

May 2017



Speaking Competition for Students on May 5

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Speakers of the House will hold an impromptu speaking competition open to any interested student at 3:10 p.m. Friday, May 5, in Wales 203B.

Finalists will be competing at 3 p.m. May 12 in Business Building room 110. There will be prizes and refreshments. It's a great opportunity and a wonderful addition to any student's resume. All competitors will receive certificates suitable for framing.

We look forward to having you join in the fun as a contestant or as an audience member. Students who attend and bring their ID cards to the May 12 contest can get credit for attending on their Swarm co-curricular transcript.



Job fair draws a record number of employers

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The 2017 Martin Luther King Jr. Job Fair, a joint effort between SUNY Broome and the state Department of Labor, broke records again this year. Once again, the fair was at full capacity with 92 employers in attendance; all had job openings they were looking to fill.

The fair attracted 430 job seekers; more than half were SUNY Broome students and alumni. SUNY Broome faculty, staff and students also volunteered throughout the day to make it a truly collaborative and campus-wide effort.

According to preliminary feedback from job seekers as they exited, many had scheduled interviews with various employers, according to Gina Chase of SUNY Broome's Applied Learning and Career Center.

"We even had a large group of students from Binghamton High School attend in order to begin to think about different career opportunities while they are still in high school," Chase said.

Need help with your job search, resume or interview skills? Stop by the ALCC on the first floor of the Applied Technologies Building.

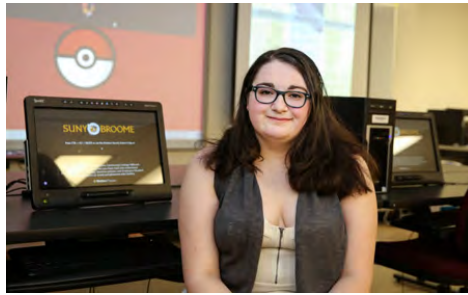


Scenes from the 2017 Martin Luther King Jr. Job Fair



Solving the paradox: New Media Design Certificate will improve Rebecca's job options

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Consider it the Zen koan of the recent graduate: You need experience to get a job in your field, and a job to get that experience.

But newly-minted Binghamton University graduate Rebecca Fishman found a solution to the paradox: Get a certificate demonstrating the skills you need, and improve your employment options. That's why Fishman, who has a bachelor's degree in English, headed to SUNY Broome to earn a certificate in New Media Design.

"I want to get into content writing," said the Westchester native. "This is so I can actually get a job."

Content writers work in the digital world, and their skill set must include more than crafting elegant sentences. They often work in social media management and even some elements of website and graphic design.

SUNY Broome's New Media Design Certificate covers a wide range of classes, from computer graphics, website creation and digital photography, to drawing, social

media, app development and more. The program takes a total of two semesters, making it ideal for those seeking to upgrade their skill sets for employment.

"I've taken a wide variety of classes. It's been an interesting change of environment," said Fishman, who has taken both online and traditional courses. "In one class, everyone has an easel. In another class, we work in a computer lab."

Close to Binghamton University, SUNY Broome was a natural choice for Fishman. Fun fact: She's switched places with her brother, who started at SUNY Broome as part of the Binghamton Advantage Program; he's since transferred to BU, while she's taking classes at Broome.

Would she recommend the certificate to others seeking to upgrade their skills? Absolutely, she said.

"It's so good to actually get some experience on your resumé so you're not stuck in that cycle of 'I need a job, but I need experience, but I need a job to get experience,'" she reflected.

[Click here to learn more about the New Media Design Certificate.](#)



SUNY Broome dedicates the Oz Winters Tennis Complex

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Oz Winters speaks

Famed SUNY Broome tennis coach Oz Winters retired two decades ago, but he's still on the court, playing tennis.

Perhaps that's not so surprising, considering that he's the first person from the Binghamton area to hold a national tennis ranking: In 2006, he was ranked seventh in the United States Tennis Association for players age 70 and over.



Unveiling the plaque at the Oz Winters Tennis Complex

SUNY Broome officially dedicated the Oz Winters Tennis Complex in honor of the legendary coach at the Spring 2017 Alumni Reunion. A ceremony on the courts was attended by many of Winters' former players, as well as family members and alumni of the college.

Winters joined Broome Tech as a faculty member in 1964, coaching both tennis and soccer. During the 32 seasons he coached, the Hornets won duals 317 times, lost 72 times and came out in a tie once, noted SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. For a five-year stretch in the 1970s, the Hornets didn't lose a dual match — and they won so fast that Oz had a deal with the team: the last guy off the court had to spring for the ice cream cones.

Under Winters' leadership, the Hornets won the National Junior College Athletic Association's Region 3 championships 13 times, and came in 11th in the nationals back in 1973. And that was back before the league split into divisions — so competition was

even tougher than it is today.

Winters thanked the former players who spearheaded the renaming effort, and shared memories of his storied coaching career — delivered, of course, with deadpan wit.

There were the chilly early spring days when the coach was frozen to the bone, only to have the players complain about how hot they were. Station wagons used to transport players to matches, until they were replaced by vans and — in the years they did well, which was more often than not — airplanes as they flew to nationals.

It turns out that no matter how some things change, they still stay the same.

“Rackets over the years went from wood to the space-age materials we use today, and people are still trying to figure out where the center of the racket is,” Winters quipped.



SUNY Broome's tennis complex is named after legendary Coach Oz Winters

A recreational player in his younger years, Dr. Drumm also shared his own brush

with tennis greatness. As a college student, he volunteered at what was then called the Virginia Slims tournament. He had the opportunity to drive tennis great Chris Evert, who was defeated in the final match, back to her hotel. Much to his surprise, she was happy to chat and not at all withdrawn.

“She was humble, very nice and pleasant,” Dr. Drumm remembered.



Oz Winters speaks

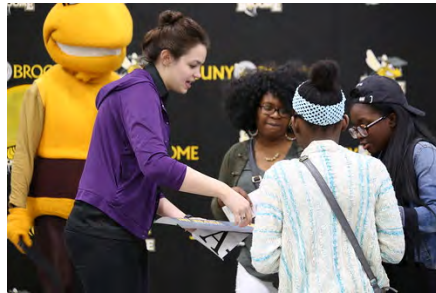


Buzz photos: Spring 2017 Open House

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Did we catch you on camera?
Check out photos from our Spring 2017 Open House:



Back home onstage: Alumna Kristen Mauro to perform in 'The Arsonists'

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The cast of 'The Arsonists.' Kristen Mauro is second to the left, in the front row (in an orange vest).

for going forward and preparing for life on a bigger scale.”

After her wedding, Mauro and her husband, who is from Turkey, will go on to the next chapter of their lives. Mauro, who has discovered a deep love of teaching, hopes to one day earn her Masters of Fine Arts degree and teach theater at the community college level – just like the professor who inspired her.

You can see Kristen and other talented actors at this weekend's performance of Max Frisch's *The Arsonists* at 7:30 p.m. May 5 and 6 in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre. Call 778-5191 for reservations. General admission is \$8 and student admission is \$5.

From the time she was five years old, Kristen Mauro knew she wanted to be on the stage.

A Liberal Arts major, she studied theater at SUNY Broome, taking part in four productions between 2004 and 2006. After graduation, she transferred to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where she majored in French and participated in larger-scale productions.

“I minored in theater there, but it was still overwhelming for me,” Mauro reflected. “I’m glad I had the foundation here.”

After earning her degree, she taught English as a second language courses in the Charlotte area, including at a community college. Acting was largely put on hold as she established her teaching career, although she took part in a production of *Sherlock Holmes* at the college where she taught.

Now she's back on stage – at her alma mater. The Endwell native has returned to her hometown to prepare for her upcoming wedding, just in time for SUNY Broome's production of *The Arsonists*. Mauro, who has kept in touch with Chair of Performing Arts Katherine Bacon, was invited to watch a rehearsal and ended up with a small part.

“It was déjà vu!” Mauro said. “It helped me to see where I started and how much I have grown. It's where I started. (Professor Bacon) gave me a really good foundation



Indy Filmmakers Group to host Video-Drone Tech-Talk and Music Video Producer May 19

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The Southern Tier Independent Filmmakers Society (STIFS) will be holding their bi-monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Friday, May 19, in the Decker Building Room 201. There will be a presentation by FAA-certified video drone operator Patrick Curtis on “Shooting Drone Video: Aesthetics, Challenges, Tips and Tricks.” Local music video producer Niko Neferis will be showing some of his work followed by a Q&A.

The event is sponsored by the SUNY Broome Communications Department.



