# J-1 SCHOLAR NEWS — JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2020



"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only

love can do that." Martin Luther King Jr., American Activist

# **Upcoming Holidays**

#### January 20th—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

A day that celebrates the life and achievements of this influential American civil rights leader.

#### February 2nd—Groundhog Day

A fun tradition where a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day and if it does not see its shadow, Spring will come early.

## February 14th—Valentine's Day

A day to celebrate that special someone in your life. Often times people celebrate this day with flowers, sweet treats, or going on a date!



#### LATE WINTER MARKET

The Late Winter Market runs each Saturday from the new year until the beginning of the outdoor season. Get your market fix all year long. You will still find many of your favorite Dane County Farmers' Market members, as well as a full array of fruits and vegetables, cheeses, hyper-local meats, honey, bakery items and many specialty items.

January 4—April 4, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM at Garver Feed Mill



# FUN FACT ABOUT MADISON:

Madison is home to over 260 parks, 6,000 acres of parkland, and over 200 miles of off-road and multi-use paths and trails.



# **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

There is an increasing number of phone and email scams affecting exchange visitors. Be aware of housing and rental scams where exchange visitors are asked to transfer money before they start their program to a fraudulent realtor or landlord. There are also scams involving phone calls from alleged government representatives demanding personal information and money with threats of deportation from the U.S. If you are ever the victim of a scam or are unsure if something is a scam, please contact IFSS.

https://www.usa.gov/housing-scams#item-211837

https://www.usa.gov/identity-theft

## **EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

## **Duck Soup Cinema**

- Overture's Duck Soup Cinema silent film series is nationally known for providing an authentic and rare silent film experience in the historic Capitol Theater.
- January 11 at 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM "Good References"

## https://www.overture.org/events/good-references

#### **Trivia Night**

 Battle the winter cold with some friendly competition, food and drinks specials while testing your random knowledge skills. It is hosted every night of the week in local pubs and restaurants.

https://foursquare.com/top-places/madison/best-places-trivia

# Restaurant Week

- This semi-annual event is the perfect opportunity for food lovers to sample some of Madison's finest local offerings. Starting at \$25, participating restaurants offer a prix-fixe menu with 3 courses and 3 options of each course. Some restaurants offer a reduced menu for \$15 for lunch.
- January 19—24

https://www.channel3000.com/madison-magazine/dining-drink/restaurant-week

# Valentine's Day Candlelight Hikes

 What can be more romantic than snowshoeing or hiking on a trail lit by hundreds of glowing luminaries. Wisconsin state parks are hosting candlelight events the weekend before and after Valentine's Day When you are finished, warm up by a bonfire and enjoy hot cocoa and baked goods.

https://dnr.wi.gov/Calendar/Events/Parks/?caudience=Candlelight%20event

## **International Festival**

- Join Overture Center in celebrating Madison's rich cultural heritage and enjoy more than 30 free performances by artists who call Dane County home. Indulge in cuisines from around the world, browse stunning arts and crafts available for purchase and learn about the many local businesses with global connections.
- February 29, 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

https://www.overture.org/programs/international-fest

For more events happening in and around the Madison area, please visit: <a href="http://www.visitmadison.com/">http://www.visitmadison.com/</a>