CASE CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Award Areas and Categories:

Design, Marketing: Branding-Institution





Brand Guidelines Samples

Before

The lack of verbal and visual cohesion across our offerings made it more challenging to understand and navigate Syracuse University and engage with us.

















Syracuse University BioInspired Institute













After

Our new signature system reflects our One University strategy, employing consistent building blocks (i.e., our logo, typography, etc.) to connect offerings to Syracuse University and with each other.

- Syracuse University
 College of Visual
 & Performing Arts
- Syracuse University
 Newhouse School of
 Public Communications
- Syracuse University
 BioInspired Institute
- Syracuse University
- Syracuse University
 Autonomous Systems Policy Institute
- Syracuse University
 School of Information Studies

Center for Convergence & Emerging Networking Technologies

- Syracuse University
 Whitman School
 of Management
- Syracuse University
 Institute for the Study of the
 Judiciary, Politics & the Media
- Syracuse University
 Institute for Security Policy & Law
- Syracuse University
 Libraries
- Syracuse University
 Hendricks Chapel
- Syracuse University
 School of Education
 Center on Human Policy

Brand Guidelines



Brand Platform



Crystallizes what we stand for, how we're different and why audiences should engage with us.

Be a game changer with Syracuse University, where we connect exploration and action to go beyond what's possible.

Defines who we attract and advance and makes it personal Addresses the need for resourceful, responsive leaders Honors the impact of individuals and the community

Bridges our academic and athletic drive

Speaks to the power of our community and participatory culture

Captures how we bring together diverse individuals, interests and ideas

Balances limitless discovery with real world applicability

Reflects students' desire to explore and grow beyond the classroom

Highlights how we push beyond what we know

Conveys how we challenge the status quo

Reframes how we realize the potential of every student in relevant terms

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Primary Logo

The Syracuse University logo is a powerful symbol of the individual and collective impact of our students, faculty, staff, alumni, partners and broader community.

When applied consistently, it elevates and enhances our brand recognition, relevance and reach.

Our logo consists of two key elements: our logo symbol, which we call the **Block S**, and our full name set as a **wordmark**.



Syracuse University

Symbol

Wordmark

Symbol

As our boldest and most recognizable asset, the Block S is the focal point of our logo. When appearing in the context of our logo—either as a lockup or relationship—always use the standard Block S (i.e., solid with no outline).

For more information on how to apply approved variations of our Block S, see page 17. For guidance on how to use the Block S as a supergraphic, see page 26.

Wordmark

Our official wordmark is typeset in Sherman Serif Book. The letters of our wordmark have been set with specific spacing and weighting, which cannot be recreated by simply typing it out. Therefore, when the wordmark appears as part of the logo—either as a lockup or relationship—always use the official artwork.

Our name also appears within headlines, messages or supporting copy. In those instances, the wordmark should not be embedded within text. Instead, type out our name and follow the typography recommendations on page 21.

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Block S

Standard

Our standard Block S is solid and does not contain an outline. This version should be applied in most contexts, ideally in Syracuse University Orange. The standard Block S is the only version approved for use in our logo lockups. For approved variations when used as a supergraphic, see page 26.

Amplified

In environments where high contrast is required (e.g., basketball court, broadcast television) or where our school spirit and pride are heightened (e.g., athletics, athletic apparel), the amplified Block S may be used. While the amplified Block S can be applied in the context of athletics, it should not appear in a lockup for Syracuse University overall or its schools and colleges.







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Heritage Logo

While our primary logo should be applied in most contexts, the heritage logo can be a powerful way to elevate our prowess and prestige.

Our heritage logo combines our laurel, University motto and founding date in the form of a seal. While our primary logo should be applied in most contexts, the heritage logo can be a powerful way to elevate our prowess and prestige. Environments could include academic ceremonies (e.g., convocation), achievements (e.g., diplomas, certificates) and awards.

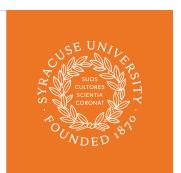
Like our primary logo, our seal has been optimized to conform with modern production methods, with special attention paid to the thickness and relationships of type and lines. Therefore, only use the approved artwork. The heritage logo should never be altered or recreated.

The minimum size for the heritage logo is a width equal to or greater than 1.0" for print and 100px for digital applications.