Dental insurance now available for SUNY Broome students

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Through Haylor, Freyer, & Coon, Inc. and Guardian Life Insurance Company, Dental Insurance is available to anyone that is interested in enrolling.

Simply visit <http://www.haylor.com/college-students/dental-insurance/> and receive an instant dental quote. Enrollment is completed immediately online and there are three comprehensive, affordable plans to choose from.

How does it work?

Simply enter your zip code, enter your age, and compare and select the plan that's right for you.

Applications received on or before the 15th of the month are effective the first day of the following month.

Payment can be made by credit/debit card, ACH draft, or a personal check, cashier's check or money order.

Should you have any questions, please contact Haylor, Freyer, & Coon, Inc. at 866-535-0456 or student@haylor.com



BAE Systems Common Hour Presentation on May 4

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Stop by the AT Lecture Hall at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 4, to hear from BAE Systems (www.baesystems.com). Representatives will be talking about what it is like to work for BAE Systems and what the industry is all about.

It is a great opportunity for students, faculty and staff to network and connect with a prominent employer in the area. Come one, come all!

BAE on campus recruitment flier BAE internship description



Buzz Photos: Earth Fest 2017

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Did we catch you on camera? Check out photos from Earth Fest 2017:



Keyboards are Dirtier than Toilet Seats!

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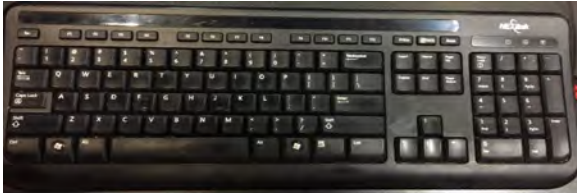
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Keyboards can have up to 200 times more bacteria than a toilet seat (Pegg, 2013)! Wash your hands for 20 seconds after using a keyboard.

Did you know that temperature and type of soap do not matter? The two most important factors for an effective hand wash are friction and running water.

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SUNY Broome honors professors emeritus

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Four SUNY Broome professors recently were granted emeritus status after a combined 134 years of service to the college.

The Board of Trustees approved resolutions granted the status to professors James Antonakos, Thomas Rossi, Gregory Saraceno and Glenn Wood.

With 32 years as a professor in the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science department, Antonakos has been a respected teacher, mentor and prolific author and co-author of more than 40 college textbooks and technology. Co-advisor to the IEEE Student Club, Computer Club and Computer Forensics Club for 31 years, he proposed, developed all new courses and obtained SUNY approval for the AAS degree program in Computer Security and Forensics. He was the first SUNY Broome faculty member to be awarded the rank of SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor.

Rossi spent 36 years in the Division of Business and Public Services, teaching such subjects

Margaret Coffey, Greg Saraceno and Dr. Drumm as business law, consumer behavior, marketing, management and more. Rossi, who retired in 2011, helped develop the college's Accounting, Business Management and Business Administration degree programs and has served as the Business Department's chair.

Saraceno spent 29 years in the college's English Department, leading it as chairman for seven years. He was the driving force behind the development of critical thinking in the English Department, and developed the international Darwin, Dickens and London course. While teaching full-time, he completed a Ph.D. in creative writing and served as an advisory board member for *Crossings: A Counter-Disciplinary Journal of Philosophical, Cultural, Historical and Literacy Studies*.

Part of the Division of Business and Public Services for 37 years, Wood taught such courses as business law, personal finance, investments, life and health insurance licensing and more before retiring in August 2016. He helped develop degree programs in Financial Services, Sports Management and Entrepreneurship, and was involved in curriculum development and revision of many Business courses and curricula.

Alan Dixon on behalf of Jim Antonokas, Margaret Coffey and Dr. Drumm

Congratulations, all!



Learn how to 'adult' on May 4

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Come to the Student Success Squad's #Adulting workshop at 11 a.m. May 4 in L005 to help develop adult life skills and eliminate some of the struggles that come with transitioning into adulthood (because let's be honest — no one knows how to be an adult!).

The workshop will cover topics including but not limited to: resume building and formal email writing, how to budget effectively and other money matters, how to network, time management, how to access community resources, self-care and self-compassion, and will feature a question and answer session to cover topics of interest.

The event is open to all students.



May 8 String Ensemble & Concert Band Performance: Haydn, Holst & Hamilton

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The SUNY Broome String Ensemble and Concert Band are teaming together once again to present an evening of instrumental music at 7:30 p.m. May 8 in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre.

The concert, “Haydn, Holst & Hamilton (Yes, Alexander Hamilton!),” features a first for both ensembles – playing together on the fourth movement from Haydn’s *Symphony No. 88*. This piece will be conducted by Professor Heather Worden and was arranged by Professor Karen Clark.

On the same program, the String Orchestra will also perform “Winter” from Vivaldi’s *Four Seasons*, which will feature former SUNY Broome student Cricket Tombs. They also will be performing seven of Bartok’s *Ten Children’s Pieces*.

The Concert Band will also present a major work, Holst’s *First Suite in E-flat for Military Band*, Op. 28, No. 1, as well as a brand-new arrangement of highlights from the Tony Award winning musical, *Hamilton*. The program concludes with a glimpse of American history with a stunning work by James Swearingen called “Ask Not.” The work musically reflects the life and times of our 35th President, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, featuring a narrator, Sidney actor/musician Jack Doyle.



Kathy Ryder Scholarship Fund book sale going on now

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Book Sale



Kathy Ryder was a dedicated Health Science academic advisor, as well as a respected Literacy faculty member for over 25 years here at SUNY Broome.

In honor of Kathy and her passion for reading, the Learning Assistance Department will be holding a USED Book Sale from May 1 through May 12. All proceeds will benefit the Kathy Ryder Scholarship Fund.

Book Sale



SUNY Broome student wins Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Transfer Scholarship

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Cassandra Domingo didn't say anything at first when her advisor and professor told her that she won the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, the premier community college transfer scholarship in the nation.

Worth up to \$40,000 a year, the scholarship is a really big deal – and Domingo, of Johnson City, almost didn't apply. It seemed like too much of a long shot, she recalled. Her psychology professor, Dr. William Altman, convinced her otherwise.

"Don't say no for them," he counseled, and she submitted the application.

This year, the Cooke Foundation selected 55 outstanding community college students from around the nation from a competitive pool of nearly 3,000 applications from among roughly 4 million students potentially eligible for the Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. All of the Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholars not only have financial need but exceptional records of academic achievement as shown by grades, leadership skills, awards, extraordinary service to others and perseverance in the face of daunting personal adversity.

Cassandra Domingo

The Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is the largest private scholarship in the nation for students transferring from community colleges to baccalaureate institutions.

In addition to Domingo, SUNY Broome student Heather Coggin of Harpursville and alumnus Werley Scott Paul of Haiti were finalists for the scholarship, itself a high academic honor.

Domingo, a Liberal Arts major, has a few transfer schools she is considering, including the University of Rochester and Cornell University among others. After earning a bachelor's in psychology, she hopes to eventually transfer to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to eventually become an aeronautical psychologist, a field she learned about during her studies at SUNY Broome.

While at SUNY Broome, she conducted research projects on tutoring and its impact on student success, and presented her results at both national and international conferences.

"The SUNY Broome academic community offers its highest congratulations to Cassandra, who is among just 0.000014 of students in the nation to receive this prestigious scholarship," said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. "She is a shining example of the opportunities offered by a community college education and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors. We are just so proud of her."

When she was finally able to speak after learning she really did win the scholarship, Domingo's first words were "thank you."

"It's really going to make a difference. Growing up, we didn't have a lot of money and I wasn't sure I would be able to go to college," she said. "I never thought I would transfer out to Cornell or the University of Rochester. It's really amazing to have this opportunity."

Cooke Scholarships fund the costs of attending college not covered by other financial aid, plus academic advising, stipends for internships, study abroad and opportunities to network with other Cooke Scholars and alumni. In addition, after earning a bachelor's degree, each Cooke Scholar may be eligible for a scholarship for graduate school worth up to \$50,000 a year for up to four years.

"Our Undergraduate Transfer Scholars have a proven record of accomplishment at elite colleges and universities and have gone on to successful careers in many professions," Cooke Foundation Executive Director Harold O. Levy said. "This is among the most prestigious scholarships in the country and we are extremely proud of the talented students who have been selected."



SUNY Broome's Nursing Program receives reaccreditation

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SUNY Broome's Nursing Program was recently reaccredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Accreditation is a lengthy process, involving site visits and evaluation by a peer review board. The next scheduled accreditation review will be in 2024.

