Bill Clinton to visit Syracuse this Friday for endorsement. Read full story here.

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New “Travel seminar” dates for the holiday season!

Travel seminars for F-1 and J-1 visa holders
With the Fall Break and Winter Holidays approaching, the Slutzker Center for International Services (SCIS) will be holding additional travel seminars.

**Before October 29th** – seminars will be held at the normal days/times. The next seminars are scheduled for Friday-Oct 19th at 12pm and Friday-Oct 26th at 12pm.

**From October 29th to November 16th** – seminars will be held every business day at the times listed below, except Monday-Nov 5th and Tuesday-Nov 6th. No travel seminars will be held on those two days.

If you are planning any travel, please be sure to attend one of these seminars and ensure you are up-to-date on what you must prepare in advance. It will help make your trip as smooth as possible!

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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 here.

Instructions in other languages can be looked up here.

Please find more information on the Diversity Visa Program here.

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**Bill Clinton to endorse Dan Maffei in Syracuse**

*The following news story is from SU's DailyOrange. - Click here to read more.*

Former President Bill Clinton will make a stop in Syracuse on Friday to campaign for Democratic Congressional candidate Dan Maffei. Maffei is running for the seat in New York’s 24th Congressional district.

Clinton will endorse at a rally at Syracuse Hancock International Airport at 1pm, according to a news release from Maffei's campaign. The rally is set to take place at Landmark Aviation Hangar Building #113, located at 248 Tuskegee Road.

Maffei is running against Republican incumbent Ann Marie Buerkle and Green Party candidate Ursula Rozum for the congressional seat. The race is a remake of the 2010 election, in which Buerkle unseated Maffei by less than 700 votes, according to the Siena Research Institute.

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**Say Anything rocks Westcott Theatre**

*The following news story is from SU’s DailyOrange. - Click here to read more.*

Screams of “Max Bemis” and “We want anything” rang out from a completely unhinged crowd. Cups were thrown, beer was spilled and security guards were clearly on their toes. But once Bemis, lead singer for alternative rock band Say Anything, and the rest of the band took the stage the crowd went from unruly to calm, contrite and excited for the first song.

Say Anything played at the Westcott Theater on Tuesday night after being changed from the Lost Horizon in an effort to sell more tickets. Tallhart, The Sidekicks and Murder By Death opened the show in front of a sold-out crowd.

When Say Anything opened with “The Writhe South,” the crowd immediately began jumping in the pit. Those standing outside the pit made every attempt they could to get in. Bemis kept the energy level high for the first few songs until slowing down the pace with “Do Better,” essentially letting the crowd sing the entire song.

Bemis, who used to have serious drug issues, was quick to tell the crowd about his sobriety, bringing up his pregnant wife on stage to sing along with some songs, and told the crowd that he’s happy to be in the place he is now with the people he is with.
International Education Week 2012

The Slutzker Center will lead the 2012 International Education Week events at SU and in the Syracuse community from November 12th to 16th. 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 elcarras@syr.edu 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 are available at the official International Education Week website.

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 mdekleer@syr.edu 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 mdekleer@syr.edu. 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.*


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 18th at 4pm & 7pm
- **Where**: Day 1 - Hergenhan Auditorium, Newhouse III


For a full schedule of events please visit the website [here](#).

Ballroom Social Dance
A semi-formal evening of ballroom, Latin and swing dancing will be co-hosted by the SU Ballroom Team and the SU Swing Club.

Come out and have fun dancing!

**When:** Saturday, Oct 20th from 7pm to 10pm  
**Where:** Skybarn on South Campus  
**Contact:** Hollyjean Stone at hhstone@syr.edu or call (802) 233-9523

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### Idea Connectors field trips

**Idea Connectors** are organizing exciting field trips to 5 successful businesses in Syracuse and to **Ultra Light Startups** pitching competition in NYC, so mark your calendars!

**Weekly field trips** - **Wednesday, Oct 24**th at 1-3pm
Field trip to **Progressive Expert Consulting** ([www.pecinc.com](http://www.pecinc.com)) - “Don’t miss the chance of seeing entrepreneurship in action, checking out the facilities and asking questions from founders & their colleagues. Space is limited, first come first served. SU is paying for the trips, so to ensure we get attendance you must pay $10 if you confirm and have to cancel your confirmation.”

