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## Slutzker Center News and Events

### SCIS Logo Contest

The Slutzker Center needs a new logo. The current logo (seen at right) has become outdated and does not really encapsulate all that we do at SCIS.

We are looking for a new logo that better symbolizes the work we do to help support the international student population at Syracuse University.

If you think you can design a better logo, please send your submission(s) to [lescis@syr.edu](mailto:lescis@syr.edu) with the subject line "Logo Contest". The deadline for entry is Thursday, February 6. Submissions must be in a format that can be manipulated and duplicated.

The winning logo will become the new official logo of the Slutzker Center and the winner will receive two free tickets to a future SU Men's Basketball game in the Dome (excluding this weekend's game against Duke).



### **Mix-It-Up** **Alibrandi Center, 110 Walnut Place** **January 31, 5pm**

The next Mix-It-Up will be held this Friday at 5pm in the Alibrandi Center. Come and enjoy free food and lively conversation! This week's Mix-It-Up will focus on Latin America and the Caribbean and will feature a taco bar. Please RSVP to [ejvoigt@syr.edu](mailto: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 and to view the complete Spring schedule, click [here](#).



### **English Conversation Groups Still Welcoming Participants**

If you are interested in joining, there are still spots open in the Slutzker Center English Conversation Groups (ECG). Undergraduate/Graduate students, scholars, and spouses/partners are all eligible to participate in this free program.

The ECG groups meet for one hour every week. They are a great way to help you adjust to life in the US, make new friends, and become comfortable with speaking in everyday English conversation.

Come in to the Slutzker Center to sign-up or email [mdekleer@syr.edu](mailto:mdekleer@syr.edu).



### **Michele Lopez Selected for ACA International Student Panel**

The Slutzker Center staff would like to congratulate Michele Lopez on being selected to sit on the American Counseling Association's International Student Panel. Of all the submissions received from across the country, Michele was one of only five students selected for the panel, which will convene at the 2014 ACA Conference & Expo on March 27<sup>th</sup> in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Michelle has served as Graduate Assistant for the Slutzker Center since August 2013. She has assisted with several of the Center's activities and also coordinates the Connections Program, a mentoring program for all new first year and transfer international students.



### **Helpful Hints from SCIS: Is This Your Last Semester?**

Are you graduating this May? If so, there are a few things you should be thinking about.

1. **Have you submitted a [Last Semester Memo](#) to the Slutzker Center?** If this is your last semester and you are registered for less than full-time, then you must

submit a Last Semester Memo to SCIS in order to continue maintaining your F-1 status.

2. **Will you be applying for OPT?** If you plan on working in the US after graduation, you should start getting your OPT application materials ready now because you can apply as early as February 11, if your program end date is May 7.
3. **Have you filed your diploma request?** Only students who have filed will receive commencement information.



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!

### Picture of the Week

This photo was taken by Shizhao Duan, a first year graduate student majoring in Nutrition Science. He took this picture at the Old Summer Palace, during a trip to Beijing last May. The Old Summer Palace is known in Chinese as Yuan Ming Yuan (the Gardens of Perfect Brightness). The building in this picture is called Jianbi Pavillion and was originally built around 1811.



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

**Global China Connection  
General Interest Meeting**  
Hall of Languages, Rm 115  
January 31, 2:30pm

Global China Connection Syracuse Chapter is helping future leaders from all cultural backgrounds to socialize and better prepare for the professional world, both in China and the US. They welcome students of all nationalities who have an interest in China and "look to engage China's emergence as a global power". GCC Syracuse Chapter is one of sixty-one chapters around the world. They connect students both inside Syracuse University and throughout the extensive GCC network. Their mission is "building relationships that will change the world."

The Spring 2014 General Interest Meeting will be held on Friday, Jan 31 at 2:30pm in Hall of Language 115 . They will introduce the GCC Syracuse University Chapter and discuss this year's events, which will include an Alumni Speaking Series, Language Exchange Program, Workshop (elevator pitch, interview practice, etc.), Semi-formal Party and more. They welcome every student to stop by. Snacks and drinks will also be offered during the meeting.

For more information, visit [gccglobal.org](http://gccglobal.org).



