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1. Greetings!

This is the Weekly ISSS Newsletter that we send out every Friday. It includes very important updates that you must be aware of, as well as information about events happening on campus and in the area.

2. Important Announcements

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/2y5mUP0
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

Monday Nov.13
Seeing Through Other Eyes
3:00-5:00PM, CC 370
Please email isss@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 isss@albany.edu
CPT Workshop
(International students only)
10:00-11:00AM, SL G05

Friday Nov.17
Country Presentation (IFP) 3:00-5:00PM, BB006

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AND GLOBAL STRATEGY
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
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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.

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
3. Other ISSS Updates and Events

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 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 G05
- Wednesday, 10/18, 3-4pm, SL G05
- Thursday, 11/16, 10am-11am, SL G05
- Monday, 12/11, 4pm-5pm, SL G05

**Other Important Dates**
- Wednesday, 9/13: UAlbany Job and Internship Fair, 12pm-2pm, SEFCU Arena
- Wednesday, 9/20: Beginning of OPT filing season for December graduates
- Monday, 12/18: Term end date for December graduates
- Friday, 1/6: Latest OPT start date for December graduates to request. All OPT applications for December graduates must be received by USCIS before this date.

**OPT Workshops**
- Monday, 9/18, 3-4pm, SL G05
- Wednesday, 9/27, 7pm-8pm, SL G05
- Thursday, 10/5, 10am-11am, Downtown Campus, Draper Hall 246
- Friday, 10/13, 10am-11am, SL G05
- Tuesday, 10/24, 11am-12pm, East Campus, Room C0
- Monday, 10/30, 10am-11am, SL G05
- Friday, 11/10, 4pm-5pm, SL G05
- Monday 11/20, 2-3pm, Downtown Campus, Husted Hall 308
- Wednesday 11/29, 3-4pm, SL G05
- Thursday, 12/7, 3-4pm SL G05
- Friday, 12/15, 10am-11am, SL G05
- Tuesday, 12/19, 3pm-4pm, SL G05

International Student and Scholar Services
Science Library G-40
Phone: 518-395-8378
Email: ISSS@albany.edu

Walk-In Advising
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
9am-4pm
No Appointment Needed
International Friendship Partnership Program - Glow In the Dark Volleyball Tonight!

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.
4. University at Albany Events

NYS Writers Institute: Kurt Andersen in conversation with WAMC's Joe Donahue

When: Thursday, October 12, 2017 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Where: Campus Center Ballroom
Cost: $30 admission charge, which includes a copy of Fantasyland (UAlbany students free with valid ID)
See: http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst/webpages4/programpages/vws.html
Description: $30 admission charge, which includes a copy of Fantasyland (UAlbany students free with valid ID). Contact The Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza (518-489-4761) for advance tickets/book, or purchase at the door. Kurt Andersen is a writer, editor, critic, and the host of WNYC's Peabody-winning public radio program Studio 360. Andersen will
discuss his new book, Fantasyland: How America Went Haywire: A 500-Year History (2017), which examines the current phenomenon of “fake news.”

**UAlbany Women's Soccer hosts UMass Lowell**

UMASS LOWELL  |  Saturday, October 08, 6:00 p.m.  |  Albany, N.Y.
Taste of India

When: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Where: State Quad Dining Room
See: https://ualbanydining.com/dining-choices/resident/state.html
Description: Menu features Bombay turkey naanwich, coconut curry shrimp, chicken tikki masala and more!
Contact: UAS
Introduction to Zotero

When: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Where: LI B48 University Library, Uptown Campus
See: http://albany.libcal.com/calendar/iLearn_Workshops/

Description: Zotero is a powerful tool to manage, organize, and cite documents, allowing users to easily save citation information while searching and browsing the Web. This hands-on workshop will cover installing Zotero, adding and organizing citations, and creating a bibliography and in-text citations. Walk-ins welcome.

For more UAlbany Events,
https://events.albany.edu/cal/main/showMainEnd.rdo

5. Capital Region Event

Monster Scramble

When: Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 7:30am
Where: 29 Bevis Rd Schaghticoke, NY 12154
**Description:** The Monster Scramble 5K, 10K, and 1 mile trick-or-treat walk is just what you’ve been waiting for – a Halloween-themed, chip-timed run through one of our spooky sites. It’s sure to make your heart (and feet) race! If running isn’t your speed, choose to stroll along the one mile trick-or-treat walk route, collecting Halloween goodies along the way. We encourage all participants to dress up and have fun.

**See:** [https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Chapters/NYR/Fundraising-Events/Monster-Scramble](https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Chapters/NYR/Fundraising-Events/Monster-Scramble)

**Student Recitals at Performing Arts Center**

**When:** Thursday, October 17, 2017 from 6:00pm

**Where:** Performing Arts Center, Uptown Campus, UAlbany
For more information: [http://www.albany.edu/pac/music_dept.shtml?tab=tab1](http://www.albany.edu/pac/music_dept.shtml?tab=tab1)

**Saratoga International Flavor Festival**

**When**: Saturday, October 7th from 11:00am  
**Where**: Downtown Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Springs, NY
Description: You don’t have to go very far to enjoy flavors from around the world! The 4th Annual Saratoga International Flavorfeast is a celebration of the worldly culinary styles that give this area its unique flair. It presents a feast for the senses and reflects the multicultural diversity of the region.

For more information: [http://events.timesunion.com/event/saratoga-international-flavorfeast-4th-annual59cd198cb5220](http://events.timesunion.com/event/saratoga-international-flavorfeast-4th-annual59cd198cb5220)

The CAT Halloween BOO Cruise

**When:** Friday, October 27, 2017  
**Doors:** Dutch Apple Cruises  
**Time:** 7:00PM - 10:00PM
Description: When darkness comes and The Moon is Full... The Ship of Ghouls Sets Sail! It’s The CAT BOO Cruise! The Friday night before Halloween, October 27th from 7p to 10p, on the Dutch Apple Cruise Line, The Dead and Un-Dead will drift along the Hudson! A cash bar for those who took it with them and free food from Miller’s Catering! Lots of Blood and Prizes will go to the Freaks who can turn the CAT Judges white with Fright with the best overall costumes!

For more information: https://dutchapplecruises.com/calendar/special-event-cruises-25-25/663-thecat-country-boo-cruise