



Friday, February 12, 2010



February 14th is **Valentine's Day** in the United States, and in several other countries around the world. The holiday is named after two among the numerous early Christian martyrs named Valentine. The day is most closely associated with the mutual exchange of love notes in the form of "valentines." Modern Valentine symbols include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten notes have largely given way to mass-produced greeting cards.

The people around the world celebrate that most universally valued connection between humans: Love. Valentine's Day is one day of the year in the United States set aside for people to show each other how much they care. Love can be expressed in different ways with different people, no matter your gender or your sexual orientation. Use this Valentine's Day as an opportunity to thank your friends, your parents, and your loved ones.

Similar traditions:

- In **Chinese culture**, there is an older observance related to lovers. It is called "*The Night of Sevens*"

(??). According to the legend, the Cowherd star and the Weaver Maid star are normally separated by the milky way (river) but are allowed to meet by crossing it on the 7th day of the 7th month of the Chinese calendar.

-- In **South Korea** (?????), **Japan** (?????) and **Taiwan** women give chocolates to men on February 14, as an expression of love. *White Day*, is celebrated on March 14 the males who received chocolates on Valentine's Day are expected to return the favor. The gift should be two to three times the cost of the Valentine's gift.

Koreans also celebrate *Pepero Day* on November 11, when young couples give each other Pepero cookies. The date '11/11' is intended to resemble the long shape of the cookie.

- In most of **South America** the "*Día del Amor y la Amistad*" (Love & Friendship Day) and the *Amigo Secreto* (Secret friend) are quite popular and usually celebrated together on the 14 of February. The latter consists of randomly assigning to each participant a recipient who is to be given an anonymous gift.

To learn more about the history of Valentine's Day, visit:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valentine%27s_day

! Important Announcements !

- **Planning to travel outside the United States – please get your I-20 or DS-2019 (for J-1 students or scholars) signed as soon as possible!**
- **The CINTAX Passwords are now available!!! Please check our Tax page for all the necessary instructions: http://international.syr.edu/Tax_Information.htm It is important that you complete all the fields on the form to receive a password. There is a maximum of 3 – 5 business days turnaround time for the passwords. (For more information please read further down)**
- **Latest updates on H1-B. (Please read further down)**
- **Interested in taking Yoga, Pilates, Vinyasa, Tae Kwon Do, Tai Chi, Ballet, Zumba, Hip Hop, Biking (RPM), Fencing or Swimming Classes this semester please check this website for more details: <http://recreationsservices.syr.edu/Programs/fitnessclasses/flyers/Spring%20'10%20Flyer.pdf>**
- **Planning to Study Abroad during the Summer semester? If so, please talk to an international advisor at the Slutzker Center soon. There are steps**

which you must take in order to insure your continued non-immigrant status for re-entry to the U.S.

- Graduate students expecting to graduate this May 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.

- **Recreation Services is offering FREE Meditation classes on Thurs at 3:30pm 'till April 29**

- 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!

- ***Travelling This Semester? Have all Your Documents with you!***

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.

- ***Applied for OPT? The SCIS Needs a Copy of 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.

- 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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Ph.D. Students: Are You Registered for Spring 2010???

The SEVIS system requires the University to **REPORT REGISTRATION** within 30 days of the beginning of the semester. At this time, many Ph.D. students are not registered for the Spring 2010 term. Thus, you will be reported to the Immigration Service as "NOT REGISTERED" and your SEVIS record will be cancelled!

This is a serious issue. If you are here, working on your research and/or dissertation, and not registered for dissertation hours or regular course work, please register for **GRD 998** and have a Certificate of Full-Time Status filed with the Registrar's Office **TODAY!** Please provide a **COPY** of that Certificate of Full-Time Status to the Slutzker Center **TODAY!**

Once your SEVIS record has been cancelled due to your failure to register, there is a \$340 fee to apply for re-instatement to F-1 student status. Please do not put yourself into that situation.

