



Visit us at: international.syr.edu

IN THIS EDITION

Events and Programs to Introduce you to Campus & Community

- Happy Valentine's Day!
- Last Mix-It-Up for the Spring
- Immigration Status After Practical Training
- Free Shuttle to Wegmans and Target
- How to be an Active Participant in the American Graduate Classroom
- Senior Sessions: Moving to a New City
- PhD & Masters Virtual Career Fair
- Syracuse Winter Fest 2014
- A Valentine's Cabaret
- Film Talks with Mike Fantasia

Other News

- Chancellor Sits with SU International Students during Last Week's Game
- New Times for PT2
- SCIS Helpful Hint: Renew Your Health Insurance
- Tairan Niu is winner of Picture of the Week!

Slutzker Center News and Events

Happy Valentine's Day! February 14th

Valentine's Day in the US is a day to tell that special someone how much they mean to you. Gifts are often exchanged, such as cards, boxes of chocolate, flowers, and jewelry. Adults in the US will often have romantic dinners on Valentine's Day and it is also a popular day for couples to become engaged. School-aged children exchange small Valentine's postcards and candy or stickers with their classmates. Valentine's Day is a time to celebrate romance, love, and friendship.



Chancellor Sits with SU International Students During Last Week's Game

February 9th

On Sunday, February 9, international students enjoyed the SU-Clemson Men's Basketball game (and VICTORY!) together with Chancellor Syverud and Dr. Ruth Chen.

Experiencing their first time in the DOME, students commented: "We all had such a wonderful time at the game on Sunday!" "It was so exciting to watch the game with him and his wife." "Wonderful time at the game, it was definitely a highlight of my whole stay in Syracuse."

We thank the Chancellor for including international students in his outreach to the campus community. Go ORANGE!



New Times for PT2

Starting next week, Practical Training walk-in service hours will be changing. The new schedule will be:

Mondays from 3-5pm

Thursdays from 10am-12pm

Practical Training walk-ins are for students who have already compiled their [Curricular Practical Training](#) (CPT) or [Optional Practical Training](#) (OPT) application materials. In most cases, if you have all the necessary documentation with you during PT2 walk-ins, you will receive your new I-20 the same day.



Last Mix-It-Up Schine 304 February 14, 5pm

The last Mix-It-Up for this semester will be held this Friday at 5pm in Schine 304. Come and enjoy free food and lively conversation! This week's Mix-It-Up will focus on the topic of Valentine's Day. Please RSVP to ejvoigt@syr.edu.

Mix-It-Up is a program organized by the Slutzker Center that brings students from all backgrounds together so they can share a meal and a story. International students and US students are both welcome and encouraged to attend. This is a place to talk and to eat great food together, and to learn about each other.

For more information, click [here](#).



Immigration Status After Practical Training

**Watson Theatre
February 20, 4-5:30pm**

Hilary Fraser, immigration attorney from the law firm of Miller Mayer in Ithaca, NY will present on:

- H-1B Temporary Workers
- O-1 Aliens of Extraordinary Ability
- TNs under NAFTA
- Permanent Residence/Green Cards
- And more...

This event is sponsored by the Slutzker Center for International Services.



Helpful Hints from SCIS: Renew Your Health Insurance

If you are enrolled in the Syracuse University HTH insurance

plan, it may be time for you to renew. If you enrolled for the semi-annual term, your insurance expired on January 31st.

[Renew online today!](#)

No matter which insurance company you have, you should take some time to check the end date of your current plan and renew before your coverage expires. Any gaps in coverage could lead to your health insurance company refusing to pay for claims they deem related to a pre-existing condition (a condition you had prior to the new start date).

