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Yesterday's(10/27) Pumpkin carving contest in Schine! The results are in. In third place, Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, in second, Office of Student Activities and in first place, **Schine Dining!**
Happy Halloween Weekend

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- **If you have trouble viewing this message, please view this email using your SYR email account. Every week we also post this SCIS Newsletter on the Slutzker Center website.**
<http://international.syr.edu/newsletters/index.html>

- **Feeling sick? Pick up your over the counter medications at the Health Services Pharmacy. All purchases can be charged to your bursar account. Call 315-443-5691 if you want to know if your medicine is in the pharmacy.**

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Halloween is an annual holiday observed on October 31, which commonly includes activities such as trick-or-treating, attending costume parties, carving pumpkins, visiting haunted attractions, telling scary stories, and watching horror films.

Historian Nicholas Rogers, exploring the origins of Halloween, notes that while "some folklorists have detected its origins in the Roman feast of Pomona, the goddess of fruits and seeds, or in the festival of the dead called Parentalia, it is more typically linked to the Celtic festival of Samhain, whose original spelling was Samuín. The name of the festival historically kept by the Gaels and Celts in the British Isles which is derived from Old Irish and means roughly "summer's end". To learn more about the history of Halloween please check the link: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halloween>

WHAT TO WEAR FOR HALLOWEEN??


Students often wonder what should they "dress up as" for Halloween! Here are some good suggestions drawn from U.S. culture which should not target any specific racial identity, cultural or religious tradition, sexual identity or expression, ability or historical aspects of any individual or group:

Disney Characters- Snow White, Pinocchio, Alice in Wonderland, etc. **Cartoon Characters-**Scooby Doo and the Mystery Machine gang, Sponge Bob, Charlie Brown & the Peanuts Gang, etc. **TV & Movie Characters-**Harry Potter, Wizard of Oz, Ghostbusters, etc. **Kids Games-**Candyland, Monopoly, Dominoes; **Circus-**some can come as animals, clowns, cotton candy & peanut vendors, trapeze artists, etc. **Dr. Seuss-** you can create all kinds of characters including Cat in the Hat, Thing 1 and Thing 2, Grinch, the Who's.

Have fun on October 31 – or the previous weekend if you are attending "Halloween" or "Costume" parties, but be mindful of how your costume might be seen by others. Be cute, be scary, be funny – but don't be hurtful to anyone. Some individuals and families do not celebrate Halloween for a variety of reasons. For those who do celebrate, have a good time. Children will be out on the streets, knocking on your door, saying "Trick or Treat." You should have some candy to distribute if you live in an apartment off-campus. Keep your porch light on from about 5 p.m. to 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. After you put out your light, it is a sign that you no longer are willing or able to give candy. But between those hours, if you are home, you should definitely plan on distributing candy (individually wrapped bars or small bags of candy).

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HALLOWEEN FUN RUN/WALK

RUN SCARED

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

Please be considerate and respectful of others when choosing your costume.

11:30 AM Sign-In at the Quad (no pre-registration)
12:00 PM FREE 2 Mile Run/Walk
12:45 PM Best Costume Prizes Awarded

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY RECREATION SERVICES

Healthy Monday Syracuse
The day all health breaks loose



COSTUME PRIZES CATEGORIES

- * Best Individual Costume *
- * Best group costume *
- * Most spirited costume *
- * I can't believe you ran in that *
- * Judge's choice *

FREE FOOD, PRIZES, AND MORE!

Fright Night at the fair

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FRIGHT NIGHT

AT THE FAIR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

FREE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED!
BUSES LEAVE AT 10:30 PM
FROM THE UNIVERSITY PLACE SIDE OF SCHINE

TICKETS \$5 FROM SCHINE BOX OFFICE
ON SALE OCTOBER 14!

Orange After Dark

Singing Contest - Voice of Halloween

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Time: Friday, October 28 · 7:30pm - 10:30pm

Location: Hendricks Chapel

Created By: Chinese Students and Scholars Association at Syracuse University (SUCSSA), Jing Lin



The Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA) will be holding a Singing Contest event on Friday, October 28th in Hendricks Chapel, started at 7:30 p.m. It is not only a singing contest, but it's also a social networking event where we will celebrate the Halloween. If you are interested in makeup for the Halloween, please just come to the Hendricks Chapel. We will have someone to giving out the Face Paint for makeup. If yo...u are just interested in singing or listening participants' beautiful voice, your attendance and applause is important and encouraged to all participants. For potential participants who are interested in singing contest. Please send your name, phone number, email address, song and the file of song to suwenyubu@gmail.com. The deadline for signing up is Wednesday, October 27th. CSSA provides a platform to participants for solo, antiphonal style, chorus and more. For audiences, please come to enjoy this moment with us in Hendricks Chapel. We will have a great time for this special event.

