



Syracuse University

Friday, July 2, 2010



**We would like to wish everyone a happy Independence Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July and to remind everyone to have a safe holiday weekend!**

*In the United States, Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, political speeches and ceremonies, and various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the national day of the United States. To learn more about the Independence Day, visit: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence\\_Day\\_\(United\\_States\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Day_(United_States))*

**Fireworks!** The **Syracuse Symphony** will be at Thompson Park this evening starting at **8 p.m.**, having their annual fireworks display in conjunction with the Symphony.

Fireworks displays on **July 4<sup>th</sup>** can be found over **Boat Castle, in Alexandria Bay**, beginning at dark, as well as in **Sackets Harbor** at the Sackets Harbor Battlefield Historic Site.

Cape Vincent residence will have to wait until **July 10<sup>th</sup>** for their celebratory fireworks at their **annual French Festival**. Fireworks will be shot off the break wall located in front of the Horne's Ferry dock and U.S. Customs site.

Also having a fireworks display on **July 10<sup>th</sup> is Carthage**. Their annual fireworks will be held at duck at the **Turning Point Park**. <http://www.myabc50.com/news/local/story/4th-of-July-Fireworks/zWU76rgGTUGkhHTaZxoEQ.csp>



#### **World Cup Games 2010!**

The time has come again! The Slutzker Center for International Services is proud to host all World Cup Games airing on ESPN/ESPN 2 and ESPN 360 Monday-Friday from 8:00am - 4:30pm. If there is a strong interest in attending weekend games then we must know in advance and the center will work on accommodating those who are interested.

Come cheer on your favorite team with friends and don't forget your team colors! There is a no alcohol policy here at the center, but we do welcome those who want to bring along refreshments and snacks. The Games will run through July 11. Most of the games are aired throughout the course of the day. We will have a schedule available of all games here at the center.

Don't miss out on one of the most exciting months in sports here at the Slutzker center!

#### **The World Cup at the Inn Complete!**



The Inn Complete will be open and showing all (but three) of the World Cup games. Please see the following link for all the dates and times: <http://foodservices.syr.edu/pdf/World%20Cup%20poster.pdf>

**The Inn Complete** is located on Skytop Road on South Campus

### ! Important Announcements!

- The ICS and SCIS invite you to join us for a FREE picnic with lots of good food at Onondaga Park on Saturday, July 10th from 1:00 to 5:00pm. (For more information please read below and see the attached flyer)**
- The Slutzker Center for International Services and other SU offices will be closed on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day.**
- NOTE:** For Syracuse University F-1 students, a full-time course load is required during the Fall and Spring semesters. Full time enrollment means **Graduate** students must enroll for at least **9 credits** every semester. **Undergraduate** students must register for at least **12 credits** every semester. Students are not required to enroll in courses during the Summer. However, **if Summer session is your first semester** then you must maintain full time enrollment of at least 6 credits for that summer session.

Under Federal Immigration Rules, **to maintain F-1 status, no more than 3 online credits per semester may count towards the "full course of study" requirement.** For example, a graduate student required to register for 9 credits per semester to maintain full time status can take only 3 of those credits through an on-line class each semester – **6 credits must be live, in classroom courses.**

However, an F-1 student can take as many on-line or distance education as they wish (with SCIS's approval) during the Summer or over Winter break.

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. **If a student needs less than a full course load in the final semester to finish his/her degree, the course(s) cannot be taken solely online or as distance education. You must be enrolled in a live, in classroom course during your last semester.**


Students considering on-line courses or courses at a different institution should first discuss the plan with an SCIS advisor. It is necessary to maintain valid F-1 status at all times.
- The Clock is Ticking on Some Practical Training Applications:**

**F-1 students who will be graduating this August 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.**


**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.**
- Effective immediately, the Slutzker Center can no longer allow friends or others to submit documents to, or collect documents from, the Slutzker Center on behalf of another student. Students who are no longer in the Syracuse area may have their documents mailed to them directly from the Slutzker Center or students may, at their expense, have their documents sent via federal express. This new procedure will help assure the security and privacy of students' identity and documents. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
- Students who will be ending their studies this July/August but have no plans to apply for practical training (F-1), academic training (J-1) or continue at a new school or in a new field or level of study (i.e. Master's, J.D., Ph.D), or seek a change of non-immigrant status must depart the United States within 60 days of their academic program end date if they are in F-1 status (see item #5 on your current I-20), or within 30 days if they are in J-1 status.**
- Planning to Study Abroad during the Fall 2010 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.**
- Regal Movie Tickets**

The Schine Student Center Box Office offers two types of Regal Movie Tickets - both at discounted prices.



The VIP Super Saver ticket program is \$7.00 and does carry some minor restrictions during the first 12 days of selected new release films. VIP Super Saver Tickets have No Expiration Date.



