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### 1. Free Immigration Web Seminar for F-1 Students

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Presented by the Wolfsdorf Immigration Law Group

**When:** Wednesday, April 27

**Where:** Maxwell Auditorium, Room 100

**Time:** 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Do not miss this web seminar that will cover:

- 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.
- Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
- Optional Practical Training (OPT)
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- "Green Card" Options: Diversity Lottery, Family-Based Immigration and Employment-Based Immigration
- U.S. Citizenships

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### 2. Walk In PT Step 2 Service

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To accommodate student requests at this busy time of the semester, we will have another "Walk In PT Step 2 Service" session this Monday afternoon, April 25th, from 3:00pm to 4:00pm and also next Monday on May 2nd from 1:00pm to 3:00pm 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 two 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.

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 April and May. Depending on the utility (and success) of this walk-in session, we will consider another future date for an evening session.

**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.

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We look forward to serving you.

**The Clock is Ticking on Some Practical Training Applications:**

F-1 students who will be graduating in May 2011 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, 2011.

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 75-90 days to process OPT employment authorization applications. Employment cannot begin until you have the card "in your hands."
3. Mix it up
   
**SLUTZKER CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICES**

**310 WALNUT PLACE**

**FUN** MIX-IT-UP **FOOD**

**EVENTS**

A forum for students of all backgrounds to explore international and cultural differences and similarities, creating a more peaceful, sustainable, and interdependent global community!

**SPRING SEMESTER 2011**

- 5:00pm on Wednesday

   - April 27th

Contact Elane Granger: elcarras@syr.edu

Questions?

4. **INVITATION TO JOIN US AT THE SLUTZKER CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICES TO WATCH PRINCE WILLIAM OF WALES MARRY KATE MIDDLETON.**

   Television coverage begins at 5:30 a.m., and the actual wedding will take place at 6:00 a.m.

   If you would like to join us, please stop by the Slutzker Center for an invitation on Monday or Tuesday next week (4/25 or 4/26). If 15 or more people would like to do this, we will open at 5:30 a.m. and serve tea and crumpets while watching the ceremony, and cut a wedding cake after.

   RSVP by picking up a number ticket next week. We will only take "reservations" on Monday and Tuesday. If not enough people are interested, we won't hold the event. It is up to you!

5. **Mayfest 2011**

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The Office of Special Events is looking forward to partnering with each of the schools and colleges as we prepare to celebrate our students' accomplishments, and showcase our notices to students and families through this social media tool. We encourage you to share our Facebook address and help us build our 'friend' list.

The Engineering convocation has outgrown its previous Schine Student Center location and will move to Manley Field House at 9:00 a.m.; Management will move to the Carrier Dome for a 3:00 pm Convocation; and VPA will shift its Dome Convocation start time to the evening (7:00 p.m.). Graduate Management will move into Schine at noon. Manley Field House will hold three Convocations in the refurbished football practice arena (Engineering, Education, and Human Ecology) and the Carrier Dome will host four Convocations (Arts and Sciences, Newhouse, Management, Visual and Performing Arts) eliminating the dinner dance option. There will be other campus dining opportunities offered this year at the University.

Also new this year, SU Commencement is on Facebook at facebook.com/sucommencement. We look forward to communicating important Commencement-related updates and changes, which evolved from a variety of factors including a larger class size, new campus venue guidelines, off-campus venue limitations and more. To view the Convocation and Reception schedule, please visit our website, http://commencement.syr.edu/

If you are found to have an "open container" of an alcoholic beverage in public (i.e. not at a sanctioned event such as Walnut Park), you might be arrested. Also, "public intoxication" is a serious offense and could result not only in suspension from the university, but loss of your non-immigrant student status in the U.S.

A special letter to international students from the Director

Dear Students,

As you must be aware, the University will be hosting a celebration of the end of the semester on April 29 right outside the Slutzker Center, on Walnut Park. This party will be well supported by the University, with free food, drinks (both alcoholic for those over 21 and non-alcoholic for those under 21 or who do not choose to drink alcohol) and entertainment. I encourage you to participate and enjoy the afternoon, and perhaps some of the SCIS staff will see you there!