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New First Year Students ~

The Slutzker Center for International Services is reaching out to you, to help you make the most of your first year at SU! Jennifer Anthony, a graduate student in the School of Education, is doing a practicum in our office. She is contacting all new first year international students. Jennifer will either meet you for lunch at your dining hall, or host you at the Slutzker Center for some discussion and refreshments. We would like to meet with every new international student in fall 2009 or spring 2010 over the next few weeks. Please respond positively to the email which you will receive from Jennifer Anthony soon.

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Undergraduate Students in Academic Difficulty -

We have found that many new students in fall 2009 are now facing academic warnings or probation as a result of poor academic performance in the fall 2009 semester. Kyoung-Mi ("Rebecca") Choi, a graduate assistant in the Slutzker Center, is reaching out to you! She will be emailing you soon, inviting you to meet with her, and find ways to improve your academic performance this semester. Please reply to her email as soon as you receive it. After one semester of probation, many students find themselves facing a year suspension! This could be a way out of that situation! Please take advantage.

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THE TAX MAN COMETH!!!

Well, no this really isn't about the 1939 play by American playwright, Eugene O'Neill ("The Ice Man Cometh")- it is about *your obligation* to file a federal (and maybe a state) tax return by April 15, 2010! The Slutzker Center for International Services has tried to set up systems to help you meet those obligations. Information about CINTAX is available on our website, and through this newsletter. In addition, we will have two seminars. The first seminar will feature representatives from both the U.S. Income Tax Education Department, and the NYS Department of Finance and Taxation. The second seminar will ONLY include the NYS Department of Finance and Taxation. We advise you to have already completed your federal return via CINTAX and bring the completed form with you for that seminar. It is NOT necessary (nor desirable) to come to both seminars!

TAX SEMINARS will be offered:**When:**

1. [Tuesday - March 16, 2010](#) (Yes, this is Spring Break! Many international students do remain on campus and this is always a very well attended seminar!) A representative from both the Federal and State will be at the March 16th seminar.

2. [Friday - March 26, 2010](#)

Where: HEROY GEOLOGY AUDITORIUM

Time: 2:00pm (the seminars will start promptly at 2:00pm).

If you are planning on attending the March 26th seminar you must have the Federal portion of your tax forms completed as there will only be the State Representative present. In order for you to have the federal portion completed, you must request a CINTAX password by 2:00pm on Thursday, March 25th.

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Planning to Travel During Spring Break?

The Slutzker Center for International Services will offer additional Travel Seminars through Friday, March 12th, 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 per year.

Wednesday - February 24 at 1:30pm

Friday - February 26 at 12:00pm

Wednesday - March 3 at 1:30pm

Friday - March 5 at 12:00pm

Monday - March 8 at 10:00am

Tuesday - March 9 at 12:00pm

Wednesday - March 10 at 1:30pm

Thursday - March 11 at 5:00pm

Friday - March 12 at 12:00pm

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LGBTQ Community Calendar

February 11 Totally Fabulous 8th Annual - Preliminaries

Time TBA | The Underground - Schine Student Center

Sponsored by Pride Union. Students compete to be the top drag kings and queens of the SU Hill in this semi-final showcase. Ticket information available soon!

February 12 Love Yourself HIV Testing Event/ 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | LGBT RC & Off-Campus & Commuter Services

The highest rates of new HIV infections are in young people, including college aged students. Love yourself, love your community, and get confidential or anonymous rapid HIV testing for FREE! Please call us at 443-3983 to get a guaranteed time slot. Drop ins are also welcome but may require some wait time. Co-sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center, Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services, Health Services, Counseling Center, AIDS Community Resources, and NYS Dept. of Health.

February 26th from 2-5 p.m. in HL 114

The LGBT Resource Center will be training presenters for our "Ally Development Workshop". Last year, they presented trainings and workshops to close to 1,800 participants. They already have workshops requested for this semester, and they rely on their volunteers to help them educate the rest of the campus community.

ALLY DEVELOPMENT FACILITATOR TRAINING

Do you want to educate others about lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues? Do you want to challenge homophobia and encourage others to act as allies to the LGBT community? If so, then your first step is to attend this training.

Facilitators who have completed this training are eligible to lead one hour-long Ally Development workshops in classrooms, residence halls, student organization meetings, etc. to discuss how to be an ally to LGBT individuals. Students, faculty, staff, and straight allies are all welcome and encouraged to participate.