"Nursing is one of our most academically competitive programs here at SUNY Broome, and one that has a great impact in our community," said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. "I would like to commend our Dean of Health Sciences Amy Brandt and our Nursing Program Chair Susan Siebold-Simpson, as well as all our Nursing faculty, for their hard work on this critical effort."

"It was an intense and rewarding experience that gave the program wonderful feedback on how we can continue to develop our curriculum to meet the emerging needs of the nursing profession," said Dr. Amy Brandt, Associate Vice President and Dean of Health Sciences and Distance Learning.



In the Community: Downtown Singers to perform ‘Elijah’

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The Binghamton Downtown Singers will perform Felix Mendelssohn’s oratorio “Elijah” at 7:30 p.m. June 10 in the sanctuary of Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church, 308 Main St., Johnson City, NY.

The concert, under the direction of SUNY Broome music instructor Marisa Crabb, will feature a full orchestra and soloists Mary Burgess, Lindsay Brown, Dinyar Vania and Timothy LeFebvre.

General seating tickets are \$15. Call 607-648-5032, email DTS_Concerts@stny.rr.com or purchase at the door.



Support SUNY Broome's Relay for Life team!

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The 2017 American Cancer Society – Relay for Life event returns to Binghamton on June 10 at **MacArthur Park!**

Please join the Biology Department and support our SUNY Broome *Relay for Life* Team, SUNY Broome Cancer Away. (http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=79201&pg=team&team_id=2205539).

For additional information, go to www.relayforlife.org/BinghamtonNY or contact Phyllis O'Donnell at odonnellpm@sunybroome.edu. You do not have to attend to help in the fight against cancer.

Please help get the word out and thank you for your support!



Donors making a difference: SUNY Broome students receive scholarships

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Bianca Bennett and SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm



Cheryl Bellos and David Payne

soon to be deported,” explained Bennett, who plans on transferring and ultimately becoming a human resources manager. “It was very difficult to make ends meet.”

On May 4, hundreds of students, their friends and families, and scholarship donors gathered for the Broome Community College Foundation’s annual Scholarship Reception. The Foundation awarded more than 200 merit-based scholarships recognizing more than 275 students during the event. The organization typically awards more than \$1 million in support each year.

Prior to the awards ceremony, donors and scholarship recipients met and posed for a photo, a meaningful experience for both.

Mary Canfield of Binghamton received the Dr. Kelli & David Ligeikis Women in STEM Scholarship, and posed for a photo with the latter. Canfield, a Computer Science Technology major, has returned to college to prepare for a career change; she’s currently a truck driver, she said. She’s grateful for the scholarship, she said.



Abigail VanGorder, the recipient of the Theodora Feldberg Dental Hygiene Scholarship, with Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti

Scholarships gives students such as Mike DiGiacomo the motivation to pursue projects outside the classroom, such as the IEEE Green Van, an electric vehicle that SUNY Broome students revamped – and used to win the Toyota Green Grand Prix at Watkins Glen.

They inspire students such as Brittany Carpenter, a Johnson City resident in the challenging AA1 program who plans on transferring to the University at Albany, with the ultimate dream of earning a doctorate in physical therapy.

And they allow some, such as Bianca Bennett, to attend class in the first place.

The Business Administration major from the Bronx received two scholarships – the Alvine M. Crabb Memorial Award, geared for “independent women,” and the Paul & Mary Calice & Mildred Barton Memorial Scholarship. The latter goes to multiple students across all divisions, and is funded by an \$11 million bequest from the late Emil Calice, the largest in the college’s history.

“Last year, my mother passed and my father was incarcerated and is



Darrell Cameron Memorial Scholarship recipient Cheryl Bellos and family

“I think what’s important is that we’re able to provide an opportunity for women in the STEM field to continue their education,” said David Ligeikis. The scholarship is largely the work of Dr. Kelli Ligeikis, former dean of STEM at SUNY Broome and currently provost at SUNY Delhi.

Honoring the departed

Many scholarships are established in memory of loved ones and their passion for education. The Sallyann Giuffrida Memorial Scholarship, for example, honors a beloved Physical Sciences professor known as “Mrs. G” who passed away three years ago. She loved to work with the students and always encouraged them to go on and earn a four-year degree, said her husband Sylvester Giuffrida.

“She had a really deep care for students, so (establishing the scholarship) was a perfect fit,” he said. “I think she’d be smiling down on us.”

The Angelo Zuccolo Scholarship for Excellence in Theater also recalls a beloved professor. This year, the awards presentation is even more special: It took place in the theater that now bears his name, where his bronze bust is on display outside the door.

“It’s such a full-circle experience – to be a recipient of a scholarship at SUNY Broome and now paying it forward and giving back,” said his daughter Marielle, a

SUNY Broome graduate herself. "It's so emotional! And to be doing it in the theater we grew up in."

New this year is the Darrell Cameron Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of a Marathon corporal who died in action in 1970. The scholarship goes to a Vietnam War veteran or a descendant.



Happy birthday to David Payne!

business someday, she said.

"I'm super-honored because it's been such an emotional roller-coaster," Bellos said. "I feel like it's a blessing to be here on his birthday, accepting a scholarship."

It was indeed Payne's birthday, and the Foundation presented him with a miniature birthday cake as the entire Ice Center audience sang him a heartfelt "Happy Birthday."

Thank you

Orion Barber, SUNY Broome's student trustee, lent a helping hand at the annual foundation event. He's receiving a Calice scholarship, and plans to become a Mathematics major next semester. His ultimate goal is a Ph.D. in the field, and possibly a career as a public servant.

"I would love to express my deep gratitude to the donors in the SUNY Broome Foundation," he said. "I am just excited for the coming semester and year, knowing I can relax and focus more on my coursework."

"It's not just financial. This is a huge motivator for my future," added DiGiacomo, a Vestal Computer Science major who expects to graduate in 2018. He received the James Lee Skorko scholarship, which was established in memory of a long-time SUNY Broome computer analyst.

Those who donate to the Broome Community College Foundation and fund scholarships are now forever a part of her education, said Carpenter, the recipient of the Ben Green Memorial Scholarship.

"It proves my accomplishments don't go unnoticed," she said.

This year, the recipient is Cheryl Bellos, an Event Management major who attended with her family and her father, David Payne. A Vietnam War veteran, Payne suffers significant health issues as the result of Agent Orange.

"I think that kids of Vietnam veterans deserve every break they can get," said Payne, who is from Windsor.

Payne said he's proud of his daughter, who works as a nurse but has a passion for decorating, weddings and more. She's very creative, he said. She hopes to open her own



Bianca Bennett and SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm



Recipients of the Second Chance Scholarship



Sleep Out for the Homeless the night of May 12 to 13

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The SUNY Broome Student Assembly is hosting its eighth annual SUNY Broome Community College Homeless Awareness Sleep-Out on the evening of May 12 to early May 13, rain or shine. Please join us to help raise funds and awareness of this problem in our community.

How to get involved: Attend the event on May 12 and ask your family, friends, co-workers, etc. to sponsor you by making a donation. Participate in the Talent Fest to get a chance to win various prizes.

Set-up begins at 3:30 p.m., and participants will meet in the Applied Technology Building atrium at 5 p.m. The College Choir will perform, and participants will watch a documentary about homelessness around sunset.

When events conclude in AT, participants will head outside to sleep out for the night; tents, tarps, boxes, blankets and warm clothes are recommended. Feel free to arrive at any point during the evening.



Spring Fling to host Ball in the House on May 11

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Wind down before finals and enjoy some food and music on May 11 in the Baldwin Gym!

This year's Spring Fling will host Ball in the House, an a cappella group that combines both modern and classic music into one enjoyable performance. If you like to listen to great music, sing or dance, this event is for you! Stick by afterwards for a meet and greet with the group.

The show runs from 11 a.m. to noon May 11.



The Monday Poem: 'Used Book' By Julie Kane

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The Monday Poem is brought to you by Jim Gormley of the English Department. Enjoy!

Used Book

by Julie Kane

What luck—an open bookstore up ahead
as rain lashed awnings over Royal Street,
and then to find the books were secondhand,
with one whole wall assigned to poetry;
and then, as if that wasn't luck enough,
to find, between Jarrell and Weldon Kees,
the blue-on-cream, familiar backbone of
my chapbook, out of print since '83—
its cover very slightly coffee-stained,
but aging (all in all) no worse than flesh
through all those cycles of the seasons since
its publication by a London press.
Then, out of luck, I read the name inside:
The man I thought would love me till I died.