**Future field trips** - **Wednesday, Nov 14**th and **Thursday, Dec 13**th (times to be announced) – Field trip to **Ultra Light Startups** ([http://ultralightstartups.com/](http://ultralightstartups.com/)) in New York City to see energy and IT start-ups pitch to real investors. The NYC trip is sponsored and a motivation statement will be required. Field trips also planned to **O’Brien & Gere**, **Eric Mower & Associates**, **Alliance Energy**, and **Terakeet** (*dates and times still to be determined*).

For more details or to sign-up for any of these trips, e-mail **Anna Ebers** (Social Justice Entrepreneur, Fulbright Scholar and PhD student, SUNY-ESF) at aepers@syr.edu.
Workshop on Developing your network/social capital

International Student Leadership and development presents – Workshop on developing your network/social capital.

**When:** Friday, Oct 26th

**Where:** Hinds Hall 021

**RSVP:** [http://doodle.com/eu9wbd63q8qc2idc](http://doodle.com/eu9wbd63q8qc2idc)

In this session you will learn:

- The meaning and importance of developing a network/social capital
- Strategies to expand your network
- The different types of people you want to have in your network and why
- Things to avoid as an international student when trying to expand your network
South Asia Center Schedule of Events

South Asia Center invites you to:

Hindi-Urdu Table
Fall 2012

आप का स्वागत है!

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

MOYNIHAN
@Maxwell

Fall 2012 Speaker Series

Tuesday, September 13th, 4:00 pm
Maxwell Auditorium
Clinical Encounters and Citizenship
Projects in South India
Lucinda Rasmussen
Department of Anthropology
Cornell University
(Co-sponsored by Department of Anthropology)

Tuesday, September 25th, 12:30 pm
341 Eggers Hall
The Age of the Sickle: Postcoloniality,
Culture and Gender in Bengal
Anurita Majumdar
Department of English, Syracuse University

Tuesday, October 23rd, 12:30 pm
341 Eggers Hall
India: The Depopularized Nation?
Vikash Yadav
Political Science Department, Hobart and
William Smith Colleges
(Co-sponsored by Department of Political Science)

Tuesday, October 30th, 12:30 pm
341 Eggers Hall
Memory, History, Conflict and Claim:
Rishabhdeo temple, Rajastan
Anisha Srivastava
Course for Historical Research,
Jawaharlal Nehru University

Tuesday, November 6th, 12:30 pm
341 Eggers Hall
The IITs and the Social Life of Caste
Ajitha Subramaniam
Department of Anthropology, Harvard
University

Tuesday, November 27th, 12:30 pm
341 Eggers Hall
Pakistan Cinema in the 1950s
Hridhar Dahi
Department of History of Art & Visual Studies,
Cornell University
(Co-sponsored by Department of Art and Music Histories)
“Jersey Boys” at the Landmark Theatre

How did four blue-collar kids become one of the greatest successes in pop music history? Find out at the runaway smash-hit, JERSEY BOYS. Winner of the Best Musical Tony Award® on Broadway, in London and Australia, this blockbuster phenomenon takes you up the charts, across the country and behind the music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. Experience electrifying performances of the golden greats that took these guys all the way to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame: "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," "Dawn," "My Eyes Adored You," and more. Don’t miss the international sensation that’s a Broadway triumph, was named the number one show in Las Vegas and continues to break records in cities across America - bringing countless audiences to their feet. As The New York Times says, "The crowd goes wild!"

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“Six Degrees Could Change the World” screening at Hendricks Chapel

As part of the Sustainable Community Film Series, award winning documentary film – ‘Six Degrees Could Change the World’ will be screened at Hendricks Chapel. The 5-part film series aims to address different sustainability challenges.

