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Attention Graduate Students!

Open Enrollment begins Oct 29th and ends Nov 9th

This is the one time each year when you may make changes to your benefit choices unless you undergo a change in family status during the year (ex. - marriage, divorce, birth or adoption of a child or other “qualifying life events”).

Please visit one of the remaining Open Enrollment Info Sessions. For details on changes that take effect 1/1/2013, visit http://openenrollment.syr.edu or the Graduate Assistants/Fellows Newsletter.

What’s New for 2013

• Preventive services, including generic women’s prescription contraceptives, are covered at no cost.

• A new 2-year commitment for the university’s dental and vision plans begins.

• The University’s comprehensive dental plan will cover implants, at the same rate it currently covers crowns, inlays and certain other dental work.

• In-network diabetic eyecare, contact lens benefits, and frame allowances through VSP Vision are being enhanced.

• Medco and Express Scripts are now one company, but the merger does not affect prescription drug benefits.
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!

**Where** – Slutzker Center for International Services
310 Walnut Place (across the street from Bird Library)

**Cost** – Free

**Reminder - no seminars will be held on Monday-Nov 5th and Tuesday-Nov 6th**

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.

### SCIS Programs

#### 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

New students and new volunteers are invited to join our English Conversation Group. For more information please click this [link](#).

### Let’s Chat!

- **Try 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!”**

  For details visit this [link](#).

### Academic Success

Need help to improve your academic performance? Don’t be late in getting proper support. Visit this [link](#) for the detailed information on resources at SU.

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### African Dance Workshop

**Interested in learning African Dance?**

Walk-in for a free workshop on African Dance which will be led by Biboti Ouikahilo, a noted professional dancer and teacher from Ivory Coast.

- **When:** Tuesdays - Oct 30th, Nov 6th & Nov 13th
- **Time:** 6 to 8pm
- **Where:** Sky Barn on South Campus

You are also welcome for a performance as a part of “International Education Week: Music Without Borders” on – Wednesday, Nov 14th in Schine Underground.

For further details please check out the attached poster.
**Syracuse University Events**

**Idea Connectors field trips**

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

*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 aebers@syr.edu.

**Round trip buses for Thanksgiving/Fall break**

Syracuse University Student Association will be providing round-trip buses for this Thanksgiving/Fall Break. Buses will serve major Northeastern cities: New York City, Philadelphia, Boston, New Jersey and Washington, D.C.

*Hurry !! Book your seat !!  
Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis !!*

**Cost:** $99  
(tickets can be purchased at Schine Box Office)

**Full Bus Schedule**

All buses return to campus via designated locations at 10am on Sunday, Nov 25.

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For any questions or concerns, please contact *Jenny Choi at syrsabus@gmail.com*
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<td>An episode of the PBS series ‘Black in Latin America’ being screened Friday – Oct 26th at 5:30pm. Screening to be followed by a discussion with SU professor Silvio Torres-Saillant, who appears in the documentary. For further details, click <a href="#">here</a>.</td>
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<td><strong>Puerto Rican Bomba and Plena: A Graphic History exhibition</strong></td>
<td>An exhibition on Puerto Rican art open Monday through Friday from noon to 6 pm until Nov 4th. For artists and other details, click <a href="#">here</a>.</td>
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<td><strong>Theatre Technique Workshop</strong></td>
<td>Improve on your communication, team building and problem solving skills through theatre techniques. <strong>When:</strong> Saturdays from 10am to 1pm on Oct 27th, Nov 3rd and Nov 10th. Deadline to enroll is Friday - Oct 26th. E-mail <a href="mailto:lacasita@syr.edu">lacasita@syr.edu</a> for details.</td>
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### Workshop on Developing your network/social capital

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

**When:** Friday, Oct 26th from 2pm to 5pm  
**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.
**Fall 2012 Speaker Series - South Asia Center**

The Moynihan Institute’s South Asia Center has several interesting events and speakers to broaden your mind and enrich your life.

For a full listing of upcoming speakers, [click here](#).

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**Musical performances/recitals at SU**

The Setnor School of Music will be presenting a series of musicals, recitals and ensembles. Featured artists include acclaimed violinist Harumi Rhodes, pianist Steven Heyman, Kathleen Roland, Soprano, etc.

For a full listing of events, [click here](#).

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**SU on the stage**

The Department of Drama will be presenting several popular shows at the Syracuse Stage complex. The 2012-2013 season includes works by Sondheim, Shakespeare, and a Christmas production.

