Congratulations and Good Luck to our Class of 2012!!!

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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
- Life After Practical Training Seminar was changed to the 1st Monday of each month
- 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
Syracuse University Commencement Weekend

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**Sunday May 13th, 2012 9:30 A.M. Carrier Dome**

http://commencement.syr.edu/

**Saturday, May 12**

All Day:  **School/College Convocations and Receptions.** See the [Convocations and Receptions](http://commencement.syr.edu/) page for full details. Or download the [2012 Convocation Schedule](http://commencement.syr.edu/).

4–5:30 p.m  **Coronat Scholars Reception** at the Visitor’s Center, 301 Hall of Languages. Questions, call 315-443-1414 or email clperrea@syr.edu

4:30–10 p.m  **Commencement Eve Buffet Dinner** at Drumlins Country Club. For reservations call 315-446-4555. 5:00 p.m. **Setnor School of Music Hooding Ceremony** Setnor Auditorium, Crouse College, Questions call 315-443-2191 or e-mail mjtaylor@syr.edu

6:00 p.m  **Itanwa Orinwa Celebration (cap and gown required)**

Hendricks Chapel: Presented by the Descendants of Africa Congratulatory Committee and the Department of African American Studies for degree candidates and families. Candidates assemble at 5:15 p.m. in the Noble Room. Reception immediately following the ceremony in the Panasci Lounge, Schine Student Center.

**Sunday, May 13**

See detailed [Commencement Schedule](http://commencement.syr.edu/)

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Your medicine is in the pharmacy. Call (315) 443-9005 if you’re interested to get a flu shot! - SU Health Services
Starting Monday, May 14, Syracuse University will begin operating its summer shuttle schedule. No service is scheduled on Monday, May 28, or Wednesday, July 4, when Syracuse University offices are closed. Bus schedules have been posted at all shelter locations. Schedules will not be available at our outlets, but can be printed from our website at http://parking.syr.edu. Regular service resumes when classes start in the fall.
Website: http://parking.syr.edu
Contact Person: Scot Vanderpool, Parking & Transit Services, 443-4652, parkmail@syr.edu

Groundbreaking day for new College of Law building at SU

Two years after announcing plans for a new $90 million College of Law on campus, Syracuse University officials are set to break ground on the project this afternoon.

The 200,000-square-foot, five-story building – to be named Dineen Hall – is to be built on the site of the Raynor parking lot on the western edge of the campus across Irving Avenue from the current College of Law buildings and the Carrier Dome.

The building is being named in honor of two SU College of Law graduates – Robert Emmet Dineen (class of 1924) and Carolyn Bareham Dineen (class of 1932). A $15 million donation from the couple’s three children – federal appeals Judge Carolyn Dineen King of Texas, Kathryn Dineen Wriston and SU trustee Robert E. Dineen Jr. – back in 2010 kicked off a fundraising campaign for the construction project.

The building, slated to open in the fall of 2014, is to include a central atrium at the main level, a library and a 330-seat ceremonial courtroom/auditorium beneath a green roof that will create a seasonal outdoor terrace space. The lead architect on the project is SU alumnus Richard Gluckman of the Gluckman Mayner architectural firm in New York City.

A new law school building has been a key element of a $1 billion fundraising campaign at SU that was kicked off in 2007.

SU Chancellor Nancy Cantor, College of Law Dean Hannah Arterian and members of the law school community are expected to be joined by Robert Dineen Jr. for the groundbreaking ceremonies at 3:30 p.m.

Source: Syracuse.com
Concert: Joe Bonamassa

Central New York's own bluesman Joe Bonamassa will be coming home to play the beautiful Landmark Theatre! Born & raised in New Hartford, NY, Bonamassa is a 4th generation musician, opening for B.B. King at age 12.