However, we understand that some students may be planning parties in other locations that day. It is our VERY STRONG WARNING to you not to participate in any party which might violate university, city, state or federal laws or regulations. "Open container" laws will be strictly enforced by the Syracuse Police Department.

Please don't put yourself in jeopardy! Enjoy the sponsored party on Walnut Park, and the Block Party in the Dome afterwards (if you have a ticket!) and then be sure to have a good night's sleep at home, in your own comfortable bed! Spending the night in the local jail or hospital after excessive "partying" is not a good way to end the semester.

We hope that you have a wonderful end to this semester. If we can be of any assistance, please feel free to call upon us!

Sincerely,
Dr. Patricia A. Burak
Director, Slutzker Center for International Services

6. Commencement Weekend

Commencement Weekend (May 13-15) planning has been underway for several months, bringing with it new opportunities, new collaborations, and changes to the weekend's schedule of events. I want to take the opportunity now, as we prepare to send the Commencement Information Booklet to students and parents – to bring you up to date on these changes, which evolved from a variety of factors including a larger class size, new campus venue guidelines, off-campus venue limitations and more. To view the Convocation and Reception schedule, please visit our website, http://commencement.syr.edu/

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7. SU SHOWCASE

April 20, 2011
A full schedule of fun and interactive programs is slated for SU Showcase 2011. "Sustainability for a Livable Future" on May 2 in the Schine Student Center. Both the campus community and the general public are invited to explore the various attractions geared toward sustainability novices and gurus alike.

The full SU Showcase schedule of events running from April 25 – May 2 is as follows:

**April 25, with a sustainable dinner to be served up in all SU dining halls. Each day for the rest of the week other sustainability-related events will be held to raise the campus's environmental awareness and generate excitement for the May 2 Showcase main event.**

A sustainable dinner, concert and films is just a sampling of the pre-SU Showcase events set for the week leading up to the big day. The weeklong schedule will begin on Monday, April 25, with a sustainable dinner to be served up in all SU dining halls. Each day for the rest of the week other sustainability-related events will be held to raise the campus's environmental awareness and generate excitement for the May 2 Showcase main event.

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- **April 25**
  - Sustainable Dinner
  - All SU dining halls
  - A special menu of locally-sourced foods presented by SU Food Services.
  - http://visitsyracuse.org/dine

- **April 26**
  - 7 p.m. • "Crude" film screening
  - Life Sciences Complex, Room 105

- **April 27**
  - 7:30 p.m. • Big Tree concert
  - Jabberwocky Café, Schine Student Center, free general admission.

- **April 28**
  - 7:00 p.m. • Block Party in the Dome afterwards (if you have a ticket!)
  - 10:00 p.m. • "Sustainability for a Livable Future" on May 2 in the Schine Student Center.

- **April 29**
  - 9:00 a.m. • Engineering convocation at Manley Field House.
  - Management convocation at the Carrier Dome.
  - VPA convocation at the Carrier Dome.
  - All other Convocations in Schine Student Center.

- **April 30**
  - 12:00 p.m. • Environmental Awareness Day at home.
  - 5:00 p.m. • Graduate Management convocation in Schine Student Center.