The PREMIERE Super Saver ticket is \$8.00, BUT WITH NO RESTRICTIONS! Premiere Super Saver tickets are valid anytime, any show, seven days a week. Yes, even on the opening night of blockbuster films! Premiere Super Saver Tickets have No Expiration Date.

For more information visit the website: <http://students.syr.edu/boxoffice/content/regal.html>

■ 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 During the Summer?

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? Please contact your airline, the airport and check this website - <http://www.fly.faa.gov>

■ 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 the front and back of your EAD card" and e-mail us a copy of it to [lescis@syr.edu](mailto:lescis@syr.edu).

■ Students who are planning to do an Internship this Summer/Fall 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?

All International Students and Scholars that will be moving out from the "Campus Housing" must update the US Address where you will be living during the Summer and Fall semesters via your "MySlice self-service" and select CURR address.

You must update your address immediately in order to be in compliance with the Immigration. If you do not update your addresses we will not be able to register your record with SEVIS and you will be jeopardizing your Immigration requirements to comply with reporting changes of addresses while you are here in the USA and at Syracuse University.

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 address changes or you are in violation of your status. [http://international.syr.edu/address\\_update\\_opt.htm](http://international.syr.edu/address_update_opt.htm)

## The International Center of Syracuse and The Lillian and Emanuel Slutzker Center for International Services

**\*\* INVITE YOU TO \*\***

Join us for a **FREE** fun picnic with lots of good food at Onondaga Park



**When: Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Time: 1:00pm to 5:00pm**

**Where: Picnic Shelter at Upper Onondaga Park**

You are invited to the beautiful Onondaga Lake Park for an afternoon of eating, hiking, games, music and relaxing with old or new friends. Please bring a dish to share. Soft drinks, plates, and eating utensils will be provided.

Meet us at the SCIS building by 12:15pm if you need a ride or if you'll be driving others. The picnic will be held rain or shine under a covered pavilion. For more information about the park, please visit <http://www.onondagacountyparks.com/olp/shelters#willow> or call 315-453-6712.

RSVP by Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Please fill out the attached form and e-mail it to [ics@broadviewnet.net](mailto:ics@broadviewnet.net)

OR return it to the International Center of Syracuse (ICS) at **930 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13203**. If you have any additional questions please contact Elane Granger (315-416-1486), Kevin Magdon (315-431-2213) or Vicki Smith (315- 471-0252).

**U.S. Immigration Requirements If You Are Leaving Syracuse University Permanently.**

SCIS advisers are often asked what the immigration requirements are if a student will no longer be continuing at SU, either because the student is returning to his/her home country, or is beginning Practical Training or Academic Training, or because the student is going to begin study at a new school.

Regardless of your plans, retain your old I-20s (or DS-2019s)! These forms represent your immigration history in the United States and should be kept in a safe place as you would keep any important document in case you might need them in the future. The immigration regulatory process for **transferring** your F-1 status from Syracuse University to a new school in the United States requires you to complete a Transfer Out Form with the SCIS so that your federal SEVIS record can be transferred to your new school. The Transfer Out Form and more detailed information may be found on our website: [http://international.syr.edu/transfer\\_out.htm](http://international.syr.edu/transfer_out.htm)

Also, follow your new school's instructions for Transfer In forms, obtaining your I-20, and for reporting to that school in a timely fashion.

Students who will be ending their studies this May but have no plans to apply for practical training (F-1), academic training (J-1) or continue at a new school or in a new field or level of study (i.e. Master's, J.D., PhD), or seek a change of non-immigrant status must depart the United States within 60 days of their academic program end date if they are in F-1 status (see item #5 on your current I-20), or within 30 days if they are in J-1 status.

#### Friday Night Flicks! On the Quad



**Friday, July 9** - movie starts at **8 p.m.**

**"The Express"** - Dennis Quaid, Rob Brown, Omar Benson Miller/ Rated PG

Based on the incredible true story of Syracuse University football hero Ernie

Davis, the first African American to win the Heisman Trophy. Davis was recruited

by the Syracuse Orangemen and proceeded to break down one barrier after

another on his way to becoming an icon for the civil rights movement that divided America in the early '60s.

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**Friday, July 23** - movie starts at **9 p.m.**

**"The Bounty Hunter"** - Jennifer Aniston, Gerard Butler, Christine Baranski

Rated PG-13

A bounty hunter learns that his next target is his ex-wife, a

reporter working on a murder cover up. Soon after their reunion,

the always-at-odds duo finds themselves on a run-for-their-lives

adventure.

#### International Student Services Intern Wanted!

The Office of International Student Services (ISS) at The New School is seeking a graduate student intern. ISS provides undergraduate and graduate students, professors and scholars with immigration advising and programming relevant to enhancing services and assisting internationals at our institution. The New School is located near Union Square in the Greenwich Village area of New York City. The position is unpaid. Interns may wish to seek academic credit from their home institutions or programs.