The Ally Development Facilitator Training is three hours long, and will be held on Friday, Feb. 26 from 2-5 p.m. in HL 114.

Please RSVP by Feb. 24, or contact us with questions to Lauren Hannahs at lbhannah@syr.edu

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The Lupus and Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Week, February 16-20.

The SU chapter of the N.A.A.C.P, S.C.O.P.E, Lambda Phi Chi Sorority, Inc., and S.P.A.A.D.E have pledged to no longer allow individuals affected by Lupus and Sickle Cell Anemia to be left unheard. The Lupus and Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Week will serve as the opportunity to spread awareness about these two unfamiliar diseases. You will have the chance to make quilt squares for free and purchase wristbands for \$1 in the Schine and Goldstein Student Center during table-sittings. Invite family, friends and persons directly or indirectly affected by these two diseases. All proceeds will go to Lupus and Sickle Cell Anemia foundations. For more information contact Tiearra LeGrand at tlegrand@syr.edu, Sarita Ram sdram@syr.edu, Mabelys Arias ehlimaya@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, Feb. 16 - *Enough is Enough: Do You Know What's an Autoimmune Disease?*

Life Sciences Building 001, 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 17 - *Save a Life: Bone Marrow Registration*

Schine 304ABC 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 18 - *Autoimmune in Cinema: "My Sister's Keeper"*

Goldstein Student Center, 201ABC, Time: 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 19 - *Let's Weave Together: Assembling of Lupus and Sickle Cell Anemia Quilt*

North Campus, SCHINE 304ABC, 3-5 p.m.

South Campus, GOLDSTEIN 201ABC, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20 - *United For A Cause: Giving Banquet: Giving Voice to Lupus and Sickle Cell Anemia Banquet*, Goldstein Auditorium, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Doors open @ 5:45 p.m.

Tickets for sale at SCHINE BOX OFFICE: Students \$5 & faculty/staff \$7

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5th Annual Library Lock-In:

"It Was a Dark and Brainy Night at Bird Library!"

When: February 26

Time: 10 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Undergraduate students will have the opportunity to explore Bird Library after hours and compete against each other in teams of two by searching the library for answers to challenging questions. Free food will be available for all participants. First prize is a **\$200 gift card** to the SU Bookstore.

Other prizes include gift cards for Carousel Mall, Starbucks, Barnes & Noble, and more.

Registration forms are available at residence hall main desks, the Goldstein Student Center, the Office of Residence Life, and at the E.S. Bird Library. The first 120 undergraduate students (60 teams) can participate. There is a \$5 registration fee per student (\$10 per team).

Submit registrations forms and fees by 5 p.m. on Feb. 19 at the Office of Residence Life at 111 Waverly Ave., Suite 200 (above the Health Center). Event questions should be directed to Michelle Shea at mmshea@syr.edu.

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Cold Case Justice Initiative Program and Mavis Staples concert Feb. 27

"It's Never Too Late for Justice: A Conversation with Civil Rights Era Cold Case Activists," **Saturday, Feb. 27 at 3 p.m.** in Schine 304ABC. This event is free and open to the public, so feel free to encourage your staff and students to attend.

"We'll Never Turn Back", a concert by Grammy-nominated musician and civil rights activist Mavis Staples, **Saturday, Feb. 27 at 5 p.m.** in Goldstein Auditorium. (\$20 for students with valid ID, \$25 for general admission)

This event is scheduled to end well ahead of the SU/Villanova basketball game, so concertgoers can go straight from the performance to the game.

For more information on these events, see the attached poster, visit <http://insidesu.syr.edu/2010/01/27/mavis-staples-cold-case-justice-initiative/>, e-mail coldcase@law.syr.edu or call 443-2166.

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SU Sculpture Workshop for the Syracuse community

The sculpture program in Syracuse University's [College of Visual and Performing Arts](#) (VPA) has announced the creation of Sculpture Workshop, an open workshop for University and Syracuse community members that provides time, space and equipment in the program's facilities in the Comstock Art Facility.

