March Days of Importance
March 17th- St. Patrick’s Day
March 25th- Palm Sunday
March 30th- Good Friday
March 31st- Passover Begins

5th Annual High School Academic WorldQuest Competition
The International Center of the Capital Region is once again proudly hosting their 5th Annual Academic WorldQuest Competition for local high schools to compete against one another for a chance to represent your school and region nationally in Washington DC.

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 informed citizenry and a well-educated workforce. Academic WorldQuest is a unique opportunity to expose youth to the world outside our borders and prepare them for the challenges and the opportunities of the 21st Century.

2017-2018 Topics
• NAFTA

Benefits of hosting a visitor!
Have an empty room? Kids off to college? This unique opportunity of hosting a parliamentary official from the country of Georgia is a great way to expand your family’s horizons by bringing a country’s culture, language, thoughts, ideas and food into your own home without the hassle of travel.

For many of our visitors this will be their first time visiting the United States and being a host family is the perfect chance to be the ultimate citizen diplomat, and possibly even expand on your extended family. Many of our members and visitors have built lifelong friendships.

If interested, or just have more questions please contact Ryan Moll, at 518-708-7608 or ryan@iccralbany.org

In 2018, The International Center of the Capital Region is looking to invite you to accompany our executive director and one of our international delegates to see first-hand how our International Visitors Leadership program operates, and have a unique opportunity to spend time with some of the world’s young and emerging leaders in their field of work. Visit www.iccralbany.org to see what international delegations are visiting.

Dear ICCR members and members of our community,

Our Open World projects are unlike our typical groups of visitors. Instead of having them stay in a hotel, groups stay in our community member’s homes. This helps give our visitors a true American feel from the inside out and is only possible through your generosity and hospitality. Thank you for all that you do!

Photos from our past 2018 groups!

Afghanistan
Emergency Response and Coordination
Winners of our local competition will win a trip to Washington DC to compete nationally against some of the brightest students from around the country for a chance to win scholarships to travel abroad! Travel and hotel accommodations will be covered by the International Center of the Capital Region.

This year’s National Competition will feature a welcome reception at the United States Institute of Peace on Friday, April 27. Students will have a unique opportunity to engage with Institute staff and learn more about USIP’s important work around the world. USIP is also sponsoring “The Peacebuilding Toolkit” category of the competition.

Local Competition:
Date: Saturday March 17th
Time: 9AM-12PM
Location: Russell Sage College
55 1st St, Troy NY
Bush Memorial Hall

For more information or to sign your school up, please contact Ryan Moll at ryan@iccralbany.org or 518-708-7608

In order to prepare for local competitions, students should study the online resources outlined in the Study Guide.

Leaders from Burkina Faso, Congo, Djibouti, Mali, Nigeria, Somalia, Togo, Tunisia, and Uganda meeting with Albany County District Attorney Soares on criminal prosecution here in the United States.

The delegation got an opportunity to visit New York State Troop Barracks G and their communication center where they handle and coordinate statewide problems, whether from natural disaster or crime related.

Law Enforcement:
Community Policing, South America
A Regional Project
January 21st-24th, 2018

Equal Rights and Access for the Disabled
Switzerland
A Single Country Project
January 24th-27th, 2018

Effective Disaster Management and Emergency Response, Afghanistan
A Single Country Project

2018 International Visitor we have welcomed so far!

Government Officials from Afghanistan meeting with members of the Department of Transportation on their snow and ice removal operation here in New York State.

The delegation visited New York State Senator Neil Breslin to discuss the state of crime and punishment, and the lack of rehabilitation in the criminal prosecution system. Along with education being a major contributing factor to incarceration.
Save the Date!

5th Annual TASTES of the World
Wednesday, April 11th, 2018, 5:30 – 8:00 PM
at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 25 Chapel St, Albany, NY 12210
$50 General Admission
$35 Young Professional (35 & under)

Checks and questions can be directed to:
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Community Events:
American Italian Heritage Association Events

Palm Weaving Class
11:00 a.m.
3/20/2018
Instructor Elena Mack is donating her talent and time to teach this class. If you have some palms, please bring them. If not, some will be provided. Requested donation is $5. Please make your reservations by March 18th.

Easter Cooking Class and Tasting
11:00 a.m.
3/21/2018
Come see what Instructor Dolores Scalise will make! To find out, check in with us on Facebook, our web page, or call the Museum. You’ll get to taste. The cost is $10. Reservations are required by March 18th.

WE NEED YOU!
Would you be interested in opening your home and learning more about the culture of another country?

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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.

A Quote Worth Noting...
Monthly Leader Quote

“You can’t separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom.”

Malcolm X
Italian Easter Bake Sale
3/30 and 3/31/2018
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Come, discover, and partake in locally and home baked traditional Italian goods such as Ricotta Pie, Ricotta Wheat Pie, Guanti (ewonds), Paski Bread (Babka), Ham & Cheese Pie, Easter Bread and Classic Italian Cookies (Genets & Pizzelles). To ensure you get your favorite treats, please pre-order by picking up, completing, and returning your order form at the Museum.

All pre-orders will be available for pick-up between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., March 30th and 31st.

Looking to attend? Mentioned the ICCR to help support our organization and continue to welcome international visitors through 2018!

Welcome New and Renewing ICCR Members!
We so appreciate your support, thank you!

Jack & Jan McEneny, Household
Richard Vittay, Household
Elena Oliver, Well Wisher
Sean Bell, Household
Ken Salerno, Household
Paul Rosenberg, Household
Brian Zweig, Well Wisher
Spraggs family, Donation!

Check out our website!
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FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!!