

November 2015 Newsletter



NOVEMBER

Happy Election Day
Happy Veteran's Day
Happy Diwali
Happy Thanksgiving



ICCR is Seeking College Interns for the 2016 Spring Semester

If you have a passion/interest for citizen diplomacy and global understanding in addition to a willingness to learn, we would like to hear from you. Internships with ICCR can be tremendously fun and rewarding.

Applications are available at www.iccralbany.org under **Get Involved** tab.

RECAP OF OCTOBER'S PUBLIC EVENTS

Festival of Nations, 10/25/15, at the Empire State Plaza



(From left to right) Andrea DeRocco, ICCR Board Member Manoj Ajmera and Phyllis Kapelewski



Phyllis Kapelewski, ICCR Board Member Yono Purnomo and Fran LaCivita

The Hon. James Clad came to Albany and presented at UAlbany's School of Business, Oct. 16, 2015

*Please Join Us.....
Mark Your Calendars...
Upcoming ICCR
Activities*



**Thursday, November 12th, 6 – 8 PM
ICCR's 3rd Annual Adult WorldQuest:
International Trivia Competition for
Adults**

venue: Zaloga Post, 4 Everett Road Ext., Albany

**Think Globally, Quiz Locally!
Start recruiting your brainiest and best-informed friends and co-workers now!**

Why not join the fun? Come test your knowledge of worldiness and the world around you! The event will provide a great, exciting, high-voltage evening of competition for adult teams of up to eight participants competing for trophies and other prizes (including bragging rights) against other area teams. Categories will include: flags and capitals, geography, people in the news, politics, current events, international food and international music.

All proceeds from the competition will go towards the International Center's K-12 educational initiatives.

**Cost: \$25 per person
(current college student, \$10)
OR**

**\$250 per team of ten.
Call (518) 708-7608 to make reservation.**

**Thursday,
December 3rd, 5:30 - 7:30 PM,
ICCR End-of-the-Year
Volunteer/Community Resource
Appreciation Reception**

venue: Staybridge Suites, Capital Room, 39 Wolf Road (behind Trader Joe's in Macy's parking lot), Albany

Heartfelt Thanks from the International Center of the Capital Region

The key to our success rests in people like you, who embody the spirit of citizen diplomacy through your willingness to share your time and talents. Your support and involvement in our professional programming creates opportunities for our entire region on a global scale. Over the past year, we have welcomed international visitors from over 90+ countries into upstate New York.

We could not have done this without you!
Please join us so that we can properly thank you...



(From left to right) Prof Hany Shawky, Prof Paul Miesing and Hon. James Clad

**Doing Business in China
Oct. 5, 2015 at the Crossings in
Colonie**



(Left to right) Hon John McDonald who served as moderator, Kirk Huang and Joe LaCivita



Panelists Kathryn Bamberger, Jerry Shaye and Jay Deitchman



Attendees along with with other panelists

**October's International Visitors
October 4-7, 2015
Bosnia and Herzegovina
topic: Education Policy in the US**



Visitors with Dan Kinley from New York State United Teachers (3rd from left)

**Saturday, December 5th,
10:00 – 12:00 Noon
Holiday Pastries
with Chef Joan Dembinski**



Chef Joan Dembinski
Hands-on participatory cooking class with one of the areas' top pastry chefs.
Celtic Hall, 430 New Karner Rd, Albany
Cost: \$2 for members and \$25 for not-yet members



**Turkish Cultural Center Albany -
Annual Fundraising Dinner - Saturday,
November 14, 2015, 6:30 PM**

Come support TCCA in promoting peace and understanding among people of diverse cultures! TCCA is located at 291 Broadway in Menands.

<http://www.turkishculturalcenter.org/category/tcc-albany/>

**Christmas Show Bustrip on Sunday
11/15**



Radio City Music Hall, New York City
Includes Show, Transportation in Deluxe Video Bus, Games & Prizes and Lots & Lots of Fun!
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**New Russia Cultural Center
2015 Heritage Dinner Awards
November 21, 2015**

The 2015 Heritage Awards will recognize individuals for their professional and personal contributions to the Russian-speaking community of the Capital Region of New York State.
The event will be hosted by the New



At NYS Education Department with Chuck Szuberla, Deputy Commissioner (center 2nd row)



In front of NYS Education Department



With Dr. Lori Quigley, Dean, Esteves School of Education, the SAGE Colleges (center, standing)

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Welcome

Welcome New and Renewing ICCR Members!

We so appreciate your support!

- Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Organization
- Douglas Cohn, Household
- Joan Dembinski, Household
- Festival of Nations, Benefactor
- Paula Maciag, Household
- Matti, Inc., Organization
- Suhasini Pinapati MD PC, Household
- Paula Piotrowski, Household
- Paul & Lynne Shatsoff, Household

Thank you to ICCR Membership Committee Chairman, Manoj Ajmera, for your continued hard work!

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Thank you, thank you, thank you for all

Russia Cultural Center on Saturday, November 21 2015, at the Wolferts Roost Country Club, 120 Van Rensselaer Blvd, Albany, NY.

Nominations for the awards will be presented to individuals who excel in the following four areas:

- Arts & Humanities,
- Business, Education,
- Health & Human Services.

The gala evening begins with a cocktail reception at 5 p.m., followed by a gourmet meal, the recognition program and post-event celebration. Admission: \$35 per person.

A Quote Worth Noting...



"There is nothing so American as our national parks."
FDR

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

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!!



World Affairs Councils of America

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your assistance this past month. We most certainly could not have done it without you.

Kim Andersen, Kathryn Bamberger, Molly Belmont, Daniel Berman, Danielle Bouton-Wales, Gaby Carrascal, Dejun Cao, James Clad, Jay Deitchman, Ph.D., Andrea DeRocco, Hon. Pat Fahy, Mike Gulotty, Ron Yueqian Jin, John Justino, Gill, Phyllis Kapelewski, Dan Kinley, Barbara LaMarche, Hon. John McDonald, Maeve McEneny, Andrew McGrath, Angela Napoli, Tom Narins, Jim Niedermeier, Barbara Opitz, Lori Quigley, Ph.D., Emily Sandefer, Hany Shawky, Gerald Shaye, Charles Szuberla, Jim Utermark...



With the generous support from former-ICCR trustee Barbara Opitz, The International Center is sending two students to SCUSA in November
The Student Conference on US Affairs is an annual four day conference hosted at The United States Military Academy at West Point. The purpose of the conference is to facilitate interaction and constructive discussion between civilian student delegates and West Point cadets in order to better understand the challenges that the United States faces in an increasingly interconnected global society. SCUSA delegates attend panel discussions, hear from high-profile keynote speakers, and develop policy recommendations over the course of four roundtable sessions. Roundtable sessions covering regional and topical demographic issues put delegates on the forefront of national issues, exposing them to complex problems facing leaders today. Delegates conclude the conference by submitting a policy recommendation to their peers, the best of which are published in the Undergraduate Journal of Social Sciences.

Congratulations to Claudia D Molde from UAlbany and Marie Tetard from Siena College
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Congratulations University at Albany Student, Nayram Gasu, for being selected to receive a World Affairs Councils of America Scholarship to Attend National Conference

Ms. Gasu will be attending the World Affairs Councils of America National Conference, ***Leading America: Foreign Policy Challenges and the 2016 Election***, from November 11-13 in Washington, DC. The conference will provide original and essential insights, Keynote speakers and relevant panel discussion on the Middle East, great power rivals Russia and China, the global economy, energy, and transnational challenges from cyber to migration - will

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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 info@iccralbany.org.

CPA, Marketing, Public Relations, Fundraising, Event Planning, Community Relations, Grant Writing, Corporate Sponsorship, Social Media, Graphic Design, Finance & Accounting



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frame the foreign policy agenda for candidates. Council programs in 2016 will be enriched by the policy conversations and networking that take place here. Held annually for over two decades, the World Affairs Councils of America's National Conference engages our regional leaders and members drawn from the business, civic, and education communities with leading policy-makers and experts.

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CALLING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

World Affairs Councils of America Academic World Quest 2016

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 educated and informed citizenry and workforce. Academic WorldQuest is a unique opportunity to expose our youth to the world outside our borders and prepare them for the challenges and the opportunities of the 21st Century. Academic WorldQuest, a flagship program of the World Affairs Councils of America that engages more than 4,000 high school students annually across the U.S. to test their knowledge of global issues and foreign policy.

Local Competition: March 12, 2015 in Albany, NY

Winner of the Local Competition will be sent to Washington DC to compete in the National Competition!!

National Competition: April 23, 2016 in Washington D.C.

Topics:

Current Events
Great Decisions
NATO
Asia Matters for America
International Trade and Finance
Sultanate of Oman
Privacy in the Digital Age
The Arctic
Food Security
Organization of American States

For more information or to sign your school up, please contact Frannie at fran@iccralbany.org (518) 708-7608.

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