



Friday, November 13, 2009



Near the Adirondacks

! Important Announcements !

- Celebrate a Traditional U.S. Thanksgiving Meal on Sunday, November 22, 2009



For 30 years, Syracuse University has hosted a traditional Thanksgiving meal for international students and their immediate family members on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. A description of the event, and a reply form which will allow you to obtain a **FREE TICKET**, are both attached to this newsletter. Although the event is open to all international students, **only 400 seats are available**. Tickets will be distributed to NEW STUDENTS only on the first two days of ticket distribution. IF there are any tickets left after these days, returning students will be allowed to claim a ticket. It has been our experience that these tickets go very quickly. If you would like to share this wonderful experience with fellow students and the hosts who will join us, please read the attached and follow the steps which are outlined. La Familia de la Salsa and Samba Laranja: the Syracuse University Brazilian Ensemble will provide entertainment. A great time will be had by all! <http://international.syr.edu/2009%20Reply%20Form.pdf>

- There will be an additional Practical Training Seminar on Wednesday, November 25. CPT seminar is scheduled for 3:00pm and OPT is scheduled for 3:45pm
- Planning to travel during the Winter Break – get your I-20 signed! Daily Travel Seminars have been scheduled for you from **November 9th – December 18th**.
 - Mondays - 2:00pm
 - Tuesdays - 10:00am
 - Wednesdays - 1:30pm
 - Thursdays - 5:00pm
 - Fridays - 12:00pm
- Syracuse University will be closed on Thursday Nov. 26th and Friday Nov. 27th. The University will be returning to regular operation on Monday, November 30, 2009.
- Graduate students expecting to graduate must complete the File Diploma Request process in MySlice by established deadlines, published at <http://gradsch.syr.edu/pdfs/GraduationDeadlines.pdf> by the Graduate School. This will activate the certification process and awarding of your degree.
- **Spring 2010 Course Schedule** is Available On-line; Early Registration Started this Week. Accessing your schedule: You can view and print your schedule online by logging into MySlice. **Graduate** students must enroll for at least **9 credits** every

semester. **Undergraduate** students must register for at least **12 credits** every semester. If it is your last semester and fewer than 12 credits are required to graduate for undergrads and 9 credits for grads; it is acceptable to carry only those credits required to complete your degree.

• **Is Your I-20 or DS-2019 Expiring this December?**

All extension paperwork must be completed and submitted to SCIS no later than 2 weeks before your program end date of your current I-20 or DS-2019. http://international.syr.edu/extension_stay.htm Examples of acceptable/compelling reasons for program extension are: - Changes in major/research topic; - Unexpected research difficulties; - Lost credits upon transfer into Syracuse University; - Documented medical reasons.

• **Early Announcement!**

The University will be operating under its "Green Days" format for the Winter Break period from **Dec. 24, 2009, through Jan. 3, 2010**. Some offices will remain open at reduced hours during the Winter Break include Public Safety, Admissions Processing, E.S. Bird Library, Goldstein Student Center, Health Services office, etc. <http://sunews.syr.edu/winterbreak/index.html>

It is strongly recommended that any requests for documents be made no later than Friday, December 18 to assure timely processing. Remember not to wait until the last minute!

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• 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.
- Rent a safety deposit box at your local bank (i.e.: HSBC, Chase etc)
- 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!

• **Applied for OPT? The SCIS Needs to Photocopy Your EAD Card!**

The SCIS reminds all students who have applied for OPT that once you receive your Employment Authorization Card (EAD), please scan it and e-mail us a photocopy of it to lescis@syr.edu.

• **Travelling This Semester? Have Your Documents!**

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 Spring semester should apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) . Please remember that you have to register for at least 1 credit for 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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Candidates for Hendricks Chapel Dean Position Visit Campus

The second of three candidates for the Hendricks Chapel dean position will be visiting us on November 9 and 10. Rev. Tiffany Steinwert will meet with students on **Monday, November 9 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Noble Room of Hendricks Chapel. You are invited to participate in this discussion. You may ask questions related to your own perceptions of what a Dean of Hendricks Chapel should be, and then provide your evaluation to the Search Committee! All three candidates are meeting with students, and your opinions are very important. Be part of the process. This is your opportunity to make your voice heard!

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International Music Festival

When: November 16, 6:00 pm
Where: Schine Underground
An SU/ESF community event
Entrance Cost: \$2

Tickets will be available at the Schine Box Office
Please contact Elane Granger at elcarras@syr.edu for more information

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JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE & CUISINE



When: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH AT 3:00 PM
Where: The Eggers Events Room
Cost: Free

Communities in Conflict:
International Education and the Quest for Global Understanding
Panel Discussion & Reception
Eggers Events Room Nov. 19th @3:00 PM
Free Event.

