CURRENT EVENTS
· 2012 London Summer Olympic Games Showing @ The Slutzker Center
Let The Games Begin!

These Olympic events will be shown on the 42" Plasma Screen TV in the Slutzker Center on the following days and times:

Monday, July 30
9:00 am - Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Swimming, Field Hockey, Handball
10:00 am - Weightlifting, Table Tennis, Badminton, Field Hockey

Tuesday, July 31
9:00 am - Field Hockey, Badminton, Tennis, Handball, Badminton
10:00 am - Swimming, Beach Volleyball, Field Hockey, Table Tennis, Badminton

Wednesday, August 1
9:00 am - Basketball, Weightlifting, Table Tennis, Badminton
10:00 am - Swimming, Beach Volleyball, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Water Polo

Thursday, August 2
9:00 am - Gymnastics, Weightlifting, Handball, Equestrian, Badminton
10:00 am - Swimming, Beach Volleyball, Field Hockey, Cycling, Rowing

Friday, August 3
9:00 am - CPT/OPT seminars
10:00 am - Social Media Seminar
11:00 am - Symposium for E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors
12:00 pm - Workshops and Lunch Event
1:00 pm - Career Forum for Japanese-English Bilingual Students
2:00 pm - Orange Dialogue for Peace
New students arriving every day! Hotel costs are high, and the last week of the peak arrival period (August 20-27), there is often no space available at local hotels. If you would be willing to host a new international student (without charging them any fees) for a night or more, please let the Slutzker Center know as soon as possible. Your assistance will be most appreciated! Send the following information to lescis@syr.edu: Your Name, address, email and phone number(s), Where you live, What dates you can host a student(s), Would the student(s) be staying in their own room, or in a shared room, or in the main living area, on a couch? Can you pick them up at the Slutzker Center?

Thank you so much!

Additional Volunteer Peer Assistants Needed

We are looking for additional Peer Assistant volunteers to welcome the new arriving students and assist during the Fall Orientation. If you are willing to meet new students, and help for few hours per week, please fill out the application and send us back by next Friday, August 3, 2012 before 12 pm. After we collect the applications, we will have a short training for all peer assistants and schedule the shifts. Please indicate which day(s) work for you best in the application.

Join Other Students – Dinner and Friendship

You are invited…

to a dinner at the Alibrandi Catholic Center (110 Walnut Place) on Friday, August 4, 2012 at 5 p.m. This dinner is covered by Michael Shenouda Samaan Shenouda, an SU alumnus and a junior preacher at St. Mary and St. Mina Coptic Orthodox Church here in Syracuse, New York. He will introduce and give a short speech about the Coptic Orthodox faith and invite all students to share a little about their culture and their religion. He would like everyone to share a little about their culture and their religion, “and form a general sense of morality.”

A sign up sheet is available at the front desk of the Slutzker Center for International Services (310 Walnut Place). Michael can only accommodate the first twenty people who sign up, and you must come in to the Slutzker Center in person to sign up. They will try to accommodate vegans and vegetarians.

Syracuse ArtsWeek Events

July 28: All Aboard for ArtsWeek!

Summer@Syracuse is sponsoring limited Connective Corridor bus service on Saturday, July 28. Connective Corridor bus service will run every 20 minutes from noon to 6 p.m. on July 29 to provide students and the SU community access to the following Syracuse ArtsWeek events:

- The Stage of Nations Blue Rain ECOfest
  Native American crafts, food, and entertainment.
- 42nd Annual AmeriCU Syracuse Arts & Crafts Festival
  A 3-day showcase of some 200 talented artists, craftspeople, and entertainers, in downtown’s historic Columbus Circle.
- Northeast Jazz and Wine Festival
  The only festival of its kind east of the Rockies!

Connective Corridor bus service begins at the East entrance of the Life Sciences Complex on Comstock Avenue and includes stops at Archbold Gym, Stadium Place, Syracuse Stage, Center of Excellence and on Washington Street across from The Warehouse. For more information, visit the Connective Corridor web site.

Career Forum for Japanese-English Bilingual Students

We encourage students to register early to be fully prepared for the events.

