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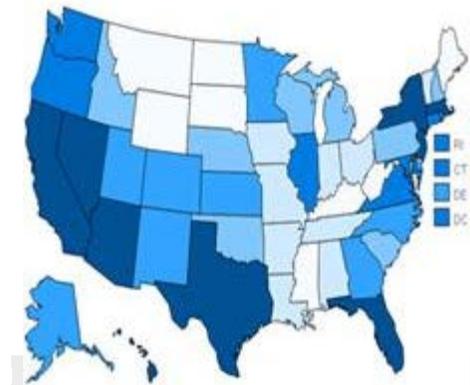
## Immigration News and Events

### Mapping the Nation: New Interactive Map Illustrating Global Engagement

Mapping the Nation is a new interactive map that pulls together demographic, economic, and education indicators—nearly one million data points—to show that the United States is a truly global nation. This project was sponsored by the Asia Society, the Longview Foundation, and analytics leader SAS, in cooperation with several organizations, including NAFSA.

You may think of New York, Los Angeles, and Miami as international cities. What the map reveals is that places like Dakota County, Minnesota commands \$40 billion in export trade annually, and that Adams County, Washington has a higher percentage of people speaking a language other than English at home than in Dallas. Another interesting point: Hudson County, New Jersey, has a higher percentage of foreign-born population than Los Angeles.

Explore the new tool at [MappingtheNation.net](http://MappingtheNation.net).



## Slutzker Center News and Events

### Respect and Inclusiveness at SU A Message from SCIS Director, Pat Burak

Dear Students, Scholars and Colleagues,

Inclusiveness and respect are key issues for our international community, as well as for every member of the Syracuse

University community. It is important for all of you to read the [letter from the Director](#) of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resource Center, D. Chase J. Catalano, which was written on November 15, 2013. It relates to an act of “symbolic violence” against a group of people who were being recognized in a “passive educational effort to raise awareness that trans lives matter.”

Please read the letter, and the introduction to the letter provided by the Interim Chancellor Eric Spina. Anyone who would like to talk about this issue, or issues of respect and inclusiveness at Syracuse University are invited to make an appointment with me, or any adviser at the Slutzker Center. We all live in this world together, and it is our personal responsibility to promote good over evil, and live with respect for all people. Thank you for taking the time to care. ~ Dr. Patricia Burak, Director, Slutzker Center for International Services



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### **Helpful Hints from SCIS:**

#### **You Can Work On-Campus More During the Break**

The Thanksgiving break is from November 24 - December 1. During school breaks, F-1 students are allowed to work on-campus more than 20 hours per week.

The days during the break fall within two different SU pay periods, so you could potentially have two pay stubs that show more than 20 hours. This is okay as long as you ONLY work more hours during the dates of the break.

If you work over 40 hours in one week, whether for one or more than one employer on campus, be certain that your employer(s) know and have approved in advance this number of hours. Any hours worked over 40 must be paid at an “overtime” pay rate, and some employers are not willing or able to pay extra money for overtime hours.

Remember that the above information is in regards to on-campus work only. To work off-campus, F-1 students must first obtain work authorization (CPT/OPT).

If you have a question or concern that you would like addressed in a future “Helpful Hints” article, please send an email to [lescis@syr.edu](mailto:lescis@syr.edu). Maybe your question will be featured in next week’s issue!



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### **Alumni: Here and There** **Paulina Pannan ('90)**

Prof. Dr. Paulina Pannan (Pannan) is the Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs at the Universitas Siswa Bangsa Internasional in Jakarta, Indonesia. She and her son visited Syracuse this week as part of a six week engagement in the United States, doing research on e-Education and searching for graduate schools for her son.

Paulina earned her Doctorate in the School of Education in 1990, and her Master’s in the iSchool in 1987. When we asked

her what she remembers about Syracuse, she quickly replied, "THE COLD!" She further explained that this was why she came back during a cold season! But despite the cold, she feels the warmth of the people. Paulina remembers her days at Syracuse University "most fondly!" Welcome Back!

The Slutzker Center will continue to feature "Alumni: Here and There" in future editions of SCIS News. If you are an alumni and would like to share your story, please send a short paragraph about your current life and a photo to [lescis@syr.edu](mailto:lescis@syr.edu).