**Back to SU SHOWCASE**
Art for a Livable Future
Menschel Gallery, 3d Floor, Schine Student Center.
Photography and multimedia art by SU and SUNY-ESF students, faculty and staff.
April 28
7 p.m. • “Plastic Planet” film screening
http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1292648/
Life Sciences Complex, Room 105
MONDAY, MAY 2
SU Showcase “Sustainability for a Livable Future”
Schine Student Center (unless otherwise noted)
8 a.m.
Climate Change in Our Own backyard, and the Effect of Arctic Warming
Presenter: Dave Eichorn, Meteorologist
Schine 304. Buffet breakfast provided.
9 a.m. • 5 p.m.
GREEN MUSEUM
Schine Student Center Atrium and Panasci Lounge on 3d Floor; Syracuse Center of Excellence
• Showcase Fellows exhibits on Energy, Lifestyles, Stuff, Sustenance and Infrastructure themes
• Timeline of “The Anthropocene Era,” tracing human impacts on global ecosystems
• All day: Interactive exhibits, games, prototypes, posters, and 3-D displays
• All day: First annual Syracuse Sustainability Video Exhibition
Special events
• 10 a.m. • Tour of Sustainable SU
Visit the Syracuse Center of Excellence building, 207 E. Washington St., and other sites of interest
• 11 a.m. • “Voices in the Wind”
A puppet production by students from SU and Van Duyn Elementary School in Syracuse, under the direction of Geoffrey Navias of Open Hand Theater.
• 12-2 p.m. • “Kill a Watt”
Engineering students will measure the energy drain from your portable devices.
• 1 p.m. • Fashion Show
Recycled and up-cycled fashions by students in the College of Visual and Performing Arts.
• 2 p.m. • Tour of Sustainable SU
Visit the Syracuse Center of Excellence building, 207 E. Washington St., and other sites of interest.
• 2-4 p.m. • Presentations of student research and designs
• 4 p.m. • Fashion Show
Recycled and up-cycled fashions by students in the College of Visual and Performing Arts.
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Atrium Market
Schine Atrium
Local produce and products including cheeses, baked goods, jewelry, pottery, lotions and garden supplies will be available for purchase.
All day
Schine Dining Food Court
Featured local and sustainable foods will be available for purchase.
6 p.m.
The Politics of Environmentalism
Presented by Democracy Matters
Schine 304
7:30 pm
Visualizing Climate Change
“Mapping the Threat of Sea Level Rise” by Mark Monmonier, SU Geography
“The Canary Project: Art and Media that Deepen Public Understanding of Climate Change” by Susannah Sayler and Ed Morris, College of Visual and Performing Arts
Some SU Showcase events and times are still being finalized and other events may be added. For the latest updates and additional details on all scheduled events, visit http://sushowcase.syr.edu/Schedule_2011.html.
There are still a limited number of opportunities to participate in SU Showcase, and more event volunteers are needed to help run the day’s activities. For more information visit http://sushowcase.syr.edu/Registration_2011.html.

8. South Asian Students Association:
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9. Ten Tons of Love – Call for Volunteers

Ten Tons of Love is Syracuse University and SUNY ESF’s semi-annual food and clothing drive. Last year more than 45 tons of donated goods were collected. Ten Tons of Love is only possible with the assistance of many volunteers to help load, move and sort all the donated items. Thank you in advance for taking the time to volunteer. We couldn’t do it without you!

From **April 27 to May 17**, volunteers are needed to assist with loading and moving in. Shifts run from 9AM to 1PM, unless otherwise specified. Volunteers should meet at Goldstein Student Center on South Campus.

*This opportunity involves some heavy lifting.*

To sign up to volunteer, please visit [http://tentons.syr.edu](http://tentons.syr.edu)

10. Student Activities

**Student Activities**

Break out your hypercolor shirts and best Fresh Prince imitation because Senior Celebration 2011 is coming! ‘Cuse love's the 90's is the theme for this year so Save the date to volunteer for **Thursday, May 12 from 9pm-1am** at the War Memorial in Downtown Syracuse. More information will be coming soon!

Sarah Ross Cappella
Associate Director, Office of Student Activities

11. Hendricks Chapel

In March, a diverse group of 11 Syracuse University students—Buddhist, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Pagan, undecided and hyphenated combinations thereof—traveled to London for “Many Faiths, One Humanity,” an interfaith study experience and experiment in religious pluralism.

Interlaced among the experience were opportunities to simply “be,” as the students and other participants walked through London and video recorded the world unfolding from moment to moment as part of a contemplative video art project.

The public is invited to view and meditate upon these video recordings of everyday moments on **Monday, April 25, at 8 p.m.** in Hendricks' main chapel. The event is free and open to the public. A talk back session with students will follow the screening.

During the 10 days in London, the students experienced both history and contemporary culture. They climbed hills historically revered by Pagans; traveled from mosques, to churches, to synagogues; visited memorials to the Holocaust, the downfall of the Berlin wall, and the Blitz; and paused to notice peaceful emptiness at the Buddhist society.

Working alongside Beffel, the students used video and photography to discover different perspectives through the simple act of slowing down. They made images of daily scenes as they traveled, ranging from those that inspire awe to those that compel us to transform our world. The images allowed students to share their perspectives with one another and those they met as they traveled in London. The images have been a springboard for fostering discussion, both in London and now in Syracuse.

