

MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER



March Days of Importance

March 17th- St. Patrick's Day

March 25th- Palm Sunday

March 30th- Good Friday

March 31st- Passover Begins

Benefits of hosting a visitor!

Have an empty room? Kids off to college? This unique opportunity of hosting a parliamentary official from the country of Georgia is a great way to expand your family's horizons by bringing a country's culture, language, thoughts, ideas and food into your own home without the hassle of travel.

For many of our visitors this will be their first time visiting the United States and being a host family is the perfect chance to be the ultimate citizen diplomat, and possibly even expand on your extended family. Many of our members and visitors have built lifelong friendships.

If interested, or just have more questions please contact Ryan Moll, at 518-708-7608 or ryan@iccralbany.org



5th Annual High School Academic

WorldQuest Competition

The International Center of the Capital Region is once again proudly hosting their 5th 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 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 21st Century

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 to see first-hand how our International Visitors Leadership program operates, and have a unique opportunity to spend time with some of the world's young and emerging leaders in their field of work. Visit www.iccralbany.org to see what international delegations are visiting.

Dear ICCR members and members of our community,

Our Open World projects are unlike our typical groups of visitors. Instead of having them stay in a hotel, groups stay in our community member's homes. This helps give our visitors a true American feel from the inside out and is only possible through your generosity and hospitality. Thank you for all that you do!

Photos from our past 2018 groups!

Afghanistan Emergency Response and Coordination



2017-2018 Topics

- NAFTA

- ASEAN at 50
- India's Bid for Global Power
- Combating 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 17th

Time: 9AM-12PM

Location:

Russell Sage College

55 1st St, Troy NY

Bush Memorial Hall

For more information or to sign your school up, please contact Ryan Moll at 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](#).

2018 Participating Schools & Teams
Shenendehowa High School
Coach: Krissy Saddlemyre

Team 1:
Jessica Zhang, Blanca Cabrera, Daniel Kim, Jonathan Indrajong

Team 2:
Jiyoon Kim, Nida Ansari, Claire Merkle, Grace Mayo

Catholic Central High School
Coach: Andrew Krakat and Lexi Cuomo

Team 1:
Paul Barnas, Lucas Kania, Sebastian Kania, Michael Paglia

Team 2:
Colby Beach, Spencer Daley, Zoe Hensel, Amber Fisher

2018 Participating Schools & Teams
Academy of the Holy Names
Coach: Jane Ladouceur

Team 1:
Zara Pyle, Rachel DiStefano, Elizabeth Larabee, Kathleen Harris

Team 2:
Virginia Brown, Elizabeth Hanchar, Meredith Franchini

Team 3:
Katherine Buddenhagen, Cecilia Myers, Megan Martucci, Meghan McAlary

The International Center of the Capital Region Presents:

ACADEMIC WORLDQUEST

Saturday March 17th 2018
9am - noon
Russell Sage Colleges
Bush Memorial
55 1st Street
Troy, NY 12180

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Schedule:

- Welcome
- Round 1: NAFTA
- Round 2: ASEAN at 50
- Round 3: India's Bid for Global Power
- Round 4: Combating Climate Change
- Round 5: Cybersecurity
- Round 6: Saudi Arabia
- 10 Minute Break
- Round 7: Great Decisions
- Round 8: The Peacebuilding Toolkit
- Round 9: America's Diplomats
- Round 10: Current Events
- Tiesbreaker Round (if necessary)
- Winning Team Announced
- Closing Remarks

About Academic World Quest:

Academic WorldQuest is a global affairs and U.S. foreign policy-based knowledge competition. It consists of four students answering 100 questions over the course of 90 minutes. Every year over 4,000 high school students across the U.S. participate in local WorldQuest competitions, hosted by their World Affairs Council. The winner of this year's local competition will travel to Washington D.C. on April 27.

For further questions or inquiries, please contact:
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Government Officials from Afghanistan meeting with members of the Department of Transportation on their snow and ice removal operation here in New York State.



The delegation got an opportunity to visit New York State Troop Barracks G and their communication center where they handle and coordinate statewide problems, whether from natural disaster or crime related.

Africa Regional Delegation Equal Rights for the Disabled



Leaders from Burkina Faso, Congo, Djibouti, Mali, Nigeria, Somalia, Togo, Tunisia, and Uganda meeting with Albany County District Attorney Soares on criminal prosecution here in the United States.



The delegation visited New York State Senator Neil Breslin to discuss the state of crime and punishment, and the lack of rehabilitation in the criminal prosecution system. Along with education being a major contributing factor to incarceration.

2018 International Visitor we have welcomed so far!

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

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

Effective Disaster Management and Emergency Response, Afghanistan
A Single Country Project



Save the Date!

5th Annual TASTES of the World

Wednesday, April 11th, 2018,
5:30 – 8:00 PM
at the Hampton Inn & Suites,
25 Chapel St, Albany, NY 12210
\$50 General Admission
\$35 Young Professional (35 & under)

Checks and questions can be directed to

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Community Events:

American Italian Heritage Association Events

Palm Weaving Class
11:00 a.m.
3/20/2018

Instructor Elena Mack is donating her talent and time to teach this class. If you have some palms, please bring them. If not, some will be provided. Requested donation is \$5. Please make your reservations by March 18th.

Easter Cooking Class and Tasting
3/21/2018
11:00 a.m.

Come see what Instructor Dolores Scalise will make! To find out, check in with us on Facebook, our web page, or call the Museum. You'll get to taste. The cost is \$10. Reservations are required by March

March 3rd- 7th, 2018

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

Incoming 2018 Visitors!

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

Brand New:
Open World Project, Georgian Parliamentary Officials
7 Visitors
March 23rd-29th, 2018

Women in Politics and Civil Society, A Multi Regional Project
8 Visitors
April 14th-18th

WE NEED YOU!

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

If interested in hosting a group, please contact Ryan Moll at (518) 708-7608 or 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 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

A Quote Worth Noting...

Monthly Leader Quote

“You can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom.”

Malcolm X

19th.

Italian Easter Bake Sale
3/30 and 31/2018
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Come, discover, and partake in locally and home baked traditional Italian goods such as Ricotta Pie, Ricotta Wheat Pie, Guanti (ewonds), Paski Bread (Babka), Ham & Cheese Pie, Easter Bread and Classic Italian Cookies (Genets & Pizzelles). To ensure you get your favorite treats, please pre-order by picking up, completing, and returning your order form at the Museum.

All pre-orders will be available for pick-up between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., March 30th and 31st.

Looking to attend? Mentioned the ICCR to help support our organization and continue to welcome international visitors through 2018!



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info@iccralbany.org

Please spread the word - feel free to share this newsletter with your friends and colleagues!

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING
FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!!

Thanks

Welcome New and Renewing
ICCR Members!

We so appreciate your support,
thank you!

- Jack & Jan McEneny, Household
- Richard Vitkay, Household
- Elena Oliver, Well Wisher
- Sean Bell, Household
- Ken Salerno, Household
- Paul Rosenberg, Household
- Brian Zweig, Well Wisher
- Spraggs family, Donation!



World Affairs
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www.worldaffairscouncils.org



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