For additional information, [Click here for more information](#)

So, what are you waiting for? Don't miss this great opportunity in singing and meeting new friends. We are all ready for the event and hope to see you there at 7 p.m. on October 28th in Hendricks Chapel.

Celebrating Thanksgiving

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Many cultures set aside a day to celebrate thanksgiving each year. In 1939, in the United States, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day, a federal holiday in the United States. This was made federal law in 1941. It was intended to provide a day of reflection upon the good harvest, appreciation for the "fruits" of the land, and a time to gather with family and friends.

At Syracuse University, a traditional Thanksgiving dinner was held on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, co-sponsored by Hendricks Chapel and the Slutzker Center for International Services. International students and their families were invited, and hosts at each table came from across campus and the community.

This fall, a new academic calendar has been introduced. A full week of vacation for students begins after classes on Friday, November 18, and continues through Sunday, November 27. Anticipating the departure of many students and hosts, due to this vacation, the International Thanksgiving Meal will not be held. New ideas for the future will be discussed and planning for 2012 will soon begin. Anyone who is interested in helping to plan a new event for all students and families is invited to contribute to this planning process. Email lescis@syr.edu if you are interested in helping create a new student and community event for 2012.

If you are staying in Syracuse for that week of vacation, and would enjoy some planned activities, please let us know. We will be working through Wednesday, November 23, and we are interested in meeting your needs if you are remaining in the area. Perhaps a movie night? An organized trip to the mall? Let us know what you might be interested in doing during that week. If enough students express an interest, we will find some activities to keep you busy!

If you are travelling, please attend a travel seminar and obtain a travel signature on your Form I-20 or DS-2019. Dates and times of travel seminars are listed on our website: <http://international.syr.edu/>

Looking forward to hearing from some of you with great new ideas for future activities. In the meantime, enjoy Halloween, and just remember that semester break is only 7 weeks away!

MoreHouse Coffee Bar and Lounge Grand Opening

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Monday, October 31, 2011, **12:00pm to 8:00pm**

A new student run cafe and study lounge will be opening at the Alibrandi Catholic Center this semester. Come celebrate the Grand Opening of the MoreHouse Coffee Bar and Lounge on Halloween Day. **There will be FREE ORGANIC COFFEE and PASTERIES, live music, entertainment and so much more. Be the first to explore the hippest new spot on campus!**

The Alibrandi Center is located directly behind the Whitman School of Management.

Location: Alibrandi Center, 110 Walnut
Contact: Brandon Glasgow
E-Mail: bdglasgo@syr.edu; 347-371-2226

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After a dominating victory at the Carrier Dome against nationally ranked West Virginia, the Orange heads to Louisville to take on the Cardinals



Missed September's silent flash mob? Watch it here!



Join us on Facebook, Follow us on Twitter and stay informed and updated about news, important announcements, seminar schedules, events, insights, galleries and much more!!



Bird Library for the 6th annual Library Lock-In

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Friday, November 4, 2011, 9:45pm – 1:00am

Join us on Nov. 4 at Bird Library for the 6th annual Library Lock-In. It's a night of contests, food and games to get to know your library. Prizes for winning teams include a color printer, flip cams, Snuggies and iHomes. Everyone gets the chance to win door prizes and participants will receive a swag bag! The event is free!

Register online: http://orl.syr.edu/current-students/bird-after-dark.html#637:1856:_CV-y0Py5EeCqM9SO5g8hXw

Like us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Syracuse-University-Bird-After-Dark-2011/283280205026507?sk=wall>

[More information...](#)

Location: Bird Library

Price: free

Sponsoring department/organization: Office of Residence Life & Syracuse University Library & Division of Student Affairs

Contact: Laura DeJoseph; E-Mail: lmdejose@syr.edu; 443-4260

2011 International Education Week

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November 14 - 18, 2011



International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of our efforts to promote programs that prepare students for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States.

The Slutzker Center will lead the 2011 International Education Week events at Syracuse University and in the Syracuse community from November 14-18th. Please contact Elane Granger Carrasco at elcarras@syr.edu if you have any further questions.

Click [here](#) to visit the official [International Education Week](#) website.

Watch the latest movies for free on Campus!

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UU cinemas screens films **FOR FREE** every Thursday night through Sunday night on both North and South Campuses. UU Cinemas aims to bring both blockbusters and independent films, while also offering early screenings of films before theatrical release. By bringing a wide array of films to campus, UU Cinemas is able to enhance and diversify programming for university and the community at large.