Ms. Kane is the Poet Laurette of Louisiana. She is from Massachusetts



Student-Made Creative Works Festival on May 11

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Celebrate creativity! Join Student Activities for a Student-Made Creative Works Festival from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11, in the Student Village classroom.



SUNY Broome Women's Institute to host speaker from Lourdes Breast Care Center on May 11

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SUNY Broome Women's Institute will welcome guest speaker Jengi Reilly, FNP, of the Lourdes Breast Care Center at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 11, in Applied Technology Building Room 200.

Reilly has a Bachelor's of Arts in French with a minor in Psychology and Gerontology from Nazareth College of Rochester. She completed her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing, as well as a Master's of Science in Nursing and the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at Binghamton University. Reilly is Board Certified as a Nurse Practitioner through the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

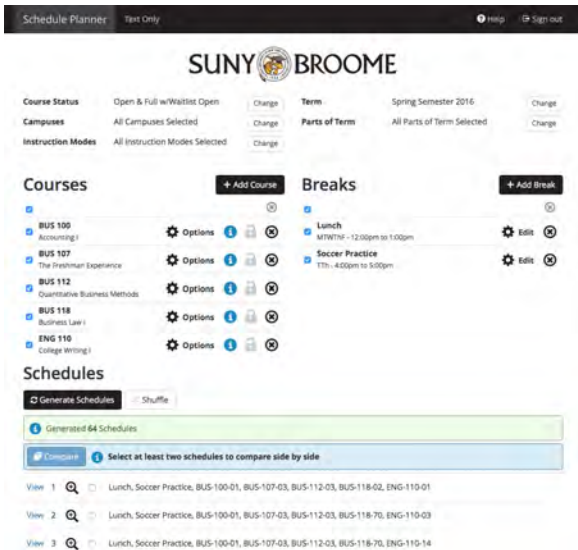
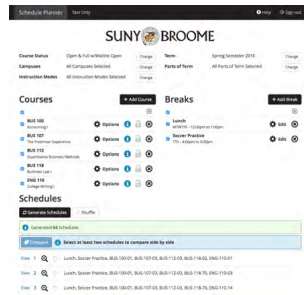
She will discuss good habits for breast health, risk assessment and screening recommendations, as well as a new law in New York State that affects screenings.

In February Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that health insurers in the state are required to provide medically necessary coverage for 3-D mammograms without co-pays, coinsurance or deductibles. 3-D mammography screening, or tomosynthesis, can be more effective at detecting cancer in dense breast tissue, which is more common in women of color.



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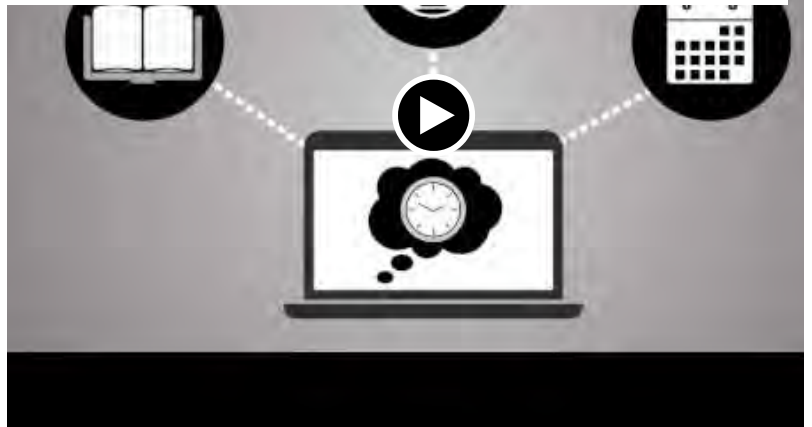
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Schedule Planner is a simple interface that revolutionizes student schedule planning assisting in selection of preferred classes, blocking off breaks or conflicts, and generating the best possible schedules for registration. Once you've met with your advisor and know what classes you need to take, simply add in your classes, add in breaks for work and other personal needs, and hit "Generate Schedules" to see all your potential schedules that accommodate your needs.

View a short video:

Schedule Planner @ SUNY Broome
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=uniM97evY5w>



How to Access Schedule Planner:

- Log into MyCollege <http://mycollege.sunybroome.edu>
- Click on the "Registration" button in Quicklaunch on the left under "Students."
- Acknowledge the Financial Responsibility Agreement on the screen that comes up and click "Return to Registration."
- Select "Schedule Planner New!!!" from the menu to enter Scheduler Planner.

Features:

Favorite Schedules

Have several schedules but not sure which one you want? Schedule Planner saves a variety of schedules with diverse courses and breaks. When your registration time opens, access the saved schedules from the Favorites tab, import your courses into your MyCollege shopping cart and then follow the steps for enrollment.

Conflict Detection

No schedules generated? Schedule Planner will alert you of the conflict and provides tips to address the issue.

Class Padding

Need travel time or breaks between classes? Schedule Planner allows you to input the time needed between classes.

Advanced Filters

Need a course to meet a certain attribute or searching for a particular instructor? Schedule Planner's advanced filters allow you to bulk edit sections without having to individually uncheck each section.

For more help with registration, contact your academic advisor.

More Info: www.sunybroome.edu/schedule-planner



Choir and Chamber Singers Concert on May 12

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The 50-member SUNY Broome College Choir will present pieces by Papoulis, Ames, Ticheli, Verdi and Queen at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 12, in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre.

The concert will include several soloists and instrumentalists. The choir is directed by Jim Gleason and accompanied by Randy Messing.

Also included on the concert will be the Chamber Singers, under the director of Peter Sicilian. This select vocal ensemble will perform both a cappella and accompanied

works by Carly Simon, Leonard Cohen, Victor Young and Johannes Brahms with special arrangements by Derric Johnson, Peter J. Wilhousky and Stephen Czumak.



Students to the Rescue: Mock Disaster is the ultimate test in applied learning

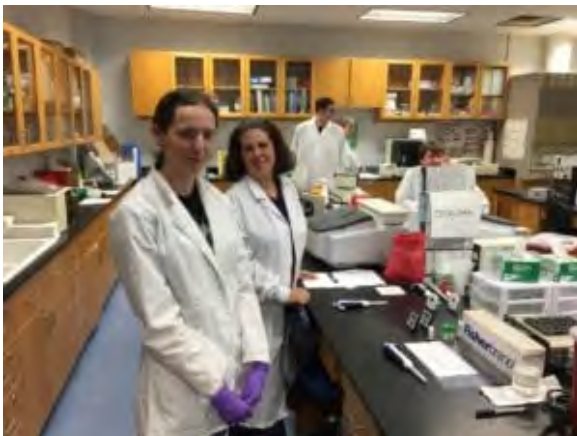
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“Victims” prepare for the 2017 Mock Environmental Disaster

hygiene, you don’t think about forensics.”

Students from more than 18 programs across campus gained valuable real-life experience in their field of study as they participate in the sixth annual Mock Environmental Disaster Drill. Departments involved in the effort included Medical Assisting, Criminal Justice and Emergency Services, Nursing, Health Information Technology, Radiologic Technology, Physical Therapist Assistant, Dental Hygiene, Clinical Laboratory Technologies, Hospitality, Communications and Media Arts, Business Information Technology, Special Events and Productions, the Office of Marketing and Communications, Chemistry and Public Safety. Chenango Fire, Tioga County Health Department and the Broome County Health Department also lent a hand, and local officials took a tour of the drill as it unfolded.



CLT students take part in the Mock Environmental Disaster Drill

action, Denkenberger said.

While they didn’t have direct contact with “victims,” students in the Clinical Laboratory Technologies also participated in the disaster drill. First-year CLT major Haley Perry worked in the coagulation lab, where she and her colleagues are looking for results concerning blood-clots.

In some ways, SUNY Broome’s annual Mock Environmental Disaster resembles a machine, methodically crafting order from chaos.

An incident occurs, and sirens sound. Police and paramedics are the first on the scene, the latter evaluating each patient to determine who must be treated first. Questions are asked, vitals taken and “victims” – made up with elaborate Halloween-style makeup to denote injuries – carefully lifted onto backboards and gurneys to be whisked to the “hospital” indoors.

Once inside Decker, Health Information Technology students collect needed data, as patients are sent onward for X-rays and treatment. Technicians in the blood lab run needed tests. Dental hygiene students attend to the unlucky in the morgue, identifying them through their teeth.

“It exposes us to a different aspect of what our career could be,” reflected Dental Hygiene student Serena Fauci. “When you think about dental



Ellie Rivera, Ross Denkenberger and Leah Gilbert get into character.

As always, the nature of the disaster was kept secret until the designated time.