For a full listing of events, [click here](#).

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**Ciné-francais - French Movie Series, Fall 2012**

French movies are alive and well at SU! Cinéfrancais is showing several titles this Fall at Eggers 018.

**All films have English subtitles!**

For the full schedule, [click here](#).

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**SU Athletics – Cheer for the Orange!**

Don’t miss a huge part of the college/university experience. Make time to attend a game or organize your own game-day party with friends. And remember to cheer your classmates to victory!

For a complete schedule of sports, game dates and TV viewing info, [click here](#).

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**Carrier Dome Events**

Dalai Lama? The New York Knicks? Monster trucks?

You never know what big event is coming to the Carrier Dome! For a calendar and ticket info, [click here](#).

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**Stick or Treat!**

As a part of the Halloween celebration, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will hosting a ‘Stick or Treat!’ event in conjunction with the field hockey game on Saturday.

Come be your spookiest self at the Orange field hockey game against Connecticut. You'll have a fang-tastic time.

**When:** Saturday, Oct 27th at 1pm  
**Where:** Coyne Stadium  
**Cost:** Free  

The event includes a “mummy wrap”, bean bag toss, face painting, a costume contest for kids, pumpkin carving and more.

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**Jersey Boys** at the Landmark Theatre – *last weekend in Syracuse!!*

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!"

**When**

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<td>Tue/Wed/Thu: 7:30pm</td>
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<td>Prices vary by date (call or visit website)</td>
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**Strange Days on Planet Earth** screening at Hendricks Chapel

As part of the Sustainable Community Film Series, award winning documentary film – ‘Strange Days on Planet Earth’ will be screened at Hendricks Chapel. The 5-part film series aims to address different sustainability challenges.

**When:** Thursday, Nov 1st at 6:15pm  
**Where:** Noble Room, Hendricks Chapel

A modest meal will be provided to attendees before each film gets under way. Following each movie, Sarah Pralle, associate professor of political science in the Maxwell School, and William Snyder, professor of environmental science at SUNY Morrisville will facilitate a conversation on the feature’s sustainability implications. Admission is free and open to students, faculty and staff.
Fright Nights at the Fair

Need a study break? Want to enjoy one of America's BEST Halloween traditions for teens and adults?

Then grab an umbrella and a friend, be ready for a good scare and DON'T MISS OUT on "Fright Nights at the Fair"!

SU's own "Orange After Dark" (oad.syr.edu/events.html) is organizing a trip to the "haunted" NYS Fairgrounds.

- **When**: Saturday, Oct 27th at 10:30pm
- **Cost**: $5 (transportation included)!!!

Buses leave from Schine and Goldstein Student Centers. Tickets available now at Schine Box Office.

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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](http://www.etix.com/ticket/online/venueSearch.jsp?venue_id=8359).

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SU News and Trending Topics

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Following a two-goal, three-assist week in which she helped No. 3 Syracuse field hockey (15-1, 5-0 BIG EAST) to a pair of wins, freshman Gillian Pinder was named BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week by the conference office on Monday. Fellow freshman Alyssa Manley was named to the BIG EAST Honor Roll. For full story click [here](http://www.etix.com/ticket/online/venueSearch.jsp?venue_id=8359).

Syracuse celebrated Senior Night with a 3-0 victory against St. John’s on Saturday, Oct. 20 at the SU Soccer Stadium. The Orange ends the regular season with a 9-6-2 overall record and a 6-3-1 mark in BIG EAST play. The nine wins are the most for Syracuse since the 2003 campaign. For full story click [here](http://www.etix.com/ticket/online/venueSearch.jsp?venue_id=8359).
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### U.S. Embassy Announces

- New Visa Processing System in India

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- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors List

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### Quotes to keep you thinking

- “How soon ‘not now’ becomes ‘never’.” – Martin Luther (monk, key figure in the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century)
- “Feet, what do I need you for when I have wings to fly?” – Frida Kahlo (painter)
- “The greatest threat to freedom is the absence of criticism.”– Wole Soyinka (playwright/poet)
- “The minute you settle for less than you deserve, you get even less than you settled for.” – Maureen Dowd (journalist, New York Times)
- “If an interesting monster can’t have an interesting hairdo, I don’t know what this world is coming to.” – Bugs Bunny (cartoon character)
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