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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.

Are you a part of a student organization and want to see your event advertised to your fellow students? Please send the details and/or flyer to ISSS@albany.edu.
2. Important Announcements

**Columbus Day Holiday Monday**

Classes will be in session on Monday. ISSS will be open for pick-ups and drop-offs only, but no walk-in advisement will be available. Please note that many University offices will be closed on this day; please plan accordingly.

**OPT and CPT Workshops**

ISSS offers weekly workshops on off-campus employment, both for OPT and CPT. No reservation is required. If you are graduating in December, the OPT filing period opens September 20th. Students are encouraged to apply for OPT as early as possible because it can take USCIS 3-5 months (or longer) to process your request for OPT. Please view the schedule here.
Sign Up to Represent Your Country!

Do you want to be the ambassador of your country at the International Fair on November 14th? You will be assigned a place where you can table your country! Come and share with UAlbany students your culture!

If you have any questions, please contact Jing Zhang-Benavot, jzhang6@albany.edu

Here is the link for sign up to table:
https://goo.gl/forms/rzz925Ph23feLFUU2

Improve Your English Language Skills

A new opportunity is available to enhance your English language skills. This course is designed to give additional support to international students for whom English is a second or new language.

The flyer is below. To sign-up, please email IELP@albany.edu.

**Schedule:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:45-4:45pm, from October 24th-December 10th

**Cost:** $440, textbook included
Phone Scam Targeting Chinese Students

A new phone scam targeting Chinese international students has been increasingly reported across the U.S. Phones have been getting repeated robo-calls from a number labeled as “Consulate General” with a number of 213-807-8078. The recorded voice is in Chinese. A translation conducted appears to be a financial scam similar to the typical IRS type asking for funds. ISSS recommends you never provide personal information over the phone, especially to an unverified caller.

ISSS Thanksgiving Dinner November 15th

You are cordially invited to the annual ISSS Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 15th from 5pm-7pm. Come join us to partake in an American holiday tradition! The event will feature dinner, games, prizes, and more! Cost to attend is only $8 per person. This event is possible due to the generous donation of UAS. Register here: https://tinyurl.com/ThanksgivingISSS
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.

On or off campus don’t let someone steal your stuff!

**ID 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 for our on-line reporting option.

**International Center of the Capital Region Scholarship**

The International Center of the Capital Region, a nonprofit in Troy, has a scholarship to send two undergraduate F-1 or J-1 students to the 70th Annual Student Conference on US Affairs at the West Point Academy on October 24th-October 27th. If interested, please contact Ryan Moll at Ryan@iccralbany.org.
Blog: Questions that International Students Should (and Should Not) Ask at Job Interviews
ICAway is a private career-coaching service catered to international students in the U.S. The latest blog post includes questions to ask (and not ask) at a job fair. Check it out here.

AdvisingPLUS Tutoring for Undergraduate Students
Free tutoring is available for undergraduate students in a number of subjects. Attending tutoring hours can help you achieve higher grades! For a full schedule, please click here: https://www.albany.edu/advisingplus/assets/Fall_2018_Tutor_Schedule_by_Subject.pdf

4. University at Albany Events
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Therapy Dogs
Friday, October 5th 1-3pm
Student Success Center on State Quad, Whitman Hall
Take a “PAWS” before midterms begin. Stop by State Quad’s Student Success Center located in Whitman Hall 2nd Floor and de-stress with the therapy dogs before midterms begin. Receive tips on how to best prepare for your exams!

International Mixer
October 7th, 4pm, in the Alumni Quad Waterbury Basement
Well-Being Lunch Series
Sponsored by CAPS, this lunchtime well-being series is designed to help students manage stress and promote their personal well-being.

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**Location**
Campus Center Student Success Center — located on 1st floor of CC adjacent to staircase leading down to Niki’s Cafe and Star Ginger

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**UAlbany Graduate School Information Fair**
Wednesday, October 10 11am-12pm
Stop by the Campus Center’s Student Success Center located in the Campus Center room 165A to connect with representatives from Grad school programs offered at UAlbany. Receive tips on how to enhance your
application and ways to prepare for the Grad School Fair happening later this month. All in attendance will earn a chance to win a Grad School Application fee waiver.