As Joe Bonamassa grows his reputation as one of the world's greatest guitar players, he is also evolving into a charismatic blues-rock star and singer-songwriter of stylistic depth and emotional resonance. His ability to connect with live concert audiences is transformational, and his new album, Black Rock, brings that energy to his recorded music more powerfully than ever before. The tenth solo album and eighth studio release of his career – as well as his fifth consecutive with producer Kevin Shirley (Led Zeppelin, Black Crowes, etc.) – the disc adds an enlivening dose of 'world' vibes to Bonamassa's virtuoso mix of '60s-era British blues-rock (à la Beck and Clapton) and roots-influenced Delta sounds.

Date(s): 05/17/2012
Location: Landmark Theatre, 362 S. Salina St., Syracuse, NY 13202
Time: 8:00 pm
Cost: $81, $71, $61, $51
Age Level: Everyone
Telephone: 315-475-7980
Visit Web Site

Slammin' WWE action featuring the main event with John Cena & CM Punk vs. Chris Jericho & Dolph Ziggler - RAW Tag Team Match. Plus all your favorite RAW Superstars including: The Miz, Kofi Kingston, R Truth, Jack Swagger, Zack Ryder, Santino Marella, Eve, Kelly Kelly and many more!

Date: 05/12/2012
Location: Downtown War Memorial at Oncenter, 501 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, NY 13202
Time: 7:30 pm
Cost: Tickets start at $15
Age Level: Everyone
Telephone: 315-435-2121
Visit Web Site
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!!

Maxwell blood drive

The Center for Policy Research at the Maxwell School will host a blood drive on Wednesday, May 16, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Executive Study Room (204 Maxwell Hall).

To set up an appointment to donate, please contact Peg Austin at mmaustin@maxwell.syr.edu or 443-9070.

Thank you for your continued support.

Contact Person:
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E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors List

The lists below cover 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 lists contain the following:
- Business name (the name which was used during registration with E-Verify, whether the legal name of the business or individual, a trade name or abbreviation)
  - Federal Contractor Identifier (yes/no)
  - Federal Contractor Employee verification (all new hires or entire workforce)
  - Employer city, state and ZIP code used at registration
  - Workforce size (five or more)
- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors (AK-AZ) as of March 15, 2012 (XLS)
- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors (CA-CT) as of March 15, 2012 (XLS)
- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors (DC-MA) as of March 15, 2012 (XLS)
- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors (MD-NJ) as of March 15, 2012 (XLS)
- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors (NM-SC) as of March 15, 2012 (586KB XLS)
- E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors (SD-WY) as of March 15, 2012 (XLS)

Click here for more information

Graduating? Get The Orange Album – The Official Sounds of Syracuse University
Need a SU souvenir or memorial gift? Get SU's very own Orange Album at the Bookstore or online at:
http://bookweb.syr.edu/ePOS?this_category=807&store=1&listtype=begin&form=shared3%2fgm%2fmain%2fehtml&design=1#

The Orange Album is a collection of songs performed by the Syracuse University Recordings House Band, Syracuse University Marching Band, the Men's Glee Club and the Drumline. Selections include the Fight Song, Alma Mater, and the Fanfare. 11 selections.
For discount, group pricing or any other questions, please contact Syracuse University Recordings (Anqi Jiang: anjiang@syr.edu).

Syracuse University Recordings®

Grand Canyon Backpacking and River Rafting Expedition – Recreation Services
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Explore the majestic Grand Canyon and Colorado River!
May 31 – June 8, 2012
3 days / 2 nights of backpacking through the Grand Canyon
4 days / 3 nights of whitewater rafting on the Colorado River
In partnership with Northern Arizona University (NAU)
$700 SU/ESF Undergraduate Students
$1,000 all other SU/ESF ID Card Holders
Travel to and from Phoenix, AZ is not included in the fees.
Participants are expected to arrive in Phoenix, AZ (PHX) by 2:00pm on Thursday, May 31st and to book flights after 12:00pm on Friday, June 8th

