November 18, 2022

**ISSS will be closed next Thursday (11/24) and Friday (11/25) for the Thanksgiving Break**

**ISSS Announcements**
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- The Wizard of Oz at CapRep
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**Advising by Appointment- In-Person or on Zoom**
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9am-12:30pm
Appointments must be scheduled in advance through [Calendly](#)

**Walk-in Advising- In-Person or by Phone (518-591-8172)**
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday from 12:30-4:00pm
No appointment needed, just drop in to SL G-40 or call 518-591-8172
Cultural Connections Festival TONIGHT at 6:30pm!

Join us TONIGHT, Friday, November 18 at 6:30pm in the Campus Center Great Hall for the Festival, and cheer on your fellow students as they perform!

The Cultural Connections Festival aims to celebrate the diverse cultures in the UAlbany community. We invite you to attend the event and to either watch your peer's talent or show off your own. This is a chance for you to show off your singing skills, cultural dances, poetry, and much more. Come dressed in your traditional clothes to represent your culture or formal wear is also welcome. All International and Domestic students are welcome to get a chance to make connections among each other.
Travel Reminders for the Break- Get a Travel Signature!

Traveling this break? Please review the required documents and other considerations for travel. If you need help or have questions please speak with an ISSS advisor:

If you will travel please make sure to request a travel signature on your I-20 or DS-2019:

Please make sure you have all documentation required to re-enter the U.S. This includes an I-20/DS-2019 with a valid travel signature when re-entering the U.S. (travel signatures for enrolled students are valid for 1 year; travel signatures for students on OPT are valid for 6 months), a valid passport (with at least 6 months validity remaining), and a valid F-1/J-1 visa; and proof of full vaccination for COVID-19. Students on OPT must also carry their EAD card and are highly encouraged to carry proof of employment. If your OPT is pending please speak to an ISSS advisor before traveling internationally.

How to Apply for OPT

Students who are graduating this Fall and planning to apply for Post-Completion OPT Work Authorization should complete the following steps to apply:

1. Watch the required OPT workshop
2. Review all instructions on the OPT Request EForm website, including the Supplemental Forms and Instructions
3. Submit the EForm to ISSS to request a new I-20 recommending you for post-completion OPT
4. File with DHS-USCIS within 30 days of receiving the new I-20 from ISSS recommending you for post-completion OPT

If you have questions please speak with an ISSS advisor

International Celebration RSVP Closes Today

Students who are graduating this Fall 2022: We would like to invite you to our Fall 2022 CIEGS International Celebration for graduating international students and departing J-1 visiting scholars. If you are not graduating this semester you may disregard.

When: Friday, December 2 from 4:00 - 5:30pm
Where: Science Library Atrium
Details: Join us for a reception in the Science Library honoring Fall 2022 graduates and departing visiting scholars. Light refreshments will be served. Graduates and scholars who register through this form by November 18, 2022 will be issued a sash with their country’s flag on it which they may pick up at the time of the event only.
RSVP Here: https://forms.gle/ovWU7MmXo1vuKGHj8

This form is intended for graduating international students and departing visiting scholars only. If you are a departing international exchange student or a graduating study abroad alumnus please contact the Education Abroad office at studyabroad@albany.edu.

Please note: this is an event recognizing Fall 2022 international graduates, it is not University Commencement

Orientation Assistant Application Closes November 27

ISSS is seeking Orientation Assistants to serve as peer mentors and coordinate activities during Spring 2023 International Orientation (January 12-January 17).

We are planning in-person activities for Spring 2023 Orientation. Applicants must plan to be physically present in Albany between January 11-January 17. If selected for the position you must be enrolled for Spring 2023 to be hired. Orientation Assistants will be paid $13.20 an hour for approximately 10-25 hours of work.

Applications are due by Sunday, November 27th. For more information and to apply click here.

Great Danes in NYC (Job Site Visits)- Register Now
THIS IS NOT A JOB POSTING BUT A COMPANY SITE VISIT- International Students Do Not Need U.S. Work Authorization to attend this Site Visit Event!

