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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

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

The Fair is a part of International Education Week, and international week of programming sponsored in part by the United States Departments of State and Education. It is one of many events throughout the week, including:

**Monday** (Nov 13): *Seeing Through Other Eyes Workshop*. 3:00-5:00PM, LC 22. Please register here: [https://goo.gl/forms/vMHkmW1DRMeAovzU2](https://goo.gl/forms/vMHkmW1DRMeAovzU2)


**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. Pre-registration is required.

**CPT Workshop**, 10:00-11:00, SL G05. No registration needed.

**Friday** (Nov 17): *International Social and Country Presentations*. 3:00-5:00PM, SL 3rd Floor. Please register here: [https://goo.gl/forms/uoGTMPQeFvgppf3D3](https://goo.gl/forms/uoGTMPQeFvgppf3D3)
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

November 13-17
2017

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AND GLOBAL STRATEGY
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
Email: iss@albany.edu; Phone: 518-591-8172
International Fair
November 15, 2017

When: Wednesday, 11/15/2017
Time: 10:00AM-4:00PM
Where: LC Concourse by Main Library
Who: Everyone
What: Fun Activities/Free Food
Why: Learn about 25+ different cultures
From fellow students and
Student organizations

For more information visit: www.albany.edu/iss
Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/isssatualbany
Instagram: www.instagram.com/ualbanyinternationalfair
Email: iss@albany.edu; Phone: 518-518-5172
International Education Week

Intercultural Social

Celebrate diversity among UAlbany students while enjoying music, food, and entertainment!

November 17th
3–5 PM
SL 340

Please wear your cultural dress or semi-formal clothing (optional)

Event is open to all UAlbany students. Register to attend here:
https://goo.gl/forms/uoGTMPQeFvgppf3D3

In partnership with:
The International Friendship Partners Program
The office of International Student and Scholar Services
The Writer's Institute
Career Programs for International Students
Cultural Insights into the US World of Work (Nov. 14 from 4:30-5:30 in LC 23)

This presentation aims to assist international students in gaining a clearer understanding of US business culture and includes topics such as attitudes toward work, business protocol the benefits of volunteering and insights into both verbal and written communication styles used in the US business sector.

Wanted to share your experience participating in the workshop’s panel? Mail ISSS@albany.edu with the Subject, "Panel Application for Career Workshop"

Graduating in December? RSVP to the International Celebration!

The Center for International Education and Global Strategy will host a ceremony for graduating international students, study abroad students who are graduating, as well as exchange students and scholars who are returning to their home countries at the end of the semester. To RSVP for this event, please go to: http://goo.gl/ct5rGK. RSVP will close on November 14, 2017. If you RSVP for this event and don’t attend, you will NOT receive a sash.
We look forward to seeing you at the International Celebration and Reception!

Date: Thursday, December 7, 2017
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: Campus Center Ballroom, reception immediately following in Assembly Hall/Fireside Lounge
A Celebration of our Graduating International Students, Students that Studied Abroad, Exchange Students & Visiting Scholars!

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND GLOBAL STRATEGY UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY State University of New York

4th Annual INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION

Thursday, December 7, 2017 2:30 p.m. Campus Center Ballroom

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
ERINA IRISH BROWN ’91
Bloomberg L.P. Global Head of Diversity & Inclusion

Ms. Brown received her MBA from Columbia Business School and holds a BS in Economics from UAlbany.

Contact the Office of International Student Services & Education Abroad for more information.

See: https://www.facebook.com/isssatualbany/videos/10154786951486793/
December Graduation 2017

Applying for graduation and attending the commencement ceremonies are two different processes. All students who plan to graduate this December must apply for graduation through the Registrar’s Office. This is not the same as the ceremony. Commencement is the ceremonies that students participate in to have their graduation publicly recognized.

