



Syracuse University
Saturday, March 12, 2010



Have a Happy and Safe Spring Break!

!Important Announcements!



- **Income Tax Seminar** will be held on **March 16, 2010 at 2:00pm** at Heroy Geology Auditorium. CINTAX Passwords are available, please check this link: http://international.syr.edu/Tax_Information.htm Today SCIS answers four important tax questions for you. (Please read further down)
- **The Clock is Ticking on Some Practical Training Applications:**


F-1 students who will be graduating in May 2010 and plan to apply for post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) are reminded that they must submit their application paperwork to the SCIS, and then send the processed documents to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) so that it is received at the USCIS no later than 60 days after their degree conferral date, which this year is May 15, 2010.

F-1 students who have not yet begun the practical training application process are urged to do so soon so that you will have the best possible opportunity to obtain your employment authorization card in a timely manner. Currently, it is taking the USCIS Service Centers approximately 12 weeks to process OPT employment authorization applications. Employment cannot begin until you have the card "in your hands."

- Also, a student in F-1 or J-1 status cannot be employed away from the Syracuse University campus unless they have obtained appropriate federal authorization to do so before employment can begin. This includes internships, research and volunteer work.
- **Free Immigration Web Seminar for F-1 Students on March 17**

When: Wednesday, March 17
Where: Slutzker Center for International Services
Time: 1-2:30 p.m.

Do not miss this web seminar that will cover:

 - Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
 - Optional Practical Training (OPT)
 - H-1B Visas
 - F-1/H-1B Cap-Gap Relief
 - Alternatives to the H-1B Visa, including Free-Trade Agreement visas for Australians, Canadians, Mexicans, Chileans and Singaporeans; O-1 visas, etc.
 - Immigration Options for Spouses and Children
 - "Green Card" Options: Diversity Lottery, Family-Based Immigration and Employment-Based Immigration
 - Visas for Investors: Starting up Your Own Company or Buying a Business
 - U.S. Citizenship
- **To accommodate student requests at this busy time of the semester, we will have a "Walk In PT Step 2 Service" session next Wednesday, March 17, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Slutzker Center (for more detailed information please read below).**
- **Planning to travel during Spring Break - please get your I-20 or DS-2019 (for J-1 students or scholars) signed as soon as possible!**
-  **Did you know that Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday? March 14th will be the first day of Eastern Standard Time. You will want to fix your clocks and other electronic devices by setting them one hour back when you go to sleep on Saturday, March 13th.**

- Interested in taking Yoga, Pilates, Vinyasa, Tae Kwon Do, Tai Chi, Ballet, Zumba, Hip Hop, Biking (RPM), Fencing or Swimming Classes please check this website for more details: <http://recreationservices.syr.edu/Programs/fitnessclasses/index.htm>
- 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 from Feb. 4 - 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.)

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 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.

Worried that your flight might be delayed due to the weather conditions? Please contact your airline, the airport and check this website - <http://www.fly.faa.gov> (for more traveling tips please read below)

- 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

Ready to apply for Curricular or Optional Practical Training? We have a great opportunity for you!

At this time of the semester, appointment requests for curricular and optional practical training begin to "back up."

To accommodate student requests at this busy time of the semester, we will have a "Walk In PT Step 2 Service" session next **Wednesday afternoon**, March 17, from 1:00 to 4:00p.m. at the Slutzker Center . A number of advisers will be on hand to process your applications on a first come, first served basis. You may have to wait, so please bring something to read, or plan to watch television or work on the computer. We will process as many student applications as possible during the three hours. If we have more applications than we can process, we will take them in and work on them throughout the rest of the week. **Please be sure to have all documents completed and ready for advisor review.** We will work diligently to see as many students as possible during this time. If you feel that your case needs personal attention or you have many questions, please call our office to schedule a regular CPT or OPT Step 2 Appointment so that your case can get the attention it needs.

We hope that this extra service will meet the needs of students who are applying for practical

training. Of course, we will continue our regular schedule of CPT and OPT Step 2 Appointments throughout March, April and May. Depending on the utility (and success) of this walk-in session, we will consider another future date for an evening session. We look forward to serving you.

"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

Flying Out of Syracuse for Spring Break?

Carry-On Baggage: Think Small, Think Smart, Think Safe

Check with the airport for the number of carry-on bags allowed.
The maximum size carry-on for most airlines is 45 linear inches.
Keep essentials such as prescriptions, personal hygiene items, passport, important documents, and valuables (jewelry or cameras) in your possession.
Plan to check more of your baggage and carry on less.
Stow heavy items under the seat in front of you, not overhead.
No oversized packages or luggage can be stored on board.
Don't assume the flight has unlimited closet space for garment bags; some may have to be checked.
Don't pack anything in a carry-on bag that could be considered a weapon (e.g., razors, scissors, knives).