Loews Hollywood Hotel
* Early bird special offer ends July 31
* Special services available for participants
http://www.careerforum.net/event/la/?lang=E

Boston Career Forum---Nov. 11th - 13th, 2011 (Fri. - Sun.)
Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (Boston, Massachusetts)
http://www.careerforum.net/event/bos/?lang=E

Los Angeles/Boston Career Forums are for anyone who is a Japanese-English bilingual (at minimum conversational level in both Japanese and English) and looking for a full-time or internship position. Companies will be holding seminars as well as interviews at their booth during the event. Some companies may give out offers by the end of the event. Registration and attending the event is free.

For online registration and more info regarding the above, please go to:
Los Angeles: http://www.careerforum.net/event/la/?lang=E
Boston: http://www.careerforum.net/event/bos/?lang=E

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at cfn@careerforum.net.

We look forward to seeing you in LA and Boston!

Sincerely,
Call for Applications

ORANGE DIALOGUE FOR PEACE

September, 7, 8 and 9, 2012

If you have ever experienced an unresolved inter-group conflict that you would like to explore or if you have viewed an inter-group conflict as a part of your life, or if you are simply interested in fun interaction with an inclusive group of students and faculty, this is a unique study-travel experience.

The purpose of the dialogue program is to focus on decreasing world conflict and fostering peace and friendship. Then please consider participating in the Fall 2012 Syracuse University Orange Dialogue for Peace program. Participants work together in the context of fun, outdoor and indoor teambuilding, and engage in student-driven dialogue about their needs, concerns, fears and hopes of their present day lives, nations and societies. They discover how to live in peace and friendship.

TO APPLY:

- Fulbright Affiliation: Yes____ No____
- SUID / Telephone / Email Or Call Elane Granger @ 443-2457
- Country of Citizenship
- Department / School / UG or Grad
- First and Last Name

To apply, please e-mail the following information to Elane Granger elcarras@syr.edu. Early Applicants will be given priority and will be notified of acceptance by e-mail.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Tell us briefly why you would like to participate in this program
- Preference for living arrangements and food
- Lodging / Meals / Roundtrip transportation from SU to SUNY Cortland Educational Site
- Travel to Antlers Camp on Raquette Lake to spend the weekend at the SUNY Cortland Educational Center
- Indoor / Outdoor Teambuilding/High Ropes/Low Ropes/Canoeing/Kayaking
- Narrative Meditation Dialogue Sessions
- Outdoor Education Program
- 3 full days of small group interaction with an inclusive group of students and faculty
- Final reports will be given priority and will be submitted for review.

Orange Dialogue for Peace

DISCO International, Inc.
CareerForum.Net

La Familia to perform with the world famous Tito Puente, Jr. Orchestra THIS Sat, July 28th in Skaneateles!!!

The famous Tejano / Latin Jazz sensation Tito Puente, Jr. and his La Familia band will be in concert at Stella Maris Retreat Center and La Familia fans will be performing with them. The concert is THIS Sat, July 28th. Tito Puente Jr and his La Familia band will perform at a special concert for a limited time only to the public. Check the website for more details and tickets!

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Festival

Enjoy great Ukrainian food, beer, dancing, music & more! The wonderful family event features live entertainment, wooden boats, games, rides, arts & crafts, boats, & so much more!!! Check out their website for more details!

Skaneateles Antique and Classic Boat Show

Enjoy a celebratory summer at this great annual event! Great food, outstanding music, games, rides, arts & crafts, boats, & so much more!!! Check out their website for more details!

The following is a list of employers and federal contractors enrolled in E-Verify through March 15, 2012. The federal contractors listed within self-reported that their contract has the E-Verify FAR clause. The list includes: DISCO International, Inc. and CareerForum.Net.

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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.

More than 20,000 H-1B petitions on behalf of persons exempt from the cap under the advanced degree exemption. USCIS will reject petitions subject to the cap for H-1B specialty occupation workers seeking an employment start date in FY 2013.

FY 2012 H-1B Cap Count

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced on April 8 that 201,452 H-1B cap petitions were received in fiscal year 2012. USCIS notified the public that the cap was reached. USCIS received a sufficient number of petitions for FY 2012 to reach the cap and reject cap petitions that arrived after November 22, 2011.

Planning to Study Abroad during the Summer 2012 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.