The University at Albany will not hold Commencement ceremonies in December. All students who graduate in the 2017-2018 academic year will be invited to May Commencement. The ISSS office recognize that this could be a burden for some international students, so we invite you to participate in our International Celebration this December. Here is more information on each process:

**Apply for Graduation:**

- Students completing all of their degree requirements and graduating this December, 2017 should apply for graduation
  - You will apply through MyUAlbany. Instructions can be found here: [http://www.albany.edu/registrar/degree-application.php](http://www.albany.edu/registrar/degree-application.php).
  - This is how you ensure that you get your degree.

**December 2017 International Celebration:**

- Graduating students are invited to the 4th Annual International Celebration on December 7, 2017 at 2:30.
- This ceremony celebrates the students who have helped promote internationalization at the University at Albany. Your name will be called as you walk across the stage and receive a special sash.
  - More information can be found here: [http://us11.campaign-archive.com/?e=&u=f7d562eac2bd0bbfc957420&id=58bf81b381](http://us11.campaign-archive.com/?e=&u=f7d562eac2bd0bbfc957420&id=58bf81b381)

**Register for Commencement:**

- Students who graduate during the 2017-2018 academic year will be invited to attend the Commencement Ceremonies May 18-20, 2018. There are no university wide commencement ceremonies in December.
• Commencement registration is not open yet, but information will be sent to all students who apply for graduation in the 2017-2018 academic year.

• You can find also out more about Commencement here: http://www.albany.edu/commencement/.

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

3. Other ISSS Updates and Events

Theft is a #1 Crime - On Campus and Off

Theft is the most common crime against a person in the world ... and on our campus. The majority of thefts are unattended/unsecured property.

We have also seen an increase in lost SUNY Cards and lost credit cards being used. On or off campus don’t let someone steal your stuff!
SUNY Card theft/misuse – If they are lost or stolen cancel them so thieves cannot spend your money! Go to “My UAlbany” or stop by UPD to prevent someone else from spending your money.

1. **Keep it with you!** – Don’t walk away from your laptop, phone, or textbooks to get a cup of coffee, talk with friends, go to the restroom, etc. Take them with you.

2. **Lock it up!** – Lock your room door, lock your suite door, lock your apartment door, and lock your car (and don’t have valuable property visible). Make sure your apartment windows are secure as well (and talk with your landlord if they aren’t).

3. **96% of thefts** from students are *unattended/unsecured property*. Most off campus thefts are opportunity thefts as well. Keeping it with you or locking it up makes you a **hard target**!

4. **Report it!** If something is stolen let UPD (or the appropriate off-campus agency) know. We will work to identify who the thief is and get your property back, but we need your help. Contact us by phone at: (518) 442-3131, or on the web at: [police.albany.edu](http://police.albany.edu) for our on-line reporting option.

**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 of 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.

International Student and Scholar Services
Science Library G-40
Phone: 518-591-8172
Email: ISSS@albany.edu

Walk-In Advising
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
9am-4pm
No Appointment Needed
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:

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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.
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

Tamil Vanakkam - Special Inaugural Ceremony of Tamil Cultural Association

When: Friday, November 10, 2017 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Where: Campus Center 375 Meeting Room

Description: Did you know about the World's Oldest Language? Do you know this is an official language in more than 4 countries and recognized language in more than 5 countries? Join the Founders' Executive Board of Tamil Cultural Association (A recognized Graduate Student Organization) at the Inaugural Ceremony, Tamil Vanakkam. The ceremony will be having a special logo launch followed by reception.
Tamil Cultural Association invites to
VANAKKAM TAMIL

Join us to Know About the World’s Oldest language

Contact
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President and Co-Founder
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Your Student Fees At Work!
GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
The Creative Life: A Conversation with Lois Lowry

**When:** Friday, November 10, 2017 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**Where:** Page Hall Downtown Campus

**Description:** This leading voice of children's literature, Newbery Medal winner and author of "The Giver" and "Number the Stars" is interviewed on stage by WAMC's Joe Donahue discussing her creative inspiration, craft and career. A question and answer session with the audience will follow. The Creative Life series is presented by the University at Albany Foundation and produced by the New York State Writers Institute, University Art Museum and UAlbany Performing Arts Center in collaboration with WAMC.