### **Attention All Returning International Students! Peer Assistant Volunteer Opportunity**

Remember how welcomed the peer assistants made you feel when you first arrived at the Slutzker Center? We are once again in need of knowledgeable and welcoming volunteers from January 6th to January 10th, 2014 to greet the new international students.

Candidates must have been enrolled at SU for at least one academic semester to be considered. Candidates must attend an hour-long, peer assistant training session in early December. If interested please send your completed [Peer Assistant Application](#) to Karisa Werner at [klwerner@syr.edu](mailto:klwerner@syr.edu).



**You Should Be Here  
Only Two Travel Seminars Left Before Thanksgiving!**



If you plan on traveling during the breaks, you may need a travel signature. On the bottom of the 3<sup>rd</sup> page of your I-20 is the travel signature section. Each signature is good for one year from the date it was signed.

If you need an updated travel signature, you can obtain one by attending a Slutzker Center Travel Seminar. There are only two seminars left before Thanksgiving:

This Friday at 12pm

Next Monday at 5pm

If you have already attended a Travel Seminar, you may also obtain a travel signature during walk-in hours M-F 11am to 3pm. Please bring your I-20, passport, I-94, and proof of health insurance. Your health insurance MUST BE valid for at least six months in the future.

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### **Picture of the Week**

This photo was taken by Glnar Eskandar. She is an SU graduate student of International Relations at the Maxwell School. In the summer of 2013, Glnar participated in a Study Abroad summer program in Singapore. She took this photo from the Singapore Flyer, the world's tallest Ferris wheel. Glnar described her experience: "One afternoon after work, I decided to ride the city's infamous Ferris wheel hoping to experience the city from beyond its crowded streets, and I was welcomed by an unparalleled, breathtaking view of the island."



For the chance to have your picture featured as Picture of the Week, please send it via email to [lescis@syr.edu](mailto:lescis@syr.edu) with the subject line of "Picture of the Week." Submissions can be from anywhere on the globe!

## Syracuse University Events

### **Who Are You? Schine Student Center November 19-21, 11am-2pm**

The STOP Bias initiative of the Division of Student Affairs is hosting the second annual "Who Are You?" postcard project.

The Postcard Project encourages students and other campus constituents to complete statements that define for themselves who they are as a way to bring to life the University's community of diverse scholars, as well as emphasize the beauty of an inclusive campus.

STOP Bias partners will be tabling in the Schine Student Center Nov. 19-21, 11am-2pm, with postcards and other information about the STOP Bias initiative. Students and other parties can also pick up postcards at the Slutzker Center, or fill out a form online at: <https://orgsync.com/10755/forms/62457>, or email [stopbias@syr.edu](mailto:stopbias@syr.edu) to ask about alternative methods to submit "Who Are You?" statements. These (anonymous) student expressions will be displayed in the Panasci Lounge of the Schine Student Center in April 2014.

Visit <http://stopbias.syr.edu> for more information.



## I Otto Know This!

The "I Otto Know This!" program is a multi-level financial literacy program that provides Syracuse University students with the skills and resources necessary to successfully manage their money. The program is designed to provide financial management tools to undergraduate and graduate students throughout their education.

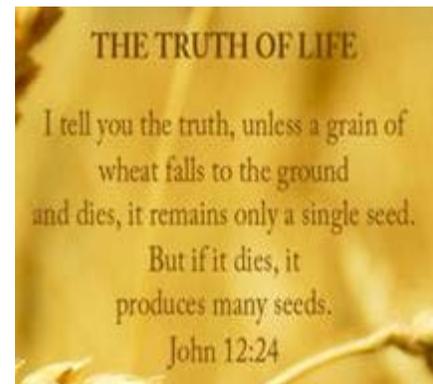
Visit <http://syr.edu/financialaid/financialliteracy/> and see all the program has to offer, including a web-based Life Skills series, a Money Awareness Program (MAP) that helps students reduce their loan debt, information on Federal TEACH Grants, a free downloadable Budget Worksheet, and much more.



## Catholic Retreat January 18-20, 2014

"To Encounter Christ" (TEC) is a 3-day Catholic retreat movement for students focused on the unconditional love of God the Father. Each day is a manifestation of the Paschal Mystery: die day, rise day and go day. It is a weekend away with a community like no other. Visit <http://syracusetec.weebly.com/> to learn more and watch a promotional video.