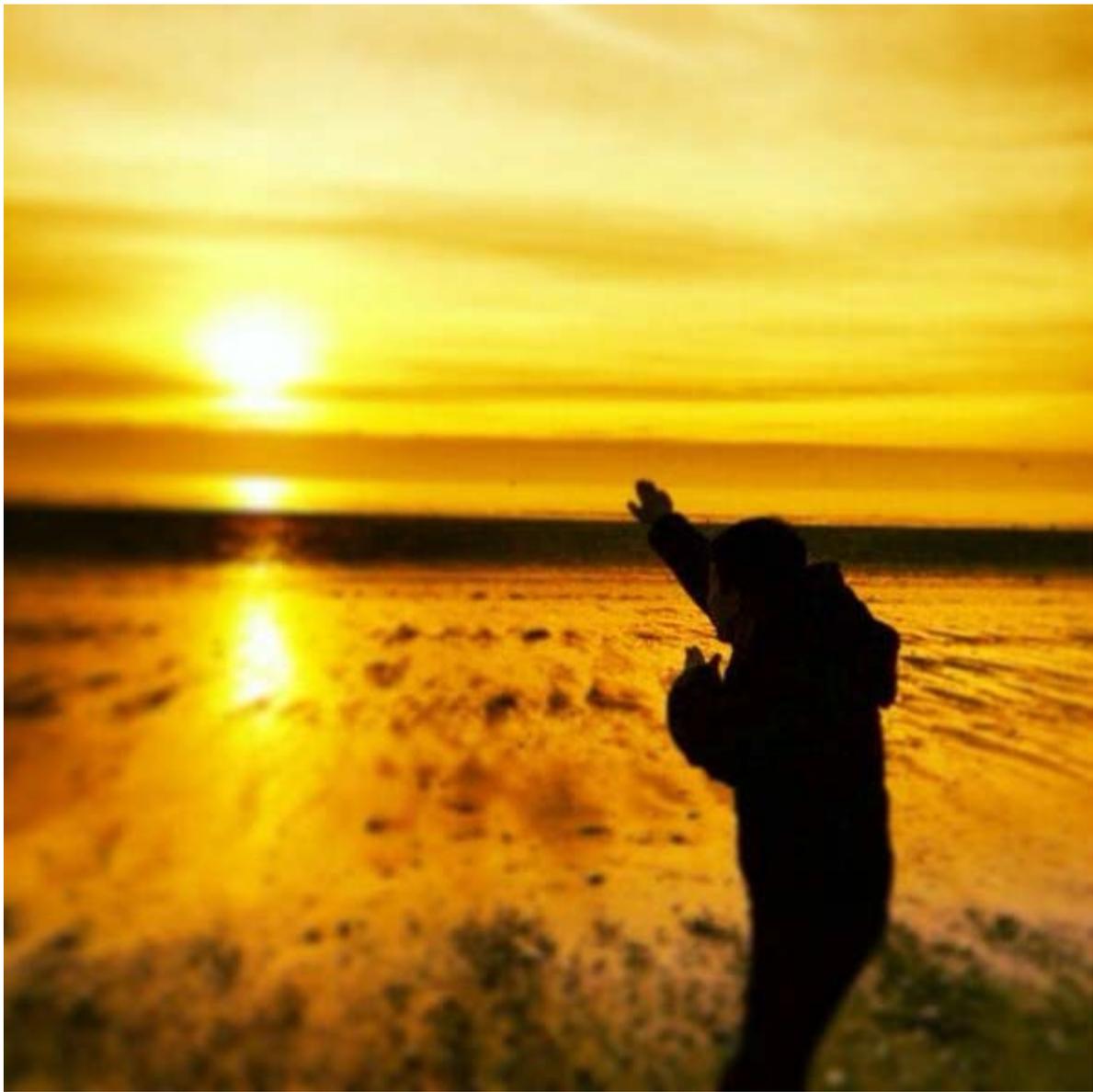
Please visit the [Health Insurance](#) section of the SCIS website for further details.

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. Maybe your question will be featured in next week's issue!



