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Maxwell School of Syracuse University Centennial



## **AAPI Heritage Month: Paving the Way Alumni Speaker – Sandhya Bathija '03**

April 17, 2024 at 12:00pm – 2:30 pm EDT  
Schine Student Center, Schine 304AB

Join us in welcoming back alumna Sandhya Bathija '03 for a special Lunch and Learn as part of our Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month celebration. Currently the communications director at the Campaign Legal Center, Sandhya previously led impactful grassroots and communications campaigns for organizations like the Center for American Progress, the ACLU, Asian Americans Advancing Justice and Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Prior to her nonprofit career, Sandhya gained experience as a reporter for The National Law Journal and a civil rights lawyer in Detroit, representing clients in police misconduct cases. She holds a law degree from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, and degrees in journalism and history from Syracuse University.

**Please RSVP for this special Lunch and Learn event no later than Friday, April 12.**

For more information, visit [Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage](#)

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To RSVP, visit [Paving the Way Alumni Speaker - Sandhya Bathija](#)

## **Breaking Barriers: Ensuring Disability Access at Syracuse University**

Syracuse University is committed to fostering an inclusive environment where every member of its community can thrive. Central to this commitment is the university's dedication to ensuring disability access across its campus. Spearheaded by a dedicated Disability Access Team, Syracuse University is taking proactive steps to address the needs of individuals with disabilities and promote a culture of inclusivity.

At the forefront of these efforts is the Disability Access Team, which provides campus leadership on disability access and inclusion. Through collaborative partnerships with various campus stakeholders, the team works tirelessly to promote inclusive design and access for all university community members.

One of the key functions of the Disability Access Team is to provide guidance and professional development opportunities on a range of disability-related issues. From accommodations and the central fund to disability disclosure and the use of service and emotional support animals, the team offers comprehensive support and resources to ensure that individuals with disabilities have equal access to educational and employment opportunities.

In addition to advocating for students, the Disability Access Team facilitates reasonable accommodations for staff and faculty members with disabilities. By working closely with individuals and departments, the team ensures that employees have the support they need to excel in their roles and contribute to the university community.

For more information, visit [The Center for Disability Resources \(CDR\)](#)

For assistance, contact the Disability Access Team at [ada@syr.edu](mailto:ada@syr.edu).

# Margaret Talev Leads Institute for Democracy, Journalism and Citizenship (Podcast)

Learn how the institute is fostering an informed and engaged citizenry, why distrust in elections is at an all-time high and the challenges artificial intelligence poses.

To learn more, visit [Champion of Free Speech and Journalism Margaret Talev Leads Institute for Democracy, Journalism and Citizenship \(Podcast\)](#)

To listen to this podcast and others like it, visit ['Cuse Conversations](#).

## Orange Alert Information in MySlice

All faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to ensure their contact information for Orange Alert is up to date in MySlice to receive emergency communications from the Department of Public Safety. To do so:

- Go to MySlice
- Log in using your NetID and Password
- Select Student Home or Employee Home, depending on your primary affiliation
- Select the Personal Profile tile
- Choose "Orange Alert Contacts" from the navigation menu
- Review your information

If you need to add, update, or delete contact information, select "Contact Details" from the navigation menu. You can also utilize the "Orange Alert Private Phone" feature to add a secondary/emergency contact (for example, spouse, sibling, etc.) to receive alerts.

For more information, visit [the Department of Public Safety - Orange Alert](#)

## New Service Makes Electronic

## Documents More Accessible for All

Introducing SensusAccess: a self-service tool for converting documents into accessible formats for individuals with disabilities. It offers audio, ePub3, and digital Braille conversions, but users should ensure documents don't contain confidential information. Quality depends on the original document, and it's best for text-based content. Additional cleanup may be needed for complex files. Access tutorials and FAQs for assistance.

For more information, visit [SensusAccess Document Remediation and Conversation Service](#).

## Save the Date: Itanwa Orinwa (Our Story, Our Song)

With the spring semester underway, I want to bring to your attention the Itanwa Orinwa date scheduled for Friday, May 10, 2024, from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm at the JMA Wireless Dome. -An official invitation will be forthcoming.

Degree recipients who would like to be honored during the ceremony, as well as faculty and staff who would like to process at the ceremony, are asked to complete the Itanwa Orinwa [registration form](#) by Friday, May 3. Non-degree recipients and all other attendees do not need to register. For more information, [visit Multicultural Affairs](#).

Visit the [Commencement website](#) to view the weekend schedule.

Itanwa Orinwa 2024



# March at Community Folk Art Center

## **Snaps & Taps Open Mic Night**

Celebrate Women's History Month with us on Wednesday, March 27th, at 6:30 PM for Snaps & Taps Open Mic Night. The event is hosted by the one and only Sofia Rodriguez, with sound by DJ Shy Guy! It is free and open to the community.

Wednesday, March 27th

Doors Open at 6:30 PM

Community Folk Art Center, Black Box Theater

For more information and to Save Your Seat, visit the [Community Folk Art Center](#)

## **Building Company Theater Presents No Exit, a play by Jean Paul Sarte**

No Exit revolves around three individuals with wildly different backgrounds trapped and forced to reconcile their respective lives, deeds, and morals. All tickets are pay as you will.

March 22nd, March 23rd, March 29th & March 30th

Community Folk Art Center, Black Box Theater

For more information and to Get Tickets, visit [Building Company Theater](#)

## **CommuniVersity: Financial Planning**

Join us for an informative conversation on college education funding, retirement planning, long-term care, and more with Beatrice Oduor, Dr. Dorothy Rombo, and Jecinter Otieno. This event is free and open to the community.

Saturday, March 23rd, 12:00 PM

Community Folk Art Center, Gallery

For more information and to register, visit the [Community Folk Art Center](#)

## **Poetic Black Fusion Writers Workshop**

Create with your community. Join Cedric T. Bolon and Kofi Antwi for the Poetic Black Fusion writer's workshop.

Saturday, March 30th, 12:00 PM

Community Folk Art Center, Conference Room

For more information and to register, visit the [Community Folk Art Center](#)

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[Diversity Equity and Inclusion Resources \(answers.syr.edu\)](#)

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