This year’s scenario involved a car tearing through a picnic and volleyball game at a park, leaving a trail of broken bodies. The driver and other two occupants were “arrested” – virtually speaking – while an investigation kicked off. Student journalists did their best to cover the event for the Hornet news broadcast, while Hospitality students put together meals as if they worked for the Red Cross.

As first-responders worked their way methodically through the scenario, second-year EMT/paramedic student Don Imhauser stood at the center of the maelstrom, the EMS commander. In responding to a mass casualty event, the responders must divide the patients up into four categories, based on the severity of their injuries and their need for immediate care.

“By order of how critical they are, we will be transporting them to the hospital and the dead patients to the morgue,” he explained prior to the start of the event.

Among the elaborately made-up victims were Physical Therapist Assistant students Leah Gilbert and Ross Denkenberger, along with Staff Associate Ellie Rivera. Their characters all had different fates: Gilbert’s victim died, while Rivera and Denkenberger “survived” with injuries – and, in the case of the latter, loudly mourning a “deceased” friend. The exercise was an interesting way to see various school programs in





A suspect is “arrested” and led away during the 2017 Mock Environmental Disaster Drill

“I might be using these in an actual laboratory during an actual event,” said Perry, holding up some of the equipment she will use. “This helps me build confidence.”

Overall, the drill is a prime example of applied learning, allowing students to bring the skills they learn in the classroom out into the field – and work out the kinks, as needed.

“It’s always better to be able to train and practice things in a controlled environment,” Imhauser said.



The drill kicks off on a wet and chilly day.



More scenes from the 2017 Mock Environmental Disaster



Students Wanted: Are you Interested in Joining a Research Team? No Experience Needed!

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Are you interested in joining a research team for college credit?

Have you always wanted to learn more about research but don't know where to start? Do you want an opportunity to present at research conferences and become published? Do you want to learn new skills and add to your resume?

Seeking motivated students who are positive team players and who want to share their talents with others, while learning new skills. Students from any department and program on campus are wanted to join this dynamic and exciting research team.

No experience needed! You will learn all you need to about designing, conducting and analyzing research.

Professor McLain is offering an Independent Study for 3 credits this fall. Contact Dr. McLain at 778-5258 or mclainkb@sunybroome.edu. Seats are limited.



Cell phones are dirtier than toilet seats!

May 8, 2017

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Our mobile devices can have 10 times more bacteria than toilet seats (Pegg, 2013). Your cell phone is literally covered in germs! It goes everywhere with you.

Clean your mobile devices on a regular basis. Antibacterial wipes are abrasive to your cell phones and can scratch them. Instead, fill a spray bottle halfway with water and the other half with 70% isopropyl alcohol. Spray some solution onto a lint-free cloth and use that once a week to disinfect your cell phone.

Remember: It takes only 20 seconds to wash your hands. Friction and running water are the two most important factors for an effective hand wash.

This is a Public Service Announcement brought to you by the SUNY Broome Health & Public Relations Research Team.



This summer, learn how to tend bar — for credit

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This summer, learn to tend bar — for credit — in BHM 123: Bartending & Beverage Management. You'll get TIPS certification, and hands-on training in our lab facility, which features completely operational dry and wet bars with everything you need to learn the tricks of the trade!

Find out more at www.sunybroome.edu/bartending.

Bar Tending Poster Summer 2017 1



SUNY Broome Faculty/Staff vs. Students Basketball Game on May 10

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Join SUNY Broome at 4:30 p.m. May 10 in the Baldwin Gym to check out the faculty and staff as they take on the students in a basketball game!

The goal is to show students that physical activity is a great way to help cope with the stress that surrounds finals. It is also a chance for students and faculty to bond while having a good time.



Student Giving Campaign: Enter to Win!

May 9, 2017

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SUNY Broome's Student Giving campaign will hold a raffle at Spring Fling from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, May 11. Help out your fellow students and donate a dollar to help fund the Peer to Peer Scholarship! Every dollar counts and you are helping a fellow student achieve their goal of success.

The more you enter, the more chances you have to win! Prizes include a gift basket with food, clothing, candy, electronics and games, plus a \$25 campus store gift card, and campus dining vouchers. Stop by the Student Giving table for your chance to win.

Sgc Spring Fling Flyer Modify Version



Black Student Union to present 'The Get Down' on May 12

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Are you ready to dance? The Black Student Union is hosting "The Get Down," a campus block party, from 1 to 4 p.m. May 12 in The Quad.



Research notes: Two Hornets present at conference in Minnesota

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Myriah Bodie and Chris Schmidt



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Myriah Bodie and Christopher Schmidt study entirely different topics: dirty hands and wandering ticks, respectively.

Bodie, a Medical Assisting major, looks at the prevalence of hand-washing among the college population, and how to improve hand hygiene on campus. Schmidt, a Liberal Arts in Sciences major, looks at deer ticks and whether they are more likely to be active on warmer days. (It turns out they're not, so take precautions outdoors whenever temperatures are above freezing.)

Both young researchers had the opportunity to present their projects and findings in April, at the Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative symposium at Anoka-Ramsey Community College in Minneapolis.

The Minnesota conference was both educational and enjoyable, providing students an opportunity to network with each other, learn about additional research options in college and the possibility of publishing their work. They presented on their projects, and witnessed those of other students.

"It was a really great opportunity to meet a lot of different people who have a shared interest in the scientific process," said Schmidt, of Johnson City.

Neither thought they would have opportunities to engage in research while at a community college; at best, Schmidt thought he might present across town at Binghamton University, and not in Minnesota.

He became involved in tick research after taking classes with Professor Tracy Curtis, who conducts research into ticks and Lyme disease. In one, students go into the field and collect ticks, tracking their prevalence; in the other, they conduct DNA sequencing to determine which carry the Lyme spirochete.

Bodie became involved in research through her Medical Assisting courses, which began to study the practice of hand-washing – key to preventing the transition of many diseases – two years ago. This year, the students began a public relations campaign to spread the message of the importance of hand hygiene, with social

media advertising and even a music video. They're not done yet, either; the students plan to end the semester with an additional survey to see if the message hit home.

"It made me realize there's a world bigger than your major. Dr. (Kim) McLain was a great influence," Bodie said of her research work.

It turns out that she was the only non-STEM major at the Minnesota conference – which turned out to be a benefit for her fellow presenters.

"Not a single person at this conference knew how to wash their hands!" she said. "It definitely proved why it's important to do this kind of research." (Campus community: Make sure you wash your hands the right way, with soap, water and friction for 20 seconds.)

Future plans

While their SUNY Broome experience introduced them to research, both Myriah and Chris are looking forward to continuing their trajectory once they transfer.

Schmidt will head to the University at Buffalo this fall to major in biological sciences, where he expects to continue his scientific research. One major difference: At a large school such as UB, he's likely to be aiding professors in their research rather than engaging in projects of his own, he said.

"I'm open to anything," he said of his future research topics.

Bodie, of South New Berlin, will transfer to SUNY Cortland to major in speech and hearing science. Her ultimate goal is to become an audiologist working under the doctors at Boston's Children's Hospital. While in Cortland, she plans to explore her research opportunities.

"I definitely encourage undergraduate research to everybody!" she said. "I'd encourage every department on campus to somehow, someday get involved."



Notable Binghamton Native Returns for Jazz Concert at SUNY Broome

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Nationally renowned jazz saxophonist Kris Jensen will take the stage as guest artist with the SUNY Broome Community College Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Mike Dubaniewicz at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18, on campus at the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre. General admission is \$5, and the concert is free to faculty and students.

Jensen is associated with many prominent artists in jazz and rock, including the Allman Brothers Band and its individual members' bands (Gregg Allman and Friends, Jaimoe's Jasssz Band, Dickey Betts Band), trumpet legend Maynard Ferguson and The Dave Matthews Band.



Myriah Bodie and Chris Schmidt



Megan's story: An online student plays a major role in campus life

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Megan Stephens



Megan Stephens

President of the Dean's Team, you'll find Megan Stephens around campus, dishing out treats at an ice cream social or participating in a campus cleanup. You'll see her at Commencement, too, where she'll be helping out as part of Student Activities – even though she's graduating herself with a degree in Liberal Arts.

Where you won't see her: In a physical classroom on campus. That's because Megan is an online student, even though she's local. It's a format that works well for her, giving her top grades in her courses – something she never imagined before coming to SUNY Broome.

"I'm homeschooled, so I'm used to being self-propelled in my homework. I have ADHD, so sitting in a classroom doesn't work well for me," she explained. Online classes allow her to take the breaks she needs when she loses focus, she said.