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The 2009-2010 Remembrance & Lockerbie Scholars invite you to the Pan Am 103 21st Anniversary Remembrance Week



On November 8-14, 2009

The Syracuse University community will commemorate the 21st Anniversary of the Pan Am Flight 103 tragedy during the annual Remembrance Week, to be held November 8-14. A listing of all events can be found at <http://remembrance.syr.edu>.

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MOVIE SCREENING
Dangerous Living: Coming out in the Developing World



When: Tuesday, November 17 - 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Where: Slutzker Center for International Services, 301 Walnut Place

Despite the massive efforts of gay organizations around the world, many countries still have horrific laws on the books that keep their lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) populations locked away in their closets, and, at times, in prison. In some countries, "getting caught" can even incur the death penalty. This one-hour documentary will cover the struggle of LGBT people for basic human rights around the world. The movie will follow a brief discussion with the participants. Light refreshments will be provided. RSVP encouraged to lgbt@syr.edu
Co-sponsored by the Slutzker Center for International Services & the LGBT Resource Center.

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South Asian Student Association Presents



This Saturday, **Nov. 14th @ 7:00pm** SASA is hosting “**Tofha 2009: A cultural Remix**”. This unique cultural show will feature a great comedian: **Mark Saldana** - a standup comic from Buffalo, NY. Fantastic collaborative student performances by: SU Zinda, Orange Bhangra, Kalabash Dance Troupe, Bharatanatyam performance & others.

The show is this Saturday at 7:00pm at Goldstein Auditorium, doors open at 6:15pm.

All proceeds will go to the International Young Scholars, seeks to promote the educational achievement of immigrant and refugee teens. Weekly, more than three dozen SU volunteers travel into the community and work one-on-one or in small groups with students and assist them with English language acquisition... Tickets are now available at the Schine Box Office. There will be an after-party at Phoebes, starting at 10:30 pm.

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Native Heritage Month

Sponsored by **OMA**

Saturday, November 14

Onondaga Nation School Educational Share Conference

The Onondaga Nation School invites fellow teachers to learn and experience lessons for your students taught by the ONS staff about the Onondaga Nation’s history and culture

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Place: Onondaga Nation School

www.OnondagaNationSchool.org

(315) 469-6991 or bpowles@lafcs.cnyric.org

Wednesday, November 18

Two Spirits film screening and discussion

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Watson Theater

Co-Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs Native Student Program and the LGBT Re-source Center
Tuesday, December 1

Commemorative Lecture

Time: 6:00 p.m. reception, 7:00 p.m. lecture

Place: Hergenhan Auditorium, Newhouse III

Saturday, December 12

From the Earth Arts & Crafts Festival

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Place: Onondaga Nation School, Onondaga Nation

Haudenosaunee Singers & Dancers to perform from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Traditional foods available

Contact: Freida Jacques at (315) 469-6991

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THANKSGIVING BREAK BUS SERVICE

This semester, Student Association will be providing round-trip buses for Thanksgiving Break. Buses will serve four major Northeast cities: New York City, Philadelphia, Boston, and Washington DC. The price of this service is **\$99 round-trip**.

Students will be leaving from Schine Student Center at Syracuse University on **Tuesday, November 24th, 2009 at 5:00 PM**, and depart from the designated locations on **Sunday, November 29th, 2009 at 10:00 AM** to return to campus. Each bus has a maximum capacity of 56 seats. Tickets are sold at a first-come-first-serve basis. Designated locations are major transportation destinations of each city:

- **New York City:** Port Authority, 625 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10018
- **Philadelphia:** Greyhound Terminal, 1001 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107
- **Boston:** South Station, 700 Atlantic Avenue, Boston MA 02110
- **Washington DC:** Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Washington, DC

For questions or more information, please contact Bonnie Kong at the email address below. Email: bkong@syr.edu.

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R.A.P.E. Center volunteers help promote the work of the R.A.P.E. Center. So far this fall, volunteers have accomplished the following activities:

- Assisted at the Syracuse Welcome 2009 event, "Everyday Heroes"
- Met with first-year students in the L.O.O.P. (Leadership Outdoor Orientation Program) to talk about becoming empowered bystanders
- Facilitated an Empowered Bystander training for Orientation Leaders
- Led discussions in First-Year Forum classes
- Tabled in Schine Student Center for Healthy Monday

- Prepared materials to be distributed to First-Year Forums
- Organized packets of information for new volunteers
- Prepared booklets for participants in the Mentors in Violence Prevention trainings
- Attended the Mentors in Violence Prevention peer facilitator training
- Led 5 Sex Jeopardy workshops in residence halls
- Facilitated conversations reaching over 180 students with e5m presentations. If you are interested in becoming part of the R.A.P.E Center team by joining one of these volunteer groups or would like more information please email Jill Sneider at jasneide@syr.edu.