**International Student Research Workshops**

**Workshop I: Introduction to Research Process**
*Instructors:* Mary Van Ullen, Yu-Hui Chen

**Dates, Times, Places:**
- September 14, Friday 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, LI – 848 (University Library, Basement level)
- September 24, Monday 1:15 pm – 3:15 pm, LI – 848 (University Library, Basement level)

*Topics:* what is a research paper, steps in the research process, choosing a research topic, finding background information and articles, using research databases, evaluating research materials (including Web sites), and hands-on exercises.

If you are not able to attend the workshop on September 14, you can attend the session on September 24. The topics covered in both sessions will be the same.

To sign up for the workshop, please contact Yu-Hui Chen (ychen@albany.edu)

**Workshop II: What is “plagiarism” all about? How to avoid it?**
*Instructors:* Yu-Hui Chen, Mary Van Ullen

**Dates, Times, and Places:**
- September 21, Friday 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, LI – 848 (University Library, Basement level)
- October 15, Monday 1:15 pm – 3:15 pm, LI – 848 (University Library, Basement level)

*Topics:* in-text citations and bibliography; why acknowledge sources; when to cite; differences among quoting, summarizing, and paraphrasing; types of plagiarism: how to cite; tips for avoiding plagiarism; academic integrity; and hands-on exercises.

If you are not able to attend the workshop on September 21, you can attend the session on October 15. The topics covered in both sessions will be the same.

To sign up for the workshop, please contact Yu-Hui Chen (ychen@albany.edu)

**Workshop III: Citation Practice**
*Instructors:* Yu-Hui Chen, Mary Van Ullen

**Data and Time:** September 29, Friday 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, LI – 848 (University Library, Basement level)

*Topics:* DOI (digital object identifier), ways of providing in-text citations, Citation Fox, and paraphrasing practice.

To sign up for the workshop, please contact Yu-Hui Chen (ychen@albany.edu)

As Workshop II and Workshop III are closely related, you are strongly encouraged to attend Workshop II first.

***CSSA Singing Competition***

**How to Apply:**
Fill in personal information online or offline. Sent email to apply online.

**Activity Schedule:**
- 09/29/2018 – 10/14/2018
- 2:00–4:00 p.m.
- You must attend activity fee at work

**Award:**
- Champion $150
- Second Place $100
- Third Place $50
- Excellence Award $35 (1)
- LUCKY DRAW $35 (5)

Email: ualbanychina@albany.edu
Insta: uabalnycssa
Chinese Paper Cutting Workshop
Jianlin Yue (PI)
Clifton Park public library
Sept. 8, 3:00 pm

How to be a Leader in Chinese Language Education
Massry Center for Business BB B008
Sept. 8, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Children's Picture Book Exhibit
1. Montessori Magnet School in Albany
   Sept. 12, 6:30 pm
2. CCC Chinese School / Colonie Library
   Sept. 23, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
3. UAlbany Campus Center
   Sept. 29, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Chinese Buddhism: From Ancient to Present and Beyond
Prof. Dedong Wei (Columbia University / Renmin University)
UAlbany Uptown Campus LC22
Sept. 13, 1:15 pm

Urbanization and Children of Migrants in China
Prof. Kam Wing Chan (University of Washington at Seattle)
Standish Room, Science Library
Sept. 28, 12:00 pm

Film Screening: “Guangzhou Dream Factory”
Followed by a panel with the Director, Producer and faculty
UAlbany PAC Recital Hall
Oct. 2, 3:00 pm

“Uneven Urbanization in China: Causes and Consequences”
Prof. Debra Davis (Yale University)
Standish Room, Science Library
Oct. 5, 12:00 pm

Mongolian Music and Dance Performance
Troy Music Hall
Oct. 19, 5:00 pm

For more details, please check www.albany.edu/confucius
5. Capital District Events

