chat!



Family problems, roommate difficulties, academic concerns, or financial struggles? Stressed, sad, or feeling lost? Need to talk to someone?

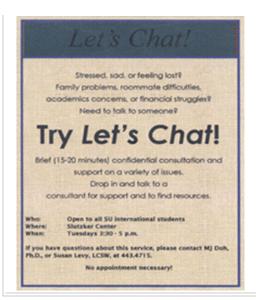
#### Try "Let's Chat!"

Brief (15-20 minutes) confidential consultation and support on a variety of issues. Drop in and talk to a consultant for support and to find resources. Open to all SU international students. No appointments necessary!

When: Tuesdays from 3:30pm to 5pm

Where: Slutzker Center for International Services

For questions about this service, contact MJ Doh, Ph.D., or Susan Levy, LCWS, at (315) 443-4715.



## **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** <u>first</u> **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 <a href="http://international.syr.edu/\_documents/forms/full\_time\_status\_certification-Jan04.pdf">http://international.syr.edu/\_documents/forms/full\_time\_status\_certification-Jan04.pdf</a>

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

## **Meeting Your Health Requirements**



#### **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 <a href="lescis@syr.edu">lescis@syr.edu</a> 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 <u>not in compliance</u> 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!

#### The South Asia Center Events



#### South Asia Center Schedule of Events

# South Asia Center

## South Asia Center

invites you to

## Hindi-Urdu Table Fall 2012





#### आप का स्वागत है! غوش أمديد

Please join us for some chai and conversation. All are welcome to attend, from beginners to native speakers.

> Wednesday, September 5th Wednesday, September 19th Wednesday, October 3rd Wednesday, October 31st Wednesday, November 28th

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm 352 Eggers Hall



## Fall 2012 Speaker Series

Thursday, September 13th, 4:00 pm Maxwell Auditocum

Clinical Encounters and Citizenship Projects in South India

Lucinda Ramberg Department of Authorpology, Cornell University (Co-sponsored by Department of Authorpology)

Tuesday, September 25th, 12:30 pm 341 Eggen Hall The Age of the Sockle: Postcolonisky, Culture and Maxisian in Bengal Amitto Majounder Department of English, Synouse University

Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12:30 pm 341 Eggen Hall India: The Dispensable Nation<sup>3</sup> Visual Vidas

Vikash Yarlav Political Science Department, Hobors and William Smith Colleges (Co-sponsored by Department of Political Tuesday, October 30th, 12:30 pm

341 Eggess Hall Memory, History, Conflict and Claim: Rishabbdeo temple, Rajasthan

Anishia Saxeria Center for Historical Research, Javaharlal Nebru University

Tuesday, November 6th, 12:50 pm 341 Egges Hall The ITTs and the Social Life of Caste

Ajantha Subermanian Department of Authopology, Harrard

Tuesday, November 27th, 12:30 pm 341 Eggers Hall

Pakistani Cinema in the 1950s Iftikhar Dadi

Department of History of Arts & Visual Studies, Cornell University

(Co-sponsored by Department of Art and Music Histories)

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Scan the QR code to go to our new website.



## **E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors List**



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)

Click here for more information

## **CPT/OPT seminars**



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

- 10:00am - 12:00pm

October 16 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
October 18 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
October 23 - 10:00am - 12:00pm



October 25



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.

## **Important Reminders**



#### **New students!**

If you haven't already checked in with the Slutzker Center for International Services upon arriving at SU, please do so immediately. We are located at 310 Walnut Place across the street from Bird Library.

#### **Preventing Theft**

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!

#### From SU Health Services

Feeling sick? Pick up your over the counter medications at the Health Services Pharmacy. All purchases can be charged to your bursar account. To confirm if your medicine is in the pharmacy, call (315) 443-5691. If you're interested in receiving a flu shot, call (315) 443-9005.

#### 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 <u>lescis@syr.edu</u> 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.

## **Transferring out of SU?**



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: <a href="http://international.syr.edu/current-students/maintaining-visa-status/transfer-out.html">http://international.syr.edu/current-students/maintaining-visa-status/transfer-out.html</a>

## Is this your last semester at SU?



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.

#### **Studying Abroad?**



Planning to Study Abroad during the Spring 2013 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

#### **IMMIGRATION UPDATES**



#### **Don't Be Fooled by Copycat Immigration-Help Sites**



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**



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: <a href="http://www2.binghamton.edu/isss/publications/instuarrest.html">http://www2.binghamton.edu/isss/publications/instuarrest.html</a>

## **Housing and Safety**





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.

#### **Housing Update: Address Change**



All international students and scholars who are moving to new on-campus and off-campus housing must update their "Current Address" in MySlice at <a href="https://myslice.syr.edu">https://myslice.syr.edu</a> under "View/Update Addresses" in the bottom-left corner. SCIS cannot register your record in SEVIS and maintain your F-1 status without this update, which can jeopardize your visa status here in the USA. - Remember, always update your address in MySlice within 10 days of moving to a new residence.

## **Department of Public Safety Reminder**



#### 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.
- Get to know the Centro bus and 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: <a href="http://publicsafety.syr.edu/PublicSafety/ckfinder/userfiles/files/2011%20Clery.pdf">http://publicsafety.syr.edu/PublicSafety/ckfinder/userfiles/files/2011%20Clery.pdf</a>

#### **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: <a href="mailto:student@haylor.com/student">www.haylor.com/student</a> or send an e-mail to: <a href="mailto:student@haylor.com/student">student@haylor.com/student</a> or send an e-mail to: <a href="mailto:student@haylor.com/student">student@haylor.com/student@haylor.com/student</a> or send an e-mail to: <a href="mailto:student@haylor.com/student@haylor.com/student@haylor.com/student@haylor.com/student@haylor.com/student@haylor.com/student@haylor.com/student@haylor.com/student@haylor.com/student@haylor.com/student@haylor.com/student@haylor.com/student@haylor.com/student@haylor.com/student@haylor.com/student@haylor.com/student@haylor.com/student@haylor.com/student@haylor.co

#### **Motivational Ouotes of the Week:**



"Don't be your 'First, Worst' critic." — Virginia Rometty (Chairman and CEO of IBM)

"When you are sorrowful, look again in your heart and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight." – Kahlil Gibran (essayist/novelist/poet)

"I don't have dreams. How can I say it? I myself am a dream." - Ayumi Hamasaki (singer)

"Through humor, you can soften some of the worst blows that life delivers. And once you find laughter, no matter how painful your situation might be, you can survive it." — Bill Cosby (comedian)

"Happiness always looks small while you hold it in your hands, but let it go, and you learn at once how big and precious it is." - Maxim Gorky (novelist/playwright)

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