*Applicants must be available 15-20 hours per week, preferably for full days, from July 1st through December 31st, 2010 (with mutually agreed upon breaks). Some evening hours may be required.*

Interns will have the opportunity to participate in and shadow advisors providing services such as:

- Orientation and Welcome Week planning and execution
- Basic ISS processes, including student advising, meetings, and activities
- Assisting with SEVIS Registration Check-in Process
- Basic F-1/J-1 application processing
- International Education Week planning
- International Club support and mentoring
- Other special projects and duties as assigned

Qualified candidates must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Master degree candidate in Student Personnel and Higher Education Administration or International Education; or comparable work or educational experience
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Team orientation and flexibility
- Proficiency in MS Word and MS Office products; and in Internet usage

Interested applicants can send a cover letter and resume to:

Thomas Sirinides

Assistant Director

International Student Services

The New School

79 Fifth Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10003

#### FY 2010 H1B Updates

#### FY 2011 H-1B Cap Count

Cap Type	Cap Amount	Cap Eligible Petitions	Petition Target	Date of Last Count
H-1B Regular Cap	65,000	23,500		6/25/2010
H-1B Master's Exemption	20,000	10,000		6/25/2010

For more information and latest updates on H1B Visa cap count, please visit the [USCIS](#) website.

#### Weekly Salsa Update

Your "WEEKLY SALSA UPDATE" is organized as follows:

#### Orchestra "Salsa-Son-Timba" Summer Performance Schedule:

- \* Mon, July 12th, 7 - 9pm, Johnson Park, Liverpool, FREE!!!
- \* Fri, July 23rd, 11:30pm - 1:30am, at Havana Nights, Ballybay Pub/ Nightclub, 550 Richmond Ave, Syracuse, \$10
- \* Fri, July 30th, 8:15 - 9:15pm, NE Jazz & Wine Fest, Clinton Square, Syracuse, FREE
- \* Sun, August 29th, 8 - 9pm, NY State Fair's Pan-African Village, FREE with admission to the Fair.
- \* Sat, September 18th, Syracuse Latin Festival, more details to follow.

#### "Noche de Unidad" Latin Dance Sat, July 10th in Ithaca!



[www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com](http://www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com)

#### This Friday: Familia's "Havana Nights Latin Dance Party"

the **LARGEST** weekly Latin dance in the history of Syracuse!

...with 100-150 in attendance EVERY week! Beginner dancers ALWAYS WELCOME!

- \* 9:30pm - 2am ... \$5 admission.
- \* VENUE: Ballybay Pub/Nightclub, 550 Richmond Ave, Syracuse, [Map](#)
- \* DJ "la Maquina" spins CNY's finest Latin mix direct from the streets of la Habana, Puerto Rico, Colombia y todo el mundo!
- \* **Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Chachacha, Reggaeton y Timba!**
- \* HUGE hardwood dance floor!!!
- \* Off street parking, full service bar, air conditioned!
- \* **Beginner "Salsa Survival Lesson": 8:15-9:30pm (see Sec 3, below)**
- \* 17+ event...students ALWAYS welcome!
- \* "bridging cultures through dance...one step at a time"!!!

EVERY MONDAY - Syracuse

#### La Familia's Salsa @ Suds Latin Dance!

- \* DJed Latin dance & practical!
- \* 7:00pm - 10pm ... FREE
- \* Beginners & college students welcome!
- \* Syracuse Suds Factory, 320 S Clinton St, Syracuse, NY [Map](#)
- \* "bridging cultures through dance...one step at a time"!!!

EVERY FRIDAY - Syracuse:

**Beginner Salsa "Survival" Lesson!**

OUR MOST POPULAR CLASS taught by Brian A. Bromka, La Familia's Founder, Artistic Director & Master Instructor ([read his bio](#))  
 Friday nights ... 8:15 - 9:30pm, just prior to Havana Nights Latin Dance! (see Sec 2, above)  
 \$7 (or \$10 for lesson + dance)  
 Student discount - only \$8 for lesson and dance (must show ID!)!  
 Ballybay Pub/Nightclub, 550 Richmond Ave., Syracuse, NY, [Map](#)  
 Class Description: Learn fundamentals of "the most FUN you will ever have on the dance floor"! You'll LOVE it or your money back!!!  
 NO partner necessary. NO experience necessary.

To view the entire weekly schedule of classes [www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com](http://www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com)

**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

**Pedestrian Safety Tips**

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](http://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.

**Summer 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](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>

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**Note:** If you would like to submit a request to publish your news or events in our SCIS Newsletter. Please contact **Daniela Baban Hurrle** at [dbabanhu@syr.edu](mailto:dbabanhu@syr.edu)

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