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Upcoming Events:

- September 21-25
Career Week
- September 24—25
Shen Wei Dance Arts
Performance
- September 25
University
Community Harvest
Farmers' Market
- October 1—4
Orange Central:
Homecoming
+Reunion
- October 9
University
Community Harvest
Farmers' Market
- October 12
Syracuse Sym-
phony Orchestra
- October 25
Chris Botti
- October 23—25
Family Weekend

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Transfer News

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Welcome to Syracuse University!

By: Laura Crandall

Greetings new Syracuse University transfer students! My name is Laura Crandall and I am from First-Year and Transfer Programs. My office is here to help you not only transition to life here at SU but also to help you get connected to all the different resources we have here on campus! We have just created this monthly newsletter to share information that



might be relevant to you at this particular point in your college life. We want to hear from you whether it is in-person, via e-mail, or on the phone so we can help

better serve you and all transfers, both new and old.

Another new program we just started to launch is our Transfer Mentor Program. We now have 14 mentors here to help you get adjusted. The mentors will be to help assist you with anything so please utilize them! We also hope you consider becoming one too. Stop by our office to see us!

So Much to Do, Where to Start? By: Larry Seivert, SA President

Greetings! On behalf of the undergraduate student body I wish you a warm welcome to the campus community. As you experience academic rigor in the classroom, I invite you to seize the opportunity to get involved in the greater community. Syracuse Uni-

versity offers over 350 student organizations who represent various interests and values, and work hard to engage in the community. I encourage you to explore all of the opportunities available to learn something greater outside of the class-

room. Please visit 126 Schine to learn more about Student Association (SA), Traditions, Greek Life, or the recognized student organizations or visit studentlife.syr.edu. Please feel free to contact me at lwseiver@syr.edu. Best of luck with the semester and enjoy all that SU to offer!

Office of Student Assistance

By: Sarah Solomon

Hi, welcome to SU! We are so glad you are here! My name is Sarah Solomon and I work in the Office of Student Assistance. Our office serves as a helping resource for all Syracuse University students and their families. We help to manage crises, life traumas, and

other concerns or barriers that impede success. Specific services include, coordination of support for students experiencing life difficulties, investigating and responding to concerns for students well being, emergency loans, and coordination for medi-

cal leaves. Our Office provides both direct assistance and referrals to other campus and community resources. Please feel free to contact us any time we may be able to assist you during your time at S.U.! Visit us in 306 Steele Hall or call anytime at 315-443-4357.

Want to learn about a specific topic? Write to us and we will have that topic in a future newsletter!

Have ideas on new and innovative programs for transfers? Let us know!

Know a transfer student who we should highlight who excels both in and out of the classroom? We will take nominations for students to highlight every month. Please e-mail Laura Crandall at ldicarlo@syr.edu.

Student Spotlight in September: Aaron Hudson

Webster's defines transition as a movement, passage, or change from one position, state, stage, subject, concept, etc., to another. I'm Aaron Josef Hudson, a senior majoring in Information Management & Technology with a minor in Global Enterprise Technology, and most importantly...a transfer student to the Syracuse University Community.

My story steers away from a traditional path to college. Instead of continuing my education after high school, I found myself wearing a camouflage uniform living the life of a United States Marine for eight years. Receiving an Honorary Discharge from the military, I continued to provide for my family and entered Corporate Security with Deutsche Bank for the following four years until I decided it was time for me to re-focus my energies into furthering my education.

I enrolled into LaGuardia Community College in Fall of 2005. Going back to school later in life definitely feels like stepping into a time travel machine. I was placed in classes with students straight out of high school who really had no idea of what they wanted out of life or even their current place in college. My mentality was already elevated to another plateau of



thought. I already lived life; I've traveled the world, started a family, and overall grew up well before my time. My initial plan was to complete my two-year education, secure a position in the IT industry, and continue on with life. Fortunately, the powers that be had other plans for me. I was blessed with a scholarship and an opportunity to continue my four-year education through the Kaplan Educational Foundation. This organization allowed me to focus the majority of my time and energy on applying to accredited four-year programs that best fit me while alleviating some of the stresses we, as students, go through on a regular basis. At the end of the transfer process, I applied to ten schools, was accepted into seven of them, and the final choice was between Syracuse University and Cornell University. Well... the choice is obvious and I have not regretted one moment of my decision.

From day one, Syracuse has made me feel completely at home and comfortable with every choice I have made thus far. There was a brief moment of feeling overwhelmed and anxious being in such a large community of my peers and not knowing where to start but...with the help of my fellow transfers, that moment passed rather quickly. My first year here was absolutely amazing. The bonds I have made in such a short period of time with my transfer community ranks up there with the unconditional love I have for my beautiful daughter, Melina Rose. We were there for each other through thick and thin, laughs and tears. We transfers are a rare breed. We have had the experience of other campuses and in my case, other lives. We bring so much diversity to the Syracuse Community and with all we have to offer, it only makes sense that we bound with each other as best we can. We have had to adapt to change and if you are reading this now, you have successfully done so as well.

I am a free-spirited, outgoing, and an active student on campus. Feel free to seek me out if you ever have any questions or desire to know my secret to making my venture here at SU a successful one. Can't wait to meet you guys...if I haven't already!