Dress the Part

Avoid wearing clothing, jewelry, or other accessories that contain metal when traveling:
Jewelry (pins, necklaces, bracelets, rings, watches, earrings, body piercings, cuff links, lanyard or bow tie). Shoes with steel tips, heels, shanks, buckles or nails.
Clothing with metal buttons, snaps or studs.
Metal hair barrettes or other hair decoration.
Belt buckles.
Passengers who wear sensible clothing can reduce their chances of serious injury in the unlikely event of an emergency.
Wear clothes made of natural fabrics such as cotton, wool, denim or leather. Synthetics may melt when heated.
Dress to cover as much skin as possible.
Wear clothing that is roomy, avoiding restrictive clothing.
Wear low-heeled, leather or canvas shoes.

Other Airport Security Issues

Arrive early. Current security measures increase time needed to check in.
Do not leave your car unattended in front of the terminal.
Keep your photo identification handy.
Keep your eyes open for unattended packages and bags, and report them to authorities.
Both carry-on and checked bags are subject to being hand-searched.
Leave all valuables at home. Do not take anything with you that you cannot afford to lose.
While packing, make a list of your luggage contents to give to the airline, in case your luggage is lost.

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.

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.

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.

Ally Development Facilitator Training Session

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.

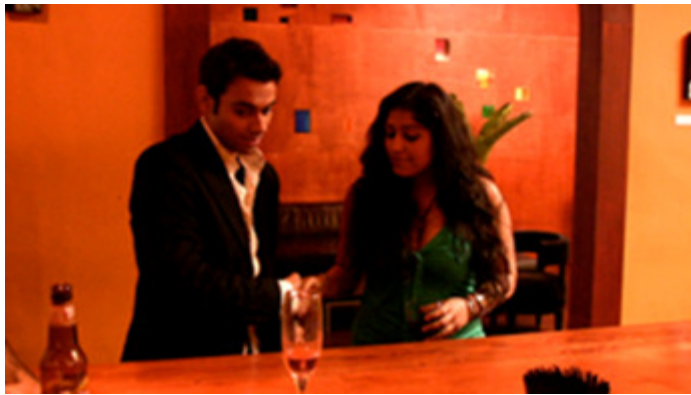
Facilitators who have completed this training are eligible to lead one hour-long ally development workshops in classrooms, residence halls, student organization meetings, etc. to discuss how to be an ally to LGBT individuals. Students, faculty, staff, and straight allies are all welcome and encouraged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

The ally development facilitator training is three hours long, and will be held on **Friday, March 26 from 1-4 p.m.** in HL 114. Please RSVP by **March 24**, or contact us with questions. lbhannah@syr.edu

All screenings begin at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. Screenings are free and open to the public. March 25 and 27 screenings will be held in Shemin Auditorium in the Schaeffer Art Building. March 26 screenings will be held in Maxwell Auditorium.

11th Annual Reel Queer Film Festival, March 25-27

All screenings begin at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. Screenings are free and open to the public. March 25 and 27 screenings will be held in Shemin Auditorium in the Schaeffer Art Building. March 26 screenings will be held in Maxwell Auditorium.



Mr. & Mrs. Singh

Thursday, March 25 - Shemin Auditorium, Schaffer Art Building

In this parody of the Hollywood movie Mr. and Mrs. Smith, an Indian American couple enter into a marriage of convenience to appease their parents. But both have a secret they're not telling!

Directed by Punam S. (USA, 2009, 12 min.)



Outrage

Thursday, March 25 - Shemin Auditorium, Schaffer Art Building

Oscar-nominated documentary filmmaker Kirby Dick sets out to expose the hypocrisy of gay politicians who passionately criticize the LGBT community in public while concealing their own sexual orientation. In addition to exposing the secret lives of powerful policymakers -- and the damage they've inflicted on LGBT Americans -- this documentary also takes a critical look at the media's involvement in keeping homophobic politicians closeted. Directed by Kirby Dick. (USA, 2009, 89 min.)



Lipstique

Friday, March 26 - Maxwell Auditorium

This entrancing music video for Silencefiction's "Lipstique" is part drag queen make-up tutorial and part drag performance. Directed by Kia Simon. (USA, 2009, 5 min.)



Dish

Friday, March 26 - Maxwell Auditorium

Emo kids Israel and Louie walk around their east Los Angeles neighborhood dishing and "sexting" about their high school classmates. After listening to Louie boast about his sexual escapades, Israel decides he has some catching up to do. Directed by Brian Harris Krinsky. (USA, 2009, 16 min.)