**See:** [http://www.albany.edu/pac/prime_performances.shtml?tab=tab4](http://www.albany.edu/pac/prime_performances.shtml?tab=tab4)
Men's Basketball Versus Iona, A Season Opener

When: Monday, November 13, 2017 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Where: Performing Arts Center (Recital Hall) Main Campus

University Jazz Ensemble at Performing Arts Center

When: Monday, November 13, 2017 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Where: Performing Arts Center (Recital Hall) Main Campus
See: http://www.albany.edu/pac/music_dept.shtml?tab=tab2

Description: The mid-size ensemble presents concerts of popular jazz standards.
Maximizing Your Research Impact (Graduate Students & Faculty)

**When:** Tuesday, November 14, 2017 10:00am - 11:30am

**Where:** Dewey Graduate Library

See: [http://albany.libcal.com/calendar/iLearn_Workshops/](http://albany.libcal.com/calendar/iLearn_Workshops/)

**Description:** Academics who publish scholarly research find measuring the impact & influence of their work demonstrates its value. Learn how to leverage resources-ORCID, ImpactStory & Scholar's Archive-to make your scholarly online profile more visible. Gain a greater understanding of metrics such as Journal Impact Factor, h-index & altmetrics. Use them to show the greater significance & influence of your research output. Choose the best journal for publishing research, & scholarly social network are covered

*For more UAlbany Events,*

[https://events.albany.edu/cal/main/showMainEnd.rdo](https://events.albany.edu/cal/main/showMainEnd.rdo)

**5. Capital Region Event**
Lee Ann Womack at The Egg

**When:** Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 8:00pm  
**Where:** Times Union Center, Albany

**Description:** Multi-award winning country singer Lee Ann Womack performs in support of her new album *The Lonely, The Lonesome and The Gone* — a breathtaking hybrid of country, soul, gospel, and blues.  
**See:** [https://www.albany.com/event/lee-ann-womack-at-the-egg-157808/](https://www.albany.com/event/lee-ann-womack-at-the-egg-157808/)

Startup Weekend Albany

**When:** From Friday November 10, 2017 6:00pm to Sunday November 12, 2017 8:30pm  
**Where:** The Armory At Sage College, 130 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208
**Description:** Startup Weekends are 54-hour events designed to provide superior experiential education for technical and non-technical entrepreneurs. Beginning with Friday night pitches and continuing through brainstorming, business plan development, and basic prototype creation, Startup Weekends culminate in Sunday night demos and presentations. Participants create working startups during the event and are able to collaborate with like-minded individuals outside of their daily networks. All teams hear talks by industry leaders and receive valuable feedback from local entrepreneurs. The weekend is centered around action, innovation, and education. Whether you are looking for feedback on an idea, a co-founder, specific skill sets, or a team to help you execute, Startup Weekends are the perfect environment in which to test your idea and take the first steps towards launching your own startup.


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**Nano Drop-In Write-In’s at Revibe**

**When:** Sunday, November 12, 2017 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Where:** Revibe, 94 Broad Street, Schuylerville, NY 12871

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**Description:** Drop-In Write-In’s at Revibe

Ever thought of writing a book?

Or did you start a book but think you lacked the superpowers to finish?
If you answered yes to either of these questions National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is looking for you. Recruits are needed for the League of Extraordinary Wrimos this November! Rosemary Blodgett, a seasoned Wrimo, will be hosting weekly write-ins at Revibe in their newly added book space. You do not have to join NaNo to participate but you should bring a pen, pencil, notebook or laptop! Whatever will help you create.

**Artist Harvest: Art Show**

**When:** Friday, November 17, 2017 7:00 PM – 10:30 PM  
**Where:** Stage 1 Gallery, 42 North Swan Street, Albany, NY 12210

Description: An Evening of Music, Monologues, Live Painting and much more!

November 17th at Stage 1 Gallery The Artists’ Harvest art show is featuring some of the Regions best performers, musicians and actors! Join us as we celebrate Fall with works artists have been putting energy and effort in up until this point!

Our mailing address is:
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