

# JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER



January Days of Importance

January 1<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Day

January 15<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Day

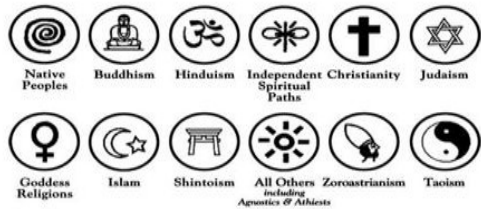


Join the International Center of the Capital Region  
for

The Third Annual

## *Sacred Spaces Tour:*

Places of Worship, Love &  
Understanding



on

Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
9:00AM – 4:00 PM



The International Center of the Capital Region is once again proudly hosting their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Academic WorldQuest Competition for local high schools to compete against one another for a chance to represent your school and region nationally in Washington DC.

One of the greatest challenges facing our nation and our schools across the

The Capital Region's diversity is reflected in its places of worship. Enjoy a unique guided bus tour visiting five (5) locations. View the symbols and architecture and hear the history of the area's religious institutions, as well as a guided prayer with the Al-Hidaya Islamic Center with time for questions



country is preparing our youth for the globally interconnected world of the 21st Century. America's ability to face the economic and security challenges of the 21st Century and seize new opportunities is dependent on an informed citizenry and a well-educated workforce. Academic WorldQuest is a unique opportunity to expose youth to the world outside our borders and prepare them for the challenges and the opportunities of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**Cost:** \$30 for ICCR members, \$35 for not-yet-members, \$15 for students and will include transportation and snacks on the bus.

To reserve your spot call (518) 708-7608

or

email [ryan@iccralbany.org](mailto:ryan@iccralbany.org)

## 2017-2018 Topics

- NAFTA
- ASEAN at 50
- India's Bid for Global Power
- Combatting Climate Change
- Cybersecurity
- Saudi Arabia
- Great Decisions
- The Peacebuilding Toolkit
- America's Diplomats
- Current Events

Winners of our local competition will win a trip to Washington DC to compete nationally against some of the brightest students from around the country for a chance to win scholarships to travel abroad! Travel and hotel accommodations will be covered by the International Center of the Capital Region

This year's National Competition will feature a welcome reception at the [United States Institute of Peace](#) on Friday, April 27. Students will have a unique opportunity to engage with Institute staff and learn more about USIP's important work around the world. USIP is also sponsoring "The Peacebuilding Toolkit" category of the competition.

### Local Competition:

Date: Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9AM-12PM

Location: To Be Announced

## UPCOMING EVENTS



2018 International Visitor Groups  
So Far!

Law Enforcement: Community  
Policing, South America  
A Regional Project  
January 21<sup>st</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Equal Rights and Access for the  
Disabled, Switzerland  
A Single Country Project  
January 24<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Criminal Prosecution and the U.S.  
Penal System, Africa  
A Regional Project  
March 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Transparency and Financial  
Accountability in Government and  
Business, Middle East/ North Africa  
A Regional Project  
March 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

In 2018, The International Center of the Capital Region is looking to invite you to accompany our executive director and one of our international delegates

For more information or to sign your school up, please contact Ryan Moll at [ryan@iccralbany.org](mailto:ryan@iccralbany.org) or 518-708-7608

In order to prepare for local competitions, students should study the online resources outlined in the [Study Guide](#).

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## Community Events:

### American Italian heritage Association Events

*LaBefana* will visit our Museum on Sunday, January 7th at 3:00pm. All children are invited to our Annual Epiphany Celebration. This event is an opportunity to learn about the *LaBefana* tradition. There will be crafts, treasure hunt and *LaBefana* will pass out small gifts for each child. A social will follow. Adults are most welcome. Help us to keep alive this beautiful tradition. Free and open to the public. Ann Sweeney & Dolores Scalise are the Co-Chairs. Reservations must be made by January 5th.

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*Soup and Conversation* – Wednesday, January 17th at 12 noon. This is an opportunity to visit and exchange ideas. Soup, bread, coffee and dessert will be served. The cost is only \$5. Reservations must be made by January 14th.

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*Our January Business Meeting and Cultural Presentation* will take place on Thursday, January 18th at 7:00pm. The presenter is John Capano, a retired Educator. His topic “Gli Stranieri” (Strangers no more). His presentation will highlight the fruition of his research to discover the birthplace of his paternal and maternal grandparents and his memorable time with this Italian distant cugini (cousin). Free and open to the public. Please bring dessert for the reception following the presentation.

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*Pizza & Movie Night*: Friday, January 26th at 6:30pm. The movie is “The Secret of Santa Vittoria”, starring Anthony Quinn. Phil Maiello is the Chair. Cost is \$5 for pizza and refreshments. Please make your reservations by January 24th.

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## New Russia Cultural Center

*Poetic Salon* at the Woman's Club. It is impossible to imagine a person's

to see first-hand how our International Visitors Leadership program operates, and have a unique opportunity to spend time with some of the worlds young and emerging leaders in their field of work.

Visit [www.iccralbany.org](http://www.iccralbany.org) to see what international delegations are visiting.



## WE NEED YOU!

Would you be interested in opening your home and learning more about the culture of another country?

If interested in hosting the group, please contact Ryan Moll at (518) 708-7608 or [ryan@iccralbany.org](mailto:ryan@iccralbany.org).



The International Center of the Capital Region Needs You Are you interested in being a part of a movement for global citizen diplomacy, cultural and diversity education? Become a volunteer with International Center of

world without music, poetry, and literature. You can recite your own poems or share wonderful poetry of your favorite poets. Date: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:30PM-5PM. Admission \$5

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**Tchaikovsky Music Competition:** Piano Division. The Piano Division open to pianists from age 6 through 18. Contestants will perform a piece written by any Russian composer. Date: February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:30pm-4pm. Admission: Free

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the Capital Region and help us make a difference in our community. We work to promote international and cultural understanding and to increase global awareness of the region's assets. We are looking for committee members, interns & volunteers.

If you have any of the skills listed and are interested in welcoming the World to the Capital Region, please contact us at [ryan@iccralbany.org](mailto:ryan@iccralbany.org)

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## A Quote Worth Noting... Monthly Leader Quote

"Saving our planet, lifting people out of poverty, advancing economic growth... these are one and the same fight. We must connect the dots between climate change, water scarcity, energy shortages, global health, food security and women's empowerment. Solutions to one problem must be solutions for all."

**Ban Ki-moon**

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**FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!**



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