The recently improved sculpture shops are equipped to facilitate a variety of art-making techniques and processes in wood, plastics, metals, mixed media and foundry practices. Sculpture Workshop members have total access to the metal, wood, plastics and foundry facilities and are granted the same studio usage rights and privileges as students enrolled in sculpture courses. Technical expertise and daily access is also provided to all members.

Membership fees per semester are \$150 for SU students, \$300 for SU I.D. cardholders who are not SU students, and \$400 for the general public. For more information or to register, contact Robert Wysocki, assistant professor of sculpture, at rjwysoc@syr.edu

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The Library is providing a new resource for the SU campus.

The Productive Researcher http://library.syr.edu/research/instruction/productive_researcher/index.php is a series of six online modules available on the library's web site that provides an introduction to general library research skills. A team of SU librarians created *The Productive Researcher* in collaboration with the Writing Program. Our principal audience for this tutorial is students in Writing 105, but the content is applicable to all subject areas and to students at all levels. In addition to introducing students to library research, these modules also may serve as a quick review or update for the experienced researcher. They cover topics such as finding articles in the library's databases, using the Discover search tool to find materials, and locating items in different formats (e.g., images, maps, data, etc.). We also have reviewed and selected online tutorials developed by other institutions that cover standard research-related topics such as research strategies, evaluating sources, understanding primary vs. secondary sources, etc. You will find links to these items at http://library.syr.edu/research/instruction/help/other_tutorials.php. We will add links to this page as we continue to identify appropriate items.

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H-1B Updates

On December 22, 2009, USCIS announced that it has received a sufficient number of H-1B petitions to reach the statutory cap for FY 2010. USCIS is hereby notifying the public that December 21, 2009, is the "final receipt date"

for new H-1B specialty occupation petitions requesting an employment start date in FY 2010.

New cap-subject petitions will then have to be filed with a start date no earlier than October 1, 2010.

Such applications will be accepted for filing by USCIS no sooner than April 1, 2010.

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Income Tax Issues

Q. I am a full-time student at Syracuse, but I also receive a GA, TA or RA stipend. Is the stipend considered to be wages?

Yes, GA, TA, and RA stipends are all considered WAGES. Adjunct stipends are also wages. In general, if you receive payment for performing a service, that is considered to be wages and is taxed as income. Students with GA, TA or RA stipends are considered to be part-time employees of the university.

The payroll offices will issue form W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) in late January for wages you earned in the calendar year 2009. The information on the W-2 will need to be included on your income tax return.

Q. During the 2009 calendar year, I worked at locations other than Syracuse University (for example, employment through CPT, or authorized off campus employment through CASE Center). Should I be receiving a Wage and Tax Statement (form W-2) from that employer?

Yes! Each employer for whom you worked in 2009 is required to issue you a wage and tax statement prior to the end of January. However, students often change their addresses, so your former employer may not have your current address. Now is the time to **contact your previous work places** and inform them of your current address so that the W-2 form can be sent to you in a timely manner. Remember, by law, all employers **MUST** report your earnings to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. So, failure to receive a form W-2 from an employer does not eliminate the requirement that you report all taxable income earned from that employer.

Q. Is there anyone who can assist me with completing my U.S. Tax Forms?

The Slutzker Center provides free income tax compliance software, known as **CINTAX**, to all international students, international faculty and scholars, and international alumni who are eligible to be considered as non-residents for tax purposes (see the next paragraph for information on what qualifies someone to be a non-resident). **CINTAX** provides an easy to use web interface for entering information regarding your income tax liability, and then enters the information onto the required forms so that you can print them. **CINTAX** is password-protected so that only you have access to the information. **Do not** attempt to complete your income tax forms using the e-filing options recommended by the Internal Revenue Service. It is not possible to e-file tax returns if you are a non-resident for tax purposes. Information about how to access and use **CINTAX** will be announced in January.

International students in F or J status for 5 years or less (since 2005 or later) and their dependents, file tax forms as non-residents. Research scholars or faculty in J-1 status for 2 years or less (since 2008 or later) also file as non-residents.