Students also shared their experiences through writings and photos at [http://onehumanity.syr.edu](http://onehumanity.syr.edu)

12. Earth Day:

Orange Dhoom: The 1st Annual SASA Dance Show will be held in Goldstein Auditorium on Sunday, May 1. The show will feature a variety of music and dance performances, and various other attractions. Tickets will be available at the Schine Box Office shortly. For more details, visit [http://www.facebook.com/syracusesasa](http://www.facebook.com/syracusesasa)
Every year, over 100 Syracuse University and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry students, faculty, staff and Syracuse area residents gather to pick up litter in the University neighborhood.

Participants will meet at the Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave., at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 30th. Students, staff, and community members will meet for breakfast and to receive materials and assignments before we break up in groups to clean up the neighborhood for a couple of hours.

Volunteers can sign up at: http://earthday.syr.edu/

Questions? Please contact:
Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services
754 Ostrom Avenue
Syracuse, NY 13244
315-443-5489
fax: 315-443-2343
email: ofcampus@syr.edu

13. The Art of Living:

The Art of Living
Breathing Techniques, Low Impact Yoga & Meditation

COURSE BENEFITS
Breathing techniques to eliminate stress & tension. Skills for improving relationships at home and at work. Tools to handle your mind and negative emotions.

Learn Sudarshan Kriya
An immensely powerful technique that incorporates specific natural rhythms of breath to release stress and purify the entire system by releasing toxins at the deepest cellular levels.

HEALTH, HAPPINESS & ENERGY

14. Free Yoga Workshop
15. Easter Break Recreation Schedule.

16. Travel Seminars:

Travel Seminars starting everyday from April 18th.
- Monday – 5:00pm
- Tuesday – 12:00pm
- Wednesday – 1:30pm
- Thursday – 10:00am
- Friday – 12:00pm

17. Practical Training Seminars

Additional Practical Training seminars will be held on the following days:
- CPT – 3:00pm
- OPT – 3:45pm

4/29/2011, Friday
5/4/2011, Wednesday

18. Important Upcoming Dates

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19. Graduate Student Newsletter ~ April 2011

**Events**

- April 26—WiSE Norma Slepecky Lecture and Award Ceremony. Dr. Catherine Badgley. Tues, 4-5:30pm. Life Science Complex 105
- May 7—Graduate Student Organization End-of-Semester Social. Sat, 5pm. Inn Complete.
- May 13—Doctoral Hooding Ceremony (by invitation only). Fri, Schine Student Center
- May 14—All College Convocations. Sat, 9am-7pm. Various locations
- May 15—Syracuse University Commencement. Sun, 9:30am. Carrier Dome

**Deadlines**

- May 1—Receipt-of-degree deadline for doctoral candidates participating in Commencement.
- May 2—Diploma Request Form deadline for masters and doctoral candidates participating in commencement.
- May 6—Registration deadline for FPP conference attendees.

**From the Office of Enrollment Management**

- Click on the links below...
  - Tips for Your Final Semester
  - Procedures of Defending a Thesis or Dissertation
  - Thesis Format Guidelines
  - Graduation Deadlines

For full-length articles and events, click here!

20. Motorcycle Show

Heart of New York Motorcycle Show

New motorcycles, custom motorcycles, vintage motorcycles, parts, accessories, leather, destinations, music, Ms. Heart of NY Contest, Tattoo Contest, People's Choice Bike Contest, food, friends, a good time!

**Hours:** Saturday 11am-6pm; Sunday 11am-5pm
**Date(s):** 04/30/2011, 05/01/2011
**Location:** Empire Expo Center/NYS Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd, Syracuse, NY 13209
**Cost:** $10 per person
**Website:** Visit Web Site; Email: lisa@sterlingfestival.com; Telephone: 315-947-5782

21. Watch Free Movies on Campus.

“Following the death of his father, Britt Reid, heir to his father's large company, teams up with his late dad's assistant Kato to become a masked crime fighting team.”

**THURSDAY & SUNDAY: SOUTH CAMPUS R 8:00PM, Room 201RABC in the Goldstein Student Center**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY: NORTH CAMPUS R 8:00PM, Gifford Auditorium in HBC Hall**

22. Help SU beat UConn in month-long blood drive competition

Students, faculty and staff at Syracuse University and University of Connecticut will compete in the annual “Are you up for the challenge?: Give Blood” competition. For the second year, the competition determines which school donates the most pints of blood to the American Red Cross.