Stephens is also committed to improving the lives of veterans, as a community athlete with the Wounded Warrior Project. She's doing a 5K to support the program this year, and working with Student Activities to put on a series of events during Spring Fling on May 11.

There will be a pushup contest with prizes, as well as a sit-up contest, live music and more, all to support the cause of injured service members.

"I feel we need to be doing more to support our soldiers, the ones who gave so much," said Stephens, whose uncle served in the military. "I think that's something a lot of people take for granted, although it's really important."

After graduation, she plans on transferring across town to Davis College with the ultimate goal of a career in international ministry – perhaps in Costa Rica, where she's headed this summer to aid widows and orphans.

Looking back, her SUNY Broome experience was different than she expected.

"It has a small community vibe to it that's really nice," she said.



Megan Stephens in the Student Activities office



SUNY Broome Women's Institute to host speaker from Lourdes Breast Care Center on May 11

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SUNY Broome's Women's Institute and Jengi Reilly, FNP, of the Lourdes Breast Care Center will address the topic of Breast Health from 11 to 11:50 a.m. May 11 in Applied Technology Building Room 200. The event is free and open to the public.

With breast cancer affecting one in eight women, with contradictory messages in the media and with no national law guaranteeing adequate screenings for the 40 to 50% of women with dense breasts, the program will include the latest and most accurate information.

It will address good habits for breast health, among them a healthy diet, exercise and the maintenance of a healthy weight. Also covered will be factors such as family history that impact a patient's risk of developing breast cancer.

Topics will include changes in New York laws in 2013 and in January 2017 that have improved access to breast care in the state. For example, 210 screening facilities statewide must now offer extended hours.

Patients often ask whether they really need mammograms. The program will address that question.

Additionally, according to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, 40 to 50 percent of U.S. women ages 40-74 have dense breasts. As the result of 2013 New York dense breast legislation, many women in the state have noticed that their mammogram results have let them know that they have dense breasts and encouraged them to ask their providers if additional screening tests might be useful for them.

For women with dense breasts, mammograms alone often fail to find cancers. In a 2012 study published by the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and discussed in *Prevent, Survive, Thrive: Every Woman's Guide to Optimal Breast Care* by Dr. John G. West, when 2,662 women with dense breasts were followed with mammograms and ultrasounds over three years, 110 new cancers were found. Of them, 32 were seen only on the ultrasound.

According to the Governor's website, the law in New York now

- *Eliminates annual deductibles, co-payments, and co-insurance payments ("cost-sharing") for all screening mammograms...*
- *Eliminates cost-sharing for diagnostic imaging for breast cancer, including diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds, and breast MRIs. [All useful in screening dense breasts, per *Prevent, Survive, Thrive*, by John G. West, MD] As a result, women in need of tests other than standard mammograms do not have to pay any additional out-of-pocket expenses for these most common diagnostic tests.* <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-action-expand-cutting-edge-breast-cancer-screening-options-women>

While the language on the governor's website appears to be all-encompassing, there remain some questions about whether this new law applies to all forms of health insurance carried by New Yorkers.

Patients should ask their doctors questions about what screening and care is best for them, and should ask their insurance companies about what is covered by their plans.

Amid the confusion, however, there is one certainty—early detection saves lives. Join the conversation about what we all can do to prevent and to address breast cancer, regardless of breast type, socioeconomic status, or location in the U.S.

Kathleen M. McKenna
SUNY Broome Professor
Breast Cancer Survivor



Summer Send-off BBQ Event on May 12

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American Dining Creations is excited to announce an end-of-semester Summer Send-off BBQ from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 12 outside the Student Center.

They've developed an awesome menu that will include chicken, steak and shrimp tacos and rice bowls, house-made empanadas, and a guacamole bar with fresh fried chips! They will also have popcorn, cotton candy and other sweet treats.

Students will be able to purchase a meal with cash, or use a meal swipe. The Black Student Union will be holding their Block Party simultaneously, so there will be music and games to go with the great food!



Speakers of the House: Student speaking competition on May 12

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Speakers of the House will host a student speaking contest at 3 p.m. Friday, May 12, in Business Building Room 110.

Nine finalists from the three preliminary contests will be competing Friday for a cash award and gift cards. Students who attend and swipe in with their student IDs will receive co-curricular credit. There will be refreshments served.

Please join us to support our student competitors and to see a little of what our club does!



Sculpting a future: Alanna changes majors and finds herself

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Alanna De La Cruz



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Alanna De La Cruz is at her happiest when she's deep into a project and beauty sings forth from its medium – a dab of oil paint, perhaps, or the pliant surface of the clay.

When she first came to SUNY Broome, however, she decided to major in Business and focus on a path to entrepreneurship. Sitting in her accounting class, she came to a realization: She needed to study art first.

Now a Visual Communications major, she's focused on the fine arts and living her passion.

"I'm so happy I changed my major. I learned so much I didn't know before, whether it's the rule of thirds or where to put your shadows," she said. "These are things that allowed me to take my art to a different level."

Art – the desire to create – has run a bright and colorful thread through De La Cruz's life. Originally from Manhattan, she attended the High School of Fashion Industries, but decided against immediately attending the Fashion Institute of Technology like so many of her classmates.

"I wanted to experience college instead of staying with my parents," she

explained.

SUNY Broome gave her that opportunity. In addition to her classes, she is president of both the Art Club and the Black Student Union, holding meetings and organizing multiple campus events. She's also served as a Student Assembly Senator.

De La Cruz plans to transfer to FIT and major in fine arts. She still envisions a future as an entrepreneur – a professional artist with her own business selling natural products, such as soap and cosmetics.

"I want to infuse everything I love — design, makeup and art – and have a business that shows all of that," she said.

Above all, she wants to continue creating – and create her own success. Her experiences at SUNY Broome are helping her shape the clay of her future.

"It helped me find myself and taught me a lot about taking leadership," she said of the college. "I love this school."



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Ninth Annual Reading by Contributors to Breaking Ground on May 16

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Join us from 6 to 10 p.m. May 16 in Decker 201 for the ninth annual reading by contributors to *Breaking Ground*, SUNY Broome's Literary Magazine.

In addition to readings by contributors, the evening will feature door prizes as well as much food and conviviality. Please invite family and friends to join us! It's a great way to cap off the semester and meet like-minded artists and writers.



Submit your photos: 2017 Joyce K.L. Smith Environmental Photography Show & Competition

May 10, 2017

Buzz

The Broome County Environmental Management Council presents the 2017 Joyce K.L. Smith Environmental Photography Show & Competition.

Theme: Our Forested Lands

Categories: Plant Life

Animal Life

Natural Landscape

Rules and Entry Forms can be found at www.gobroomecounty.com/emc

Entry deadline: May 26, 2017

Awards Ceremony and Reception is Friday, July 7

Time: 6 PM to 9 PM

Location: Arts Council Gallery, 81 State Street, Binghamton

Exhibit will remain open from July 7 – July 28, 2017

The photo show is in memory of Joyce Smith: environmentalist, community activist, Binghamton City Council member and first female mayoral candidate. Joyce first conceived the idea of a photo show to both showcase and educate the public on the Broome County environment.



Theater Director Katherine Bacon in 'First Ladies' at Tioga Historical Society

May 10, 2017

Buzz



SUNY Broome Theater Director Katherine Bacon will be appearing as Lady Bird Johnson in an upcoming production of *First Ladies* by local playwright/producer Judith Present at 7 p.m. May 12 at The Tioga Historical Society. The performance is a fundraiser for the Society.

First Ladies gives presidents' wives a chance to tell their story. Mary Lincoln, Dolly Madison, Lady Bird Johnson and Nancy Reagan are the featured wives. First ladies are never voted for nor do they get paid, yet without them what would our presidents have done? The "ladies" give an honest assessment of who they are and how they affected their husband's presidencies. Just like the presidents, these women are destined to be written about years after their deaths. The other actresses in the show are Maryann Johnson, Lisa Dutcher and Dawn Gould.

This play has been performed at museums, historical societies, and small theaters throughout the region but Katherine is new to the cast. The performance is at The Tioga Historical Society at 110 Front St. in Owego. Tickets are \$15 and for more

information you can call 607-687-2460.



Call for crafters: SUNY Broome Handcrafted Market

May 10, 2017

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Sponsored by the SUNY Broome Women's Institute, the SUNY Broome Handcrafted Market will be held in the Baldwin Gym from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 15.

The Handcrafted Market is an exciting community event with proceeds benefiting our Health For Haiti program. We're excited to showcase the best crafters and artisans in our area. The Handcrafted Market will feature a variety of unique handmade, upcycled/repurposed items and more!