Q. I've recently received a form from my bank. What should I do with this form?

For those students who receive a form from their bank, it is usually because you have opened up an interest-bearing account (i.e. savings account, money market, CD, etc.). It is important that you complete the form and return it to your bank to certify your foreign status. Please contact your bank for further assistance.

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RAD Classes (Self Defense for Women) *Free*

Monday 4 week class 6:00-9:00pm 2/15-3/8 Free

Tuesday 4 week class 6:00-9:00pm 2/16-3/9 Free

Monday 4 week class 6:00-9:00pm 3/22-4/12 Free

Tuesday 4 week class 6:00-9:00pm 3/23-4/13 Free

Monday classes Contact Public Safety publicsafety@syr.edu

Tuesday classes: Contact ESF <http://www.esf.edu/univpolice>

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Move It Monday FREE Fitness Classes @ 1:00pm.

Move it Monday is a part of the Healthy Campus Initiative Healthy Monday. This is a program that focuses on participation in activities that promote the various components of wellness on campus at little or no cost to the user. Various **FREE** fitness classes will be offered every Monday during our Fitness Class schedule **from 1:00-1:50pm** in the Ernie Davis Exercise room on a drop-in, first come, first served basis. Please arrive early as the maximum enrollment for each class will vary based on activity.

February 1 - Core N' More

March 22- Boot Camp

February 8 - Orange 411

March 29- Hip Hop

February 15 - Irish Step

April 5 - Pilates

February 22- Yoga

April 12 - Power Hour

March 1 - Vinyasa

April 19 - Yoga'lates

March 8- Zumba

April 26 - Zumba



When: This Friday, February 12, 2010

Every 2nd Saturday of The Month in Syracuse, Binghamton, Ithaca or Rochester: "Noche de Unidad" (Night of Unity) Latin Dance! * La Familia, SMAC, Pura Vida & Tango Cafe have "united" together to host a Latin dance one Sat per month in one of our host cities! * 9:30pm - 2:00am ... \$5 admission * Location: TBA

* BATTLE of the DJ'S: DJ la Maquina, DJ JAM & DJ Tico square off to bring you the HOTTEST Latin mix direct from the streets of la Habana, Puerto Rico, Colombia Venezuela y todo el mundo! * Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Chachacha, Reggaeton y Timba! * 18+ event...students ALWAYS welcome!

* Their last dance had 180 in attendance!!!! "bridging cultures through dance...one step at a time!"

For all the other events from La Familia please check their calendar

<http://www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com/calendar.php> or (315) 636-7133

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Some common-sense rules for hospital Emergency Rooms (ERs) - By Abigail Van Buren

1. An "emergency" is defined as a life-threatening injury or illness. The average wait in an ER waiting room is 4 ½ hours. After checking in, you will be seen by a triage nurse to determine the seriousness of your illness or injury. Patients who are considered "critical" will be treated first.
2. Please do not come to the ER with your entire family unless they, too, are sick or injured. People with communicable diseases may be sitting in the lobby so you could be putting your loved ones at risk.
3. Once inside the examination room, the patient's blood will be taken and tests may be done. Getting test results can take time, especially if the ER is busy – and no, you cannot eat or drink until those test results are back.
4. The ER discharges patients 24 hours a day, so plan accordingly. The hospital is not responsible for paying for your ride home and you cannot stay in the exam room waiting for a ride to come for you. We must use the room for the next patient.
5. Above all, remember that our staff is here to help you feel better, not inconvenience you. You are the patient –so please be patient. – ER Nurse in Florida."

Say Yes to Education Overview

The Say Yes to Education: Syracuse program combines comprehensive, high-quality and sustained academic, social, emotional, health and family supports throughout the K-12 years, and culminates with the incentive of free college tuition for SCSD graduates who meet residency and college admission requirements into one of nearly 100 higher education institutions in the Say Yes compact. The Say Yes Higher Education Compact eliminates the most significant obstacle faced by families across the income spectrum – the high cost of a quality post-secondary education...

The mission of Say Yes is to value and realize the promise and extraordinary potential of economically disadvantaged youth and families. Say Yes recognizes the daunting challenges faced by children living in poverty, but knows through experience and field-tested results that children can overcome these challenges when given holistic support. To find out more about the Say Yes to Education you can read the December 2009 Newsletter: <http://wpbdc.syr.edu/email/sayyes/eneews12-09.pdf>

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Spring Break in Costa Rica!



