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Phi Beta Delta

Fifty-seven new members were inducted into Phi Beta Delta's Alpha Sigma chapter at Syracuse University in a ceremony held Monday, March 17, at 4 p.m. in Grant Auditorium. Phi Beta Delta is the first honor society dedicated to recognizing scholarly achievement in international education. The cohort of new inductees includes 28 undergraduate and 19 graduate students, and 10 SU faculty and staff members. [More information...](#)

Final Income Tax Seminar

Many international students receive a refund of federal and state taxes which were withheld from their paychecks, especially in their first year of employment. In order to receive the refund, you **MUST** file a timely application with the Internal Revenue Service (federal) and NYS Department of Taxation. Students always ask: "How do you do this?"

The Slutzker Center suggests that you attend our final tax seminar **Monday, March 24** from 3-5 p.m. in Crouse Hinds Hall, Room 010.

Income Tax Resources

General income tax information and the CINTAX: Complete International Tax Preparation Software online [password request form](#) are currently available on the [Slutzker Center website](#). (If requesting a password, please be sure that the provided email account mailbox is not full.) 2007 income tax materials including Federal tax forms and State tax forms are also available online; tax forms should be downloaded and will not be provided by the Slutzker Center.

Hisako Fujitsuka Award for Outstanding International Service and Caring

The Slutzker Center for International Services announces that on-line applications are available for the 2008 Hisako Fujitsuka Award for Outstanding International Service and Caring.

This award will be given to a full-time undergraduate junior or senior international student who has demonstrated exceptional service, commitment, caring and academic excellence within the Syracuse University community. The student's GPA should be at least 3.4. One award will be given, consisting of a certificate and cash prize of \$500. A luncheon is hosted by the selection committee for the recipient and those who write recommendation letters for the winner.

If you are interested, you can view information and instructions on how to apply [online](#). The deadline for applications is April 4, 2008.

Volunteer for The Big Event!

The Big Event, April 12, is an opportunity for Syracuse students, campus organizations, and faculty/staff to show its appreciation for the surrounding community by spending a day giving back to the city that gives us a home! By sending volunteers into nonprofit agencies throughout the city, The Big Event connects eager volunteers with agencies that have limited resources, staff, and time to undertake spring cleaning projects or service initiatives. [Register online](#).

For more information about The Big Event and how you can get involved, come to one of our info sessions on Wed, March 26th or Thurs, March 27th from 7:00-7:30 p.m. in Hall of Languages 207. [More information...](#)

Rebuilding Hope: A Documentary Film About South Sudan

Three "Lost Boys" fled home when civil war forced them to flee South Sudan as young children. This is the documentary of their journey discovery and their efforts to provide health and education to their communities.

Day: Thursday, April 10th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Grewen Auditorium, Lemoyne College

For more information call: 315-445-4294

Food Product Dating

Dates are printed on many food items, but product dating is not required by federal regulations except on infant formula and baby foods. Dating of some foods, usually dairy products, is required by more than 20 states. An expired date doesn't necessarily mean that the food needs to be discarded. Still, it's helpful to understand the differences among package dates.

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Coded dates (packing numbers) may appear on shelf-stable products such as cans and boxes of food. This enables manufacturers to rotate their stock, as well as locate their products in the event of a recall.

Calendar dates help stores determine how long to display the product for sale and relate to the peak quality of foods, such as dairy products, eggs, meat and poultry.

Here are the three ways that products are dated:

- "Sell-by" date – tells the store how long to display the product for sale. You should buy the product before the date expires.
- "Best if Used By (or Before)" – recommended for best flavor or quality. It is not a purchase or safety date.
- "Use By" – the last date recommended for use of the product while at peak quality. The manufacturer of the product has determined the date.

Excerpt from *The Food Keeper* by the Food Marketing Institute

-- Office of Orientation and Off-Campus Programs

MayFest Performance Applications are now available!

If you and your ethnic/cultural group are interested in performing during the MayFest After Dark International Festival, which will take place on April 22, 2008, please contact Cyre Quinones at cmquinon@syr.edu immediately. Performances will be scheduled between 6 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. A final schedule will be submitted for publicity purposes right after Spring Break. If you would like to be included, you must have submitted your application and been accepted prior to that time. We hope that you will enjoy this event. For pictures from last year, please check out our [website](#).

Support the American Heart Association

Support the American Heart Association (AHA) and their mission: "Building healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke"--Stop by the Slutzker Center for International Services to purchase a red AHA support bracelet (\$2) and/or an AHA donation heart (\$1).