AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Past International Delegations!

Innovative and Collaborative English Language Teaching, Japan
July 25th - July 30th  7 Visitors

Visitors with Kim Anderson, Director of Capital Region Language Center (CRLC)

Interesting Fact!

New York City, New York, is the most linguistically diverse city with over 800 languages spoken, and 4 in 10 households speak a language other than English.

Community Events!

August 2019 Calendar of Events
(All events take place at the Museum unless otherwise noted.)

Italian Meal on the Lawn
8/8/2019
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Join us on the front lawn of the Museum and includes Italian food, refreshments, entertainment, and a children’s craft table. The Museum will be open for touring. Take out is also available.

Ferragosto Celebration
and Empire State English. Our visitors had the chance to learn about the language services that the CRLC offers to local private and public companies in need of professional English instruction. Kim explained the collaborative teaching methods that the center’s staff employ in the classroom that differentiate their instruction from other more traditional forms of instruction. It was interesting for our visitors to discuss the differences between Japanese teaching methods and used by the CRLC.

Visitors enjoy a unique American dining experience at the Albany Pump Station, a staple within the Capital Region community.

Visitors meeting with NERIC Managing Coordinators Mike Sylofski (E-Learning Services) and Lora Parks (Instructional Technology) to learn about technology applications within flexible classrooms and distance learning services. NERIC provides educational technology and administrative support services, as well as business solutions, to over 130 districts in NYS. Our visitors were heavily interested in how this technology could potentially be applied in Japan as well.

College Admissions in the United States, Palestine
July 28th - August 1st 5 Visitors

8/14/2019
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Ferragosto is an Italian holiday originally celebrated to mark the middle of the summer and the end of hard labor in the fields. So, kick back and enjoy our beautiful grounds – a great place for conversation, relaxation, and a game of bocce. Bring your lunch and a lawn chair. We will provide refreshments and a couple of bocce ball sets. Free and open to the public.

Italian Cultural Center’s 5th Birthday
8/22/2019, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Celebrating its Italian Cultural Center’s 5th birthday, the American Italian Heritage Association is presenting a program and reception at 11 a.m. and its monthly business meeting and cultural presentation followed by a reception at 7 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Italy at the Saratoga Race Course
8/28/2019
During Track Hours
The American Italian Heritage Association will have a booth at the races including food and gifts. Please stop by and help us to celebrate all that is Italian.

“Celebrating Three Milestones” Exhibit
Through September 2019
During Museum Hours
An exhibit of photos, documents, artifacts, and memorabilia commemorating the 40th birthday of the American Italian Heritage Association, the 10th birthday of the American Italian Heritage Museum in Albany, NY and the 5th birthday of the Italian Cultural Center (on the second floor of the Museum). Free and open to the public.

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: Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All proceeds benefit the American Italian Heritage Association and Museum, a non-profit organization.

The American Italian Museum and Cultural Center is located at 1227 Central Avenue in Albany, NY. Since 1979 the museum has fulfilled its mission - to record and preserve Italian heritage for present and future generations - with the help of its dedicated, all volunteer staff. Ours is the largest American Italian museum in the eastern U.S. maintaining 10 exhibit rooms, a Hall of History and a library including research materials. Our gift shop offers many one-of-a-kind and “Made in Italy” items. There is a small admission fee. Hours of operation in August are Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. However, because we rely on volunteer staff, please call ahead to confirm we are open. (518) 435-1979.
This past month from July 28th- August 1st we welcomed a delegation of 6 Palestinian High School Teachers, and Guidance counselors on an exchange project learning about the United States College Admissions Process. Pictured above the group is visiting the woodworking workshop of Capital Region BOCES to learn about college alternatives in vocational trades, as well as their early college courses to earn credits.

During their time in the Capital Region we visited many of our area's top colleges and universities to speak to their international admissions office. Pictured above the group is with University at Albany Director of International Admissions and Recruitment Mr. John Pomeroy (2nd from right).

After visiting the University at Albany, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) the group headed over to Troy to visit Hudson Valley Community Colleges brand new Center for Advanced Manufacturing Skills (CAMS) which is a groundbreaking new center in our region for aspiring new college students.

**Looking for College Interns!**

The International Center of the Capital Region is a small nonprofit located at Russell Sage College in Troy. Our organization serves as citizen diplomats by hosting international visitors and delegations from around the world through the Department of State’s many exchange programs. We are looking for college students interested in interning for a semester, who are globally minded and eager to expand their knowledge on the Capital Region, and the rest of the world. Interested?

Contact Ryan Moll at (518) 708-7608 or at ryan@iccralbany.org

**ICCR Summer + Fall Events!**

“Advancing the National Interest” 2019 Student Conference on U.S. Affairs Scholarship

**GLOBAL TIES U.S.**

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Global Ties U.S. is a network of over 100 nonprofit organizations across 44 states and 13 countries that connect leaders in U.S.

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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!!!!
October 30th – November 2nd
Applications Due by Friday October 11th

The ICCR will proudly sponsor the participation of one outstanding international students who are studying at one of the undergraduate colleges and universities in New York’s Capital Region, to serve as our delegates to the 2018 SCUSA Conference. Preference will be given to fully matriculated international students who are in either their senior or junior year, at the top of their class (3.2 GPA or higher), majoring in a pertinent subject area to compete for the opportunity to attend this prestigious conference. Applications are also welcomed from visiting international students (inbound study abroad) specializing in American Studies, international relations, or other pertinent areas.

Reach out to Executive Director Ryan Moll at 518-708-7608; ryan@iccralbany.org for more details & applications.

2019 Adult WorldQuest Trivia Challenge
Saturday November 9th
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Russell Sage College of Troy
Bush Memorial Hall

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 worldliness 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 topics LIKE geography, flags and capitals, international customs, international sports, current events, and world leaders in the news. 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 or email ryan@iccralbany.org to make reservation.

Open World Armenia
November 15th - 21st

The International Center will be welcoming their first Open World communities with leaders from all around the world.
www.globaltiesus.org

World Affairs Councils of America
www.worldaffairscouncils.org

Check out our website!
www.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 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
delegation from the country of Armenia as we welcome members of parliament to the state capital to get an insider’s view of the workings of federal, state and local governments. Visitors will be staying in Albany for 7 days exploring different government agencies and speaking with various politicians and during their stay here. For this project will be looking for 7 host families willing to spare a bedroom in their house and who are looking to bring Armenian culture right to their living room.

Incoming International Exchange Groups!

Transparency & Accountability in Government, Multi-Regional Project, August 2nd- 7th

NYS Unemployment Insurance & Paid Family Leave, Japan August 8th-13th 1 Visitor

Open World: Members of Parliament Armenia November 15th-21st
For the first time we will be welcoming 5 Parliamentary Members from Armenia looking to expand their knowledge on the legislative process here in New York.

Tax Administration in the United States, Ukraine December 8th- 11th 5 Visitors

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