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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Please Complete Our Current Location Survey by July 10th
In order to better support you, the International Student and Scholars Services Office is collecting information on where enrolled international students are currently residing.

ISSS understands that you have already been asked to complete a similar survey a few months ago in the spring. The purpose of this particular survey is to better assist new and continuing international students and help our office and the University plan for the upcoming fall 2020 semester. While we understand that you may not know your plans yet for the fall, and that your plans may change, please respond to the survey based on your current situation. In August, you will be asked to complete another, more comprehensive survey based on what your situation is at the beginning of the fall semester. That survey will be used for mandatory SEVIS/immigration reporting.

Please answer the questions below and submit this form by Friday, July 10th at 12:00 midnight EST.

Students who can access GoogleForms, please Click here
Students who cannot access GoogleForms, please Click here

Important Update: CDC and NYS Quarantine Protocol

Please attend to this very important message regarding the New York Governor’s mandate for certain individuals to quarantine upon entering the State of New York, and Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations and instructions for quarantining.

The Governor of New York recently issued an executive order mandating that anyone entering NYS from any of the COVID-19 highly impacted states listed at https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-individuals-traveling-new-york-eight-additional-states-will-be must quarantine for 14 days (this includes any possible transiting through those states). Any persons arriving to NYS from any of the listed impacted states who do not comply with the quarantine mandate are subject to penalties, including a substantial monetary fine, as outlined in the executive order (https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-205-quarantine-restrictions-travelers-arriving-new-york). Additionally non-compliance may possibly result in immigration status implications. The quarantine order will be enforced by the NYS Department of Health and Albany County Health, who will also monitor quarantining progress. The CDC quarantine recommendation for these and other individuals can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html while CDC instructions on quarantine/self-isolation are located at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine-isolation.html. More information about quarantine requirements will be sent by UAlbany soon.

University Fall Reopening Plan
During the week of 6/22 the University sent an email announcing the University's Fall 2020 Reopening Plan. Students can find the latest information on this plan on the University’s website by clicking on "Read More" below. In reviewing these plans, F-1 students should also carefully review the announcement below regarding pending DHS guidance.

**Message on Multi-Modal Course Delivery Modes and Pending DHS Guidance**

Please be reminded that while the university states students may request an all online course schedule in the Fall 2020, ISSS is still waiting for DHS/ICE/SEVP United States federal government guidance. To help you plan and prepare for Fall 2020, please review the planning guide on our website. The pending guidance will instruct our and other universities hosting international students about a possible continuance of reprieve of online course restrictions for F-1 international students, as well as any other allowances or limitations for F-1 students. More specifically, the possible reprieve will either allow international students to maintain an active SEVIS record while engaged in fully remote learning, like in the second half of spring semester and over the summer term, or allow for something completely different. For more information, please click "Read More" below.

**Reminders about Current Travel Restrictions**

Please be reminded that ISSS is highly discouraging international travel, particularly travel outside the United States, at this time. Below are some of the current travel restrictions in place, though more may be imposed at any time:

- Currently, there are federal bans which would prevent entry for F-1/J-1 student who have been present in the following regions/countries in the 14 days preceding their attempted entry: China; Iran; European/Schengen countries; the United Kingdom and Ireland; and Brazil. (U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents are exempted from these bans)
- Additionally, there are restrictions on land entry from Canada and Mexico.
- Even outside of these federal bans, flights and airline travel worldwide are severely limited at this time.
- International should also pay attention to quarantine guidance, please see above message.
Please remember that the above restrictions may still be in place in August, and more restrictions could be added with little notice.

**Dissertation and Thesis Virtual Hours**

The Graduate School has partnered with the University Libraries to offer virtual office hours for graduate students seeking assistance with their dissertations and theses. Staff are available to assist in areas including, but not limited to, the following:

- Submittal deadlines
- Formatting questions
- Publishing options (traditional, open access)
- Reuse of copyrighted/Previously published materials (journal articles, images)
- UAlbany online repository (Scholars Archive)
- Reuse of social media content (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)

To view the full schedule and register, click "Read More" below.

**Student Engagement #WorldWednesdays**
Summer 2020 #WorldWednesdays Schedule

Wednesday, July 1
World Diplomat Panel:
Welcome to the L-LCs

Join us from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm all summer long for #WorldWednesdays!
Get to know other freshmen in the Living-Learning Communities!

Wednesday, July 8
Game Night

Wednesday, July 15
Movie Night

Wednesday, July 22
World Ambassador Panel:
Life as UAlbany Freshmen

Join us on Zoom this Wednesday at 7:30 pm to learn more about the L-LCs and have your questions answered by L-LC alumni!

Zoom Link:
https://albany.zoom.us/j/95506358351
Meeting ID:
955 0635 8351

Wednesday, July 29
At Home Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, August 5
Trivia Night

Wednesday, August 12
Community Assistant Panel:
What I Wish I Knew as a Freshman

@ualbanyengage
Participate in weekly #TriviaTuesdays starting July 7!

Prizes up for grabs include UAlbany bookstore gift cards and Student Engagement apparel!
Virtual Fireworks: Boston Pops

Always a summer highlight, the Boston Pops will once again throw one of the country's largest Fourth-of-July parties—this year, virtually. Visit bostonpopsjuly4th.org for the latest details on A Boston Pops Salute to Our Heroes.

PBS A Capital Fourth

This year marks the 40th celebration of A Capitol Fourth, an annual PBS event that takes place live in Washington, D.C. This year's show begins at 7:00 p.m. CST and will feature 22 socially-distant performances from stars like John Stamos, Patti LaBelle, Lauren Alaina, Trace Adkins, and many more. In addition to the performances, you can expect a spectacular fireworks show over the National Mall.

5 Podcasts To Listen To If You Really Want To Know About Race In America

This article links to five different podcasts focusing on race in America. Click "Read More" below.