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IMPORTANT Tax Information

Tax information is not available at this time. GLACIER Tax Prep will be available for Syracuse University students in mid-February. We will also have a tax seminar in Maxwell Auditorium from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 5. Please watch the SCIS News and the [Slutzker Center website](#) for more information.

*NOTE: You must arrive on time, as the Federal Tax information will be presented first, followed by the New York State tax information. Although pertinent questions will be answered, information will NOT be provided on an individual basis after the presentations.

IMPORTANT Enrollment Verification Letter

If you require an enrollment verification letter, please note that these documents are available on MySlice. The Registrar Office seal is not required, (requirements vary by country and some will not take anything without the raised seal). You may obtain the enrollment verification directly through MySlice, by going to *Student Services > Enrollment > View Enrollment Verification > National Student Clearinghouse*.

If you require a University Seal on your letter, you may still go in person to the Registrar's Office (106 Steele Hall) and request this letter from them.



Helpful Hint from SCIS Dress for the Cold

The cold winter weather will continue for the next several weeks (or months), so its important to dress appropriately.

- Wear layers
 - Base layer (socks and undergarments) should be a moisture wicking fabric
 - Add more layers that you can remove when you are indoors
- It only take 10 minutes for skin to freeze when the temperature is -28C (which is reported as -18.4 F, it almost never drops to that temperature in Syracuse, but the temperature was at -10F several nights last week).
 - Can result in frostbite
 - Cover all exposed skin
- Cover mouth and nose
- Wear a wind proof hat/ something to cover your ears
- Mittens are warmer than gloves
- When checking the temperature, consider the [wind chill factor](#)
- Waterproof clothing is better than water resistant
- Water proof boots with good traction – leave room for thick layers of socks

Slutzker Center News and Events



*"And now we welcome the new year.
Full of things that have never been."*

~ [Rainer Maria Rilke](#)

("a [Bohemian-Austrian](#) poet and novelist, widely recognized as one of the most lyrically intense [German-language](#) poets; late 19th and early 20th century" – [cited from Wikipedia](#))

The Slutzker Center for International Services would like to welcome approximately 160 new international students who have just arrived, and are beginning their studies in January. We also would like to say "Welcome Back" to the returning students, who will renew their academic efforts this week with the beginning of the spring semester!

The spring 2015 calendar is very active, and we ask you to read SCISNEWS every week to be informed and consider yourself invited to so many interesting, educational, cultural and social programs.

Good luck with the new academic term, and stay warm!

Dr. Patricia A. Burak, Director

Orange and Blue Ambassadors

January 22, 3 - 5 PM
Schine 304 ABC

Social Dinner, A Chance to Meet American High School Students

The Slutzker Center is partnering with Nottingham High School to engage students who are studying upper level French and Spanish in cross-cultural activities across Syracuse. We would like to include 20 International Syracuse University students to participate in each event to help high school students learn about other cultures. We hope you will join us to share your culture! This is also a great opportunity to participate in some fun activities around Syracuse. The first event on Thursday, January 22, will include dinner and an informal meet-and-greet. If you are interested in joining these activities, please email, ejvoigt@syr.edu.



Picture of the Week

As part of Spring 2015 orientation, new students met to share hot chocolate and donuts in the Panasci Lounge.



Chancellor Syverud and Dr. Chen welcome graduate students for Spring 2015 while enjoying dinner at the Slutzker Center.



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

Relate

January 21, 6 PM
750 Ostrom Ave

Relate is a discussion group for people whose family members identify with lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans*, and queer (LGBTQ) communities.

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



30th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

January 18, 4:PM
Carrier Dome

The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Dinner Celebration is a community-wide tradition. This is one of the nation's largest celebrations of Dr. King's legacy as a Civil Rights leader. Undergraduate students who have a meal plan may obtain a ticket for the dinner using one "swipe" of their meal card. Tickets may be obtained at the front desk of your residence hall or in your dining hall during meal times. We encourage all students to attend. Over 2,00 people attend the dinner. This year's keynote speaker is Michele Norris, National Public Radio host and special correspondent and creator of the Race Card Project. Learn American history, values, and traditions while enjoying a great evening with fellow students, faculty and members of the community!

For more information or to purchase tickets, [click here](#).



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Michele Norris

Cultural and Community Events

Colin Aberdeen
January 17, 8 - 10 PM
Westcott Community Center
826 Euclid Ave

This solo guitarist performs a variety of blues music.

Tickets are \$10 per person. For more information, [click here](#).



Vinyl Albums Live V
January 17, 7PM
Palace Theatre
2384 James St, 13206

This performance includes three iconic 70s' rock albums performed in their entirety. The three bands performing feature 19 Syracuse musicians.

Tickets are available at the [Sound Garden](#) and the [Palace Theater](#). General admission is \$21 in advance.

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



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Quotes to keep you thinking

"It is never too late to be what you might have been." –**George Eliot**

"Every time I paint a portrait I lose a friend." –**John Singer Sargent**

"Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage." –**Anais Nin**

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