The SU vs. UConn Blood Battle, sponsored by the American Red Cross and the Division of Student Affairs, takes place throughout the month of April, which is also blood drive month for the American Red Cross. All blood donations collected on campus this year will benefit the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. Nine drives will be held on the SU campus in April, beginning Wednesday, April 6 in SUNY ESF's Nifkin Lounge from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

*Hosting blood drives on campus allows Syracuse University students, faculty and staff to conveniently give back to their community,” says Bridget Yule, director of Student Center & Programming Services. “It's a win-win situation: save a life and beat UConn in a competition!"
For the full Spring 2011 Fitness class Schedule

April 25 – Pilates
April 18 – Power Hour

The maximum enrollment for each class will vary based on the activity. Please arrive early for each class:

Blood drives on campus:
- April 26: Flanagan Gymnasium 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- April 27: Haven Hall noon - 5 p.m.

For more information about the SU vs. UConn Blood Battle and campus blood drives, contact Yule at 443-9142 or bmyule@syr.edu. Not everyone is eligible to donate blood, and blood donation is not the only way to support this event. If you are interested in volunteering to support the effort, in lieu of donating blood, please contact Lynne Fox at foxlyn@usa.redcross.org.

23. Late Night at the Gym

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24. LGBT events

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Monday, May 3, 2011
7:30pm to 9:00pm
New to ‘Quse
New to ‘Quse is a discussion group for students new to SU and/or the LGBTQ community on campus. This is a great way to meet people and to find out what is happening on campus.

Location: LGBT Resource Center
Sponsoring department/organization: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center, The Division of Student Affairs
Contact: Lauren Hahnah, E-Mail: lwhannah@syr.edu, 443-3983

TransCuse
Tuesday, May 3, 2011
5:30pm

TransCuse is a bi-weekly discussion group for transgender-identified students, faculty, and staff and their partners and friends. Discussion topics are determined by the group based on interests.

Location: LGBT Resource Center
Sponsoring department/organization: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center, The Division of Student Affairs
Contact: Lauren Adamski, E-Mail: lbadamsk@syr.edu, 443-3983

25. Healthy Monday Campaign

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Move It Monday is a part of the Healthy Campus Initiative. 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 fitness classes will be offered for FREE every Monday from 1:00pm-1:50pm in the Flanagan Exercise Room on a first-come, first-served basis. The maximum enrollment for each class will vary based on the activity. Please arrive early for each class:

April 18 – Power Hour
April 25 – Pilates

For the full Spring 2011 Fitness class Schedule, click here

Registration Begins Friday 1/21/11 at 8am

Meatless Monday
Every Monday, choose a meatless option at dining centers or where you decide to eat. Also, be sure to check out the Try Me program at Dining Services!

Time: All Day, Monday, April 25th, 2011
Location: Campus Dining Centers
Sponsoring department/organization: Healthy Monday Campaign
Contact: Jessica Leeds, 443-5775

Restock Monday:
Visit Health Services from 9 a.m. until noon to stock up on condoms, fresh fruit and tea or swing by Schine Atrium from 12-3 p.m. for condoms, lubricant and dental dams!

Time: All Day, Monday, April 25th, 2011
Location: Health Services & Schine Atrium

Stress Less Monday:
Feeling stressed? Stop by Schine Atrium from 12-3 p.m. for a professional massage!

Time: 12:00pm to 3:00pm, Monday, April 25th, 2011
Location: Schine Atrium

Meditation Monday:
Meditation helps you reconnect and renew. Clear your mind by coming to a meditation class at 2 p.m. in the Lower Hendricks Chapel.

Time: 2:00pm, Monday, April 25th, 2011
Location: Hendricks Chapel

SU Toast Toastmasters Club Meeting

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Planning to Study Abroad during the Summer 2011 semester? If so, please talk to an international advisor at the Slutzker Center soon. There are steps which you must take in order to ensure your continued non-immigrant status for re-entry to the U.S.

