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 (1/12-mile) jogging track that encircles the courts from above. Or, take 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.

Rec Center Staff

Four professional staff members oversee and supervise the sports and activities at the Student Commons with the help of a student staff. They gladly assist students in achieving their fitness and recreational goals.

Intercollegiate Athletics

There are currently four intercollegiate sports programs offered in soccer, basketball, tennis, and volleyball. The CIA competes in the Hudson Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (HVIAC), which includes teams from similar-sized colleges in the Northeast, from Pottersville (north) to Long Island (south) to Syracuse (west). If students are interested in an intercollegiate sport, contact any professional member of the Student Recreation Center or Campus Life staff.

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, weight lifting, and Kan Jam. Inquire at the front desk for information on sports schedules and seasonal offerings.

Outdoor Facilities

Our outdoor athletic and recreational facilities include softball and soccer fields as well as two tennis courts.
Student Activities Office

The Student Activities 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
- Senior Senators (2)
- Junior Senators (2)
- Sophomore Senators (2)
- Freshman Senators (2)

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

- Student Representatives (3)
- 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. The following clubs were active at the time of publication:

- Art Club
- Bacchus Wine Society
- Baking & Pastry Arts Society
- Black Culinarian Society
- Conscious Palatte
- Culinary Christian Fellowship
- Diversity Club
- Menus of Change Club
- Hospitality Management Club
- Jewish Student Union
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 stop by a meeting every third Thursday of the month at 9:30 p.m. in the Student Commons multi-purpose room, or call 845-451-1400 to get more information.

Bulletin Boards

If students would like to display CIA event or club notices, the Student staff will facilitate the posting of materials on:

1. Any bulletin board in Roth Hall.
2. Bulletin boards in the Student Recreation Center

Notices posted on the bulletin boards in the residence halls must be approved through the Residence Life Office.

Any "for sale/for rent" advertisements may be posted on the mailroom bulletin board.

Bulletin boards are available for student notices and are located in the mailroom area. Do not fasten notices to windows, doors, moldings, woodwork, or walls.

Posters can be up to 11 inches by 17 inches and must clearly state the sponsoring organization of the event or message. Contact the Student Activities Office for additional information and policies related to advertising materials on campus and guidelines for campaigning in student elections.