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Immigration News and Events

Social Security Card Services in Syracuse Has Reopened

Students who have obtained employment and need to apply for a Social Security Number, can now visit the downtown office at 100 S. Clinton Street. Due to the two-week closure resulting from the government shutdown, you may encounter long wait times.

For more information on how to apply for a SSN as an international student, please visit the [Social Security](#) section of the Slutzker Center website.



Call for Applications: NAFSA Youth Delegate at the United Nations

[NAFSA](#): Association of International Educators is accepting applications for undergraduate/graduate students to work with NAFSA's NGO reps at the United Nations. This is a volunteer position for students interested in international affairs. NGO youth delegates work with NAFSA's designated representatives to the UN to help implement the team's internationalization mission of helping young people become global citizens by

providing opportunities for them to engage with the UN's global agenda.

Applicants must be students 18-24 years old who will be enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate program in Spring 2014. Students must be available Thursdays during this period and live in or close to New York City so that transportation to and from the UN is reasonable and manageable. Fluency in another language is helpful but not required.

For complete details, see the attached document.

Slutzker Center News and Events

New Travel Seminar Schedule

Thanksgiving Break and Winter Break are just around the corner. If you plan on traveling during the breaks, you may need a travel signature. On the bottom of the 3rd 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. Starting November 4 and ending November 25, the new Travel Seminar schedule will be as follows:

Monday – 5pm

Tuesday – 11am

Wednesday – 1:30pm

Thursday – 3pm

Friday – 12pm

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.



Picture of the Week

This picture was taken by Yuzhi Shen as he was walking home through Thornden Park, right here in Syracuse. Yuzhi is from China and is a new graduate student in Electrical Engineering. He says that after he settled in Syracuse, he fell in love with the University.



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

Syracuse University Events

Halloween Movie Night **Hosted by Japanese Student Association** Life Science Bldg Auditorium 001 October 25, 7pm

The Japanese Student Association invites you to join them for a Halloween Movie Night this Friday. The featured film will be *Spirited Away* written and directed by Hayao Miyazaki and produced by Studio Ghibli. The film won for best Japanese animated fantasy film in 2001. Feel free to bring your own snack and drink!

The [Japanese Student Association\(JSA\)](#) is a student organization accredited by Syracuse University to act as a bridge between international Japanese students and students with interests in Japanese language and culture.



Spooky Skate Tennity Ice Skating Pavillion, 511 Skytop Rd October 25, 8:30-11:55pm

Ice skate to spooky Halloween music and take part in some fun on-ice games and a spooky booth to click some ghostly photos with your crazy friends. Everyone is encouraged to wear a costume!

Whether you are a complete beginner just looking to give ice skating a try or a seasoned veteran that can show everybody a

few new tricks, everyone is welcome to join in on the fun. Bring your friends too, even if they've never tried ice skating before. Everyone will be sure to have a blast. Skills do not matter, what matters is everybody has a good time. It is recommended that you wear long pants and long sleeves.

Price is \$4 which includes admission as well as skate rental! Refreshments will be served. Part of the rental goes to Nanhi Kali – Syracuse Chapter as a donation to help their cause of supporting education for underprivileged girl children in India.

For more information, visit the [event page](#) or “like” them on [facebook](#).



Student Luncheon with Ethiopian Disability Rights Activists **Rachel's in the Sheraton Hotel** **October 28, 12-1:30pm**

Ethiopian disability rights activists, Wesenyelesh Admasu of the Ethiopian Women with Disabilities National Association and Meseret Mamo Kombolcha of the [Ethiopian Human Rights Commission](#) will be at the luncheon from noon-1:30 p.m. at Rachel's in the Sheraton Hotel. American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation will be provided. Please RSVP (including any accommodations requests) to sudcc@syr.edu.

This event is part of a series of events during the month of October which has been nationally designated as [Disability Awareness Month](#). It is cosponsored by the Disability Cultural Center, the Slutzker Center for International Services, the Disability Rights Clinic and the Disability Law and Policy Program.