More info at universityunion.org

Find us on Facebook @University Union and twitter @UUInsider

Cinema Schedule Fall 2011

Movies are shown at 8pm in Goldstein (South Campus) on Thursday and Sunday and HBC Gifford on Friday and Saturday, **all for free.**

- 11/03 – 11/06: Crazy Stupid Love
- 11/10 – 11/13: Cowboys and Aliens
- 12/01 – 12/04: 30 minutes or less

Reminder – Free Bus Service to Tops Market[Back>>](#)

Syracuse University is offering free bus service to Tops Market on 620 Nottingham Road. Bus service is free with SUID card and is available 7 days a week from College Place on the #340 Drumlins route. Tops market is a major grocery chain and is open 24/7.

Drumlins website link:

<http://centro.org/Spring%202011%20Schedules/340.pdf>

Healthy Monday Syracuse[Back>>](#)

Healthy Monday Syracuse is now offering Free Yoga Classes Mondays in Schine! Check out our flyer for complete information:
http://healthymonday.syr.edu/_images/Yoga%20Poster.pdf

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:

October 31 – Power Hour
November 7 – TBA
November 14 – Line Dancing

November 28 – TBA
December 5 – TBA
December 12 – TBA

Coming Out Month: October Celebrates LGBT History[Back>>](#)**Friday, October 28**

Film Screening— "black. womyn. conversations with lesbians of African descent."

4:00 p.m. | Nifkin Lounge, ESF Campus

Join us for a screening of this feature-length documentary focusing on the lives and views of lesbians of African descent from various backgrounds. Free and open to the public.

Friday, October 28

The Pride Union 'Mas-Queer-Ade' Ball

8:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m. | HL 500

Sponsored by Pride Union.

Put on your dancing shoes and celebrate Coming Out Month in style with Pride Union and Syracuse University

For more information [Click Here](#)

Cafe Q

Thursday, November 3, 2011, 8:00pm to 10:30pm

Fuel your Thursday night right with Cafe Q! Come back to unwind and relax at this chill coffeehouse that blends coffee, tea, music and a quirky attitude! Remaining date for the semester: Dec. 1.

Location: LGBT Resource Center

Price: free

Sponsoring department/organization: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center

Contact: LGBT Resource Center; E-Mail: lgbt@syr.edu; 443-3983

Full-time Course of Study[Back>>](#)

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.

If you are taking fewer than 9 credits this semester you must fill out a Certificate of Full-Time Status http://international.syr.edu/_documents/forms/full_time_status_certification-Jan04.pdf

If this is your last semester you will have to fill out the Last Semester Memo http://international.syr.edu/_documents/forms/2008lastsemestermemo-su.pdf

Diversity Visa Lottery (Green Card Lottery) 2013 Announcement[Back>>](#)

The U.S. State Department has published its announcement of the 2013 Diversity Visa Lottery. The Diversity Visa lottery (DV) is a program mandated under Section 203 (c) of the Immigration Act of 1990. The legislation makes available up to 50,000 permanent resident immigrant visas by random selection through an annual diversity visa lottery.

Natives of the following countries are **not eligible** to apply for the Diversity Visa Lottery because the countries sent a total of more than 50,000 immigrants to the United States in the previous five years: **BANGLADESH, BRAZIL, CANADA, CHINA (mainland-born), COLOMBIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HAITI, INDIA, JAMAICA, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, PERU, PHILIPPINES, SOUTH KOREA, UNITED KINGDOM (except Northern Ireland) and its dependent territories, and VIETNAM.**

Persons born in Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR, and Taiwan are eligible.

Changes in eligibility this year: For DV-2013, natives of South Sudan and Poland are now eligible for selection, while Bangladesh natives are now ineligible.

Entries for the DV-2013 DV lottery must be submitted electronically between noon, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (GMT-4), Tuesday, October 4, 2011, and noon, Eastern Standard Time (EST) (GMT-5), Saturday, November 5, 2011. Applicants may access the electronic DV Entry Form (E-DV) at <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov> during the registration period. Paper entries will not be accepted. Applicants are strongly encouraged not to wait until the last week of the registration period to enter. Heavy demand may result in website delays. No entries will be accepted after noon, EST, on November 5, 2011.

There are no costs or fees to register for the DV program. Persons submitting entries to the 2013 lottery will see a confirmation screen at the end of the successful submission, containing your name and a unique confirmation number. You must print this confirmation screen for your records using the print function of your web browser and **ensure that you retain your confirmation number.** Starting May 1, 2012, you will be able to check the status of your DV2013 entry by returning to <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov> Entrant Status Check and entering your unique confirmation number and personal information. Entrant Status Check will be the **only** means of informing you of your selection for DV-2013. Therefore, it is essential that you retain your confirmation number. The U.S. Department of State is unable to provide your entry confirmation number if it is lost.