**Annual Pumpkin Carving**
Saturday October 6 2-3:30pm
IL FARO, 698 N Pearl St Albany, NY 12204
Cost: $10 per pumpkin
Forget buying a pumpkin, carving tools and the mess! Come and have fun carving pumpkins with Chris! We will supply the pumpkin, carving tools, assistance, roast the pumpkin seeds for you to bring home and clean up the mess after. The bar will be open with hot cider for the kids and full bar and cocktails for the adults.
The more the merrier but must RSVP by phone or email by Thursday October 4th so we have enough pumpkins! There is still space and no age limits - we would love to have you! $10 per pumpkin.
http://www.ilfaroitalian.com/events

**Double M Haunted Hayrides**
Saturday September 29 - Sunday October 28th
Double M Haunted Hayrides, 678 New York 67, Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Cost: $19
Click Here For More Info
Double M Haunted Hayrides has been creating fear for over 25 years in Upstate New York!
The Haunted Hayride weaves through the haunted woods on a tractor-drawn wagon. Each wagon has a narrator on board to guide the way through the darkness. Around each and every corner there’s a frightful scene and behind each and every tree lurks an uninvited guest waiting for you! The woods are filled with terror and surprise, an atmosphere sure to make you scream. It's an annual tradition you just can't miss. At the conclusion of the hayride, your journey will continue on foot into the Walking Undead where you will enter the zombie-infested prison – can you escape? Beyond Walking Undead is Brutality, the deep woods compound of a tortuous family.
Next up is Martin’s Motel, a residence that is known for a disappearing guest or two and a vicious staff. Your final destination is Outage, a total darkness experience where you must rely on all of your senses to navigate and survive. The fun continues in the midway area with The Schadenfreude Circus, a side show that is sure to impress you and probably freak you out.

**Science Festival of the Capital Region**
Wednesday, Oct 3, 2018 until Monday, Oct 8, 2018 - 2:00 PM
Museum of Innovation and Science (MiSci), 15 Nott Terrace Heights Schenectady, NY12308
Discover wall-to-wall STEAM activities with presenters from throughout the region! The Science
Festival of the Capital Region at miSci is a multi-day celebration showcasing science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in New York’s Capital and Tech Valley Region. Explore astronomy, chemistry, nanotechnology, robotics, STEM careers, and more with miSci, the Dudley Observatory and partners from corporations, universities, and not-for-profits. Enjoy hands-on activities, demonstrations, science talks, exhibits, and performances throughout miSci and in the Festival tent.

See a full schedule of events and pricing here: [http://misci.org/events/science-festival](http://misci.org/events/science-festival)

### Ghosts of Albany Walking Tour

**Friday October 5 - Sunday October 7**

**Outside the Hilton Albany, 40 Lodge Street Albany, NY 12207**

Cost: $20

Visit one of America’s most haunted locations, Albany, New York. Let us see if we can scare you with stories of ghosts, antique sites, scandalous tales, haunted places, mysterious sightings of apparitions, strange and unusual accounts of centuries past, legendary stories, folklore and ghostly experiences stranger than reality, and ultimately the supernatural intrigues of Albany, New York.

Listen to the ghostly encounters of our guides. And you may be surprised by ghost stories told by participants on our tours. Our tales and legends are blended with bits of human interest and historical fact to make us entertaining and educational for tourists and locals alike.

Tours take place at 8pm on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from September 21st through November 3rd. Tours have been scheduled for the 29th, 30th, and 31st of October but they have sold out. Book your tickets today!

### 12th Annual Troy Chowderfest

**Sunday, October 7th 12-4pm**

**Downtown Troy, Troy, NY 12180**

$1 chowder samples

The 12th Annual Troy ChowderFest welcomes over 15,000 chowder-lovers who turn out and judge some of the best chowder in the area. Centered in Monument Square, guests purchase their tickets, explore the vendors and travel to the participating Downtown Troy restaurants distributing chowder from their establishments. Numerous local retailers participate in the day's activities with a citywide sidewalk sale.

It’s a full day of fall food, live music, and fun!

Click below for more information and schedules:

[https://www.albany.com/event/troy-chowderfest-25876/](https://www.albany.com/event/troy-chowderfest-25876/)