- **PwC** (Jan 9) – all years allowed / Accounting, Cyber Security, Finance & Financial Management, Data Mining, Computer Science, Actuarial Sciences, Business Analytics, Data Science, and Information Systems Management majors
- **Kasirer** (Jan 9) – all years allowed / Public Administration, Public Policy, Public Relations, and Political Science & Government majors
- **NBC** (Jan 10) – all years allowed / all majors allowed
- **EY** (Jan 10) – Sophomore, junior, senior / Accounting, Cyber Security, Finance & Financial Management, Data Mining, Computer Science, Actuarial Sciences, Data Science, Consulting and Information Systems Management majors
- **Village of Briarcliff Manor** (Jan 10) – all years allowed and Masters students / Emergency Management/Homeland Security, Public Administration, Law, Public Policy, Criminal Justice/Criminology, Political Science & Government, Urban Planning, Forensics, and International Studies/Comparative Politics majors
- **Bloomberg** (Jan 11) - Sophomore, juniors / all majors allowed
- **Deloitte** (Jan 11) – Freshman, sophomore, juniors / Accounting majors
- **RSM** (Jan 11)– Sophomore, juniors / all majors allowed
- **UBS Financial Services** (Jan 12) – all years allowed, MBA / Accounting, Finance & Financial Management, Entrepreneurship, Business Administration & Management, Human Resources, Economics, Actuarial Science, Business Analytics, Consulting, and Sales majors
- **JNK Securities** (Jan 12) - all years allowed / all majors allowed
- **NYC Department of Education** (Jan 12) – all years allowed, Masters, Doctorate students / all majors allowed
- **Mazars** (Jan 12) – Junior, seniors / Accounting majors
- **Salesforce** (Jan 9) – all years allowed, Masters students / all majors allowed

**Fastenal** (Jan 11) – Junior, seniors / Marketing, Business Admin & Management majors

**SPEED Summer Internship Program Application Live**

*Note:* Applications for the 2023 SPEED Summer Internship Program are [now live](#) and will close January 6th, 2023. The SUNY Program for Experiential and Entrepreneurial Development (SPEED) Summer Internship Program offers students from any SUNY institution the opportunity to gain professional experience as an intern at a START-UP NY company or other local small/medium sized company or organization in the Capital Region. **All F-1 and J-1 students must obtain work authorization if accepted to the program.**
Graduate Level Courses to Help Build Skills as a Non-Native Speaker

**ETAP 536 Second Language Acquisition**

**ETAP 636 Intercultural Pragmatics**

Are you interested in learning about language acquisition and science beyond language use? If you are a master's or doctoral student in the field of Psycholinguistics, Education, Communication, Literacy, Languages and Cultural Studies, Sociology, and Linguistics, these two classes are created for you. You will explore studies on how people acquire language, how instruction could assist language learning, and how expressions could be used appropriately in diverse intercultural contexts. Please see the flyers for your reference and email the instructor at ikecskes@albany.edu

Study New York Photo Contest is Open!

Take a picture or short video of your favorite thing about studying in New York and enter for a chance to win a $100 Amazon Gift Card!

The Annual Study New York International Student "Why I Love Studying in New York" photography contest is open! Students compete by submitting a photo or short video that illustrates their love for studying in New York. Winners in each category will receive a $100 Amazon Gift Card!

Submissions are due by March 1, 2023.
Go to [www.studynewyork.us/photocontest](http://www.studynewyork.us/photocontest) or to [http://facebook.com/studyny](http://facebook.com/studyny) for full details and to enter!

Research Participants Needed for Study

"We are conducting an experiment as part of a research study to increase our understanding of how people learn. Every participant could experience first-hand how psychological researchers go about finding out specific behavioral patterns as they related to some psychological mechanisms and processes.

The experiment takes 30 – 50 minutes on a computer in Catskill Room 119. Participants' responses to the questions will be kept confidential. All personal identifiers are not revealed during the analysis and write-up of findings.
There is $10 compensation for participating in this study. If any students need to participate in research to gain credit for their course requirements, we could also provide a letter.

If anyone in your community is willing to participate, please have them click on the Sign-up link to schedule a time of contact Lan Lan at llan@albany.edu"
Upcoming Events

Tour The New York State Capitol

Presented By: Office of General Services
Location: New York State Capitol
Washington Ave and State St, Albany, NY 12242
Albany, NY 12242

Recurrence: Recurring daily
Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Price: Free
Phone: (518) 474-2418

The Wizard of Oz at CapRep

Hosted By: Capital Repertory Theatre
When: Friday, Nov 18, 2022 until Saturday, Nov 19, 2022 8:00 PM to 10:30 PM
Where: Capital Repertory Theatre, 251 North Pearl Street Albany, NY 12207
Cost: $27 - $62

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! Revisit your childhood in this beloved classic story starring your favorite characters from Kansas. Follow Dorothy and Toto as they travel the yellow brick road in search of the Wizard while coming in contact with new friends as well as dangers caused by the Wicked Witch of the West.

Read More

Friendsgiving Cidery Tours! (11/25)

Hosted By: Nine Pin Ciderworks LLC
When: Friday, Nov 25, 2022 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Where: Nine Pin Cider, 929 Broadway Albany, NY 12207
Cost: $22.85

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The Troy Turkey Trot is a premier road race featuring 5k and 10k distances, among other events. Since its humble beginnings in 1916, when six runners entered, the Troy Turkey Trot has grown into one of the largest and oldest turkey trots in the United States.

Tour includes a walk through of our facility, an in-depth discussion about the cider making process, tastings of limited ciders, a glass of Nine Pin for the tour, and a souvenir glass to go!