Color Variations



Minimum Size



Print 1.0" Digital 100px

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Typography

Brand Fonts

Sherman is our official brand font. There are two primary categories in the Sherman family: Sherman Serif and Sherman Sans. Both include book and bold styles, as well as italics.

As a bolder, fresher and more welcoming font, Sherman Sans should be used prominently in our communications, with Sherman Serif playing a supportive and selective role. Sherman Serif can also be used in contexts where we want to emphasize our academic strength and gravitas.

Sherman is available in a variety of weights, offering flexibility for a wide range of applications and contexts. The italic style should be used sparingly for callouts, testimonials and emphasis within body copy.

When representing our brand, no other typeface should be used in proximity to or in combination with these fonts, unless approved.

Visit **syracuse.edu/brand** to download the Sherman font family.

Sherman Sans Bold

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!@#\$%^&*()

Sherman Sans Book

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!@#\$%^&*()

Sherman Serif Book

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!@#\$%^&*()

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Color Palette

Our color palette helps express Syracuse University's distinct personality and pride.

Therefore, it's important to use only these colors to create a consistent and powerful visual identity for the University as a whole.

Orange and blue are our primary University colors, with Syracuse University Orange playing the most dominant role in our identity and community. For added flexibility and vibrancy, our secondary palette offers complementary shades of orange and blue, which can add dimension or be used as accents. All of our primary colors are suitable for headlines, subheadlines and other large, display-sized copy.

Our primary blue and dark gray are both acceptable for body copy. For web accessibility compliance, the default color for hyperlinks should be dark orange. For normal web text sizes (see page 24) or other screen-based applications—dark orange, primary blue or dark gray should be used.

All color values have been updated to optimize how they appear in—and ensure consistency across—various environments.

Primary Colors

Syracuse University Orange
C:0 M:62 Y:95 K:0
R:247 G:105 B:0
#F76900
PMS 158C

White C:0 M:0 Y:0 K:0 R:255 G:255 B:255 #FFFFFF Primary Blue C:100 M:85 Y:5 K:36 R:0 G:14 B:84 #000E54 PMS 281C

Secondary Colors

Medium Orange C:0 M:84 Y:98 K:0 R:255 G:67 B:27 #FF431B PMS 2028C

C:0 M:32 Y:100 K:0 R:255 G:142 B:0 #FF8E00 PMS130C Medium Blue C:90 M:68 Y:0 K:0 R:32 G:50 B:153 #203299 PMS 2728C C:60 M:9 Y:0 K:0 R:43 G:114 B:215 #2B72D7 PMS 2915C

Black C:0 M:0 Y:0 K:100 R:0 G:0 B:0 #000000 Medium Gray
C:30 M:22 Y:17 K:57
R:112 G:119 B:128
#707780
PMS Cool Gray 9 C

Light GrayC:8 M:2 Y:0 K:30
R:173 G:179 B:184
#ADB3B8
PMS Cool Gray 7 C

Special Use Colors

Dark Gray

#404040

C:0 M:0 Y:0 K:90

R:64 G:64 B:64

Dark Orange

C:10 M:88 Y:100 K:2

#D74100 PMS 1665C

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Supergraphics

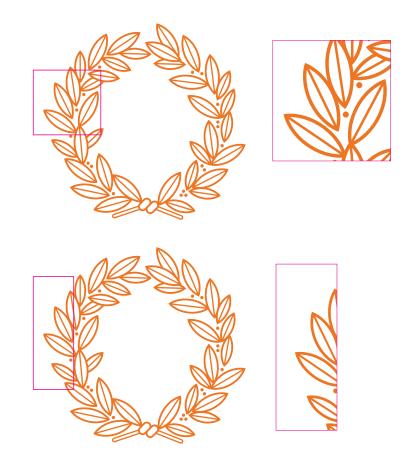
Laurel

When communications need to convey our prowess and prestige, and could benefit from a textural element, the laurel from our seal may be used as a supergraphic.

For these purposes, the laurel from our seal has been redrawn to conform with modern reproduction methods (e.g., screen, engraving, offset printing, embossing, letterpress). To maintain consistency, always used the approved artwork and do not attempt to alter or recreate the laurel.

Cropping

To keep the laurel recognizable, the supergraphic should show at least two full leaves when cropped in either horizontal or vertical positions.

