

**International Center of the
Capital Region**

Achievement Awards

**Celebrating Foreign Born Members
In Our Community**



November 5, 2025
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Hudson Valley Community Center

Event Schedule

Morning

11:30 **Registration Check-In**
Buffet Lunch

Noon

12:00 **Master of Ceremonies: Tom Eschen,**
(Anchor/Reporter at CBS6 News)

The Star-Spangled Banner
Sung by Rafi Topalian aka
"The Singing Jeweler"

Honoree Recognition

Business & Entrepreneurship
Abrar Khan
Amina Karic, Esq.

Community Service and Philanthropy
Mohammad Jumma Barak

Civic Engagement & Citizenship
Jinah Ahn

Distinguished Career
Etwin Bowman

Volunteer
Peter Balint

1:30 **Conclude & Thank you**



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Event Co-Chairs

Their leadership reflects the spirit of this event: globally inspired, locally rooted, and community-driven.

John Eberle

President & CEO, Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region

A respected advocate for compassion, inclusion, and philanthropic leadership across the Capital Region.

Manoj Ajmera

Chairman, Festival of Nations

A longtime cultural ambassador and tireless promoter of international friendship and heritage.

Honorary Committee

Hon. John T. McDonald III, RPH

Congressman Paul D. Tonko

Christine Guerin, ICCR Board President

Dr. Lilly Miaw, ICCR Board Vice President

Scott Styles, ICCR Board Secretary

Mike O'Brien, ICCR Past Board President

Dr. Philip Fusco, ICCR Board Member

Thomas Gatto, ICCR Board Member

Mary-Ellen Piche, ICCR Board Member

Chungchin Chen, ICCR Former Board Member,

Founded the Taiwanese American Culture Society (TAS)
and the Taiwanese American Association (TAA)

Al Salinero, ICCR Former Board Member

Bonnie Beard

Daniel Butterworth, Executive Director, RISSE

Junior Hitlall, Caribbean Day

Diane Conroy-LaCivita

Nony Melia, Festival of Nations Co-Vice Chair

Jeff Miller, Ameriprise Financial

Mizanur Rahman, Festival of Nations Co-Vice Chair

Jeff Saran, CLU, Sunmark Wealth Management

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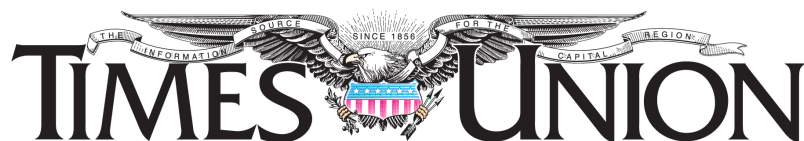


Table Captains

Albany District Chapter of the Links, Inc.

Emma Starpoint Autism Support Network, Inc. and Cui Group

Di Ma

Festival of Nations

Gul Safi

Khan Family

Rachel Hye Youn Upright

Wei Qin, President,
New York Asian Arts

Yousaf Sherzad

Award Categories & Honorees

Business & Entrepreneurship

Abrar Khan

Khan Realty & Management

Amina Karic, Esq.

Partner, LaFave, Wein, Frament & Karic

Community Service and Philanthropy

Mohammad Jumma Barak

Founding Sponsor of the Afghan American Community Center in Albany

Civic Engagement & Citizenship

Jinah Ahn

Founder and Owner of Sunhee's Farm & Kitchen and Sunhee's Community Place

Distinguished Career

Etwin Bowman

Retired, Led the Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP) at UAlbany and mentored underrepresented students for careers in STEM and licensed professions.

Volunteer

Peter Balint

Retired executive, Holocaust survivor, and longtime supporter of the local Chinese community and current Asian Arts New York (AANY) Comptroller.



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a note from Paul Tonko

Our strength as a community and nation has always lied in diversity of people, cultures, skills, and ideas. The ICCR has always been at the forefront of ensuring that our diversity flourishes.

Through civic engagement, entrepreneurship, education, leadership, and countless other ways, our foreign-born friends and neighbors stand alongside the rest of us, building our community up each and every day.

I am grateful for the work of Executive Director Beth Wales and her team to enrich our community and champion the belief - and the reality - that our differences make us all stronger.

Paul



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The members of the Capital District of the
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Congratulate *Ms. Etwin Bowman* on her outstanding contributions in the Science and Technology Program at the University at Albany, and in her outstanding work with the youths in Albany County.



With Gratitude

The International Center of the Capital Region extends its sincere thanks to Hudson Valley Community College for graciously providing the facilities for today's Achievement Awards Luncheon.

We are also proud to share that ICCR's office is located here on the HVCC campus, within the Global Initiatives Suite—a space that reflects our shared commitment to international engagement and professional and cultural exchange.





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