

Friday, October 16, 2009



Diwali is the Festival of Lights and the most significant spiritual meaning is "the awareness of the inner light". Central to Hindu philosophy is the assertion that there is something beyond the physical body and mind which is pure, infinite, and eternal, called the Atman. Diwali is the celebration of this inner light, in particular the knowing of which outshines all darkness, awakening the individual to one's true nature, not as the body, but as an infinite and transcendent reality. Diwali is a significant festival in Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, and Jainism, and an official holiday in India. They light diyas—cotton string wicks inserted in small clay pots filled with oil—to signify victory of good over the evil within an individual. To learn more about Diwali, please visit: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diwali>

! Important Announcements !

- The On-Campus Employment Seminar for Friday, October 23, has been cancelled. The next seminar is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27 at 2:00pm
- One of our English conversation group leaders mentioned to me the following: An international student family had their little child go for "Trick or Treating" and they discovered that someone had put a mothball in the bag with the candies. This happened last year but I think that we should warn all the parents of our student families to carefully check the contents of the bags with candies before the children start eating them.
- Although rare, a fire drill or evacuation could be an opportunity for a thief to strike. To prevent someone from taking your irreplaceable documents and passports we recommend the following:
 - Keep your documents in a secure location.
 - Be able to access and take your documents with you quickly if you need to evacuate the building.
 - A small safe, briefcase, folder or backpack maybe the best way to keep your documents organized.
 - Property insurance is always an important thing to have.
 (www.haylor.com/student)

You should never spend time searching for your documents in an emergency situation. **REMEMBER**, while you want to do your best to protect your valuable property, your personal safety is the highest importance in an emergency!

- ***Travelling This Semester? Have Your Documents!***
If you are travelling within the U.S., you must still carry with you your passport, I-94 card, and original I-20/DS-2019. The U.S. Border Patrol often inspects documents at train stations, bus stations, and airports. If you do not have your original documents, you could be fined \$100, or detained until your status can be verified.
- If you are travelling outside the U.S., you must make sure you have a valid visa stamp to re-enter the U.S., as well as an unexpired passport valid for at least 6 months into the future, and a blue travel signature from SCIS on your I-20/DS-2019 within the last 1 year (or if you are on OPT, the last 6 months). If you are on OPT, you must also have a valid EAD card and job offer letter to re-enter the United States.
**The Travel Seminar - 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month
@ 1:30pm at the Slutzker Center.**
- Students who are planning to do an Internship this Fall semester should apply for Curricular Practical Training ([CPT](#)).
**Curricular Practical Training Seminar (CPT) - Wednesday @ 3:00pm
Optional Practical Training Seminar (OPT) - Wednesday @ 3:45pm**

• **Address Change?**

You must always provide a current physical address to the SCIS in order to keep your SEVIS registration current and to maintain your lawful status. You have 10 days to inform the SCIS of any changes or you are in violation of your status. http://international.syr.edu/address_update_opt.htm

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Protect your Personal Property

The SCIS supports this policy and we encourage every student to have this insurance.

- Laptops, cell phones, MP3 Players, clothes, books, sports equipment, furniture---
all your "stuff" is covered
- You're insured for countless types of loss, including theft, vandalism, fire, water, and accidental damage
- Worldwide coverage---on and **off** campus
- Property of the University is covered while in your care
- Low deductibles of just \$50 or \$100
- Buy \$4,000 of coverage for less than \$95!
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For more information about our student personal property program, call **1-800-289-1501** and ask for a college specialist. Or better yet **Enroll online!** It's fast and easy.

Simply log on to: www.haylor.com/student

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For your safety, please remember...

- **On campus after dark, use DPS' free escort service.** Off campus, use SU Home (it's free); call 443-2224 for more information on these services. Additional options are Centro Bus or taxi service.
- **Walk, bike or jog in groups of three or more** – away from bushes, cars and other objects a suspect could hide behind.
- **Look and listen.** Headphones and cell phones can create tunnel vision.
- **Travel in well-lighted and well-traveled areas.**
- **Don't approach strangers** or let them get close to you.
- **If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street.** Go toward an open business or lighted house.
- **Have your house or car keys in hand** before you reach your door.
- **Know where "Blue Light" phones** are and how to use them.
- **If someone tries to rob you, don't resist.** Give up your property, not your life.
- **Try to get a description of the suspect(s)** and any associated vehicle and tag number.
- **IMMEDIATELY report emergencies or suspicious activities, persons and vehicles.** For SU's Department of Public Safety, **dial 711** on campus or #78 (from a cell phone); for the Syracuse Police Department, **dial 911**.

Your quick report may help prevent others from becoming victims.

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Fall 2009 Bus Schedule

Centro is the provider of public transportation in Syracuse and throughout Onondaga, Cayuga and Oswego Counties. Centro operates a system of shuttle routes on campus under contract with Syracuse University. These are regular transit routes which Syracuse University students can board for free. Centro also operates an extensive system of bus routes connecting the Syracuse University campus to points throughout the area. Students may ride free on these routes within certain specified "free fare zones". If you wish to travel to an area outside of these zones, you must pay a fare.

http://parking.syr.edu/Parking/display.cfm?content_ID=%23%28%289%21%0A

QUESTIONS? Contact:

Parking and Transit Services
621 Skytop Road

- o Phone: 443-1049
- o Web: <http://parking.syr.edu>

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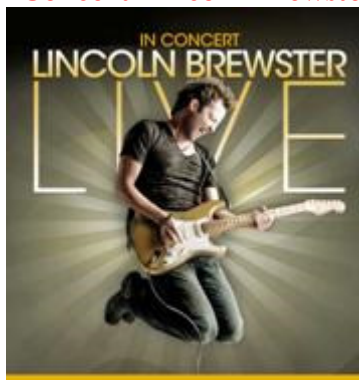
It's SU International Student Night at the Syracuse Crunch
[\(http://www.syracusecrunch.com/\)](http://www.syracusecrunch.com/).