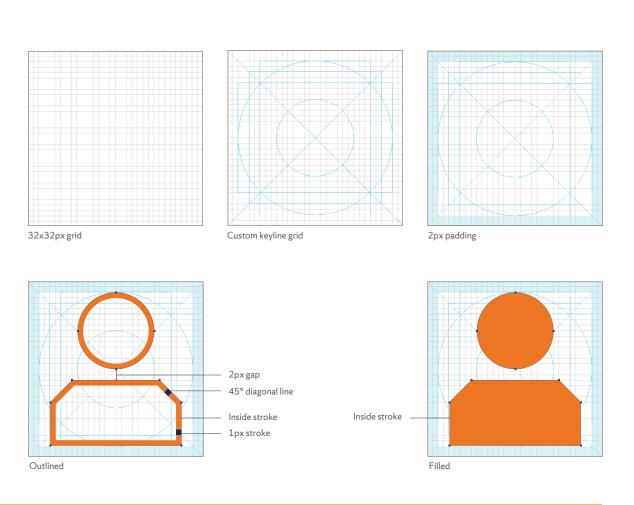


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Iconography Styles

Design

Icons use a structural grid of 32x32 pixels (px). Outlined icons use a stroke weight equal to 1px. Corners (90° angles), where appropriate, are altered to incorporate 45° angles. Filled icons use a fill color from our color palette.



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Iconography Styles

While imagery is primarily used to paint a picture or tell a story, icons can enhance navigation and comprehension by quickly drawing attention to important messages or actions audiences should take. Icons help people find their way, both on campus and online. At busy events like commencement or game days, icons can direct people to their seats or to the concession stands. On our website, icons can show users where to comment or find out more information.

Inspired by the angles of our Block S, our iconography style is distinct, while the subjects are intuitive and universal. Icons can be especially useful in communities where multiple languages are spoken and written. As such, they should be rendered simply and applied with intention; not as decoration or without a clear role.

For greater utility and versatility, we have two iconography treatments: outlined and filled. When applying icons, use consistent treatments within the same layout (i.e., do not mix outlined and filled icons). Syracuse University Orange should be the default color for iconography, although our primary blue or white are acceptable alternatives when using a colored background.

Icons are developed and created by the Division of Marketing and Communications. Please contact brand@syr.edu to discuss your icon needs.



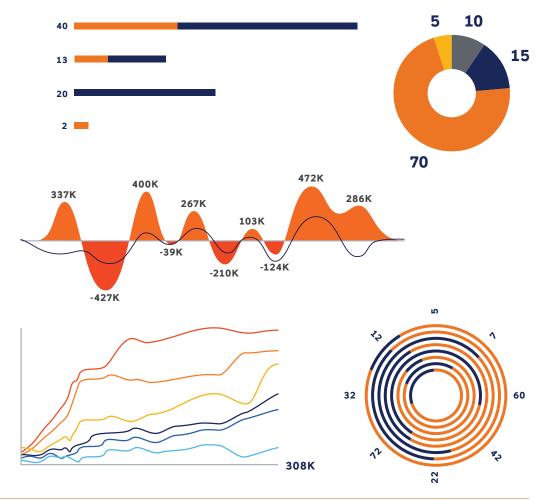
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Data Visualization

Syracuse University creates and connects a powerful community of game changers that move ideas, individuals and society forward.

Establishing a cohesive style to visualize data helps us clarify and amplify our distinct story of impact.

The following examples demonstrate how to apply our primary and secondary colors to highlight numbers and data in clean, clear and compelling ways.





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Illustration Styles

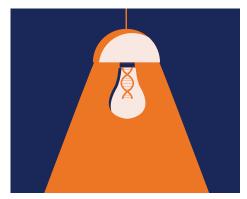
Full Color

Our full color treatment is bold and dynamic. While any colors in our primary or secondary palettes can be utilized, always be mindful of our color balance to ensure appropriate use of orange.

Campus imagery can range from architectural (e.g., buildings) to abstract (e.g., aerial views).

Illustrations of people can vary in perspective and number to serve a variety of purposes. Portraits should capture the confidence of the subject and the boldness and boundlessness of our culture. For example, portraits can accompany testimonials of breakout leaders making breakthrough discoveries. Groups should feel energetic and connected, demonstrating our spirit and how we bring together diverse individuals, interests and ideas beyond disciplines.