留学学生 who will complete their studies this May but have no plans to apply for practical training (F-1), academic training (J-1), 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 on their current I-20, or within 30 days if they are in J-1 status.

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An advisor will be able to process your OPT or DS-2019 on one of the dates listed below:

- July 21 - 11:00am - 12:00pm
- August 2 - 11:00am - 12:00pm
- August 7 - 11:00am - 12:00pm
- August 9 - 11:00am - 12:00pm


USCIS continues to accept petitions exempted from the cap and DOD cooperative research worker H-1B petitions and Chile/Singapore H-1B1 petitions requesting an employment start date in FY 2013.

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Important Reminder from Human Resources

F-1 students who have obtained authorization for Optional Practical Training from USCIS are reminded to please email a copy of their EAD cards (front + back) to the SCIS at lescis@syr.edu so that we can keep a copy for your file. Having a copy 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 Reminders from Human Resources

Students who will graduate this May 2012 and plan to apply for post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) are reminded that they must submit their application paperwork to the Slutzker Center, and submit it no later than May 2. For current OPT regulations, see USCIS regulations 8 CFR 295.1.

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 the minimum credit hours as specified by the Academic Program. Students are not required to enroll in courses during the Summer Session. However, if you are enrolled in your last semester of study, you may maintain full-time enrollment for a maximum of two consecutive semesters. Under Federal Immigration Rules, to maintain F-1 status, you must have at least nine credits per semester or take a maximum of nine credits during the Summer Session.

Students enrolling in less than a full-time course load at a different institution, students must take a maximum of nine credits during the Summer Session.

An advisor will be able to process your CPT or OPT on one of the days listed below:

- August 1 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
- August 8 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
- August 9 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
- August 10 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

During the Fall and Spring semesters, students may enroll in courses at a different institution from Syracuse University.

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Studying Abroad?

Planning to Study Abroad during the Fall 2012 semester? If so, please talk to an international advisor at the Slutzker Center. There are steps which you must take in order to insure your continued non-immigrant status for re-entry to the U.S.

Notices and Updates

IMMIGRATION UPDATES

USCIS FY 2012 H-1B Cap Count

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FY 2013 H-1B cap petition count through August 9, 2012

FY 2012 H-1B Cap Count

Due June 11, 2012, USCIS received a sufficient number of petitions to reach the statutory cap for FY 2012. On June 7, 2012, USCIS also received more than 20,000 H-1B petitions on behalf of persons exempt from the cap under the advanced degree exemption who will be completing their studies this May 2012 and plan to apply for post-completion OPT.

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Don’t Be Fooled By Copycat Immigration-Help Sites

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International Students and Arrears

Although it is not a pleasant subject, there are a few situations when an international student might be arrested in the United States and charged with a crime. Common misdemeanor or felony arrests can result from drunk driving, shoplifting, drug possession (with or without intent to sell) and violent crimes. Felony arrests can create a student's U.S. immigration status, even if the charges themselves are dismissed or reduced. The student may be removed from the United States if the charges are dismissed, unless the student is on a non-immigrant visa. In many cases, international students are subject to additional immigration regulations.

Housing and Safety

If someone tries to rob you, don’t resist. Give up your property, not your life.

Know where “Blue Light” phones are and how to use them.

Do not open doors unless you know who is behind it.

Have your house or car keys in hand before you reach your door.

If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. Go toward an open business or lighted house.

Don’t approach strangers or let them get close to you.

Keep porch lights on at night.

Travel in well-lighted and well-traveled areas.

Walk, bike or jog in groups of three or more  –  away from bushes, cars, and other objects a suspect could hide behind.

Don’t smoke or drink when alone.

To safeguard your personal property—DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PROPERTY UNATTENDED

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If your e-mail account is on a server other than syr.edu, please send an e-mail message to geliddie@syr.edu.

Note: If you would like to submit a request to publish your news or events in our SCIS Newsletter, please contact Garvey Liddie at geliddie@syr.edu.

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Housing Update: Address Change

Department of Public Safety Reminder

FOR YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- All International Students and Scholars that will be moving into their new on-campus and off-campus housing must update their U.S. Address where you will be living during this Fall semester via your MySlice.

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

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