

# ***“GSO Syracuse Challenge\*”***

## ***For 2014-2015***

### ***Graduate Students***

Sometimes it can be tough moving to a new city when you don't know where to go for a good meal, where to find interesting things to do or where to take your friends when they come to visit. Then there are the people who mistakenly think that because Syracuse, NY isn't a city of 8 million people, there's nothing to do or see. The GSO "Syracuse Challenge for the 2014-2015 Graduate Students" is the answer. Below is a checklist suggested by Syracuse native Eric Ennis MPA '14 and the GSO of various things to do.

#### **So here's how it works:**

Prizes will be given out to the first Grad student/students that complete the challenge with Proof of attendance.

#### **What determines Proof:**

You or your group members must take pictures of each event completed **WITH THE GSO SYMBOL CLEARLY SEEN IN THE PICTURE**. Symbols can include Promotion items (cups, t shirts, lanyards) or you can draw the GSO logo on a piece of paper.

#### **Some group rules:**

- Challenge can be completed by one or more students (Groups of any size are allowed)
- This competition is only valid for current students enrolled as a SU Graduate Student.
- Challenge Completion for Prizes will be at **FOUR** different levels  
*30%=41 Events; 60%=81 Events; 80%=108 Events; 100%=135 Events*  
Once a student/students has received a prize for one level they will not be allowed to compete for other levels.

The goal of this challenge is to provide an incentive to get you off the Syracuse University campus when it's possible this year and exploring what Central New York has to offer. As you complete more events the better the prizes.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out to Vantiel Elizabeth Duncan [gsoexternalvp@syr.edu](mailto:gsoexternalvp@syr.edu) . Submission can be verified during GSO Office Hours.

GSO wishes you GOOD LUCK !!!

## Historic Architecture

- 1. Niagara Mohawk Headquarters (Considered an American art deco masterpiece)
- 2. State Tower Building
- 3. Onondaga County Courthouse (my favorite non-SU building in CNY)
- 4. Landmark Theater (especially it's interior)
- 5. Syracuse Savings Bank Building
- 6. City Hall Commons (Syracuse's version of the Flatiron Building)
- 7. The Hotel Syracuse
- 8. Chimes Building / 500 Building (designed by architect William Lamb, who also designed the Empire State Building)
- 9. The 5 sisters (identical colonial style homes in the Park Ave neighborhood)
- 10. Sacred Heart Church & Assumption Church (tons of other cool churches too)
- 11. Vanderbilt Square & the University Block Building (the former SU Law School)

## Events

- 12. Taste of Syracuse
- 13. 40 Below New Year's Eve Party
- 14. Attend an Event at Inn Complete
- 15. Syracuse St. Patrick's Day Parade (March)
- 16. Attend a GSO Wine or Beer Tasting
- 17. Attend a Syracuse Football game (Florida St. plays on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, people)
- 18. Attend a Syracuse Basketball game (this is a MUST if you want the \$150 prize)
- 19. Attend a Syracuse Lacrosse Game
- 20. Attend a Syracuse Crunch Game (The Frozen Dome Classic on Nov. 22 could break the record for largest crowd to ever watch an indoor hockey game in the U.S.)
  
- 21. Carve a Pumpkin (Pumpkin Contest Oct 24 )

## Explore

- 22. Attend Pole Position Raceway (Indoor Go-Karts in Destiny Mall)
  
- 23. Sing a Song at Singers Karaoke
  
- 24. Attend an Activity at WonderWorks (Laser Tag)

- 25. Go Apple Picking at Beak & Skiff Apple Farms (Free Bus Oct. 17)
- 26. Go Pumpkin Picking at Pumpkins at the Hollow (Fall)
- 27. Go Strawberry Picking at Abbott Farms (Late Spring/Summer)
- 28. Experience the Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park
- 29. See a show at Funny Bone Comedy Club
- 30. Take a tour of the Middle Ages Brewery
- 31. Experience Tipperary Hill
  - See the "upside down" traffic light
  - Eat at the Blarney Stone
  - Coleman's Pub
  - Nibsy's Pub
  - Rosie's Pub
- 32. Spend a day in the Village of Skaneateles
  - Doug's Fish Fry
  - Johnny Angel's
  - Walk the waterfront Pier
  - Go Mansion Hunting
- 33. Spend a day in Ithaca
  - The Commons / Downtown
  - Buttermilk Falls
  - Cornell University / Ithaca College Campuses