We're looking for crafters from our campus community and beyond! For more information and an application, please visit our website: <https://noreen1628.wixsite.com/sunybroomemarket>

Or, email us at: sunybroomemarket@gmail.com



Going on now: Kathy Ryder Scholarship Fund book sale

May 10, 2017
Buzz

Book Sale



Books for sale ranging from 25 cents to \$5! Come on down to L-017 for great deals. All proceeds will benefit the Kathy Ryder Scholarship Fund.



Testing Center hours for the end of the semester

May 10, 2017

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To accommodate end of semester needs and appointments, Testing Center hours will be extended as follows:

- Monday, May 15, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 16, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 17, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursday, May 18, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday, May 19, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday, May 22, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 23, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Note: There will be **NO walk-ins accepted between May 18 and May 23**. Please plan accordingly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Questions? Please call 778-5038.



SUNY Broome Computer Science Team Places First in Collegiate Penetration Testing Contest

May 12, 2017
Featured News



SUNY Broome Computer Science students participated in a collegiate-level penetration testing competition hosted by Tompkins Cortland Community College on May 6.

The contest lasted six hours and consisted of connecting to a hidden wireless network, social engineering to gain information, exposing web page vulnerabilities in a capture-the-flag exercise, and exploiting a vulnerable Windows server and Linux client connected to a network. The teams discovered and exploited the computer and network vulnerabilities, and then prepared and submitted reports of their findings to the Department of Homeland Security. A DHS security agent judged the reports.

First place team members were SUNY Broome students Sam Espe, Cooper Holmes, Zachary Madden and Ken Mansfield III.

Second place team members were SUNY Broome students Mathew Pado and Kyle

Kemak, and TC3 students Orion Gesslein, John Bradburn and Liam Tang.

- **Third place** team members were SUNY Broome students Jesse Clapper, Vladimir Bublik and Dylan Fisher, and TC3 students Avi Dessauer and Christian Larson.

The competition was a great learning experience for everyone and it highlighted some of the security issues faced today by anyone with a networked computer. In addition, the students learned about scholarship opportunities offered by Department of Defense for degrees in the field of computer and network security.



Tammy Smith, TC3 Computer Science Chair and a graduate of SUNY Broome, organized the competition and served as faculty advisor. Ken Reynolds, TC3 Systems Administrator and instructor of Offensive Security, assisted all of the teams. SUNY Broome Computer Science Professor Diana LaBelle served as faculty advisor.

For information on this scholarship, visit this link:
<http://www.collegescholarships.org/scholarships/technology/information-assurance.htm>





Buzz photos: Students defeat faculty and staff on the basketball court

May 12, 2017
Buzz



SUNY Broome students dealt a narrow defeat to their professors and college staff members during a Students vs. Faculty/Staff basketball game in the Baldwin Gym.

The game was collegial in all senses of the word, and a good time was had by all. Check out pictures from the event below:



Ninth Annual Reading by Contributors to Breaking Ground on May 16

May 14, 2017

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In addition to readings by contributors, the evening will feature door prizes as well as much food and conviviality. Please invite family and friends to join us! It's a great way to cap off the semester and meet like-minded artists and writers.



Indy Filmmakers Group to host Video-Drone Tech-Talk and Music Video Producer May 19

May 14, 2017
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The Southern Tier Independent Filmmakers Society (STIFS) will be holding their bi-monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Friday, May 19, in the Decker Building Room 201. There will be a presentation by FAA-certified video drone operator Patrick Curtis on “Shooting Drone Video: Aesthetics, Challenges, Tips and Tricks.” Local music video producer Niko Neferis will be showing some of his work followed by a Q&A.

The event is sponsored by the SUNY Broome Communications Department.



The Monday Poem: 'Subway Psalm' by Alden Nowlan

May 14, 2017

Buzz

The Monday Poem is brought to you by Jim Gormley of the English Department. Enjoy!

Subway Psalm

by Alden Nowlan

It's the first storm of the winter
and the worst since 1888,
the girl on television said.

I keep slipping in my leather-soled shoes.
Twice I've turned into a windmill
in my efforts to keep from falling.

At the top of the stairs leading down
to the subway, Johnnie watches me,
not just with his eyes but with his arms and legs.
He'll do his best to save the old man.

That's how I must have looked at him
when he was five or six years old.
Now he's twenty-six, and it seems
we've traded places.

Why are you laughing?
he asks me.

The honest answer is:
Because you look so funny, standing there
like that, my beautiful son,
and because I've loved you
for such a long time and because this
is the finest storm I've ever seen
and everything is exactly as it should be.

From *What Happened When He Went to the Store for Bread*.

"The day the child realizes that all adults are imperfect, he becomes an adolescent; the day he forgives them he becomes an adult; the day he forgives himself he becomes wise"

Alden Nowlan



This week: Spring concerts at SUNY Broome

May 14, 2017

Buzz



The Performing Arts Department's Music Program presents a wide array of end-of-semester recitals and concerts. All concerts are at 7:30 p.m. in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre.

Thursday, May 18

Nationally renowned jazz saxophonist Kris Jensen will take the stage as guest artist with the SUNY Broome Community College Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Mike Dubaniewicz. General Admission is \$5 for the general public, and free to faculty and students.

Jensen is associated with many prominent artists in jazz and rock including the Allman Brothers Band and its individual members' bands (Gregg Allman and Friends, Jaimoe's Jasssz Band, Dickey Betts Band), trumpet legend Maynard Ferguson and The Dave Matthews Band. Jensen keeps an active freelance performing schedule in addition to performing regularly with Jaimoe's Jasssz Band monthly at the famous Iridium jazz nightclub in New York City, as well as festivals and venues across the nation and beyond. Moreover, his TV credits include an appearance on "Late Night with David Letterman." As a music educator, he serves on the faculties of the Indian Mountain School, The Salisbury School, The Millbrook School and in Hartford, CT with the Bushnell "Jazzicians" student scholar program.

With Jensen, the SUNY Broome Jazz Ensemble will be performing compositions of Thad Jones, Count Basie and Bob Curnow. Dr. Mike Dubaniewicz calls Jensen "one of the most creative forces on the music scene today...."

Friday, May 19

Come join the Music Association at a concert featuring Contemporary Music, Broadway, Pop, Rap and Jazz. Donations accepted for Health for Haiti.

Monday, May 22

The SUNY Broome Guitar Ensemble presents its Spring concert. The program will include a variety of pieces played by the 10-member group, ranging from chorale settings by J.S. Bach to two compositions by Director Paul Sweeny. Other performances will include solos by outstanding Guitar Applied students and various duets, trios, and a quartet featuring students and Professor Sweeny.



Dining Hall Tossery to feature special guest on May 17

May 14, 2017

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The SUNY Broome Dining Hall Tossery will feature a special guest on Wednesday, May 17: Kathy Cashman! Kathy will rejoin the SUNY Broome crew in the fall semester, but has agreed to do a “cameo” at the Tossery from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 17. Stop in for a salad, or just to say hi!



This summer, learn how to tend bar — for credit

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This summer, learn to tend bar — for credit — in BHM 123: Bartending & Beverage Management. You'll get TIPS certification, and hands-on training in our lab facility, which features completely operational dry and wet bars with everything you need to learn the tricks of the trade!

Find out more at www.sunybroome.edu/bartending.

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Council for Operational Issues to meet May 18

May 15, 2017

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The Council for Operational Issues will meet at 9 a.m. May 18 in Darwin R. Wales Center Room 203B. Some of the items on the agenda are: the shared governance elections and fax machine access for students. The agenda is attached. Please note that all shared governance meetings are open to the campus community.

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<http://www2.sunybroome.edu/shared-governance/council-for-operational-issues/>



Apply now for Winter 2018 Health for Haiti course

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Health for Haiti is looking for students from every division across the SUNY Broome campus to join us for our Winter 2018 Health for Haiti class. If you have a sense of adventure and want to share your time and talents with our friends in Haiti, we need you!

As part of the Health for Haiti team, you can help bring clean water, solar power, education, health services and much more to communities and orphanages in Haiti. There is a 2018 fact sheet and link to our new online application at www.healthforhaiti.org.

SUNY Broome Health for Haiti 2017

Highlights

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=WXGPzbZvUKw>



Student Speech Contest Results

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Maverick Koss

Speakers of the House hosted a student speaking contest on May 12. Here are the results:

5th place: Kiran Goveas

4th place: Inarra Sorathiya

3th place: Sarah Kneebis

2nd place: Yasmine Nartey

1st place: Maverick Koss

The first place winner received \$100 and the four runners-up received gift cards for the campus bookstore. We would like to thank the many student speakers who participated in the series of contests and the judges from on and off campus who gave their time to these events.

