Dear New International Student,

On behalf of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) staff, I am delighted to welcome you as a new international student to the University at Albany. UAlbany’s rich tradition dates back to 1844 and still now, the mission of the University is to help students apply both their academic and co-curricular learning in ways that positively impact the world.

You will soon be embarking on an exciting journey as you join another 1,800 international students from 95 countries on the UAlbany campus. To learn more about UAlbany, its students, and the many activities and opportunities it has to offer, I encourage you to watch the What is UAlbany? video on this page and also explore the About UAlbany webpage. As you will see, UAlbany offers a variety of resources to support your academic, personal and professional endeavors, one of which is ISSS.

Our office provides an orientation program which is divided into online pre-arrival support and a post-arrival on campus forum (Check-in is August 22nd for undergraduate freshman and August 23rd for undergraduate transfer and graduate level students. You will find information about both opportunities on this webpage). ISSS also offers international student advising, workshops, programming activities, and other services to help you have the best experience possible throughout your time at UAlbany.

Other UAlbany departments and offices that can assist you as an undergraduate student are the Department of Residence Life, MyInvolvement and the Advisement Services Center. Graduate students may be interested in visiting the Off-Campus Housing page and the Graduate Student Association (GSA) in addition to their respective academic department resources. Another helpful resource as you prepare to join the UAlbany community is the many international student clubs and organizations representing numerous countries of the world.

As you continue to plan for your arrival, please do not hesitate to let us know what questions you might have or assistance you need. We look forward to welcoming you on campus soon and offering our support throughout your experience at UAlbany.

Best Wishes and Go Danes!

Michael Elliott
Director, ISSS