## Get Outdoors

- 34. Go camping in the Adirondacks
- 35. Go on a wine tour in the Finger Lakes
- 36. Relax Upper Onondaga Park
- 37. Run the Onondaga Creekwalk
- 38. Run the Onondaga Lake Western Trail or the Onondaga Lake Parkway
- 39. Have a picnic at Longbranch Park
- 40. Go skiing or snowboarding on the nearby slopes
  - Labrador Mountain
  - Greek Peak
  - Toggenberg Mountain
  - Song Mountain
- 41. Explore the trails at Green Lakes State Park (its way more than just a beach)
- 42. Chimney Bluffs State Park
- 43. Letchworth State Park
- 44. Tinker Falls
- 45. Go ice skating in Clinton Square (the get coffee in Armory Square afterwards)
- 46. Pratts Falls

- 47. Baltimore More Woods Nature Center
- 48. Beaver Lake Nature Center (great for snowshoeing in the winter)

## **Food**

### ***Breakfast***

- 49. Stella's Diner
- 50. Little Gem Diner
- 51. Mother's Cupboard (between the frittata & giant pancake, you'll be here multiple times this year)
- 52. Harrison Bakery

### ***Coffee / Cafes***

- 53. Cafe Kubal (3 words: Rosemary Iced Latte)
- 54. Recess Coffee
- 55. Freedom of Espresso
- 56. Strong Hearts Café (get a vegan milkshake.. don't ask questions and just do it)
- 57. Café 407
- 58. Kava Café
- 59. Biscotti's Cafe

### ***Lunch / Dinner***

- 60. Dinosaur BBQ
- 61. Bull & Bear Pub
- 62. Heid's Hot Dogs
- 63. Limp Lizard
- 64. Tully's (highly recommend the chicken tenders)
- 65. The Retreat in Liverpool (great patio seating to have a drink & meal outside)
- 66. Coppertop Tavern
- 67. Small Plates
- 68. Brooklyn Pickle
- 69. Ale & Angus Pub (get the PowerPlay Burger- voted the best burger in the entire State of New York....twice)
- 70. Funk & Waffles
- 71. Phoebe's
- 72. Kitty Hoynes

### ***International Cuisine***

- 73. Byblos Mediterranean Cafe
- 74. Francesca's Cucina
- 75. Atilio's
- 76. African International Restaurant (in Little Italy)
- 77. Erawan Thai
- 78. Lao Village
- 79. appeThaizing
- 80. Boom Boom Mex Mex
- 81. Alto Cinco
- 82. The Mission (the-oldest-church-in-Syracuse-turned-delicious-Mexican-restaurant)
- 83. Sakana-ya
- 84. Oishi Sushi
- 85. Ichiban Japanese Steakhouse
- 86. Pacific (in Mattydale)

### ***Pizza***

- 87. Twin Trees (if you've never had pizza cut in strips, you're missing out)
- 88. Mario & Salvo's
- 89. Gino & Joe's
- 90. Peppino's
- 91. Paladino's
- 92. Nick's Tomato Pie
- 93. Pavone's
- 94. Flame

### ***Get a Drink (and some great food too)***

- 95. J Ryan's
- 96. Blue Tusk
- 97. World of Beer
- 98. Limerick Pub (the one bar that is never mobbed in Amory Square)
- 99. Beer Belly Deli
- 100. World Martini Lounge
- 101. Syracuse Suds
- 102. Riley's
- 103. Clark's Ale House (re-opening in Downtown this Fall)
- 104. The Saltine Warrior

### ***Date Night / Fine Dining / Bring your family (when they're paying)***

- 105. bc Restaurant
- 106. Pastabilities
- 107. Scotch & Sirloin
- 108. Blue Water Grill
- 109. The Sherwood Inn
- 110. Prime Steakhouse
- 111. Delmonico's
- 112. Pascale's
- 113. Lemon Grass
- 114. Bistro Elephant

### ***Dessert***

- 115. Bittersweet
- 116. Gannon's Ice Cream
- 117. Sweet on Chocolate
- 118. Crepe & Gelato Boulevard
- 119. Eva's European Sweets

### **Scenic Views from above that will impress you**

- 120. Woodland Reservoir observation point (my all-time favorite spot in CNY)
- 121. Westminster Park, at the top of the "never ending stairway" from Euclid Ave
- 122. Lincoln Park observation point
- 123. Skyline Lodge at Highland Forrest
- 124. Top of the Burnet Park Golf Course
- 125. Schiller Park

### **Culture**

- 126. Visit the Everson Museum of Art
- 127. Visit the Erie Canal Museum
- 128. Visit the Onondaga Historical Association
- 129. Visit the M.o.S.T. (Museum of Science & Technology)
- 130. Go to a Symphoria Concert
- 131. Ride the free Connective Corridor Bus from Campus to Downtown Syracuse
- 132. The 24-second shot-clock memorial in Armory Square
- 133. See an exhibit at ArtRage Gallery & explore the Hawley-Green area
- 134. See a show at the Westcott Theater or the Palace Theater
- 135. Visit the 'Jerry Rescue' Memorial and Clinton Square