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This is the Weekly ISSS Newsletter that we send out every Friday. It includes very important immigration 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.

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Preparing for Fall 2020- Tips for F-1/J-1 International Students

ISSS has a new resource to help new and continuing international students plan for Fall 2020. To access this new resource, please click “Read More” below.
DHS Guidance for Fall 2020 Forthcoming

DHS has announced that guidance for Fall 2020 is forthcoming. Continuing students may recall that DHS issued a special emergency reprieve for active F-1 students during spring and summer terms which allowed them to maintain an active F-1 SEVIS status while registered, even if the students were continuing in coursework remotely and/or from outside the U.S. Similar allowances were made for J-1 students by the U.S. Department of State in spring and summer. We do not know yet whether this same guidance will be extended to Fall 2020 or whether new or altered guidance will be introduced. Once DHS guidance is provided for Fall 2020, we will update students via email on what that guidance means for them. Students should keep in mind that maintaining an active SEVIS status impacts a students' eligibility to seek admission to the U.S. and students' eligibility for F-1 benefits, including employment and practical training.

For more information, click on "Read More" to access our FAQs.

City of Birth Eform, New SEVIS Reporting Requirement

Beginning in August 2020, DHS/SEVIS requires that all F-1 and J-1 students have their city of birth reported in SEVIS. This data will be required for students to maintain status this Fall 2020. To collect this data, we ask that you please complete the brief City of Birth E-Form as soon as possible if you have not already done so. To access the instructions and Eform, please click "Read More" below.
Help New Students! Sign Up To Be an International Buddy!

ISSS is seeking current students to volunteer as "Buddies" for incoming international students for Fall 2020. This is a great opportunity to help introduce a new UAlbany student to the UAlbany community, and you will have the opportunity to earn credit through RSSW! To read more about the program and apply, click Read More below.
UAlbany Graduate School Virtual Open House

Interested in enrolling in graduate study at UAlbany? Attend one of the virtual open houses. To register and obtain a Zoom link click on "Read More" below.

School of Public Health Virtual Open House
When: Tuesday, June 23 from 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Where: Online via Zoom

College of Arts and Sciences Virtual Open House: Arts and Humanities
When: Tuesday, June 23 from 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Where: Online via Zoom

College of Arts and Sciences Virtual Open House: Science and Mathematics
When: Wednesday, June 24 from 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Where: Online via Zoom

College of Arts and Sciences Virtual Open House: Social Sciences
When: Thursday, June 25 from 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Where: Online via Zoom
In addition to the International Circle, CAPS offers a number of summer groups, including: Introduction to Mindfulness; LGBTQ+ Empowerment and Support; Come Together: Staying Social Connected while Physically Distanced; Graduate Student Support; Managing Anxiety; Coping During COVID19; and Women of Color Empowerment and Support. Click "Read More" for more information on the groups offered.
Understanding Racial Injustice in America: Perspectives and educational content

Youtube has curated playlists on a variety of topics related to race in America. You can view them by clicking "Read More" below.

30 Minute Cardio Latin Dance Workout

Zumba at home with this fun workout! Click on "Read More" below.

Hubble Online Activities

Expand your cosmic horizons and get to know the telescope behind some of astronomy's most groundbreaking discoveries. Click "Read More" below.