MEETING YOUR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Syracuse University Health Services has determined that many international students are not in compliance with immunization requirements defined by New York State public health law. Enrolled students found not to be in compliance risk strict administrative consequences including inability to register, suspension of I.D. card privileges, and may be required to leave campus.

You must be in compliance with these immunization requirements in order to remain on campus.

The Health Service will be sending an email to all those who are not in compliance via the syr.edu email address. Please watch for that notice (check your syr.edu email address!). If your registration is cancelled, you will also lose your F-1 or J-1 student status. Don’t put yourself at risk. Contact the Health Service as soon as you receive that email!

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27. Weekly Salsa Update

Your "WEEKLY SALSA UPDATE" is organized as follows:

THIS SAT: Don't miss our 2nd installation of "San Juan Nights" Latin Dance Party at Ballybay!

Our first "San Juan Nights" was a great success with 63 dancers in attendance!

THIS Sat we are proud to feature our special guest, DJ Felix from Pura Vida in Ithaca! He'll be spinning his amazing mix of Salsa Dura from Puerto Rico, New York City and Classic hits from the '60s, '70s & '80s.

We're VERY excited to bring you this special mix of music every 2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays of the month at Ballybay Pub/nightclub!!!

We hope to see you all there, it’s gonna be AWESOME!

...our sincere thanks to DJ JAM of SMAC in Binghamton for DJ our very first installation of "San Juan Nights" and spinning his top Salsa hits spanning 5 decades! The dancers LOVED your music, hermano...que viva la SALSA!!

Brought to you by "la Familia de la Salsa" Brian A. Bromka - Founder/Artistic Director *bridging cultures through dance...one step at a time*

www.lafamilialasalsa.com 315-636-7133
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.

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!

Students who are planning to do an Internship the Spring semester should apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) Please remember that you have to register for at least 6 credits for CPT.

Curricular Practical Training Seminar (CPT) – Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ 3:00pm and every 2nd Friday at 3:00 pm.

Optional Practical Training Seminar (OPT) - Every 1rd and 3rd Wednesday @ 3:45pm and every 2nd Friday at 3:45 pm.

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 Fall semesters via your "MySlice self-service" and select CUPK 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_cpt.htm

Is Your I-20 or DS-2019 Expiring Soon? Do You Need an Extension of Stay?

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 online class each semester – 6 credits must be live, in classroom courses.

However, an F-1 status can take as many on-line or distance education as they wish (with SCIS's approval) during the Summer or over Winter break. Under Federal Immigration Rules, to maintain F-1 status, you must have a full-time program of study (with at least 12 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 at a minimum of 6 credits for that summer session.

Students who will begin a new level of study, must require a new I-20 for the new level of study. Changes in level of study require an admission letter from the Graduate School (if completing a bachelor's and commencing master's) or Admission Letter from the Undergraduate Office (if completing master's and commencing PhD) verifying that the student has been approved for the new level of study, and the semester a new I-20 for the new level of study. Students who will begin a new level of study, receive an extension of stay. Students who will begin a new level of study, (e.g., completing bachelor's and commencing master's or completing master's and commencing PhD) receive an extension of stay. Students who will begin a new level of study, receive!

FY 2012 H-1B Cap Count

If your last semester you will have to fill out the Last Semester Memo http://international.syr.edu/

Keeping Good Rental Records

Lack of knowledge regarding leases or other rental agreements can cause a variety of problems. By keeping records of rental repair requests, security deposit disputes, and other important issues related to rental agreements, you can alleviate many of these types of problems. The most frustrating problems occur when the tenant cannot document their grievances. To prevent this, start a rental file as soon as you sign the lease and add it to your file throughout your lease term. A rental file is easy to keep, considering the money you may recover through rental modification or qualifying for full return on your security deposit. If a rental problem arises, it is easier to negotiate a solution with the landlord when you have written records that show the extent of the problem, what you asked the landlord to do about it, and how the landlord responded.

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Your Rental File Should Hold:

A Rental Log
Describe your notebook to write all dates and times you contacted or tried to contact your landlord; make a note of any discussion. Logs are a useful permanent record of how the landlord did or did not respond to problems.

Apartment Condition Checklist
This is proof of the condition of the apartment when you move in and out. Keep a copy and send the original to the landlord by certified mail and return receipt.

