

Support for International Students

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Hello Orange Family,

I hope you and your loved ones are healthy, safe, and well.

As some of you may know, the Federal Student and Exchange Visitor Program [recently announced that](#) “Nonimmigrant F-1 and M-1 students attending schools operating entirely online may not take a full online course load and remain in the United States...the U.S. Department of State will not issue visas to students enrolled in schools and/or programs that are fully online for the fall semester nor will U.S. Customs and Border Protection permit these students to enter the United States.”

The Student Association truly appreciates and values our international students and although

Syracuse University plans to reopen for Fall 2020, we understand that this recent announcement from the SEVP has created a lot of stress and uncertainty for the international student community. The Student Association stands with our fellow international students and we will do all that we can to support them.

Resources to Support International Students During this Challenging Time:

Former international student and current international staff member of the Office of Student Living, Tiantian Li, is working on a Facebook support group for international students. The group is also open to those who are willing to advocate for them, including volunteering their time to help answer questions and concerns, offer free mental health counseling/career counseling sessions, and/or provide financial support for the administration teams. If you are interested in joining the group once it launches, you can contact her on [Instagram](#) and/or [Linkedin](#). She

expressed that these are her preferred methods of contact.

[Syracuse University's Center for International Services](#) - “The Center for International Services is the resource for international students, scholars and their dependents on issues related to immigration status, employment, cultural, social and academic concerns which impact your success at Syracuse University. The staff and programs at the Center for International Services help you with your transition to life at Syracuse University.”

[Syracuse University's The International, Instagram, theinternationalsyracuse@gmail.com](#)- “A publication started by both international and domestic students of Syracuse University. The International features stories, articles and other media on topics relevant to the international student community in Syracuse.”

[Document detailing action items people can take to advocate for international students](#)

[Allow International Students to Finish Their Degrees Petition](#)

[Allow F-1 and M-1 Students With Valid Visas to Stay in the United States Petition](#)

As a friendly reminder, these resources are all on [the Student Association website resources page](#) and if you know of any more please send them to StudentAssociation@syr.edu. Thank you.

Stay well,

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