Individual digital photographs of the DV applicant and his/her spouse and all children under 21 years of age must be submitted with the electronic application. The image file can be produced either by taking a digital photograph or by scanning a photographic print with a digital scanner.

If an applicant does not have access to the internet, a third party can submit the application and electronic photograph on the applicant's behalf. However, only ONE application per applicant can be submitted.

There is no fee charged for entering the Diversity Visa Lottery. The Department of State does not endorse, recommend or sponsor any information or material from outside entities. The Department is aware that websites and email have masqueraded as official Diversity Visa Lottery facilitators. Registration for the Diversity Visa Lottery through the official, U.S. government website, www.dvlottery.state.gov is free of charge and notification of winning entries are posted on the Entrant Status Check at the U.S. government website beginning May 1, 2012.

Slutzker Center for international services news subscribers are urged only to consult official U.S. government sources for information on the Diversity Visa Lottery. The lottery is a random drawing. Be suspicious of any organization that offers to increase your chances of being selected for the lottery if you pay them a fee. They are promising something that is false. Also, there is no charge to enter the visa lottery, unless you are required to pay a third party to submit the application on your behalf.

U.S. State Department's Official Instructions in English (16 page file) are available at:
http://travel.state.gov/pdf/DV_2013_instructions.pdf

Instructions in other languages are available at:

http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1318.html

General information on the Diversity Visa Lottery with links to other information can be found at: http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1322.html and at http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1318.html

The State Department is very concerned about website fraud in relation to the Diversity Visa Lottery. Visit this web page for warnings about fraud and scammers:

http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1318.html The following information is related to the current year's program DV-2012, but it is still relevant. To read their warning, visit the following link:
http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1749.html

Important Reminders[Back>>](#)**A Reminder About Optional Practical Training EAD Cards**

F-1 students who have obtained authorization for Optional Practical Training from the USCIS are reminded to please email a copy of their EAD cards (front + back) to the SCIS at lscis@syr.edu so that we can keep a copy for your files. Having a photocopy in the SCIS could become very important to you in the future, if we need to verify your F-1 status or if the card is lost or stolen.

Important Reminder from Human Resources

International students who have jobs on campus (GA positions, TA positions, RA positions and hourly wage assignments) are reminded to be sure to copy the appropriate Human Resources Office on campus for any change of U.S. address. Be sure to look at your address on your most recent pay stub. If it is not accurate, report it to your department or office where you work so that the address can be updated by your department. If you are on any payroll, your change of address is needed so that you can receive your W-2 Wage and Tax Statement forms in late January, as well as any checks that may be coming to you if you are leaving at the end of this semester.

Also, if you have obtained a social security number since starting work, it is essential that you report your social security number to your payroll office for W-2 purposes. If you are uncertain whether or not this is a problem for you, check your most recent pay stub, and look to see if your social security number as well as your current address are included properly.

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Please be certain that you are currently enrolled in an approved health insurance policy for the upcoming 2011 – 2012 academic year. If you have renewed or changed your health insurance please provide the Slutzker Center with an updated copy of it via e-mail lescis@syr.edu or in person. If you have questions, or need help enrolling in an approved health insurance policy, please make an appointment with an adviser at the Slutzker Center, or see Linda Deon at the Health Center for assistance.

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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If you are planning to transfer out of SU, 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

Is this your last semester at SU?

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Students who will be completing their studies this December 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.

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Planning to Study Abroad during the Spring 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 insure your continued non-immigrant status for re-entry to the U.S

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■ **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!

■ **Students who are planning to do an Internship the Fall or 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) – Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ 3:00pm and every 2nd Friday at 3:00pm.
Optional Practical Training Seminar (OPT) – Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ 3:45pm and every 2nd Friday at 3:45pm.

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USCIS FY 2012 H-1B Cap Count

FY 2012 H-1B Cap Count

Cap Type	Cap Amount	Cap Eligible Petitions	Petition Target	Date of Last Count
H-1B Regular Cap	65,000	46,200		10/21/2011
H-1B Master's Exemption	20,000	20,000		10/21/2011

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

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5a9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=4b7cd41d5fd37210VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD>

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

This is the time of year when many international students whose I-20 or DS-2019 will expire this December, but who will be continuing their studies for Spring 2012, are applying for 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 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 from the student's academic department (if completing master's and commencing PhD) verifying that the student has been approved for the new level of study, and the semester that the new level will begin.