It will take place at the Alverna Heights Retreat Center, Fayetteville, NY (9 miles east of Syracuse). Students who are interested should contact the St. Thomas More Catholic Campus Ministry, Syracuse University & SUNY ESF, 110 Walnut Place, (315) 478 – 5959. Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday - Friday: 1pm-9pm.



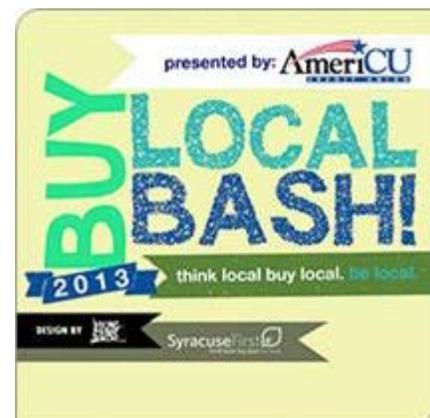
## Cultural and Community Events

### Buy Local Bash The MOST November 25, 6-9:30pm

The Buy Local Bash brings community members and local merchants together for a one-of-a-kind social event that highlights LOCALLY OWNED INDEPENDENT businesses in the Greater Syracuse area. This unique and festive event aims to spread awareness of the importance of Buying LOCAL during the holiday season.

This year at the MOST, the Buy Local Bash will feature live music, local artists, indie retailers, and of course LOCAL food and beverages. Tasting stations highlighting local restaurants, farms and food producers will fill the venue, each serving a gourmet item that highlights its individuality and celebrates the great things that are made, produced and grown in Central New York.

This is a great opportunity to take a piece of Syracuse back



home to share with friends and family! Visit <http://www.syracusefirst.org/buy-local-bash/> for more information and to purchase tickets.

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**Skating Season Opens!**  
**Clinton Square**  
**Last Week of November – March 11, 2014**

Located in the heart of downtown Syracuse, the Clinton Square Ice rink is one of the city's most popular destinations. More than 20,000 skaters enjoy the open air facility each year.

The skating season at Clinton Square begins the last week of November and runs until March 11th. The rink is open weather permitting, so please call in advance - 423-0129. All youth 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian and all children under the age of 18 will not be allowed on the premises after dark without supervision of a parent. Please have photo identification available.



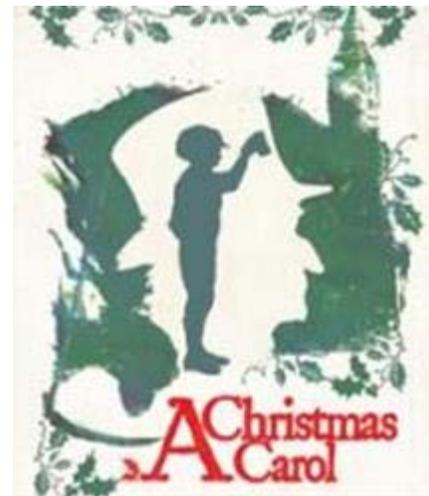
For hours of operation and pricing, please visit the [City of Syracuse website](#).

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**A Christmas Carol**  
**Syracuse Stage**  
**November 24-December 29**

The beloved family classic returns to Central New York after a seven year absence in a music-driven adaptation new to Syracuse audiences. "I was amazed not only at its beauty and durability, but its blazing theatricality," playwright Romulus Linney once noted of Dickens' most famous Christmas story. "It is part Hamlet, in its devastating revelations by fantastic ghosts, part *Everyman*, in its sure progression toward spiritual salvation, and part Charlie Chaplin, in its fun and overflowing good spirits."

The Late Romulus Linney was the founding playwright of NYC's Signature Theatre Company, which named a theatre in his honor. Peter Amster returns to Syracuse Stage, where he directed *Moby Dick*, *The 39 Steps*, *This Wonderful Life* and *The Fantasticks*.



Tickets are only \$20 for SU students. For more information, visit <http://syracusestage.org/>.

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## Quotes to keep you thinking

- "Very few of us are what we seem." – **Agatha Christie**
  - "Leadership cannot really be taught, it can only be learned." – **Harold S. Geneen**
  - "Fall seven times, stand up eight." – **Japanese Proverb**
  - "Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world." – **Nelson Mandela**
  - "You can't use up creativity, the more you use, the more you have." – **Maya Angelou**
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