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Reminder On Parking Regulations In University Neighborhoods - by OCCS



Parking in the neighborhoods surrounding campus may be a new experience for some. To avoid ticketing and towing, and to help maintain the quality of life in the University area, members of the University community are reminded to observe city parking regulations.

Many city streets have alternate side (**odd-even**) parking, which takes effect at **6 p.m. On odd dates, parking starts at 6 p.m. on the side of the street with odd address numbers; on even dates, parking starts at 6 p.m. on the side with even-number addresses.**

“Parking illegally on a city street creates traffic hazards to motorists and pedestrians, obstructs vehicular and pedestrian traffic, prevents emergency vehicles from entering areas, and delays public services such as trash collection and snow removal. And parking on front lawns and across sidewalks is not only illegal, but also poses a safety threat to pedestrians who are forced to walk off the sidewalks. Working collaboratively with the Syracuse Police Department, we want the campus community to know the rules so they can follow them.

” To reduce and discourage illegal parking, the Syracuse Police Department will strictly enforce the parking regulations in the University area and will routinely conduct Ticket and Tow Operations in persistent violator areas. Drivers should obey the posted parking regulations in order to avoid being ticketed and towed, and should be mindful that failure to respond to parking violations may result in collection agency involvement or other punitive action against the registrant and/or the vehicle.

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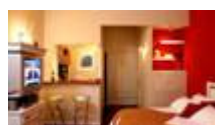


Pedestrian Safety Tips

October is Pedestrian Safety Month! Stay safe while you’re walking to campus. Here are some tips:

- Use sidewalks and paths whenever possible.
- Use crosswalks, and don’t start walking until you see the “WALK” signal.
- Walk facing traffic so you can see vehicles as they approach, and they can see you. Always walk in groups of three or more!
- Remember, pedestrians only have the right-of-way if a driver sees them! As a driver, it is important to be familiar with pedestrian safety laws. When a pedestrian is crossing at a crosswalk, drivers must wait until the pedestrian has *completely* crossed the street and has reached the other side safely.
- When making a right-hand turn at a red light, it is important to come to a complete stop and check for pedestrians crossing the street. Also remember there are many “No Right on Red” turns in the Syracuse University area!

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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!

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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**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"

Local Latin Radio Shows

WEDNESDAYS – Syracuse

8pm CNY Latino, Talk Show with HUGO ACOSTA (101.5, 95.3, & 98.1 FM)

9pm CNY Latino, SPORTS Show with JOE RODRIGUEZ (101.5, 95.3, & 98.1 FM)

* Listen online at: www.cnylatino.com

www.lafamiliadelasa

315-636-7133

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"What Can Be Recycled?"

The following items can be placed in the blue recycling bins:

- Any plastic bottles with a number 1 or 2 recycling symbol on the bottom
- All food and beverage cans
- Empty aerosol cans
- Aluminum foil and aluminum baking tins
- All clear and colored glass food and beverage bottles
- Milk and juice cartons
- All newspapers, magazines, catalogues and inserts

- Discarded mail and envelopes
- Pizza, cereal, pasta and other food boxes
- Corrugated (grooved) cardboard boxes

The following items CANNOT be recycled:

- Plastic grocery bags
- Frozen food and meat trays
- Plastic bottles without a recycling symbol, or with recycling numbers 3-7 on the bottom
- Plastic containers other than bottles, regardless of symbol on bottom (including margarine, yogurt, whipped topping and "baby wipes" tubs) ·
- Polystyrene (Styrofoam)
- Six pack holders and rings
- Paint cans or anything that once contained hazardous waste (pesticides, lubricants, paint, etc.) ·
- Broken glass, dishes or drinking glasses
- Egg cartons, paper plates, paper towels, metallic paper. · Hardcover or paperback books.

Recycling hints:

- Need a second blue bin? If you live in a town or village, get your second bin from your highway department garage. If you live in the City of Syracuse, call 448-2489. The city will deliver a bin to you. If you live in an apartment please ask your manager.
- Please, no plastic grocery bags in the blue bin. Put your newspapers, junk mail and other paper recyclables in a paper bag. Return plastic grocery bags to your grocery store for recycling or use them to dispose of your trash.
- Please flatten all cardboard boxes. Also cut cardboard into 3 foot by 3 foot sections and place next to blue bin.
- Please throw away plastic bottle tops and caps. Do not place plastic bottle tops and caps in your blue bin.
- Please rinse food cans, aluminum foil, and baking tins to remove food particles before placing items in blue bin. Questions? Visit www.ocra.org or call the Operation Separation Hotline at 453-2870

Motivational Quotes of the Week:

"No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars or sailed an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit."
by Helen Keller

"It is very difficult to live among people you love and hold back from offering them advice."
by Anne Tyler

"Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody has thought."
by Albert Szent-Gyorgyi

"Slow down and enjoy life. It's not only the scenery you miss by going too fast - you also miss the sense of where you are going and why."
by Eddie Cantor (1892 - 1964)

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