



## Events at the Slutzker Center for International Services

### Congratulations to International Graduates!

The Slutzker Center would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to all the international students graduating this upcoming weekend. We hope you enjoyed your time at SU and that we were able to provide you with the services necessary to help you succeed.

We wish you all the best in the future, and welcome you to keep in contact with us. If you would like to share your success stories and perhaps connect with future generations of Syracuse University international students, please don't hesitate to contact us at [arwagone@syr.edu](mailto:arwagone@syr.edu).



### Last Travel Seminar Before Commencement

**Note:** No appointment or signup is required for the seminar.

**What to bring:** Passport, Visa, i-94 card, I-20/DS-2019 form, proof of health insurance (with expiration date at least 6 months into the future) and medical evacuation & repatriation if it's not included in your insurance policy.

Date & Time	Location
Friday, May 10, 12:00pm	Slutzker Center

### New CBP Procedures at US Ports of Entry Causing Travel Delays

Department of Homeland Security has issued an immediate directive to all Customs and Border Protection agents at US ports of entry to verify that every person trying to enter as an F-1/J-1 international student or scholar has a valid SEVIS record.

In addition to the normal procedure of checking paper documents (passport, visa, I-94, I-20/DS-2019) the CBP officer will also pull up each student's SEVIS record on the computer. This may involve students being placed in secondary inspection.

International students/scholars entering the US in the coming weeks should expect travel delays of up to several hours.



Students traveling while on OPT should remember to also carry with them their EAD card and job offer. For additional information regarding travel as an international student, please visit the [travel section](#) of our website.

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### **SCIS Summer Hours**

During the summer, the Slutzker Center office hours change. Effective, Monday, May 13, 2013, the hours will be as shown below.

**Monday through Friday: 8:00am – 4:30pm**

Walk-in advising hours will remain Monday through Friday from 11am to 3pm.

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### **Peer Assistants Needed**

The Slutzker Center for International Services is currently accepting Peer Assistant volunteer applications for Summer and Fall 2013. As a volunteer Peer Assistant, you will help new international students with the initial clearance process, answer questions about housing, and help students adjust to the college environment and life in the Syracuse community.

In addition to giving back to the University community, being a Peer Assistant provides a great opportunity to meet new international students, share your experiences, build your resume, and form new friendships.

If you are interested in becoming a Peer Assistant, please complete the [application form](#). If you have additional questions regarding the program, please contact Xiao Yu at [xyu25@syr.edu](mailto:xyu25@syr.edu)



### **Picture of the Week**

Calling all film students, amateur photographers, or anyone else with a smartphone..! SCIS News would like to add a new feature to our newsletter – Picture of the Week! We are looking for pictures with an international flair. 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."



### Commencement 2013 Weekend Security

Due to the heightened awareness regarding security, all guests and degree candidates will be screened upon entry to all Convocations and Commencement. This will include the use of metal detectors.

- Purses and bags larger than 10" x 10" will NOT be allowed in any Convocation or Commencement venue. All bags will be inspected.
- Venues will NOT have any holding areas for the storage of items.
- The Carrier Dome will open at 7 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Manley Field House, Hendricks Chapel and Crouse College will open two hours before each convocation. On Saturday, Schine Student Center will open at 7:30 a.m.
- Prohibited items include: weapons, backpacks, large bags, large purses, duffel bags, alcohol, fireworks, sparklers, balloons, food or beverage (excluding items needed for health/special needs) or any object that would present danger or disrupt the ceremony.
- Concessions stands will be open at the Carrier Dome on Saturday and Sunday.



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### Summer Centro Bus Service for Faculty, Staff, and Students

Caz Limo service to/from Nob Hill will not be available over the summer. Instead, the Centro Bus #240 weekday service will now be available for faculty, staff and students at no charge when proper SU-ID is displayed.

For the current Centro #240 schedule, please visit the [Centro website](#). The same schedule will be in effect over the summer. Please note that only weekday trips will be at no charge to SU-ID holders.



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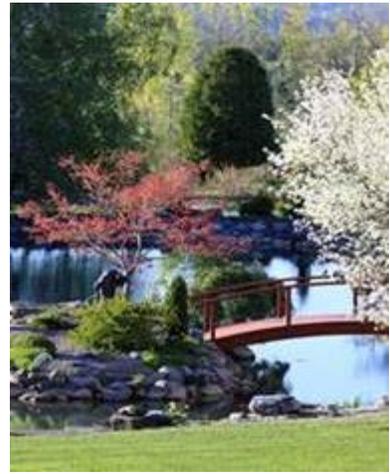
## Recreational Events

### Weekend Wildflower Walks at Baltimore Woods

### **May 11 & 12, 2-3pm**

The Woods' premier woodland wildflower garden is a local treasure. Join caretaker Audrey Loewer for a pleasant walk through one of the wonders of spring. Each week new species will bloom, and Audrey will reveal their past and present medicinal and culinary uses. The garden is handicap accessible; call ahead if you need assistance. Meet at the Pavilion. Donation expected.

For directions and more information, please visit the Baltimore Woods [events page](#).



### **Rochester Lilac Festival**

**May 10 -19**

News crews will be on hand to record the event! We want the whole world to know we have a "Passion For Purple" in Rochester, NY!!! It's an Opening Day celebration like no other! Wear your purple and join us at Center Stage! Together we'll set the record for the biggest crowd of people wearing purple ever assembled! Park FREE at any of the three Public Lots until 3pm. For more information please visit the Lilac Festival's [Official website](#).



## **Arts and Community Events**

### **Shen Yun Performing Arts 2013**

**May 12, 6pm**

Shen Yun Performing Arts is the world's premier Chinese dance and music company. Based in NY, Shen Yun's rich repertoire is drawn from the pages of Chinese history and philosophy as well as universal themes. During the 2012 world tour, Shen Yun visited more than 100 cities-gracing the most celebrated stages in the world. Shen Yun makes its debut in CNY on May 12, 2013. Tickets are available for purchase at the Official Site of the Shen Yun Performing Arts [website](#).



### **The Sound of Music**

**May 10, 7pm**

Kick off Mother's Day Weekend with the Sing-A-Long version of The Sound of Music at the Landmark Theatre, presented by Visual Technologies. Recognized by the United States Library of

Congress and National Film Registry as "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant", The Sound of Music has won five Academy Awards and been nominated for a Grammy. For ticket information visit the Landmark Theater at their [Official website](#).



## Trending News and Sports

### Employment outlook appears more promising for Class of 2013

The job outlook for graduating seniors in the Class of 2013 appears to be better than last year, though just by a little bit. A survey released by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, a nonprofit organization that assesses the employment outlook for college graduates, said companies participating in the study expect to hire about 2.1 percent more college graduates from the Class of 2013. The survey was done from Feb. 11 to March 27 and is based on the responses of 196 employers such as Macy's Inc., Coca-Cola Co. and Northrop Grumman Corp. For full story please visit [DailyOrange](#).

### Lacrosse Squads featured in Times Square May 10 & 12

Syracuse's men's and women's lacrosse teams were featured in Times Square this week after both squads won BIG EAST Tournament titles last weekend. Read the full story on [SUAthletics](#).



## Important Reminders

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## Quotes to keep you thinking

- "Education is an admirable thing, but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing that is

worth knowing can be taught. — **Oscar Wilde**

- “Education doesn't change life much. It just lifts trouble to a higher plane of regard. – **Indira Ghandi****Robert Frost**
- “Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy.” –**Norman Vincent Peale**
- “Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.” – **Dalai Lama**

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