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PRESS RELEASE

International Center of the Capital Region Hosts Inaugural Achievement Awards

Call Opens for Nominations and Sponsors

(Troy, N.Y.) – The [International Center of the Capital Region](#) (ICCR) is hosting its first Achievement Awards Ceremony this fall to honor foreign-born community members and others in the community who have made significant contributions to the area while advancing cross-cultural dialogue through volunteerism and advocacy. The ICCR connects our Region to the world through citizen diplomacy by hosting programs with foreign visitors and events that help establish relationships across borders and cultures.

The Achievement Awards honors people in five (5) categories:

- **Business & Entrepreneurship** –Honors a foreign-born community member who has created economic opportunities through business and entrepreneurship.
- **Community Service and Philanthropy** – Honors a foreign-born community member who has enhanced community programs by giving back through volunteerism and philanthropy.
- **Civic Engagement & Citizenship** – Honors a foreign-born community member who has demonstrated leadership in civic engagement, government, and citizenship.
- **Distinguished Career** – Honors a foreign-born community member who has achieved exceptional career accomplishments in for-profit or non-profit sectors in his/her professional field.
- **Volunteer of the Year Award** – Honors a community member who has shown outstanding commitment to the mission of the International Center of the Capital

Region through volunteerism, including but not limited to providing hospitality for international visitors, event planning, grant writing, and web design.

“We are excited to host our first Achievement Awards to recognize the community members who have made a profound impact on the Capital Region,” said Jennifer Zhao, executive director. “If you know someone who deserves this award, please take the time to nominate them now and share this information with others.”

Nominations will be accepted until April 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. To nominate a community member, visit

<https://iccralbany.org/2022-achievement-awards-nominations/>.

Winners will be announced **May 31, 2022** and will be recognized at the Achievement Awards Ceremony this November.

For more information about ICCR, visit <https://iccralbany.org/>.

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About International Center of the Capital Region. The International Center of the Capital Region (ICCR), a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, has been welcoming and assisting international newcomers throughout New York’s Capital Region since 1956. We enable citizen ambassadors for professional and cultural exchanges through the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), the U.S. Department of State’s premier professional exchange program, while promoting the diverse people, rich history, and unique assets of the Capital Region.