Please join us on **Friday, October 23** for a great game versus the Binghamton Senators. We will meet at the College Place Bus Stop at 6:15 pm and take the 6:33 pm Connective Corridor (<http://connectivecorridor.syr.edu/>) bus to the War Memorial Center. After the game we will take the bus back. This is a free bus. (You are welcome to drive there and park at your own expense). On the bus ride to the event, we will explain a little bit about the game of ice hockey. *Free hand knitted winter scarf for the first person who arrives at the bus stop and needs one.* Tickets are only **\$11** (regular cost is \$15-17). See Tina Turnbull (tturnbu@syr.edu) for more information.

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In Concert Lincoln Brewster:



When: October 25, 2009 @ 7:00pm
Where: Northside Baptist Church
7965 Oswego Road, Liverpool, NY 13090
Tickets available on iTickets.com/ Sacred Melody Bookstore/ 315-214-7333

For more information please go to www.cnycrossroads.com

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Inter-Mu: Looking for International Music Performers - join us!



The International Music Festival (Inter-Mu) is looking for international music performers. The goal of this event is to unite different cultures UNDER ONE SKY. The event is on **November 16th** from **6:00 to 8:30pm** at **Schine Underground**.

We are looking for performers, booths, photographers and video cameramen for this event and for performances in jazz, blues, and country music to represent American culture. We welcome a variety of languages, performances, and talents but are mainly looking for dance and music performances as we want to stay true to the title of the event.

If you are interested in performing, please reply to Hazel Yilmazo (hazelyilmazoglu@gmail.com) **no later than the 23rd of October**. Auditions will be held on the 6th of November at the Slutzker Center. For those who are interested in helping with booths, photography, and recording videos, please reply to Wesley Man Hin Kong (wkong@syr.edu) by the 30th October.

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Lecture by Lt. Daniel Choi

Truth and Consequences: One Man's Fight to Openly Serve His Country"



The Syracuse University Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center will sponsor a lecture by Lt. Daniel Choi on **Thursday, Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m.** in Gifford Auditorium in Hinds Beard Crouse Hall. Choi's lecture, "Truth and Consequences: One Man's Fight to Openly Serve His Country," will detail his story as a West Point graduate, an Iraq War veteran, and an openly gay Korean American.

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Community Folk Art Center
"Power and Pride: An Elizabeth Catlett Retrospective"

Syracuse, NY - This weekend, the Community Folk Art Center hosted several well-attended events to mark the beginning of their new exhibit, Power and Pride: An Elizabeth Catlett Retrospective, including a VIP reception with the artist on Friday, and a screening of the film Betty Y Pancho by her son, Juan Mora Catlett on Saturday.

Both events saw excellent turnout, with the reception hosting over 100 attendees and the film screening on Saturday seeing over 30. This is likely due to the press we received previewing the event from the Syracuse New Times, Syracuse.com/Syracuse Post-Standard, and CNYLink.com. We also publicized the event through our social networking accounts on Facebook and Twitter. The exhibit continues to be shown at the Center until December 12th.

<http://cmac.syr.edu>

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"WEEKLY SALSA UPDATE"



www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com
315-636-7133

A) NEW BEGINNER SALSA PARTNERING CLASS!!!

Starting Thurs Sept 17th... Register soon!

We are accepting registrations for our upcoming Beginner I Salsa Partnering Class - **email lafamilia@twcny.rr.com to register!** Space will be limited. The session will run for 6 weeks, on Sept 17, 24 & Oct 1, 8, 15, 22 at 6pm at Ballybay Pub, 550 Richmond Ave, Syracuse. Cost is \$60 per person for 6 classes.

EVERY THURSDAY - Syracuse

Noche de Salsa Latin Dance
9:30pm - 1am ... 21+ event ...\$3

Featuring DJ "La Maquina" and the best Salsa, Merengue, and Bachata hits!
Metro Lounge & Cafe, 505 Westcott St. Syracuse NY
www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com

EVERY 1ST SATURDAY - Syracuse

Noche de Salsa Latin Dance
9:30pm - 1:30am ... 21+ event ...\$5

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SATURDAYS - Rochester:

Latin Night @ the Keg
9:30pm - 2 am ... \$5 ... 18+

The Keg, 315 Gregory St Rochester, NY
Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Chachacha
For complete details [Click Here](#)

SATURDAYS (except 1st Sat) - Ithaca:

Noche Latina
8pm - 1am ... 21+ event ...\$5

The Oasis Dance Club, 1230 Danby Rd, Rt 96B, Ithaca NY
www.ithacaoasis.com

SATURDAYS - Rochester:

Tapa's Latin Night w Live Band
11pm - 2 am ... 21+ event ...FREE!

Tapa's Lounge, 177 St Paul St, Rochester, NY
www.tapas177.com

MONDAYS - Syracuse

Salsa @ Suds
7pm - 10pm ... FREE!
Beginners welcome!

Syracuse Suds Factory, 320 S Clinton St, Syracuse, NY [Map](#)
www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com

TUESDAYS - Ithaca:

Noche Latina
7pm - 1am ... 21+ event ...FREE!

The Oasis Dance Club, 1230 Danby Rd, Rt 96B, Ithaca NY
www.ithacaoasis.com

Every Other THURSDAY - Ithaca:

Latin Night at the Haunt
9pm - 1:20am ... 18+ event .. \$3
702 Willow Ave, Ithaca
www.thehaunt.com

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Note:

If you would like to submit a request to publish your news or events in our SCISNEWS letter. Please contact Daniela Baban Hurre at dbabanhu@syr.edu

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