**When:** TODAY – Thursday, Oct 18th at 6:15pm

**Where:** Noble Room, Hendricks Chapel

After the screening – Professors Christopher Scholz (College of Arts and Sciences – Earth Sciences) and Robert Wilson (Maxwell School – Geography) will lead a discussion of sustainability issues raised in the film.
Jazz music in Syracuse – the Bill Horrace Band

The Community Folk Art Center presents renowned jazz artists the Bill Horrace Band as the second concert of the Journey Through Music of the African Diaspora Series. The band features Bill Horrace, Dave Solazzo, Tom Bronzetti and Josh Dekaney performing a blend of original jazz and contemporary tunes.

**When**: Thursday, Oct 18th at 7pm  
**Where**: Community Folk Art Center  
805 E. Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY 13210  
**Phone**: (315) 442-2230

Dave Solazzo is a 2011 SAMMY nominee (Syracuse Area Music Award) and Tom Bronzetti a 2011 SAMMY Award winner. Whether in the form of a duo, trio or quartet, the band incorporates elements of bebop, blues, soul and rock into performances that are fresh and uplifting, blending jazz standards and contemporary tunes into a style that is dynamic and modern.

Puccini’s breathtaking opera “Tosca” is coming to Syracuse!

**When**: Friday, Oct 19th at 8pm AND Sunday, Oct 21st 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](#).
Salsa dance lessons in Syracuse

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 lafamilia@twcny.rr.com. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. For more information, click here.

Cirque Chinois comes to Syracuse

Direct from Beijing, the National Circus of the People’s Republic of China, performing "Cirque Chinois," was founded in 1953, making it one of the longest running and most distinguished circus troupes in China. The National Circus of the People’s Republic of China is especially acclaimed in China because of the unique acts in their program such as Great Teeterboard, Grand Flying Trapeze, Group Contortion, Straw Hats Juggling, Girls’ Balance With Bowls and many other outstanding acts.

**When:** Monday, Nov 5 at 8pm
**Where:** SRC Arena and Events Center - 4585 West Seneca Turnpike
**Tickets Cost:** $30, $40 & $55

For more info on the show visit this link.
### SU News and Trending Topics

#### Men's Soccer: SU Defeats Villanova

Senior Lars Muller broke a scoreless tie in the 68th minute to lead the SU men's soccer team (11-4-0, 4-2-0 BIG EAST) to a 2-0 victory against Villanova (10-3-2, 2-1-2 BIG EAST) on Wednesday, Oct 17 at the Villanova Soccer Complex.

The match was evenly played in the first half. SU was aggressive early, registering the game's first three shots in the opening 10 minutes. Read full story [here](#).

#### Football: Excitement building up for Friday Night Game

The excitement continues to build for this week’s SU football game against UConn in the Carrier Dome (Friday, 8pm on ESPN).

A main focal point for the Orange this week has been turnovers. While the offense has been practicing on preventing them, the defense has been working on creating them. Read full story [here](#).

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#### Imagining America launches web series, ‘The New Activists: Students in the Community’

“The New Activists: Students in the Community” is Imagining America: Artists and Scholars in Public Life’s (IA’s) new web series of short videos profiling high school, undergraduate and graduate students who are tapping their creativity and knowledge to address pressing social issues in their community and among their peers. Produced with the Orange Television Network (OTN), the stories explore the reciprocal value of having students and community members collaborate on solving problems.

“The idea is to elevate the first-voice stories of students – illustrating what they find motivating, challenging and inspiring about publicly engaged scholarship,” says Jamie Haft, IA’s communications manager and the series’ producer. “These students are ‘new’ activists not only because they’re young, but because they’re finding new solutions for addressing significant issues.” For more full article click [here](#).

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Quotes to keep you thinking

“You cannot teach creativity, how to become a good writer. But you can help a young writer discover within himself what kind of writer he would like to be.” – Mario Vargas Llosa (Nobel prize winner for literature)

“Our children may learn about the heroes of the past. Our task is to make ourselves the architects of the future.” – Jomo Kenyatta (1st president of Kenya)

“Sometimes questions are more important than answers.” – Nancy Willard (poet and writer)

“But I would hope however, that the diversity and differences that we have amongst and between us, we should see as a strength and as something we should celebrate rather than fear.” – Tariana Turia (co-leader of the Maori Party of New Zealand)

“The force is with you, young Skywalker, but you are not a Jedi yet.” – Darth Vader (“Star Wars” character)

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