

# UHA News



The monthly newsletter for the community and partners of the University Heights Association.

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## Upcoming Events

### Put Time on Your Side: Planning for your financial future

University Heights Association presents a seminar on debt management, retirement and education planning, setting and achieving goals, choosing a financial advisor and more. Contact Laura Lang at [langl@universityheights.org](mailto:langl@universityheights.org) or call (518) 434-9603 x21.

*Tuesday, Feb. 7, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.*  
*Albany Law School, 1928 Building*  
*Rochester Moot Court Room*  
*Cost: Free*

### Interfaith Panel on Spirituality & Health

Capital District chaplains of various faiths will discuss current issues concerning spirituality in health care. Contact Nicolás Hernández at (518) 244-2294.

*Thursday, Feb. 9, 6:45 pm*  
*Bush Memorial Center*  
*Russell Sage College, Troy*  
*Cost: Free*



### Jewish History & Community in Schenectady

The ninth in an ongoing series of projects on Jewish history and experience is curated by Harvey Strum and Elizabeth Strum.

*Jan. 23 –Feb. 26 Exhibit*  
*Sunday, Jan. 29, 1-3 pm Reception*  
*Sunday, Feb. 12, 2-4 pm Panel*  
*Presentation*  
*Opalka Gallery*  
*Sage College of Albany*  
*140 New Scotland Ave., Albany*  
*Cost: Free*

### All That Jazz

The Russell Sage Dance Ensemble presents their entertaining and energetic annual show featuring various styles of dance including jazz, ballet, hip-hop, lyrical, modern, Irish step, and more. Contact Posie Dunn at [dunno@sage.edu](mailto:dunno@sage.edu) or call (518) 244-2248.

*Friday, Feb. 3 at 8 pm*  
*Saturday, Feb. 4 at 2 pm & 8 pm*  
*James L. Meader Little Theater*  
*Russell Sage College*  
*First Street, Troy*  
*Cost: \$7, \$6 with student ID*

### Proof

The award winning drama tells the story of Catherine, a troubled young woman, and her brilliant but mentally ill mathematician father. After his death, Catherine must explore her father's genius – and her own potential for madness. To reserve tickets call (518) 244-2248.

*Feb. 23, 24 & 25 at 8 pm*  
*Feb. 26 at 2 pm*  
*James L. Meader Little Theater*  
*Russell Sage College*  
*First Street, Troy*  
*Cost: \$10, \$8 for students, seniors*

### Capital Punishment: Moral and Legal Issues

On the heels of the 1000th execution since the Supreme Court's decision restored capital punishment, the ALS Civil Liberties Union, Albany Law Democrats and Albany Black Law Student Association will hold a panel discussion consisting of pro and anti death-penalty presenters. Contact Jeff Nieznanski, [JNieznanski@mail.als.edu](mailto:JNieznanski@mail.als.edu)

*Feb. 9 at 2 p.m.*  
*Room 200*  
*Albany Law School*  
*80 New Scotland Ave., Albany*

### Refinement or Reinvention: The State of Reform in New York

Albany Law School presents a panel debate on government reform

in N.Y. state featuring speakers from all branches of government. CLE credit is available. Contact James Leary at (518) 445-3306 or [jleary@mail.als.edu](mailto:jleary@mail.als.edu).

*Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*  
*Dean Alexander Moot Courtroom*  
*Albany Law School*  
*80 New Scotland Ave., Albany*

### Second annual African Film Series

Albany College of Pharmacy presents its second annual African Film Series in celebration of Black History Month. The film series is an effort to increase the global cultural awareness of ACP students and the public.

*Tuesdays, Feb. 7, 14 and 21 at 7:30 p.m.*  
*O'Brien Building, Room 218*  
*Albany College of Pharmacy*  
*106 New Scotland Ave., Albany*  
*Cost: Free*

### Allah Tantou (God's Will)

This film follows the filmmaker's search for his father, a leading figure in the Ballets Africains. Old home movies, newsreels and a prison diary are interwoven to link personal and public history to detail the personal and political costs of the widespread human rights abuses in Guinea-Conakry.

*Tuesday, Feb. 7*

### Ndeyaan (The Price of Forgiveness)

This haunting film chronicles the murder of a man by his best friend. The film preserves memories of the Lebou culture at the same time it embraces modernistic attitudes.

*Tuesday, Feb. 14*

### Karmen Gei

A retelling of Carmen set in contemporary Senegal. The first African Carmen, replaces Bizet's score with indigenous Senegalese music and choreography mixed with a contemporary jazz score.

*Tuesday, Feb. 21*

University Heights Association was established in 1995 to create an academic/medical consortium of international stature. The four member institutions - Albany Law School, Albany College of Pharmacy, Albany Medical College and The Sage Colleges - are a unique collaboration promoting quality education, premium health care, public discourse of important issues, cutting-edge research and technology, vibrant neighborhoods and progressive private and public partnerships. UHA continues to build upon a network of shared resources to enrich academic connections for the benefit of students, faculty, staff and the surrounding neighborhoods.

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## DID YOU KNOW ...

*UHA institutions currently host 128 international students representing 27 countries?!?!*

## Crow dispersal efforts a success

You can now get to your car or take an evening stroll without fear of in-flight assault from the thousands of crows that were, until recently, an undeniable presence in our community.

Wildlife biologists with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services, participated in a cooperative pilot program to explore effective non-lethal methods to reduce damage associated with a large urban American crow roost in a residential area of the City.

The accumulations of droppings and the associated smell and clean up costs were the primary concern expressed by local residents. Additional wildlife conflicts included the early morning noise created by this large concentration of crows and the potential threat to human health and safety related to disease transmission to people. The goal of the cooperative program was to change night roosting patterns of crows in the City of Albany through a bird hazing program and the management of traditional roosting sites to reduce conflicts

between people and crows

This program began Monday, January 9 and concluded Friday, January 13 on the University Heights campus and adjoining properties. The control methods were employed from approximately 3:30-7:30 p.m. each evening and 5:30- 8:00 a.m. each morning.

The non-lethal harassment methods used to disperse the crows included pyrotechnics, electronic guards, non-harmful lasers and amplified recorded crow distress calls. Several of these methods produce loud noises and flashing lights (similar to sirens and fireworks) that frighten birds and may have been heard or observed on and near campus.

As a result of the methods, only 85 of the original 25,000 crows remain in the area, according to Ken Preusser, District Supervisor with Wildlife Services. Continued surveys are being conducted by Wildlife Services. They continue to set up survey points in the pre-dawn hours to count the crows flying out of their roost in the morning. Spot treatments will be conducted if necessary.



Peter Hughes, Executive Director

## Thoughts from the Executive Director:

It's an exhilarating time here at UHA. Not only is the next month full of interesting events offering UHA constituents and neighbors the opportunity to learn and be entertained, it is elating to see the spirit of collaboration that permeates our campus.

Everywhere I look I see people realizing and reaping the benefits of working together. The free exchange of ideas, networking opportunities and sense of community is pervasive.

The enthusiasm for collaborative event says we are listening and responding to our constituents, recognizing their wants and supporting their efforts to increase their knowledge. There is always room for improvement, however. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can better serve you, please let us know by calling me at 434-9603 or by e-mail at [hughesp@universityheights.org](mailto:hughesp@universityheights.org)

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