Student's with I-20s or DS-2019s expiring in December 2011 but who will continue their studies at SU **must** begin the extension of stay process (or change in level of study process) well before that date so that the new I-20 is issued before the I-20 expiration date.

Complete information and the required forms are available on-line at: http://international.syr.edu/documents/forms/I-20_Extension.pdf

Don't Be Fooled by Copycat Immigration-Help Sites

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Some private websites that charge to prepare immigration forms mimic the look and feel of official government sites, leading users to mistakenly believe they are dealing directly with the government and paying USCIS fees. Many copycat sites add to the confusion by charging applicants the same amount for preparing an immigration form that USCIS charges for filing that same form. As a result, some applicants have sent forms to USCIS without submitting the filing fees. These applicants mistakenly believed they had paid the USCIS filing fee when they paid the private firm for preparing the forms.

To learn more, visit: <http://blog.uscis.gov/2011/09/dont-be-fooled-by-copycat-immigration.html>

International Students and Arrests

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Although it is not a pleasant subject, there are a few situations where an international student might be arrested in the United States and charged with a crime. Common misdemeanor or felony arrests can include theft, drunk driving, shoplifting (stealing goods from a store without paying for them) and drug possession (with or without intent to sell). Binghamton University has published an article that discusses the consequences such arrests can create with a student's U.S. immigration status, even if the charges themselves are dismissed or reduced. The article may be viewed at: <http://www2.binghamton.edu/iss/publications/instuarrest.html>

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Address Change?

All International Students and Scholars that will be moving into their new on-campus and off-campus housing must update their US Address where you will be living during this Fall semester via your "MySlice self-service" and select CURR address.

You must update your address immediately in order to be in compliance with the Immigration Regulations. If you do not update your address 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 studying at Syracuse University.

Please always update your address within 10 days of your move on MySlice.

Department of Public Safety Reminder

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FOR YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- To safeguard your personal property—DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PROPERTY UNATTENDED
- On campus after dark, use DPS' free escort service. Off campus, use SU Home (it's free), call 443-SAFE (7233) for more information about these services.
- 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.
- Keep porch lights on at night.
- 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 & tag number.

The 2011 edition of "Your Safety and Security at Syracuse University" is part of Syracuse University's ongoing commitment to the prevention of crime. It is available online at: <http://publicsafety.syr.edu/PublicSafety/ckfinder/userfiles/files/2011%20Clery.pdf>

The booklet includes information on crime prevention, residential security, crime reporting policies, fire safety and crime statistics for the calendar years 2008, 2009, and 2010.

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Reminder: Parking Regulations In University Neighborhoods – by OCCS

Parking in the neighborhoods surrounding campus may be a new experience for some. To avoid ticketing and towing, and to help maintain the quality of life in the University area, members of the University community are reminded to observe city parking regulations.

Many city streets have alternate side (odd-even) parking, which takes effect at **6 p.m. On odd dates, parking begins at 6 p.m. on the side of the street with odd address numbers; on even dates, parking begins 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.

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.

Protect your Property

All your personal belongings are insured against a wide range of losses. The SCIS supports this policy and we encourage every student to have this insurance.

- Laptops, cell phones, jewelry, watches, iPods, cameras, clothes, books, sports equipment, furniture **all** your "stuff" is covered. You're insured for countless types of losses, including theft, vandalism, fire, and accidental damage.
- Worldwide coverage on and **off** campus (in your apartment, in a foreign country, "at home", in storage, or anywhere else they may be.
- Property of the University is covered while in your care
- Buy \$4,000 of coverage for less than \$94! Also there is up to \$20,000 coverage available for an annual premium of only \$250.

For more information about our student personal property program, call 1-866-535-0456 and ask for a college specialist to assist you. Or better yet Enroll online! It's fast and easy. Simply log on to: www.haylor.com/student or send an e-mail to: student@haylor.com

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.

http://parking.syr.edu/Parking/display.cfm?content_ID=%23%28%289%21%0A

QUESTIONS? Contact:

Parking and Transit Services
621 Skytop Road

- Phone: 315-443-1049
- Web: <http://parking.syr.edu>

Motivational Quotes of the Week:

"Knowledge is of no value unless you put it into practice."

~**Anton Chekov**

"Everyone has his burden. What counts is how you carry it."

~**Merle Miller**

"Happiness always looks small while you hold it in your hands, but let it go, and you learn at once how big and precious it is."

~**Maxim Gorky**

"I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it"

~**Thomas Jefferson**

"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen".

~**Michael Jordan**

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