Still Black: A Portrait of Black Transmen

Friday, March 26 - Maxwell Auditorium

Preachers, teachers, students, and activists educate us simply by making their presence known in this documentary filled with vivid images and an open discussion about the experience of being black, transgender, and a man. Directed by Kortney Ryan Ziegler. (USA, 2008, 77 min.)



Evelyn Everyone

Saturday, March 27 - Shemin Auditorium, Schaffer Art Building

Evelyn Everyone is stuck, single, and lonely. On her thirty-third birthday she makes a final bid for love, in the online world of Second Life. But as Eve immerses herself in this world, she realizes that her fantasy lover may not be who she initially imagined. Directed by Kylie Plunkett. (Australia, 2009, 17 min.)



I Can't Think Straight

Saturday, March 27 - Shemin Auditorium, Schaffer Art Building

When Tala and Leyla meet in London and begin to have feelings for each other, it's a problem. Tala's wealthy Middle Eastern family is currently planning her wedding, while Leyla is dating Tala's male friend. But as the forbidden feelings between the two women grow, they learn

things about themselves that will change the course of their lives. Directed by Shamim Sarif. (UK, 2008, 84 min.)

For more information, e-mail opendoorssu@gmail.com or visit <http://students.syr.edu/opendoors/>. These events are sponsored by Open Doors, Syracuse University's group for queer graduate students and friends. Co-sponsored by LGBT Studies, the LGBT Resource Center, the School of Education and Cultural Foundations of Education.

Mynavi Global Career EXPO 2010/ "Tokyo Summer"

(Job Fair for Japanese-speaking Students!)

Date & Time:

Monday, June 21st 10:00-17:30

Tuesday, June 22nd 10:00-17:30

Place:Tokyo Big Sight (Tokyo, Japan)

Our website (in Japanese) <http://global.mynavi.jp/index.html>

All majors are welcome.

Companies from the following industries participated in 2009.

Automobile/ Banking/ Chemical/ Communication/ Consulting/ Education/Electronic/ Energy/ Entertainment/ Financial/ Food/ Human Resources/Insurance/ IT/ Manufacturing/ Media/ NGO/ NPO/ Publication/ Real Estate/ Research/ Trade/ Travel etc.

Take Back the Night, 2010!S

Wednesday, April 14, 7:30 PM: Take Back the Night, on the steps of Hendricks Chapel /sponsored by the Syracuse University R.A.P.E. Center



Saturday, March 27, 12-4pm: "The Unity

Movement." The Unity Movement provides a safe space for the student body, faculty and administration at Syracuse University to openly address the concerns of our campus. For additional information contact Ayoni Warburton, aswarbur@syr.edu.

IMAX Movie: The Magic of Flight

Location:

Museum of Science & Technology (MOST)

500 S. Franklin St.

Syracuse, NY 13202

Telephone: 315-425-9068 x2132

See website for more information

Website: http://www.most.org/2_ot_moflight.cfm

The Magic of Flight, which is narrated by Tom Selleck, is more than the story of machines. The film is the story of human potential and the importance of training and performance. In The Magic of Flight, we are inspired by a bird's innate ease to take flight and we review efforts made to imitate this ability. Aviation historian Tom Crouch, of the National Air and Space Museum, Washington D.C., lends his expertise and light-hearted humor as he recalls early flight attempts and the ultimate successful flight of the Wright Brothers in 1903.

The cutting edge of aerial photography is a familiar place for MacGillivray Freeman Films. The production company produced the large format films To Fly!, Flyers, Speed and At Sea. Director and Co-Producer Greg MacGillivray reveals, "Ever since we made To Fly!, I've wanted to do a science film about flight, depicting how airplanes fly and how pilots train to react under split-second tolerances."

Take to the skies in this enchanting film that captures dramatic landscapes, aerial stunts, and the pure freedom of unencumbered flight. Whether you are interested in participating in the sheer excitement of a Blue Angels air show, or learning about the evolution of flight, scientifically and historically, The Magic of Flight includes the entire experience. There is no better way to feel like you are right there in the air.

Opening Saturday January 2nd.

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.

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 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.

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 <http://publicsafety.syr.edu>

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

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.

March 8- Zumba
March 22- Boot Camp
March 29- Hip Hop

April 5 - Pilates
April 12 - Power Hour
April 19 - Yoga'lates
April 26 - Zumba

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/enews12-09.pdf>

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



R.A.P.E. Center volunteers

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.

Reminder On Parking Regulations In University Neighborhood 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.

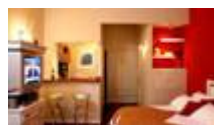
Use crosswalks, and don't start walking until you see the "WALK" signal.

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
- 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.

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

- Phone: 443-1049
- 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.

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.

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