### **Spring Festival Gala Celebrating the Chinese New Year Goldstein Auditorium January 31, 5pm**

Come and celebrate the year of the horse! Chinese New Year celebrations traditionally last 15 days. The day preceding New Year's Day is a time for cleaning house to make way for a year of good luck and gathering together for a large feast. The color red is seen as a symbol of good fortune, so many people will wear red clothing and hang red decorations.

People born in the year of the horse are said to be energetic, cheerful, and popular. They are also hardworkers, intelligent, and good with money. However, they are also know for being short-tempered and at times impatient.

The Spring Festival Gala will feature a dinner that starts at 5pm followed by a show at 7pm. Tickets are available at the Schine Box Office for \$7 with dinner or \$3 without. This event is presented by the Chinese Students and Scholars Association. For more information contact [suwenyubu@gmail.com](mailto:suwenyubu@gmail.com).



### **Bird After Dark Bird Library January 31, 10pm-1am**

Syracuse University Libraries and the Office of Residence Life in the Division of Student Affairs (DSA) will host its 8th Annual Bird After Dark event. Students interested in participating should register online at <http://tinyurl.com/mg8safh> by Thursday, January 30th at 11:59 p.m. Participation is free and is funded through the DSA co-curricular fee.

The event, which is open to all undergraduates, helps familiarize students with Libraries' services and the layout of



Bird Library. Students compete in teams of two to “hunt” through the library, finding answers to research questions. The winning team will receive a mystery grand prize, with other amazing prizes being awarded to the runners-up.

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**Ultimate SU Tailgate**  
**Goldstein Auditorium**  
**February 1, 4pm**

It's the Ultimate SU Tailgate!

A new rivalry begins when the Orange men's basketball team takes on the Duke Blue Devils. Whether you have tickets to the game or not, don't miss out on the excitement taking place on campus before the game!

The Ultimate SU Tailgate costs \$30 and includes unlimited tailgate fare, giveaways—including an exclusive "Original Orange" T-shirt (see below)—and special guest appearances by former Syracuse players!

Don't have tickets to the game? Stay and watch ESPN Game Day coverage on the big screen at no charge!

[R.S.V.P. now!](#) Space is limited.



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**SUArt Film Series**  
**William Kentridge: Anything is Possible**  
**Shemin Auditorium**  
**February 2, 2-4pm**

A special screening of the Peabody award-winning PBS documentary *William Kentridge: Anything is Possible*, giving viewers an intimate look into the mind and creative process of the South African artist whose acclaimed charcoal drawings, animations, video installations, shadow plays, mechanical puppets, tapestries, sculptures, live performance pieces, and operas have made him one of the most dynamic and exciting contemporary artists working today.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Emily Dittman at 315-443-4097 or email [suart@syr.edu](mailto:suart@syr.edu).



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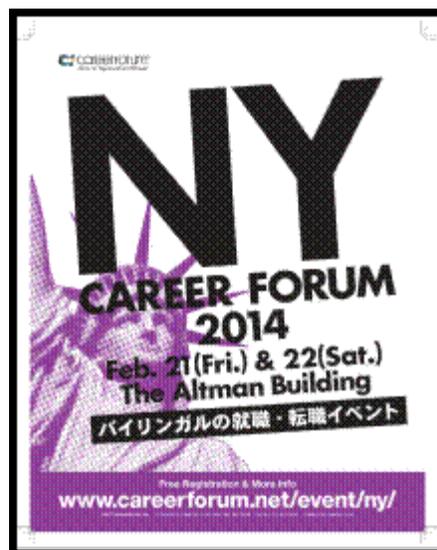
**Cultural and Community Events**

**My Lucky Tummy**  
**Alibrandi Center, 110 Walnut Place**



internship and working professionals can find career advancement at the New York Career Forum.

For more information and to register for this event, visit the [New York Career Forum](http://www.careerforum.net) website.



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## Quotes to keep you thinking

- “Not to engage in the pursuit of ideas is to live like ants instead of men.” – **Mortimer Adler**
- “The rose and the thorn, and sorrow and gladness are linked together.” – **Saadi**
- “The person who chases two rabbits catches neither.” – **Confucius or Romanian Proverb**
- “Let our New Year’s resolution be this: we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.” – **Goran Persson**

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