Correspondence With Your Landlord
Make any complaints or concerns in writing and keep copies on file. All verbal requests should be followed up in writing with copies in your file.

Reports
Keep copies of the Certificate of Suitability, building inspection reports, police reports, and any other reports from other agencies.

Photographs
Photos may be the evidence you need to document a repair or security deposit problem. Photos should be dated and signed by a witness.

Off-Campus Housing 101
It is that time of year: time to begin looking for off-campus housing for the 2011-12 academic year. The rental season begins very early in Syracuse, but that does not mean that you have to sign a lease right now; you should not rush to sign a lease and should learn about off-campus housing prior to making the decision to move off-campus. A lease should not be signed until the property has been researched, roommates are confirmed, and the lease has been reviewed by Student Legal Services. There are a number of rental units available in the University area and one of the best sources for advice and information about off-campus housing are friends and classmates. Another good place to search is Orange Housing. Orange Housing maintains a web site of apartments in the neighborhoods off-campus. The Orange Housing website is www.orangehousing.com. It is important to keep in mind that this local company is not affiliated with Syracuse University or SUNY ESF and there are absolutely no guarantees about the quality and reliability of the information posted on the website. Orange Housing also offers roommate searches, sublet listings, and information relevant to apartment hunters. Apartment listings can also be found in the Daily Orange and at www.apartmentfinder.com.

Your first step in your apartment search is determining your needs. Important considerations include:

- Distance from campus
- How much you can afford for rent and utilities
- On or off-street parking
- Number of roommates
- Furnished or non-furnished apartment
- Length of lease
- Pets

After you have determined your needs you will need to view two or more rentals that meet your criteria. Check out each apartment thoroughly; don’t be afraid to test faucets, doorknobs, etc. and make sure you are satisfied with the safety features available (window locks, security lights, etc.). You should talk with the current tenants about the apartment; ask about location and experiences with the landlord. Once you decide on an apartment and have done all needed research, you should have the lease reviewed by Student Legal Services. The Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services (OCCS) is a resource that you should also utilize in your search for off-campus housing. OCCS staff will assist you in your search by educating you on what is needed to have a successful off-campus living experience. OCCS is available for in-person assistance at 754 Ostrom Avenue, via phone at 315-443-5489, and at offcampus.syr.edu.

Apartment Safety Tips
Burglars strike in any neighborhood. They are opportunistic and always look for such easy targets as homes that are left open, not well maintained, out of eyesight or earshot of neighbors, or obscured by landscaping or fencing. The best way to minimize your chances of becoming a victim is to take sensible precautions.

The following tips offered by the City of Syracuse Police Department are designed to help you reduce your chances of becoming a victim of crime. You may already be aware of some strategies, but others may be new to you. Remember to trust your instincts and use common sense. Do not let yourself become a victim of a crime!

Before Renting an Apartment
Survey the residence for the following security features:

- Does the apartment have metal or solid core wooden entry and exit doors? Are these doors equipped with deadbolts? Are the locks mounted securely? Have the doors been re-keyed since the last tenant moved out?

Can visitors be observed without opening the apartment door either through a door “peephole” viewer or window?

- Does any outside vegetation block doors or windows from public view? Does the vegetation provide places or concealment at entrances at or along walkways?

If you return home and something looks questionable (e.g., a slit screen, broken window, or open door) do not go inside. Call the Syracuse Police Department from a safe location.

- Is there adequate lighting at the building entry doors and along walkways? Are the outer doors locked all times?

In Your Apartment

- Keep your doors locked at all times, especially when you are alone, sleeping, or the apartment is unoccupied (even if only for a few moments).
- Determine who is on the other side of the door before opening it. Have repair or service personnel show official identification and confirm their presence with the person requesting the service. Delivery persons should remain outside to await the person requesting the delivery.
- If you return home and something looks questionable (e.g., a slit screen, broken window, or open door) do not go inside. Call the Syracuse Police Department from a safe location.
- Be sure you have blinds or curtains on your windows to discourage window peelers. Always keep your windows covered at night and leave lights on in two or more rooms.
- Make a list of your valuables and record any serial numbers.

Register your valuables

In recent weeks, SU’s Department of Public Safety has investigated the theft of several laptops and other personal property stolen from within academic buildings on campus. In each instance, the thefts occurred when students stepped away from their work area for only a brief period of time. Upon their return, the property was missing.

