

# MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER



## May Days of Importance

May 5th- Cinco de Mayo

May 13th- Mother's Day

May 28th- Memorial Day



## 5th Annual High School Academic

### WorldQuest Competition

The International Center of the Capital Region once again proudly hosted 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 country is preparing our youth for the globally interconnected world of the 21st Century. America's ability to face the economic and security challenges

### Looking to Experience the International Visitors Leadership Program?

In 2018, The International Center of the Capital Region is looking to invite you to accompany our executive director and one of our international delegations 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](http://www.iccralbany.org) to see what international delegations are visiting.

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### **Photos from our past 2018 groups!**



An Amazing group of women from Algeria, Chile, Gambia, India, Jordan, Kyrgyz Republic, and Macedonia meeting with the League of Women Voters.



Traveling around the Capital Region the group got the opportunity to meet many of the women leaders here in our area, including Albany Mayor Kathy

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

**The 2018 Winner:  
Catholic Central High School  
Paul Barnas, Lucas Kania,  
Sebastian Kania, and Michael Paglia**

**Congratulations to our WorldQuest Regional Winner Catholic Central High School on competing this past weekend in Washington DC at the National Competition. Every year 225 of our nation's most promising high school students compete for a chance at winning the Carlos and Malú Alvarez 2018 Academic WorldQuest National Competition and we were proud to have been represented by Catholic Central High School.**



**Thank you to everyone who  
helped  
make our 5th Annual  
Tastes of the World  
Event a Success!**

**A Special Thanks to all those who presented at this year's event:**

- **Yono's**
- **New Russia Cultural Center**
- **The Albany Pump Station**
- **Divintea**
- **Brown's Brewing**
- **Yankee Distillers**

**Sheehan(Middle) who is Albany's 1st female mayor in the cities long history.**



**Our aspiring group of leaders got the opportunity to visit the Rockefeller Center for Women in Government and Civil Society to hear about their research and mentorship programs.**

**2018 International Visitor we have welcomed 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**

**Effective Disaster Management and  
Emergency Response, Afghanistan  
A Single Country Project  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>- 7<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**

**Open World Project, Georgian  
Parliamentary Officials  
7 Visitors  
March 23<sup>rd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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

**Incoming 2018 Visitors!**

- New World Bistro Bar
- Zaitoon Kitchen

Tax Administration in the United States, A Project for Moldova  
3 Visitors  
June 17th-20th

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## Community Events:

### American Italian Heritage Association Events

May 2018 Calendar of Events  
(All events take place at the Museum unless otherwise noted.)

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Annual Garage (Lawn) Sale  
5/19/2018  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This annual sale, offering a wide variety of items, will be held rain or shine on the lawn of the Museum. It is a fundraiser to benefit the American Italian Heritage Association and Museum, a non-profit organization.

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Monthly Business Meeting and Cultural Presentation  
5/17/2018  
7:00 p.m.

Following the business meeting the owners of Dancing Ewe Farm in Granville, NY Luisa (Scivola) and Jody Somers will discuss their dedication to preserving the art, technique, and culture surrounding Tuscan-style cheese making, Salumi, and Olive Oil. Luisa was born in Italy and Dancing Ewe Farm produces these products exactly the way Italians ancestors have for generations. At the Farm on Sundays starting in May through December, Luisa prepares, “fatto in casa,” an Italian-style lunch for the public. A dessert reception follows. Free and open to the public.

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Special Exhibit Room  
April – June 2018  
During Museum Hours  
“Gifts from Our Grandfather”

The grandchildren of Julius Pardi, an Italian born artist (1884-1961), present an exhibit of his classical artworks, poetry and musical compositions. Among the items on display will be drawings, porcelain bas reliefs, plaques, vases and plates honoring William Shakespeare, Galileo, Giuseppe Verdi, Thomas Edison, Charles Lindbergh and more. Many items were commissioned by General Electric, where Julius worked in the porcelain department for 47 years.

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## 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](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 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

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you're a leader.”

*John Quincy Adams*

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## A Second Chance Thrift Shop

Come visit our thrift shop offering clothing and accessories for men, women, and children, household items, books, toys, linens, small appliances, and jewelry, all at reasonable prices. We feature a boutique room for upscale and designer clothing for women. The Shop is located at 1229 Central Avenue, parking off of Frederick Avenue. Hours are: Sat. 10-1 and Tues. 10-3. All proceeds benefit the American Italian Heritage Association and Museum, a non-profit organization.

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### New Russia Cultural Center Events

**What:** Creative Art Meeting with Iren Rozdobudko  
**When:** Tuesday, May 8 at 7pm  
**Where:** 1550 Broadway Rensselaer NY 12144  
**Admissions:** \$15, \$10 - Friends Circle

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**What:** Book Club  
**When:** Sunday, May 20 at 2:00pm  
**Where:** 1550 Broadway Rensselaer NY 12144  
**Admissions:** \$5, Free - Friends Circle

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**What:** Woman's Club  
**When:** Sunday, May 20 at 3:30pm  
**Where:** 1550 Broadway Rensselaer NY 12144  
**Admissions:** \$5, Free - Friends Circle

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**What:** Rustem Galich Poetic-Musical Concert  
**When:** Saturday, May 20, 5pm - 7pm  
**Where:** 1550 Broadway Rensselaer NY 12144  
**Admissions:** \$15, Friends Circle - \$10

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**What:** Erik Sootes Guitar Concert  
**When:** Friday, June 1, 7:30pm - 9:30pm



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Where: 1550 Broadway Rensselaer NY  
12144

Admissions: \$20, Friends Circle - \$15

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What: Russian Mosaic for Piano and  
Voice Concert Program  
Anna Keiserman (piano) and Ksenia  
Antonova (soprano).

When: Saturday, June 9, 7pm - 9pm  
Where: 1550 Broadway Rensselaer NY  
12144

Admissions: \$15, Friends Circle - \$10

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