



## **RAISE THE BAR. COMMIT TO EXCELLENCE.**

### **CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALBANY OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

#### **ALBANY – A CAPITAL CITY IN THE HEART OF TECH VALLEY**

Albany is the second-oldest city in America, tracing its heritage to explorer Henry Hudson, who discovered the region in 1609 while seeking a shorter route to the Far East. By 1624, Dutch merchants settled here to bring furs from the north and ship them to Europe. Albany still serves under its original charter, which dates to July 22, 1686. In 1797, it became the Capital of the State of New York.

Today, Albany remains the heart of the Capital Region and is leading the way in the technology-based economy of the future. It is home to the world's foremost nanoscience school, SUNY Polytechnic Institute, and is a vibrant partner in New York's rapidly growing Tech Valley.

The area abounds with a wide variety of educational, cultural, recreational and social opportunities. Albany has affordable housing, fine restaurants, diverse neighborhoods, theaters, music and shopping. Whether it's apple picking in the fall, skiing in the winter, swimming or boating in Lake George in the summer, enjoying the annual Dutch-inspired Tulip Festival in Albany's Washington Park each spring or hiking year-round, the Capital Region offers something to complement every season.

Geographically, Albany is uniquely positioned. The Hudson River Valley and the New York City metropolitan area lie to the south; the Finger Lakes region and the cities of Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo are to the west; the Adirondack Mountains, Saratoga Springs and Montreal are to the north; and Vermont's Green Mountains, Massachusetts' Berkshires, Boston and Cape Cod are to the east.

All of these destinations, which provide a vast array of leisure and recreational opportunities to pique the interests of any individual, are easily accessible and well within a comfortable driving distance. For those who prefer to ride or fly, the Rensselaer Amtrak station and Albany International Airport are conveniently located.

#### **ALBANY AND THE CAPITAL REGION ALSO OFFER**

- Easy access to the New York State Capitol, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza and Empire State Performing Arts Center.
- More than 20 colleges and universities, including the University at Albany, The College of Saint Rose, Maria College, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Services, Albany Medical College and Albany Law School within the city limits, with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Siena College, Skidmore College and Union College nearby.
- The Saratoga Performing Arts Center and world-renowned Saratoga Race Track.
- Quick and easy access by car, rail or air to three of North America's most prominent cities: New York City, Boston and Montreal.

To learn more about what Albany has to offer, please log on to [www.albanyschools.org](http://www.albanyschools.org) or [www.albanyny.org](http://www.albanyny.org).