Have you ever wanted to explore the craters of a volcano, whitewater raft through scenic rivers?

How about rappelling from a 120 foot waterfall, touring the rainforest canopy high in the tree tops, or surfing and sea kayaking in the warm Pacific waters surrounding Manuel Antonio National Park? If so then here is your chance to do all of the above and more in a once in a lifetime trip to Costa Rica.

Trip dates are March 13-20, 2010

Cost = \$950 plus your own airfare to San Jose International Airport (Juan Santamaria) Costa Rica

Trip is open to SU/ESF ID card holders (Minimum age is 18 years old)

For more information, or to register for this trip, please contact: Scott Catucci @ sacatucc@syr.edu or 315-443-0290

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Special Registration (NSEERS)

Further security checks after initial immigration inspection are typically required for:

- © *Certain citizens or nationals of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Syria, as designated by the DHA Secretary in the Federal Register.*
- © *Males age 16-45 from Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen*
- © *Foreign nationals of any country may be asked by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) officer to undergo Special Registration if they feel they may be a national security threat*

If you are subject to [special registration procedures](#), it is your responsibility to make certain that your entry and departure is documented by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) inspecting officer, every time you leave and re-enter the U.S. (This may add a significant amount of time onto departure so please plan accordingly).

A helpful reminder of where the pertinent NSEERS registrations may be found at the following airports in the state of New York. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-28418.htm>

- Buffalo Peace Bridge POE, New York;
- Cape Vincent POE, New York;
- Champlain POE, New York;
- Chateaugay POE, New York;
- Fort Covington POE, New York;
- Heart Island POE, New York;
- John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), New York;
- Lewiston Bridge POE, New York;
- Mooers POE, New York;
- Niagara Falls, Rainbow Bridge, New York;
- Newark International Airport (NEW), New Jersey;
- Ogdensburg POE, New York;
- Rochester-Ferry Terminal, New York;
- Rouses Point POE, New York;
- Seaway International Bridge/Massena POE, New York;
- Thousand Islands POE, New York;
- Trout River POE, New York;

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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.



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!



Protect your 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



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.

- Immediately report suspicious activity, criminal incidents, or other emergencies.
- Walk with others or request a free walking escort.
- Always lock the door to your residence and any ground level windows.
- Never volunteer information over the phone to a stranger.
- Report lost or stolen ID cards to the ID Card Office or to DPS.
- Never give out your personal identification number (PIN).
- Use a good locking device to secure your bicycle and register your bicycle with the DPS.
- Don't hitchhike, use the transportation systems offered by the University.
- Know how to use the "[Call Trace](#)" systems for harassing or obscene phone calls.
- Place your name or an identifiable mark in your textbooks.
- Refrain from propping or disabling locking mechanisms on doors or entrances.
- Remove as many opportunities for crime to occur as possible.

Additional Tips for Off-Campus and South Campus Students

- Be sure all outdoor lighting fixtures on your apartment are working.
- Place items of value out of sight and in locked areas.
- Determine who is on the other side of the door before opening it.
- Report any suspicious activity to the Syracuse Police Department (911) or DPS (443-2224 or 711).
- Be sure you have blinds or curtains on your windows to discourage window peepers.
- Keep your doors locked at all times, even if you are leaving for a short time.

Spring 2010 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>



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.ocrra.org or call the Operation Separation Hotline at 453-2870

Motivational Quotes of the Week:

" An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don't." *by Anatole France*

" When you learn something from people, or from a culture, you accept it as a gift, and it is your lifelong commitment to preserve it and build on it." *by Yo-Yo Ma*

"Aerodynamically, the bumble bee shouldn't be able to fly, but the bumble bee doesn't know it so it goes on flying anyway." *By Mary Kay Ash*

" Engineering, medicine, business, architecture and painting are concerned not with the necessary but with the contingent - not with how things are but with how they might be - in short, with design."

by Herbert Simon

"The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives." *by Robert Hutchings*

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