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Participate to Win Movie Tickets

The Slutzker Center for International Services will screen a movie on Friday, Nov 21, to celebrate [International Education Week](#) (Nov 17-23). However, we want to hear your opinion and reward it too.

Nominate an international film for the screening and if the final selection matches your nomination, we will provide two tickets for you and a friend to a first-run movie at Regal Cinema, Carousel Mall.

To Nominate Begin by submitting the title of an international film, which you think a wide variety of students might enjoy. Send the film title along with your name and the location of the film to lescis@syr.edu. Only one entry per person. The movie must be accessible in DVD or VHS format through either through Bird Library, Moon library, the Onondaga County Public Library, or through your private source.

Early Bird Prize The first 10 people to suggest films that meet the above criteria will receive two coffee mugs created for the Syracuse University International Living Center as a memento by Syracuse University. The director of the Slutzker Center will inform you if your nomination makes the list and when you may pick up your mugs.

Voting Begins Next Week Once the nominations are in, voting begins with next week's issue of SCISNEWS. The film that receives the most votes will be the winner shown on Nov 21. Apart from the movie tickets you also win our admiration for your impeccable film taste

Lafayette Apple Festival

Engage with the community and experience Upstate's natural beauty by visiting the Lafayette Apple Festival this weekend. On display will be apple products, handmade craft and the countryside's fall foliage.

The festival promises events such as an Apple Pancake Breakfast, Apple Pie Baking contest, Scarecrow contest and Apple King and Queen contest, along with some music and dance performances. The entry fee for the festival is \$4.

Day: Saturday, Oct 11 and Sunday, Oct 12

Time: Saturday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: Near Tully Farms Road, Lafayette

For information related to parking, directions and special events visit the festival's [homepage](#)

Weekly Seminar Roundup

The ambassador of Benin and Uganda will be on campus early next Friday for a panel discussion on African business at Whitman. Other upcoming events include a Thai cooking workshop, a writing workshop for applying to graduate schools and a lecture series on the Michelangelo exhibition at the SU Art Galleries.

Taste of Thailand

Date: Thursday, Oct 16

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: South Side Innovation Center

For more information visit [Whitman's newsroom](#)

A Scholar's Day at the Michelangelo Exhibition

Date: Tuesday, Oct 14

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: SU Art Galleries

For more information visit [SU's events page](#)

Africa Open for Business

Date: Friday, Oct 17

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: 402, Whitman School of Management

For more information visit [Whitman's newsroom](#)

Weekly Movie Roundup

Free screening of films directed by Andy Warhol including: My Hustler (1965), Vinyl (1965), The Velvet Underground (1966), Nico (1966), and I a Man (1967), The Nude Restaurant (1967) at the Everson Museum.

Warhol Directs

Date: Saturday, Oct 11

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Everson Museum of Art

For more information visit <http://www.everson.org>

Goal Dreams

Date: Tuesday, Oct 14

Time: 5:15 p.m.

Living in Syracuse

Life at SU

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Getting settled in Syracuse

Off Campus Housing

Orange Housing

Location: 060 Eggers Hall
For more information visit [SU's events page](#).

Dreams Deferred
Date: Wednesday, Oct 15
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Gifford Auditorium
For more information visit [SU's events page](#).

Weekly Music Roundup

Prepare for a musical start to next week with the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra's performance on-campus. This performance is preceded by a choir performance and two wind ensemble concerts over the weekend.

S.U. Wind Ensemble and Symphony Band
Date: Sunday, Oct 12
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: Setnor Auditorium, Crouse College
For more information visit [Pulse's events page](#)

Syracuse Symphony Orchestra
Date: Monday, Oct 13
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: Setnor Auditorium, Crouse College
For more information visit [Pulse's events page](#)

Women's Choir Festival
Date: Thursday, Oct 9
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: Setnor Auditorium, Crouse College

For more information visit [Pulse's events page](#)

OPT for Dec '08 Graduates

(Presented with modification from SUNY Binghamton's Newsletter)

Students in F-1 status who will be graduating in December and plan to apply for optional practical training (OPT) post graduation are reminded that it can take as long as three months to obtain their Employment Authorization Document (EAD card) from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Service Center.

If you plan to begin employment as of January 2009, you should be submitting your paperwork as soon as possible.

Begin by attending an OPT Seminar, held every first and third Wednesday of the month, at the Slutzker Center for International Services. Download all [OPT application material](#) from the Web site and then set up an appointment to drop-off your application.

Employment cannot begin until you receive your EAD card.

How Do You See America?

More often than not our beliefs about foreign nations are based on their portrayal in popular media and accounts of our compatriots who have visited those countries. Based on firsthand experience, your opinions of the United States might either have changed or strengthened since you've arrived here.

Together with Professor Dennis Kinsey, the director of Public Diplomacy Program at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, doctoral student Olga Zatepilina is conducting a study to explore the effects of visual communication in the formation of people's attitudes, perceptions, and opinions of a foreign country.

Their research team is looking for volunteers from across the SU and SUNY ESF campuses to participate in the research. The participants will join a 20-minute session to rank-order a set of photos depicting America. If you are an international student interested in participating, please email Olga Zatepilina at ozatepil@syr.edu. Results of the study will be published in an upcoming issue of SCISNEWS.

Begin Apartment Hunting Soon!!

While it may seem as though you've just gotten settled and finalized your fall housing accommodations, if you are living off campus or plan to live off campus, the months of September and October are when students start looking for housing for the following academic year.

There are a number of rental units available in the University area. Apartment listings can be found in local newspapers as well as in the Daily Orange. A place to start your search may be [Orange Housing](#). This local company is not affiliated with Syracuse University or SUNY ESF but maintains a [Web site](#) of apartment offerings in the University neighborhood. The Web site also offers roommate searches, sublet listings, and a number of information services relevant to those looking for apartments.

One of the best sources for advice and information about off-campus housing may be your friends and classmates. Ask them about the pros and cons of living off campus and where to live. If you find a place you like, ask the current tenants if they are happy with the location. As a prospective tenant, you have the right to ask the landlord questions. Before signing a lease, be sure that you are satisfied with the apartment, services provided by the landlord, and the security of the unit.

For further information about visit the [Office of Orientation and Off-campus Programs](#) situated at 754 Ostrom Avenue or visit their [Web site](#). You may also contact them at 443-1012 or email at ooop@syr.edu.

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