Picture of the Week

This photo was taken by Tairan Niu, a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in International Relations. It was taken at Revere Beach near Boston, MA. Tairan went to Boston on February 1st to celebrate the Chinese New Year with his friends. They waited in their car for the sunrise and then took several photos. Tairan says that the sunrise is very meaningful to Chinese people, especially the sunrise on the first day of the lunar new year. He outstretched his arms towards the sun in hopes of having a good start to the year of the horse. Tairan says "Happy Chinese New Year" to all the people who bleed orange!



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

Free Shuttle to Wegmans and Target

How will you be doing your errands this semester? Continuous shuttle service will be provided for all SU students from College Place and Goldstein Student Center to Wegmans and Target.

The shuttle will run on the following Sundays: 2/16, 3/2, 3/23, 4/6, and 4/27 from 1-6pm.

This service is provided by the SU Student Association. Please see the [Office of Student Activities](#) for the complete shuttle schedule.



How to be an Active Participant

in the American Graduate Classroom
Hall of Languages, Room 215
February 18, 5-6:30pm

The American graduate classroom is a unique environment when compared with classrooms around the world. The expectations, both of the students and of the instructor, may be unfamiliar to international students.

This workshop will explore properties of the American classroom, in an effort to help international students know what to expect, and what is expected of them – and ultimately, to maximize their chances of a successful, enjoyable experience in their graduate studies.

Food will be provided for presentation participants!

[Click here to RSVP for this event.](#)



Senior Sessions: Moving to a New City
Hall of Languages, Rm 500
February 19, 3:30-4:30pm

Moving to a New City?

New York... Los Angeles... Boston... Atlanta -- no matter where you're moving after graduation, learn what it takes to set yourself up for success! From alumni networking to finding an apartment to managing a budget, hear practical tips for thriving in your new locale.

This event is provided by [Career Services](#).



PhD & Masters
Virtual Career Fair
February 19th

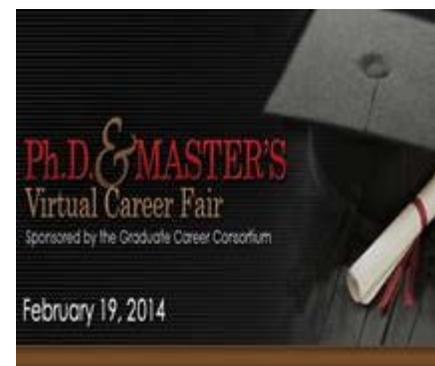
Looking for a Job? Attend the fair from anywhere!

Be Recruited Online! Students, Post-docs, and Alumni are invited to attend the Virtual Career Fair, a unique virtual event that helps job seekers meet employers in a time efficient, virtual way.

Why Participate?

- Get interviews without ever leaving your computer
- Avoid waiting in long lines
- Save your valuable time by searching for a job online
- Meet employers searching for candidates with advanced degrees

For more information and to register for this event, visit [CareerEco](#) online.



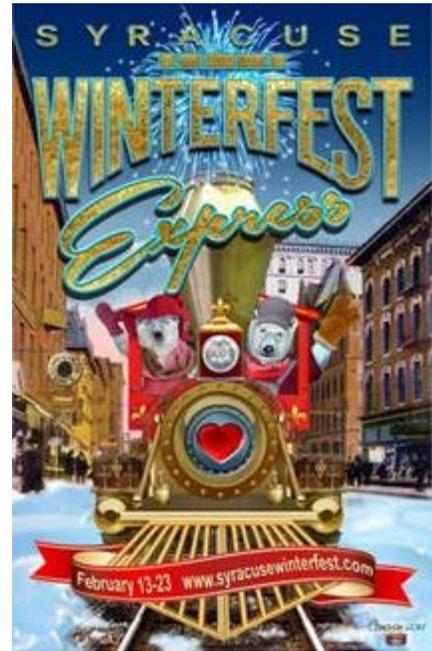
Syracuse Winter Fest 2014
February 13 – February 23

From the center of downtown Syracuse to surrounding areas throughout Onondaga County, everyone joins in the celebration. Kids will be kids, even when they're middle-aged. And there are no age limits when it comes to enjoying the displays, entertainment, games and culinary delights created by hundreds of hands. What a Party!

