International Student and Scholar Services
Weekly Newsletter
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1. Greetings!

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2. Important Announcements

**ISSS Thanksgiving Dinner Sign-Up**

Your are cordially invited to join your ISSS family in an American holiday tradition - Thanksgiving dinner!

ISSS will host its annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 16th from 4pm-7pm in the SEFCU Arena Hall of Fame Room. Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving buffet, games, and prizes! Cost of attendance is only $5 per person
(plus an additional $5 per guest you bring--guests are welcome).
   To register, sign up here!

   (link is: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScB_m7i8bm1c4Sz35zxhOIUGeI1GCBCw82rFpuFqoxX6IyHog/viewform)

**Updated I-765 Form**

This week USCIS issued an updated I-765 form. The I-765 is used by F-1 students to apply for work authorization, most commonly OPT. The new form is designed to allow applicants to begin the process for requesting a Social Security Number while applying for an EAD card. The previous I-765 will still be accepted through December 3, 2017 by USCIS. Any application received after December 3, 2017 must use the updated I-765 form, or else the application will be denied. Students can access the new I-765 on USCIS's website, here:

https://www.uscis.gov/i-765

**International Fair - International Education Week**

**November 13-17, 2017**

Do you want to meet with people from 25+ different countries? Do you want to know different languages, lifestyles, fashions, arts, or sports games? Do you want to try some free food or drinks from different countries? Come and join us at the International Fair!

The International Fair will be on Wednesday, November 15th from 10AM-3PM in the Lecture Center Concourse.
Interested in tabling? Your student organization can sign-up to table; You (and your friends!) can also sign up to table and represent your home country, in this link. http://bit.ly/2y5mUPO

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

Monday Nov.13
Seeing Through Other Eyes
3:00-5:00PM, CC 370
Please email iss@albany.edu for registration

Tuesday Nov.14
Cultural Insights Career Center Workshop
4:15-6:15PM, LC23

Wednesday Nov.15
International Fair
10:00AM-3:00PM, LC Concourse by Main Library

Thursday Nov.16
Thanksgiving Dinner
4:00-7:30PM, Hall of Fame Room in SEFCU Arena
Registration is required, please email iss@albany.edu
CPT Workshop
(International students only)
10:00-11:00AM, SL C05

Friday Nov.17
Country Presentation (IFP) 3:00-5:00PM, BD006
Application to perform as International Student Organization at International Celebration

Would your International Student Organization like to support our graduating students? Here's a way you can make a difference! The Office of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) is accepting applications from International Student Organizations to perform at our International Celebration, Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Campus Center Ballroom. The performance should be between 5-7 minutes (which could also be two shorter performances). For your service, your organization will receive a donation of $150 from ISSS.

If your International Organization is interested in this great opportunity, please complete the application at the following link: https://goo.gl/Cynxkr. In addition to the form, we require a video of your organization’s performance (which you may have already have from a previous performance). Please send the video to Tara Evans, Associate Director of ISSS at: tevans3@albany.edu. You may also submit the video in person. Please note, your application will not be considered if we don’t receive a video. The deadline to apply is November 17, 2017.
ISSS Advising Hours - East Campus Fall 2017

Students interested in international advising on the East Campus must schedule an appointment by emailing ISSS@albany.edu no later than 5pm on the Monday before the below dates:

- Tuesday, October 17th: 11am-1pm
- Tuesday, October 31st: 11am-1pm
- Tuesday, November 14th: 11am-1pm
- Tuesday, November 28th: 11am-1pm
- Tuesday, December 12th: 11am-1pm

Additionally, ISSS will host an OPT Workshop on the East Campus on Tuesday, October 24th at 11am in Classroom C2. No appointment is required.
Immigration Reminder: SEVIS USA Address in MyUAlbany Must be Accurate

One of the most important federal requirements for international students is that their contact information is up to date in SEVIS. Please check your SEVIS USA address, SEVIS foreign address, phone number and email in MyUAlbany for accuracy. Your SEVIS USA address must be your physical residence within the United States. If you move (even if you just change residence halls) you must update this information within 10 business days of the change. Addresses should be detailed, and include apartment number or residence hall number, if applicable.

Please do this immediately:
- Log-in to MyUAlbany
- In the middle box on the left, click on Demographic Data

Check your SEVIS USA Address:
- On the tabs, click on addresses
- If you have a SEVIS USA Address listed, check that it is your correct United States address
- If you do not have a SEVIS USA Address, click the Add a new Address button
- Type in the address where you live in the US. Press OK. Check SEVIS USA from the list of Address Types
- Click Save

Check your SEVIS Foreign Address:
- On the tabs, click on addresses.
  - If you have a SEVIS Foreign Address listed, check that it is your correct address OUTSIDE the US.
  - If you do not have a SEVIS Foreign Address, click the Add a new Address button.
  - Click the Change County link and chose your home country.
- Type in your address outside the US. Press OK. Check SEVIS Foreign from the list of Address Types.
  - Click Save.

**Check your Phone Number:**
- On the tabs, click on phone numbers.
  - Look at the phone number you have checked as preferred.
  - If it is a US based phone number, be sure it is formatted like this (but with your phone number): 999/999-9999. Make sure that there are is not a 1 or + or other number in front. There should be nothing in the Country box.
  - If it is a number from outside the US, put the County Code in the box that says Country and put the rest of the number in the box that says Telephone.
  - Click Save.

**OPT/CPT Workshops**

The OPT filling period is now open for December graduates! Start the process for applying for OPT early!