Everyone is reminded to never leave personal property unattended, even for a short period of time. Anyone with questions or concerns may contact the Department of Public Safety at 443-2224.

Getting Repairs Made in Your Apartment

As a tenant, you are entitled to a livable, safe and sanitary apartment. Failure to provide heat or hot water on a regular basis or to rid an apartment of insect infestation is an example of a violation of this.

All landlords are required to maintain electrical, plumbing, sanitary, heating and ventilating systems in good working order. Landlords of buildings with three or more apartments must keep sanitary facilities in “good sound repair”. “Sanitary facilities” mean all plumbing systems and the area immediately behind and above every part of a dwelling clean and free of visible dirt, garbage, and other offensive material.

All landlords in the City of Syracuse must maintain their premises in accordance with Syracuse Property Code. The Housing Complaint section of the Division of Code Enforcement enforces the City Code by responding to reports and complaints about housing maintenance, overgrown yards, trash and debris and disabled vehicles on private property. In addition they work with other agencies to improve residential neighborhoods.

If you have a complaint concerning the habitability or repair of your apartment, contact the Syracuse Division of Code Enforcement at (315) 448-8695.

If you have any questions you can call our office @ 443-5489.
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 provide advice for resolving the dispute.

Lease Disputes and General Landlord Complaints

- If you have a disagreement with your landlord concerning either of your responsibilities, it is best to try to reach an agreement.
- After reaching an agreement with your landlord in person or over the phone, follow up your discussion in writing. Include anything you or your landlord agreed to in your letter.
- If a dispute still exists between you and your landlord, you may want to consult Student Legal Services (443-4532). They can provide free legal consultation advice about landlord-tenant issues.
- You can also file a complaint against your landlord with the New York State attorney general's office. To obtain a complaint form, call 448-4800 (ask for the Consumer Affairs Department) or 1-800-771-7755 (Consumer Helpline); visit www.oag.state.ny.us (go to Consumer Issues); or contact The Office of Orientation and Off-Campus Programs.
- When you file your complaint with the attorney general's office, include a copy of your lease and copies of any correspondence you’ve had with your landlord concerning the problem.
- Once you file your complaint, staff from the attorney general's office will conduct an informal mediation session between you and your landlord, usually by phone, and provide advice for resolving the dispute.

Parking Regulations In The University Neighborhoods

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.

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Cell phone Offers to SU International Students

- 18% off for Syracuse University Students use Discount Code 236165
  - World Phones available
  - Exclusive provider of the Apple iPhone & BlackBerry TORCH
  - Competitive domestic and international plans available
  - Only domestic carrier that offers rollover minutes
  - Receive 18% off monthly voice and data plans (not prepaid)
  - Text messaging plan discounts available on select phones
  - $7 OFF 200 Message Plan - Your Cost $7
  - $5 OFF 1500 Message Plan - Your Cost $10
  - $5 OFF Unlimited Plan - Your Cost $15
  - Offer excludes Apple iPhone Text Messaging Plans
  - Prepaid service plans available
  - Waived security deposit for one line of service (only available only at Company Owned Retail Stores, not available online or at Authorized Dealers.)
  - Prices reflect 18% Syracuse University Student Discount Code 236165
  - Rates apply to calls made from within the U.S., Puerto Rico and U.S Virgin Islands
  - Competitive and affordable calling from the U.S. to over 220 countries
  - International Roaming agreements in over 100 countries, rates vary
  - For more details on International Roaming, see www.att.com/international

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 DHS 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) inspecting 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 will be found at the following airports in the state of New York: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/E5-28418.htm
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Fall 2011 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.

For your safety, please remember...

- On campus after dark, use DPS' free escort service. Off campus, use SU Home (it's free); call 315-443-2224 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.
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- 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.

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.

October is international safety and security month. The theme for October is "Walking Safely".

Motivational Quotes of the Week:

"Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground"

~Theodore Roosevelt

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

~Source Unknown.

"Victorious warriors win first and then go to war, while defeated warriors go to war first and then seek to win."

~Sun Tzu

"Silence is one of the hardest arguments to refute."

~Joshua Billings

"Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there."

~William Rogers