With more than 100,000 people attending dozens of indoor and outdoor events, parties, cook-offs, various competitions plus an abundance of other activities, Syracuse Winterfest draws the second largest audience in all of Central New York.

We still have the snow, the ice, and the cold, but now that Winterfest is here, you can delay your southern vacations to enjoy the celebration.

For more information and a complete Schedule of Events, please visit syracusewinterfest.com.



A Valentine's Cabaret
Illusions with Marissa Mulder
The Redhouse
February 14 & 15, 8pm

Get a little NYC in Syracuse this Valentines Day!

Syracuse native Marissa Mulder returns for TWO NIGHTS ONLY to perform her hit cabaret show "Illusions." A current NYC resident, Marissa has taken the cabaret scene by storm. Her show was voted one of the top 10 cabaret shows of 2011 by the Times Square Chronicles, and TimeOut NYC magazine listed her as one of the best cabaret shows of 2013.

"Marissa Mulder possesses an extraordinary vocal instrument and a talent for phrasing which made you think you were hearing standards for the first time... Superb!"

For more information and to purchase tickets online, visit [The Redhouse](http://TheRedhouse).



Film Talks with Mike Fantasia
LeMoyne College
February 18, 7:30-9pm

Mike Fantasia, Film Location Manager who has worked with major Directors on numerous films (*Catch Me If You Can*, *The Amazing Spiderman*, *Blow*, *In Her Shoes* and many more) will talk about the importance of finding the right location for a film and all the work that goes into setting things up.

Mike Fantasia was honored in 2005 and again in 2010 as Location Professional of the Year - the highest award given for this crucial member of the film production team. Location Managers are often the first professionals hired on any production. He earned his awards for his work on *Memoirs of a Geisha* (2005) and *The Green Hornet* (2010.)



Find out how he integrates creativity and administrative skills, see clips of some of his most noted films, and ask him questions about his fascinating career.

For more information, visit filminsyracuse.com.

Important Reminders

[Full-Time Course of Study](#)

[Meeting Your Health Requirements](#)

[HR notice for on-campus employees](#)

[Is it your last semester of study?](#)

[Transferring from SU to a new U.S. school](#)

[Optional Practical Training EAD cards](#)

[Address Change Reporting Requirements](#)

[Keeping Good Rental Records](#)

[Protecting Your Property](#)

[US Embassy Announcements](#)

[Check your VISA Application Status in India](#)

[E-Verify Employers & Federal Contractors List](#)

[Copycat "Immigration Help" Sites](#)

[CPT/OPT Seminars](#)

[Studying Abroad](#)

[International Student Arrests & Public Safety](#)

Quotes to keep you thinking

- "Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone - we find it with another." – **Thomas Merton**
- "Just because nobody complains doesn't mean all parachutes are perfect." – **Benny Hill**
- "We don't see things as they are, we see them as we are." – **Anais Nin**
- "What you do speaks so loud, that I cannot hear what you say." – **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

Stay informed about the latest news, important reminders and updates



SCIS News is a listserv owned and managed by the Slutzker Center for International Services, Division of Student Affairs, at Syracuse University. It is the publisher of SCIS News. Permission is granted to freely distribute the information posted to this list as long as its contents remain unchanged.

If your e-mail account is on a server other than "syr.edu" and you would like to receive our newsletter, please e-mail your request to lescis@syr.edu. In the subject line, please type: "Subscribe to SCIS Newsletter" and mention your e-mail address and full name in the message.

If you would like to submit news or events for the SCIS Newsletter, please send your information and any related graphics to arwagone@syr.edu with subject line as "Article for SCIS Newsletter"