Tentative Itinerary:
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<th>Day</th>
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<td>Thursday May 31</td>
<td>Arrive in Phoenix, AZ</td>
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<td>Travel to Dubeau Hostel – Flagstaff</td>
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<td>Meet NAU Staff for Orientation / Equipment Rental</td>
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<td>Overnight at Dubeau Hostel</td>
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<td>Friday June 1</td>
<td>Travel to Grand Canyon South Rim</td>
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<td>Arrive to GC South Rim Visitors Center</td>
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<td>Backpacking through the Grand Canyon trail system</td>
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<td>Overnight at Backcountry Campsite</td>
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<td>Backpacking to Bright Angel</td>
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<td>Overnight at Backcountry Campsite</td>
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<td>Sunday June 3</td>
<td>Backpacking out of Canyon - Travel to Flagstaff</td>
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<td>Travel to Flagstaff / Van Rental Return</td>
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<td>Overnight at Flagstaff Hostel</td>
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<td>Monday June 4</td>
<td>River Section Begins</td>
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<td>Meet NAU staff / Orientation / Diamond Down for River Trip</td>
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<td>Put in at Diamond-Down Section</td>
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<td>Overnight on the river</td>
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<td>Tuesday June 5</td>
<td>Full day on the river</td>
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<td>Rafting / Day Hiking / Canyon Exploration</td>
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<td>Wednesday June 6</td>
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<td>Thursday June 7</td>
<td>Finish river trip / take out and travel back to Flagstaff</td>
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<td>Rafting</td>
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<td>Return to Hostel / Celebration Dinner in Flagstaff, AZ</td>
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Friday June 8: Travel from Flagstaff to Phoenix for flight out of Phoenix
- Travel to Phoenix Airport
- Return Van Rental / fly out to destinations

To register for this program, please contact Scott Catucci as soon as possible as space is extremely limited! Click here for more information

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CPT/OPT Seminars

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An advisor will be able to process your CPT or OPT on one of the days listed below:
May 14 - 2:00pm - 4:00pm
May 15 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
May 17 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
May 21 - 2:00pm - 4:00pm
May 22 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
May 24 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
May 29 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
May 31 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

F-1 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 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 completion date. The program completion date for Spring semester is May 9, 2012.

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 (EAD) in a timely manner. Currently, it is taking the USCIS Service Centers approximately 70-90 days to process OPT employment authorization applications. Employment cannot begin until you have the card “in your hands”.

- Also, a student in F-1 or J-1 status cannot be employed away from the Syracuse University campus unless they have obtained appropriate federal authorization to do so before employment can begin. This includes internships, research and volunteering.

Full-time Course of Study

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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
MEETING YOUR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Please be certain that you are currently enrolled in an approved health insurance policy for the 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 helping 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!

Studying Abroad?

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

IMMIGRATION UPDATES
The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that it received a sufficient number of H-1B petitions to reach the statutory cap for fiscal year (FY) 2012. USCIS notified the public that November 22, 2011 was the final receipt date for new H-1B specialty occupation petitions for FY2012. USCIS will reject cap-subject H-1B petitions that arrived after November 22, 2011.

H-1B petitions reached the statutory cap for the past fiscal years: (FY) 2011 on Jan. 26, 2011 (FY) 2010 on Dec. 21, 2009 (FY) 2009 on April 7, 2008 (FY) 2008 on April 2, 2007

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For more information and latest updates on H1B Visa cap count, please visit the [USCIS website](http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176f35e6d1a/?vgnextoid=4b7cdd1d5fd37210VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD&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 May, but who will be continuing their studies for Summer 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.

Students with I-20s or DS-2019s expiring in May 2012 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](http://international.syr.edu/_documents/forms/I-20_Extension.pdf)

### Don’t Be Fooled by Copycat Immigration-Help Sites

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.


### International Students and Arrests

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/isss/publications/instuarrest.html](http://www2.binghamton.edu/isss/publications/instuarrest.html)

### Housing and Safety

**Housing Update : 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.*
Click to view full document
• 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

Motivational Quotes of the Week:

"Really great people make you feel that you, too, can become great." - Mark Twain

"You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water." - Rabindranath Tagore

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." - John Quincy Adams

"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars." - Brian Littrell

"Be gentle to all and stern with yourself." - Saint Teresa of Avila

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