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Photography

Our Pillars

Individual

Group

Our brand strategy informs our approach to photography (see page 7 for more information our strategy, including our pillars and personality). Our photography should reflect our voice by portraying diverse individuals or groups in ways that feel bold, boundless, welcoming and transformational.

*Unless unavoidable, stock photography should not be used in our materials.

Purposeful Education

Participatory Approach



Proud Community

Powerful Network















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Brand Visual Expression Spectrum

Our visual identity toolkit can be flexed to meet a variety of objectives, audiences and settings. Just as you'd change your tone between a formal presentation and conversation with your best friend, always be mindful of who we're targeting and what we want them to think, feel and/or do.



















Simplified + Amplified

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Social Media

For our flagship social media accounts (e.g., Syracuse U), where space is limited, use our standard Block S to represent Syracuse University.

Always ensure that our full name is included nearby (e.g., "Syracuse University" in text in the profile copy or a wordmark in the cover image).

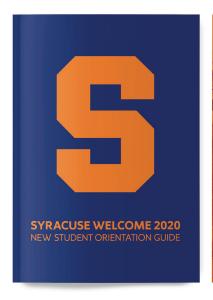




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Inspiration

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Inspiration

Environmental





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Inspiration

Environmental









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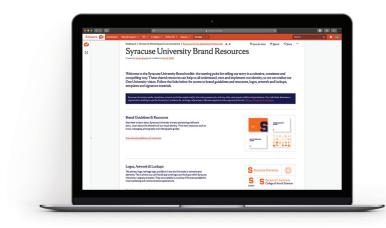
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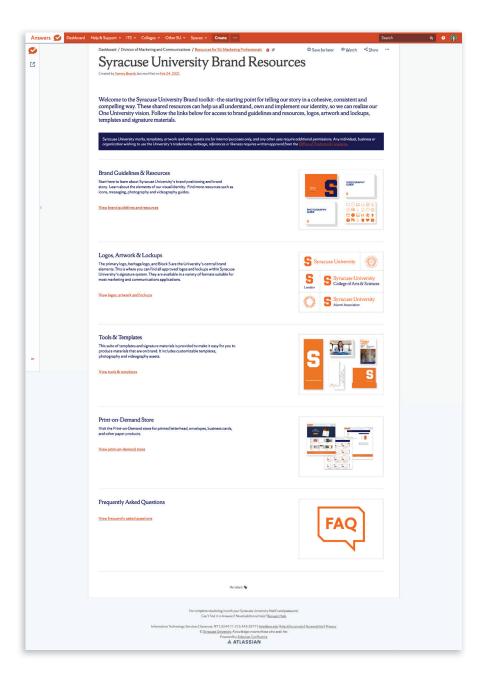
Brand Portal

GUIDES, TOOLS AND RESOURCES

Our Brand Portal

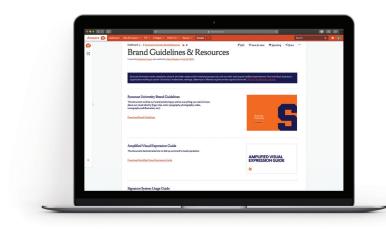
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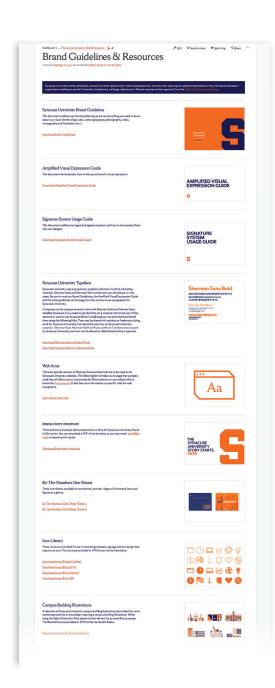


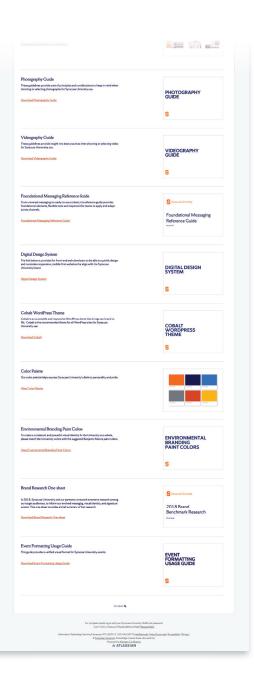


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Brand Guidelines & Resources

