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Friday, November 7, 2008

International Thanksgiving Celebration

The Slutzker Center for International Services along with Hendricks Chapel would like to invite all international students to the International Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday November 23, 2008 at Schine Student Center. Although entrance is free, **a ticket must be obtained from the Schine Box Office by Nov 10-12** and presented at the dinner to gain entrance to the event.

To obtain tickets: Visit the [International Thanksgiving Dinner page](#) on our Web site and print the "Thanksgiving Celebration Reply Form." Bring this form along with your SU/ESF ID Card to the Schine Box Office. Tickets will first be issued to new international students and their immediate family. This includes students who began their program of study in the spring/summer/fall 2008 semester and their spouse/domestic partner and children.

Limited remaining tickets will be available at the Schine Box Office for **new and returning students** and their spouse/domestic partner and children beginning **November 12, 2008.**

Date: Sunday, November 23, 2008

Time: Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m.

Location: Goldstein Auditorium, Schine Student Center

The International Thanksgiving Celebration is an event that includes a traditional American Thanksgiving meal and entertainment. Kosher turkey and Halal meat will be available upon your request; the menu includes vegetarian dishes with root vegetables.

This is the only notification about the Thanksgiving Celebration. Please visit the [International Thanksgiving Dinner page](#) on our [Web site](#) for more information.

U.S. Citizenship for Riet

One of the members of our Slutzker family was one of 41 new citizens naturalized on Thursday, November 6. Originally from Holland, Maria De Kleermaker, or Riet as she is better known, became an American citizen along with her husband Marcel De Kleermaker. Both continue to hold Belgian passports as well.

As program coordinator, Riet is in charge of coordinating the English and French Conversation Programs among her many other activities. Her language skills include Dutch, French, German and a little Indonesian. Her story was covered by local media including [Syracuse.com](#) and [Channel 3](#).

Calling All Global Nomads

Have you ever lived outside your country because of your parent's career choices? Do you have more than one answer when people ask you what country you are from? Do you come alive in cultural settings? Does the sound of another language make you smile? If any of the above sounds familiar, come and socialize with others like you at Global Nomads' Friendships at the Slutzker Center for International Services on November 14, 2008.

Date: November 14, 2008

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Slutzker Center for International Services

For more information contact Kyoung Mi at kmchoi01@syr.edu

Global Nomads are people who have spent a significant amount of their childhood outside of their own country and culture of origin. On-campus, children of missionaries, diplomats, military personnel and businessmen most often identify as Global Nomads. And this population is only growing as a result of globalization.

Additional Travel Seminars Daily November 17 - December 23

Due to the high volume of students traveling outside of the United States at this time of the year, the Slutzker Center will offer additional Travel Seminars.

From November 17th through the December 23rd, seminars will be held every business day at the Slutzker Center. When you come for the seminar, please make sure to bring your original I-20/DS-2019, passport, visa, I-94 card, and proof of health insurance. Your health insurance should contain medical evacuation and repatriation, if it does not, you must purchase the supplemental MedEx policy, which costs \$25/person/year.

Monday-12:00 p.m.

Tuesday-10:00 a.m.

Wednesday-12:00 p.m.

Thursday-11:00 a.m.

Friday-12:00 p.m.

Additional Practical Training Seminars for the fall semester

There will also be additional practical training seminars for those students who are unable to attend at the regular time periods. The time will be the same CPT at 3:00pm and OPT at 3:45pm.

Wednesday – November 26 and December 10

“The Cheating Culture” author to lecture at SU

David Callahan, the author of “The Cheating Culture: Why More Americans Are Doing Wrong to Get Ahead” will be at Syracuse University on Tuesday, November 28th in Hendrick’s Chapel to speak, followed by a book signing.

He will address the economic and political trends that are helping fan the cheating culture, recent trends surrounding academic integrity, and the role of students in working to create a fairer, more honest society.

This event will be beneficial to all students. International students will find it of a special value, as it will provide more in-depth information about honest and ethical academic behavior from the American standpoint that might be different from other countries of the world. Callahan’s speech is a great way to learn more about how to avoid unintentional cheating that many foreign students might face during their academic career in the United States.

Please contact [Academic Integrity Office](#) with any questions.

Date: November 18, 2008

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Hendricks Chapel

[For more information.](#)

Insomnia Cookies will be served.

Diwali Celebration: Ramleela

The Hindu Student Council will celebrate Diwali with a performance of Ramleela, a South Asia drama, at Hendricks Chapel on Saturday, Nov 8. Ramleela is a traditional depiction of the mythical lives of Lord Ram, Hanuman and the demon Ravana. Enjoy South Asian mythology, music and food at this celebration. Tickets are on sale for \$7 at the Schine Box Office. Food is included in the price.

Date: Saturday, Nov 4

Time: 12:45 p.m.

Location: 341 Eggers Hall

Register for Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting

(modified from organizer note)

Space is filling up quickly for the second Annual Meeting of Clinton Global Initiative University (CGIU) being held at The University of Texas at Austin, February 13-15, 2009. The early decision deadline is November 7, 2008. Attending CGIU is free. Travel assistance is available for those who qualify. The final application deadline is December 12, 2008. However, applications are being processed on a rolling basis so please apply as soon as possible.

Date: February 13-15, 2009

Application Deadline: December 12, 2008

Location: University of Texas at Austin

To apply online and for more information visit [CGIU’s Website](#). Or Join their [Facebook group](#).

Hosted by President Clinton and The University of Texas at Austin, the 2009 meeting will focus on education, energy & climate change, global health, peace & human rights, and poverty alleviation. All attendees will make a Commitment to Action - a concrete measure to make a difference within any of these five areas.

Student Civic Engagement Award

The MacJannet Foundation and the Talloires Network, of which Syracuse University is a member, have announced a competition for the first-ever MacJannet Prize to promote student civic engagement and community service. The award recognizes exceptional student initiatives based in universities around the world and contributes financially to their public service efforts.

The winning student initiative or program should creatively address an important social issue that is local, national or global in scope (for example, poverty, health, education or peace). Special consideration will be given to programs that have potential to be replicated in other locations, promote long-term sustainability, demonstrate social, economic and environmental benefits to local communities, and encourage innovation.

One first-place prize of \$5,000 will be awarded, along with two second-place prizes of \$2,500 each and five third-place prizes of \$1,000 each.

Nominations are due Dec. 15. Finalists will be notified by Jan. 21, 2009, with awards announced in Talloires, France, in June 2009. Anyone can nominate a program, including his or her own.

Deadline: December 12, 2008

Award: \$5,000 first place.

[For details or to nominate a program](#)

For more information visit the [MacJannet Foundation](#) and the [Talloires Network](#)

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