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PRESS RELEASE

International Center of the Capital Region to Host Second Annual Achievement Awards Luncheon

*Assemblymembers Fahy & McDonald are Honorary Committee Chairs
Tickets on Sale Now, Call for Sponsors*

(Troy, N.Y.) – The [International Center of the Capital Region](#) (ICCR) is honored to announce the return of their Achievement Awards Luncheon for the second year, which will be held on **Thursday, November 2, 2023, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Clifton Park. Tickets are on sale now.

This event is designed to honor foreign-born community members who have made significant contributions to the area while advancing cross-cultural dialogue through volunteerism and advocacy.

This year's awardees are:

- Yono and Donna Purnomo who will be awarded the Business and Entrepreneurship Award
- Ashok Adikoppula will be given the Civic Engagement and Citizenship Award
- Viktor Holovashchenko will be honored for the Distinguished Career Award
- Tina Omorogbe will be recognized for the Community Service and Philanthropy Award

New this year, two awards will be given to local organizations that fulfill the mission of ICCR and exemplify the spirit of the organization. The Global Citizenship Award will be given to the Chinese Community Center who celebrated the 50th anniversary of their center earlier this year. The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Belonging honor will go to the Festival of Nations.

The Volunteer of the Year Award will be bestowed upon New York State Senator Neil Breslin who has been a huge ally to ICCR and has continually made himself available to meet with the various delegations who have come to the Capital Region from around the world, through the efforts of the nonprofit.

This year's Honorary Committee Co-Chairs are Assemblymembers Pat Fahy and John McDonald.

Biographical information on all of ICCR's awardees may be found on the ICCR [website](#).

Tickets are on sale now. General Admission tickets will have early bird pricing at \$60 per ticket. The cost will increase to \$65 on October 21st. Honorary Committee Member tickets are \$100 which includes a listing on signage and included in the event program. Ticketing and event information can be found on [eventbrite](#).

"We are excited for our second chance to recognize the outstanding foreign-people, volunteers and organizations making a difference in our area and advancing our mission to connect NY's Capital Region to the world through citizen diplomacy," said Holly Planells McKenna, ICCR Executive Director. "Together, we can promote the diverse people, rich history, and unique assets of our area and foster cultural understanding and engagement in international affairs."

The ICCR connects the Capital Region to the world through citizen diplomacy by hosting programs with foreign visitors and events that help establish relationships across borders and cultures. This cannot be accomplished without the incredible support from volunteers and sponsors. **ICCR is still looking for sponsors for this year's luncheon.** Interested parties may visit [this page](#) for more information.

Current sponsors are KeyBank, Royale Transportation, Albany Marriott, with more to be announced.

For more information on the Achievement Awards Luncheon, visit <https://iccralbany.org/achievement-awards/>.

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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.