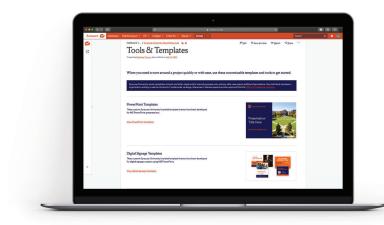


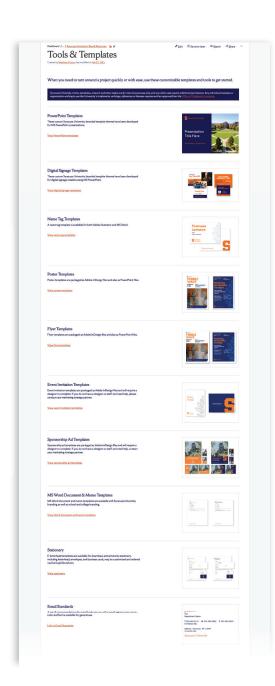


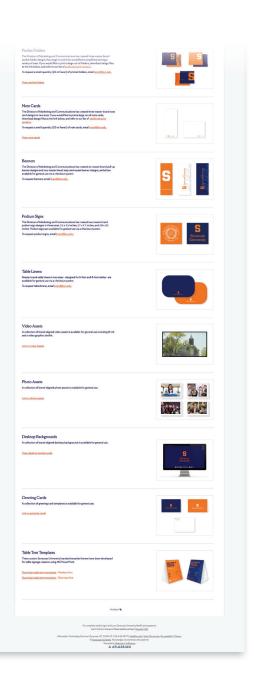


Our Brand Portal

Tools & Templates







Additional Brand Usage Guides



Additional Brand Usage Guides



Additional Brand Usage Guides



Brand Templates

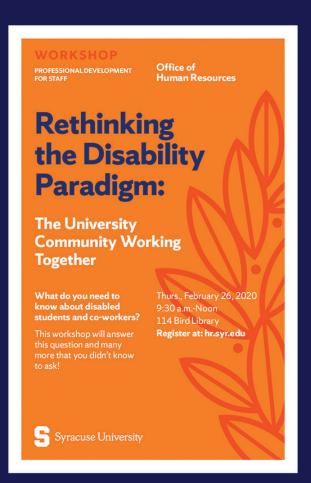








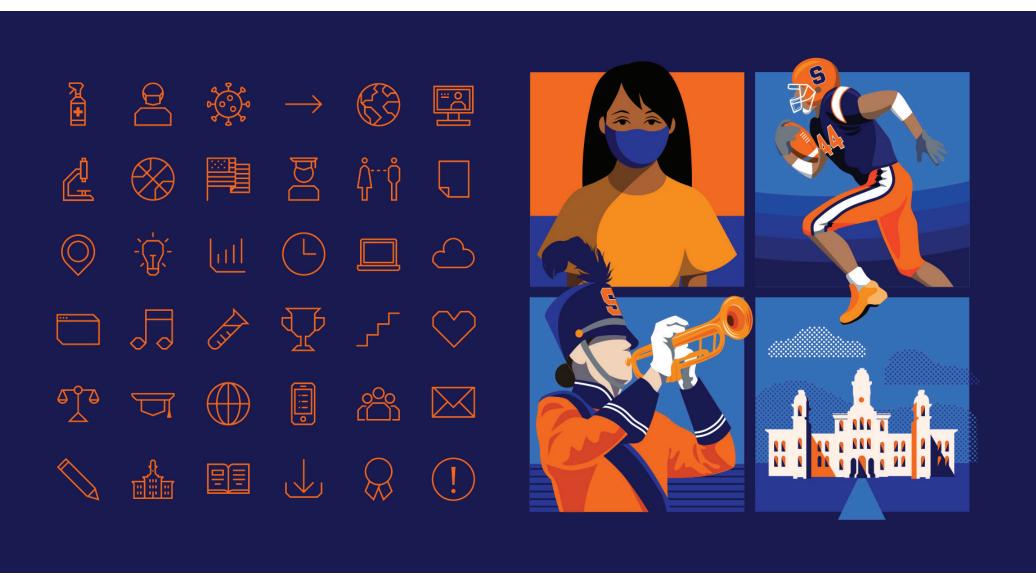




Brand Swag



Icons & Illustrations





Thank You.

