

Campus Life—New York

Student Commons

The CIA's Student Commons offers students state-of-the-art dining, athletic, and recreational facilities. Students can muscle inside for a layup on one of two official-size basketball courts which are easily converted for volleyball, dodgeball, and other sports activities. Enjoy a run on our indoor (1/2-mile) jogging track that encircles the courts from above. Or take part in a game on either of our two racquetball courts. Students will also find various aerobic and fitness programs, a six-lane swimming pool, and cardio and strength machines in the fitness room. The Student Commons also has a game room, student/faculty/staff locker rooms, Student Government Association/club meeting areas, and a multi-purpose room. A variety of fitness and recreational programs and wellness services are scheduled throughout the year and are open to all students. Students may bring one guest (must be 18 years of age or older) with them per visit to use the recreation center area of the Student Commons. All guests must produce photo identification and register with the Student Recreation Center front desk. Students are responsible for their guests' behavior.

The Egg

Located in the Student Commons, The Egg is an extraordinary area that serves all student dining needs, and is also a great place to hang out, relax, and have some fun. Students have a wide variety of dining choices at The Line, The Café, and a foodservice concept designed and operated by bachelor's degree students. Other features include a microbrewery which serves as a classroom and production facility for the campus, a stage for entertainment events, and a marketplace featuring a variety of fresh, seasonal foods and beverages for purchase.

Intercollegiate Athletics

There are currently two intercollegiate sports programs offered at the CIA. Students can tryout to become a member of either our varsity level soccer or basketball teams, both of which are co-ed. The CIA competes against a variety of colleges throughout the New York region. Anyone who is interested in these two opportunities can reach out to Stephen D'Alessandro, Assistant Director for Athletics and Recreation or Tom Weingart, Director for Student Engagement, or just come on down to the Student Recreation Center front desk for more information.

Intramural Sports

CIA students have an array of intramural sports to choose from. Among the listings are flag football, basketball, softball, floor hockey, volleyball, and dodgeball. Tournaments are also held throughout the year in tennis, billiards, table tennis, weightlifting, and Corn Hole. Inquire at the front desk for information on Intramural offerings.

Outdoor Facilities

Our outdoor athletic and recreational facilities include both a softball and soccer field, as well as two tennis courts.

Student Activities Office

The Student Activities, Recreation and Athletics Office, located in the Student Commons (behind the Main Desk), offers a variety of events to enhance student leisure time at the CIA. These events may include performances by bands, comics, and other entertainers; bus trips to regional attractions or sporting events; cooking competitions; casino nights; and dances. We welcome suggestions so stop by or give us a call at 845-451-1400.

Student Government Association

The Student Government Association (SGA) democratically represents the CIA student community and acts as the official voice of students in decisions affecting campus life. The SGA holds open meetings at least once per month, highlighting a guest speaker or an activity that all students are welcome to attend. The meetings are a great time to socialize with the representatives and bring up any suggestions or concerns. The Student Government Association may be reached by e-mail at SGA@cia.culinary.edu or through CIA Main Menu.

The SGA has open elections to fill voting positions on the Executive Council. These consist of:

- President
- Vice President
- Senators (8)

Additionally, the Executive Council appoints other non-voting members to fulfill specific support roles:

- Student Representatives (4)
- Secretary
- Public Relations Manager

Please contact the SGA to find out the specific duties, qualifications, and procedures for elections/appointments.

Clubs and Organizations

We encourage students to take advantage of a number of on-campus student clubs to pursue personal interests, meet other students, and hone professional skills. There are many benefits to being involved in student organizations. In general, such students achieve higher grades, develop better leadership and organizational skills, have more friends, and feel more connected to the college. Students interested in clubs and organizations should contact the Coordinator of Student Leadership. To join one of these organizations, or if students are interested in forming a new club, please contact the Student Activities Office at 845-451-1400.

SPICE (Student Programming Igniting Campus Entertainment)

CIA students have the ability to select, plan, and stage many campus activities and programs through SPICE. This group has brought comedians, hypnotists, magicians, and musical acts to campus. Members are empowered to be creative and think outside the box in selecting acts and programs that their fellow students will enjoy all while enhancing the student community at the CIA. Interested in joining SPICE? Feel free to reach out to the Assistant Director of Student Engagement or call 845-451-1400 to get more information.

Bulletin Boards

All flyers must be approved by the Director of Student Engagement. Flyers may not be placed directly on bulletin boards without the Director's permission. Posters can be up to 11 inches by 17 inches and must clearly state the sponsoring organization of the event or message. Notices posted on the bulletin boards in the residence halls must be approved through the Residence Life Office. Requests should be submitted to reslife@culinary.edu.

The bulletin board located next to the mailroom is the only community bulletin board. This is the only location where community event notices, rental notices, etc. are allowed to be posted. Do not fasten notices to windows, doors, moldings, woodwork, or walls.