US Policy in a Changing Middle East **with Tamara Cofman** **060 Eggers Hall** **October 28, 12pm**

Tamara Cofman Wittes is a Senior Fellow and the Director of the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at Brookings. Wittes served as US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern affairs from November of 2009 to January 2012, coordinating UDS policy on democracy and human rights in the Middle East for the State Department. Wittes also oversaw the Middle East



Partnership Initiative and served as US Deputy Special Coordinator for Middle East transitions. She was central to organizing the US government's response to the Arab awakening.

This event is part of the INSCT Middle East Speaker Series. For more information click [here](#) or email insct@syr.edu.

Graduate School International Student Spotlight

The Graduate School is looking for a group of international graduate students who have recently achieved a significant goal or who are currently working on an interesting goal/project at Syracuse University. These "goals" could include (but are not limited to) current or recent research projects, publications, honors and awards, or any other significant achievement that is linked to Syracuse University.

The Graduate School would like to interview a number of students in order to write a series of short articles for the "International Student Spotlight" section in the Graduate School's upcoming Newsletter publications. If interested in sharing your experiences, please email dmontag@syr.edu.



Cultural and Community Events

The Art of Video Games: A Curator's Quest

**Everson Museum of Art
October 26-Januray 19**

Part of a ten-city national tour, The Art of Video Games is one of the first major exhibitions to explore the 40-year evolution of video games as an artistic medium, with a focus on striking graphics, creative storytelling and player interactivity. Organized by the Smithsonian American Art Museum, the exhibition features some of the most influential artists and designers across five eras of game development, from early pioneers to contemporary designers.

Eighty games are presented through still images and video footage. In addition, the galleries include video interviews with developers and artists, historic game consoles and large prints



of in-game screen shots.

For more information and to purchase tickets to this event, please visit the [Everson Museum](#).

Fright Nights at the Fair NYS Fairgrounds through October 28

Held in the Beef Barn. Two attractions are new this year - a Clown Prison and The Crypt. The haunted hayride has been upgraded to a 3-D experience. Returning are The Dungeon of Doom, the Hostel and the Haunted Mansion. There are non-scary carnival rides for young children. Food and drink vending will be available. The thrill attractions are not recommended for ages 9 and younger. Parents should use their discretion.

For times and ticket information, please visit <http://frightnightsatthefair.com/>.

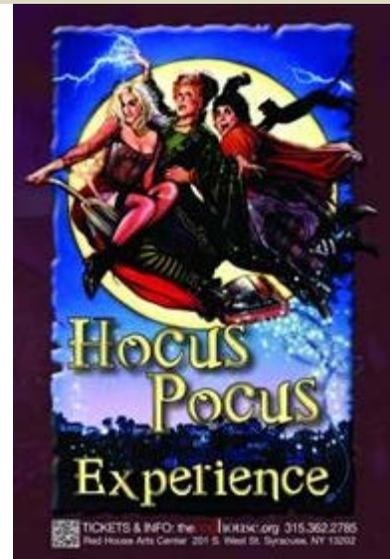


Hocus Pocus Experience Red House Arts Center, 201 S. West St, Syracuse October 31 & November 1, 8pm

Enjoy this comedy/horror classic film about three witches in Salem on Halloween night who are up to no good. There will be live performers and audience participation required!

Tickets are \$20 for non-members and \$15 for members. Admission includes one free drink. Join in on some extra Halloween tricks and treats with our \$5 Participation Kits, now available online and at the door!

For more information and to purchase tickets online, please visit [Redhouse](#).



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Quotes to keep you thinking

- "Through humor, you can soften some of the worst blows that life delivers. And once you find laughter, no matter how painful your situation might be, you can survive it." – **Bill Cosby**
- "We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution." – **Abraham Lincoln**
- "People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within." – **Elisabeth Kubler-Ross**
- "There are two types of people - those who come into a room and say, 'Well, here I am!' and those who come in and say, 'Ah, there you are.'" – **Frederick L. Collins**

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