Indicorps Grassroots Development Fellowship

Indicorps announces over 30 competitive new projects for the August 2009 Indicorps Diaspora Fellowship. We intend to foster the next generation of young Indian leaders who are willing to challenge themselves and “be the change.” You will tackle real issues in education, microfinance, social entrepreneurship, environmental conservation, public health, urban infrastructure, and much more. Live simply and dig deep to learn about real India and yourself; projects span from Kanpur to Pondicherry, Gujarat to Madhya Pradesh. Indicorps selects for commitment, perseverance, and drive. To learn more, visit: http://apply.indicorps.org

In the spirit of President Obama's campaign to create "Change you can believe in," Indicorps is a real opportunity for CHANGE YOU MAKE HAPPEN. The August 2009 Fellowship model will mobilize passionate, sincere fellows to become strong team players and leaders who will build sustainable new initiative. Apply today to make CHANGE happen!

Deadline: March 15, 2009

Monday - Wellness and Fitness Day

The Department of Recreation Services, with support from the Division of Student Affairs Health and Wellness Portfolio, is conducting the first annual Syracuse University Health, Wellness and Fitness Day on Monday, February 23. An abundance of free activities will be offered to the university community including massages, fitness classes, blood-pressure screening, eating demonstrations, a stress reduction workshop and skate rentals. Workout challenges are also encouraged. Many activities occur during the lunch hour. For more information check out http://recreationservices.syr.edu and RE-Create Yourself!

Mardi Gras Celebration

When: Monday: February 23
Where: Schine Student Center
Time: 11:00am - 2:00pm
University Lectures Presents:
“A Conversation with Shen Wei”

When: Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Where: Hendricks Chapel

A native of China, Shen Wei is founder of New York-based Shen Wei Dance Arts, which since its inception in 2000 has become one of the premier dance ensembles in the world.

Artistic director of Shen Wei Dance Arts and a principal choreographer of the 2008 Beijing Olympics Opening Ceremonies. Moderated by former New York Times chief dance critic Anna Kisselgoff.

Judicial Board/Peer Education Team

The Office of Judicial Affairs is looking for students to participate on the University Judicial Board/Peer Education Team (UJB/PET). The mission of the UJB/PET is to participate in judicial hearings and develop and implement programs that encourage civility and good citizenship within the Syracuse University community. The UJB/PET provides an opportunity for students to be leaders in the University community, promoting civility and citizenship, while also developing skills in facilitation and conflict resolution.

Applicants for the UJB/PET must be matriculated full-time undergraduate, graduate, or law students at either Syracuse University or SUNY-ESF. Both on-campus and off-campus residents are encouraged to apply. A grade point average of at least 2.5 is strongly recommended. Disciplinary or academic violations committed at Syracuse University or elsewhere must be disclosed. Prior infractions will not automatically disqualify applicants, but are taken into consideration by the selection committee. Students who are currently on disciplinary probation are not eligible.

Please direct interested students to the online application form for the University Judicial Board/Peer Education Team at: [http://students.syr.edu/judicial/ujb/index.html](http://students.syr.edu/judicial/ujb/index.html). Additionally, I have attached some flyers you may post around your office or shared space. Please encourage students that you feel are qualified to apply. If you know of a student who would be an asset to the UJB/PET, please email me his/her contact information and I will send the application link along to them. The completed application form and responses must be submitted online no later than March 20, 2009. Questions may be directed to the Office of Judicial Affairs at 443-3728 or mbornste@syr.edu

Partners in Learning’s 20th Anniversary Friend-Raising Event!

Partners in Learning is a not-for-profit organization that operates 2 programs engaging immigrant and refugee families: MANOS, an early education program that prepares 2 through 4 year-old children
for school and the West Side Learning Center, where their parents learn English and employment skills.

Both programs have a proven record of success providing parents and their children with the skills required to become contributing members of our community. Last year alone, these programs assisted over 700 families from Africa, Asia, Europe, South and Central America and the Caribbean. Unfortunately, reductions in government funding have threatened the continuation of both programs.

Let's all come together in support of MANOS and the West Side Learning Center! Enjoy a wonderful evening while also supporting cultural connections for immigrant families in our community!

When: Saturday, March 7, 2009

Time: 7:00-11:00 pm

Where: Palace Theater (2384 James St. Syracuse, NY 13206)

Price: $20 advance sale $25 at the door

Proceeds will benefit the children and families of MANOS and the West Side Learning Center

Make your advance-purchase reservation before February 26th to secure a discount! For more information, call (315) 435-4013 or e-mail at manos@twcny.rr.com

Spring Break 2009 - $99 RT Bus Service

Student Association is providing a $99 round trip bus service to four metropolitan areas for this Spring Break. The cities are New York City, Philadelphia, Boston, and Washington D.C. The bus will depart from Schine Student Center on March 6th at 5pm and will return from the designated locations of the cities on March 15 at 10am. Tickets can be purchased at Schine Box Office.

Important Announcements:

- ALERT FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO ARE INTENDING TO GRADUATE THIS MAY 2009

  * Graduate students expecting to graduate must complete the File Diploma Request process in MySlice by established deadlines, published as http://gradsch.syr.edu/pdfs/GraduationDeadlines.pdf by the Graduate School. This will activate the certification process and awarding of your degree.

  * The Office of International Services has opened access to CINTAX, the web-based income tax preparation software for filing your federal tax forms. CINTAX passwords are now available. The only way to request a CINTAX password is from our website at http://international.syr.edu/Form_CINTAX_Password_new.html

    It is important that you complete all fields on the form to receive a password. There is a maximum of 3 – 5 business day turn around time for the password.

    There will be two tax seminars to be held in March: Monday, March 9 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm (Maxwell Auditorium)
    Monday, March 23 from 2:00pm – 5:00pm (Maxwell Auditorium)

Quotes of the Week:

"The victory of success is half won when one gains the habit of setting goals and achieving them. Even
the most tedious chore will become endurable as
you parade through each day convinced that every
task, no matter how menial or boring, brings you
closer to fulfilling your dreams." by Og Mandino

"The reason a lot of people do not recognize
opportunity is because it usually goes around
wearing overalls looking like hard work." by
Thomas Edison

"Retention is the result of effective education,
which means that the focus is student's education
rather than retention itself. " by Vincent Tinto

"Frequent faculty-student contact in and out of the
classroom is the most important factor in student
motivation and involvement. " by Arthur Chickering

2 Women’s Basic Physical Defense Class or Rape
Aggression Defense (RAD) classes offered for
Spring 2009 Semester

DPS offers two free Rape Aggression Defense (RAD)
self-defense classes for women this semester, one
starting February 6, the other starting March 24.
To register, call 443-5483 or e-mail jlentz@syr.edu.

The R.A.D. course is 12 hours in length, broken down
over a four-week period.

Class One Dates: Fridays – February 6, 13, 20, 27
Location: Women’s Building Dance Studio (1st Floor)
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Class Two Dates:
Tuesdays – March 24, 31, April 7, 14
Location: The Skybarn on South Campus
Time: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

If you would like to submit a request to publish your news or events
in our SCISNEWS letter.
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