Students applying for OPT are required to attend one of the below mandatory workshop sessions. Students who are applying for CPT are strongly encouraged to attend a workshop as well.
CPT and OPT Workshops

**Fall 2017**

**CPT Workshops**
- Tuesday, 9/12, 4pm-5pm, SL Go5
- Wednesday, 10/18, 3-4pm, SL Go5
- Thursday, 11/16, 10am-11am, SL Go5
- Monday, 12/11, 4pm-5pm, SL Go5

**OPT Workshops**
- Monday, 9/18, 3pm-4pm, SL Go5
- Wednesday, 9/27, 2pm-3pm, SL Go5
- Thursday, 10/5, 10am-11am, Downtown Campus, Draper Hall 246
- Friday, 10/13, 10am-11am, SL Go5
- Tuesday, 10/24, 11am-12pm, East Campus, Room C2
- Monday, 10/30, 10am-11am, SL Go5
- Friday, 11/10, 4pm-5pm, SL Go5
- Monday 11/20, 2-4pm, Downtown Campus, Husted Hall 308
- Wednesday 11/29, 3-4pm, SL Go5
- Thursday, 12/7, 3-4pm SL Go5
- Friday, 12/15, 10am-11am, SL Go5
- Tuesday, 12/19, 3pm-4pm, SL Go5

**Other Important Dates**
- Wednesday, 9/13: UAlbany Job and Internship Fair, 12pm-5pm, SEFUC Arena
- Wednesday, 9/20: Beginning of OPT filing season for December 2017 graduates.
- Monday, 12/18: Term end date for December graduates
- Friday, 2/16: Latest OPT start date for December graduates to request. All OPT applications for December graduates must be received by USCIS before this date.

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**International Student and Scholar Services**
Science Library G-40
Phone: 518-514-8172
Email: ISSS@albany.edu

**Walk-In Advising**
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
9am-4pm
No Appointment Needed
Call for Photographers!

Click, send and get it published in ISSS Newsletter

Do you want your photographs published in the header block in the ISSS newsletter?
You can send us a landscape picture of any On-Campus attractions, buildings, diversity on-campus and more.
You can email your entry to ISSS@albany.edu with a subject "Newsletter Photograph Entry"

4. University at Albany Events

NYS Writers Institute: Claire Messud (Author Seminar)

When: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM
**Where:** Campus Center Assembly Hall

**See:** [http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst/webpages4/programpages/vws.html](http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst/webpages4/programpages/vws.html)

**Description:** Join Claire Messud, major contemporary fiction writer, for an informal craft talk on October 17th @ 4:15pm. Messud is the author of the new novel, *The Burning Girl* (2017), the story of two girlhood best friends as they navigate adolescence, divergent lives, and painful adult realities. Messud’s previous novels are *The Woman Upstairs* (2013), an international bestseller; *The Emperor’s Children* (2006), a New York Times, Los Angeles Times, and Washington Post “Best Book of the Year.”

**Contact:** New York State Writers Institute (518) 442-5620

[http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst/](http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst/)

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**UAlbany Women's Soccer hosts Maine**

**When:** Sunday, October 15, 2017 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**Where:** [Tom & Mary Casey Stadium (Bob Ford Field)](http://www.albany.edu/sports/soccer/game.html)
Description: Women's Soccer hosts Maine for its last home game of the season.

Contact: Athletics (518) 442-DANE http://www.ualbanysports.com/

Almost, Maine at Performing Arts Center

When: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Where: Performing Arts Center (Arena Theatre) Main Campus
**Cost:** Advance tickets: $15 general public; $10 students, seniors & UAlbany faculty-staff / Day of show tickets: $20 general public; $15 students, seniors & UAlbany faculty-staff

**See:** [http://www.albany.edu/pac/theatre_dept.shtml?tab=tab1](http://www.albany.edu/pac/theatre_dept.shtml?tab=tab1)

**Description:** One cold, clear Friday night in the middle of winter while the northern lights hover in the sky above, Almost’s residents find themselves falling in and out of love in the strangest ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. Love is lost, found, and confounded. And life for the people of Almost, Maine will never be the same.

**Introduction to Adobe Dreamweaver CS6**

**When:** Monday, October 16, 2017 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

**Where:** LC SB 30A Lecture Center Sub Basement

**See:** [https://doodle.com/poll/afur9z48wgya39n8](https://doodle.com/poll/afur9z48wgya39n8)

**Description:** Participants will become familiar with the basic components needed to build a web page, including the use of images and simple formatting.

**Contact:** Tom Bessette [http://web.albany.edu/its/training](http://web.albany.edu/its/training)
5. Capital Region Event

4 Places to Peep Leaves at Albany

**When**: Saturday, October 7th from 11:00am  
**Where**: Downtown Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Springs, NY

**Description**: Autumn foliage is here! And there's no better place to peep leaves than at one of our beautiful parks or nature areas. Grab your camera, and hit one of these colorful spots.

1. Albany Pine Bush Preserve  
2. Mohawk Towpath Scenic Byway  
3. John Boyd Thacher State Park  
4. Saratoga & North Creek Railway
Albany Symphony Presents Hollywood Favorites: "Star Wars" & More!

**When:** Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 7:00pm  
**Where:** Palace Theatre, Albany

For more information: [http://www.albanysymphony.com/](http://www.albanysymphony.com/)

Foam N’ Glow: The World's Largest Foam Party

**When:** Friday, October 13th, 2017 at 7:00pm  
**Where:** Times Union Center, Albany

Albany Auto Show 2017

When: Friday, November 3rd, 2017 from 3:00pm - 8pm
Where: Times Union Center, Albany

See: http://www.albany.com/event/foam-n-glow-104255/
Description: More than 160 new vehicles (cars, trucks, SUVs, and minivans) representing 34 manufacturers and exhibitor booths featuring auto-related products and services.


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