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COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND!

Join us May 12-14 to celebrate the Class of 2017!
Syracuse University’s schools and colleges will hold celebratory Convocations on Saturday and Commencement will be held on Sunday.
For the Events schedule [click here]

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADUATING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Congratulations to all the international students graduating this May! The staff at the Slutzker Center has enjoyed supporting you throughout your stay at SU and wish you the best in the future.

All students who are completing degree programs this year are encouraged to participate in the Convocation and Commencement activities on Saturday and Sunday this weekend. It is free and open to the public - no tickets required for your friends and family.

Students must wear a cap and gown, and those are available for you at the Schine Student Center. During the Commencement ceremony, your national flag will be displayed to the left and to the right of the stage. Many students plan to meet their friends and guests by their flag after the ceremony has ended (around 11:30 a.m.). The Slutzker Center director, Dr. Pat Burak, will also be there to congratulate you on Sunday!

Also, a reminder to all members of our International Honorary Society Phi Beta Delta: please wear your medal! All students are most welcome to attend. If you are not graduating, just come to watch. There is a great speaker this year, Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., civil rights activist, business executive and attorney. Plan to be in your seat by 10 a.m. when the ceremony begins!

For additional information regarding SU Commencement, please visit the official site.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO WOOSANG HWANG

The Board of Directors of the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars has awarded the Phi Beta Delta David Merchant International Student Award for Achievement to our Ph.D student from South Korea, Mr. Woosang Hwang. Woosang has been a very active member of the international student community while pursuing his Ph.D. in Child and Family Studies, enrolled in both the Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics and the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

As President of the Korean Student Association, Woosang was also invited to sit on the International Student Advisory Board of the Slutzker Center for International Services. He was inducted into the Syracuse University Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Delta in spring 2017.

While at Syracuse University, Woosang has served as an adjunct instructor, a teaching assistant, and a teaching
mentor for the Graduate School, and his work has been recognized with multiple awards, including the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, the Alice Sterling Honig Award from the Department of Human Development and Family Science, the Feldman Outstanding Research Proposal for Research in Family Policy, and several more.

A graduate of Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea, Woosang is most deserving of this award and Syracuse University is proud to have one of its student members recognized by the national organization of Phi Beta Delta at the Annual Conference in Los Angeles, California on June 3, 2017.

The former associate director of the Syracuse University Slutzker Center for International Services, Dr. Michael B. Smithee, a current officer of the national organization of Phi Beta Delta, will be proud to support the awarding of this recognition to our student at the ceremony on June 3.

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TRAVEL SIGNATURES

You may obtain a “Travel Signature” on your I-20 or DS-2019

Monday-Friday
11:00 am-3:00 pm
Slutzker Center, 310 Walnut Place

During the week of May 8 to 12, 2017
9 am to 5 pm
Slutzker Center, 310 Walnut Place

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Not graduating in May and need an I-20 or DS-2019 extension?

F-1 and J-1 students who will not complete their programs by the expected program end date on their I-20 forms or DS-2019 forms, must apply for extension before the expected completion date on their forms. Extension request forms can be found at http://international.syr.edu/forms/index.html

Graduating in May?

F-1 students who are graduating this semester and who plan to apply for OPT are reminded that they must submit their application to the Slutzker Center and then send the processed documents to USCIS so that the OPT application is received no later than 60 days after the program completion date (May 10 in most cases). Click here for more information about OPT.

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SLUTZKER CENTER LIMITED SERVICES
FOR THE WEEK OF May 30 through June 2, 2017

Many members of our staff will be away at the NAFSA: Association of International Educators Conference.
There will be limited services that week. Please note these limited functions when making plans.
No Practical Training processing during this week.

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Memorial Day Observation Reminder

Syracuse University, including the Slutzker Center, will be closed on Monday, May 29, for the Memorial Day Holiday.

On My Own Time Exhibition
Open Through May 17

Syracuse University faculty and staff are invited to view and enjoy their colleagues’ creative works of paintings, photos, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry and other creations in the On My Own Time exhibition in the Noble Room of Hendricks Chapel.

The exhibit features more than 75 pieces of art and is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Employees are encouraged to view all entries and vote for pieces that may be displayed at the Everson Museum of Art in October, and also share favorite artwork via social media using #SUOMOT17.

Now in its 44th year, On My Own Time is a collaboration of CNY Arts (formerly the Cultural Resources Council) and the Everson Museum of Art.

For additional information click here.

2017 Make Your Mark
As Syracuse University approaches Commencement and the end of the 2016-17 academic year, The Fund for Syracuse is kicking off its second “Make Your Mark” fundraising campaign. The goal? To add 2,500 donors by June 30, 2017.

For additional information [click here](#).

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And so the adventure begins......!!

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