Thanks to everyone who supported our student competitors!

Photo credit: Megan Kerr



SUNY Broome to honor high school seniors who excel in math, science

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SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm will present the Frank G. Paul Medal of Excellence to graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence in math and science.

The award includes a check for \$50 and a special medallion. The medal also qualifies students to be eligible for one of two Francis and Lillian Paul Scholarships, which can be as much as \$3,000 if the students remains in the Engineering Science Program, maintains a GPA of 2.85 and goes on to transfer to a four-year school for engineering.

The medals will be presented at a reception at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, on campus at the Hoyt Conference Center in Decker Health Sciences Building Room 201. The event will feature guest speaker Kenneth Mansfield, the interim Associate Vice President and Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), and Rebecca Komorowski, daughter of Francis and Lillian Paul. The program is sponsored by the Broome Community College Foundation.

This year's medal recipients are:

Binghamton: Morgan Stankevich, Niaz Hussain

Chenango Forks: Danielle Silvanic, Aaron Kasinski

Chenango Valley: Emma Crooks, Samuel Hatton

Deposit: Kylee Wignall, Marshal Pettersen

Greene: Amanda Walker, Cohen Root

Harpursville: Tienna Avery, Noah Dann

Johnson City: Olivia Nestruck, William Sienkiewicz

Maine-Endwell: Sara Morgus, Trey Shepardson

Owego Free Academy: Avery Tompkins, Dylan Feliciano

Seton Catholic Central: Yunting Fang, Daniel Powell

Susquehanna Valley: Mallory Gregory, Jason Opela

Union-Endicott: Kelsey McHenry, Damon Mertens

Vestal: Sydney Cogswell, Stephen Mastro

Whitney Point: Margaret Cahorshak, Hunter C. Jordan

Windsor: Julie Nemcek, Michael Beaudoin



Greater Binghamton Marathon is back in September!

May 16, 2017

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The Dick's Sporting Goods Greater Binghamton Marathon will be back for the third year on Sept. 24, with an Expo scheduled for Sept. 23!

The marathon kicks off at 3000 Old Vestal Road in Vestal. Races include the full marathon at 26.2 miles, a half marathon at 13.1 miles, a 5K run/walk at 3.1 miles and a 1K Kids Fun Run at .6 miles. There also will be a free concert and free beer (the latter available only to patrons older than 21 with a valid ID) on Sunday.

This year's major charity is the ALS Association Upstate New York Chapter. There are multiple charities to choose to donate to, please donate today. Register to run, or volunteer, and find more information at www.BinghamtonMarathon.com.



Congratulations to this year's Spirit Award winner!

May 16, 2017
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The Spirit Award Committee is pleased to announce that the 2017 Spirit Award Winner is Jeff Hatala. Notes from his nomination state that Jeff:

- has touched many of us with a warm and gentle smile, as well as assisted with a positive and helpful approach
- is often found 'trouble shooting' from afar as needed
- has "gone the extra mile" by coordinating many events for student scholarships, whether it be by taking a 'polar plunge,' climbing to the peak of a mountain or scoring a hole in one on the golf course!
- worked at SUNY Broome for **30 plus years** and has consistently done an outstanding job of promoting spirit by running a record mile on the track as well as shooting hoops with our students on the basketball court.
- has positively influenced many of us by **his** constant reminder to ... **Make It a Great Day!**

Jeff joins previous Spirit Award selections:

2011 Marty Guzzi
2012 Sharon Eldridge
2013 Donna Rehak
2014 Michelle Perricone
2015 Michael Carra
2016 Loreta Paniccia



A STEM major's advice: Yes, you really can do this!

May 16, 2017
Featured News



Lydie Rwamakuba



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When she started at SUNY Broome, she didn't know much about computers in general. Now, she's coding in C++, working in Visual Basic and more. Her focus has settled on software, user interfaces, graphics and web development – fields she couldn't have imagined at the start of her college career.

When she first transferred into the program, she realized that she was one of only a handful of women in the program, but that has never held her back.

"Once you start looking, you realize that everyone struggles the same way," said Rwamakuba, who is a campus ambassador for students pursuing fields considered non-traditional for their gender.

She's grateful to SUNY Broome, which gave her the opportunity to explore her career options, all for a reasonable cost. Professors are accessible, and more than willing to answer questions and concerns.

They're here to help, Lydie emphasizes – which is one of the reasons you shouldn't be afraid to pursue a STEM field. You really can do this.

"There are people here to help you learn," she said. "I want to encourage people to apply to a STEM field, and apply themselves and challenge themselves, so they're ready for the field."

Don't be afraid of STEM.

You don't need to dream in equations to be successful, or start coding in pre-school to major in science, technology, engineering or math, advises Lydie Rwamakuba, a Computer Science major.

"I always say I feel that anyone can do it. You have to put all your effort and energy and focus into really wanting it," she said.

Lydie proves this principle through her own experience. She started out as a Liberal Arts major, ultimately interested in both business and international relations. Born in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lydie and her family moved to the Southern Tier 17 years ago; she went on to graduate Seton Catholic Central High School.

While at SUNY Broome, however, Rwamakuba began to consider her career options and noticed the importance of technology in today's world. She spoke to her father, who suggested looking into computer science.

"In this day and age you need more than one skill to be on top," Rwamakuba reflected. "I wanted to give myself an edge in the work field."



Lydie Rwamakuba



From defense to pharmacy: SUNY Broome soccer standout wins Scholar Athlete Award

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Featured News



Emily Gibson



Emily Gibson has a college career that's tough to beat – quite literally.

The Johnson City native played defense for SUNY Broome's Hornets Women's Soccer team, which won the national championship last fall, the third in their history. She was named the Most Valuable Defensive Player during that 3-0 game against Erie Community College. Gibson, who allowed just 13 goals in 22 matches, also made the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's Junior College Division III All-American Second Team.

And just recently, she scored the ultimate goal – joining the 77 recipients of SUNY's 2016-2017 Scholar Athlete Award, which recognizes outstanding academic excellence and academic achievement.

"It's recognition for all the hard work I've put in for my schooling and my education," Gibson said of the Scholar Athlete Award, which was announced recently by SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher.

A Liberal Arts and Sciences major who graduated from Seton Catholic Central High School, Gibson is graduating this spring – but she'll be back on campus in the fall. Her goal: Get the courses she needs to ultimately transfer into Binghamton University's new School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Her mother, who worked in the medical field and came home with fascinating stories, inspired her career choice.

"In pharmacy, you almost know more than doctors do," Gibson said. "I want to be able to help the community in a definite way."

Gibson was initially accepted into BU, but opted for SUNY Broome after receiving the Presidential Honors Scholarship. The option to play soccer under Coach Bill Rich was also a draw.

"I wasn't ready for the full university experience," she admitted. "I figured it would be a good stepping stone."

Gibson's involvement in athletics augmented her college experience in unexpected ways. For one, it's easier to adjust to college life when you have forged connections with 17 peers on the field even before classes begin.

Playing a sport also helped her academically, teaching her to plan ahead and prioritize her study-time.

"Soccer actually helped me with time management skills; you build your schedule around it," she explained. "You can't just study on the bus. It makes you work harder."

Going forward, she hopes to keep on playing soccer, but not on a competitive level. She's playing offense on her education, and looking forward to scoring a great career as a pharmacist.

In the classroom, she appreciates the accessibility and knowledge of her professors – and especially the small class sizes.

"The one-on-one attention really makes a difference," she said.



A notebook full of ideas: Stephanie pursues a future in Mechanical Engineering Tech

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Stephanie Cass loves to think, to imagine – and to design. The Mechanical Engineering Technology major captures these explorations on paper: questions, solutions, the machinery of things and how it works.

Why do the shape of wind turbine blades vary? How can differently-shaped blades better harness energy from the wind? Those are some of the questions she explores.

“I’ve always had ideas. I have a notebook of things I love to design and create,” said the first-year student from Windsor.

A degree in Engineering Technology is a sure path to the workplace, and Cass plans to get a job in the field once she completes her degree. Then, going forward, she will pursue additional education; some employers will pay for your schooling, she noted.

But for Cass, engineering is more than the prospect of steady employment and a good paycheck. Rather, it’s an opportunity to do what she loves best: design and create.

She chose SUNY Broome because it’s local and affordable, but was pleasantly surprised by what she found.

“The people go above and beyond to make sure you succeed. All of my instructors here have been really good at teaching and explaining things,” she said.

One of only a few women in Mechanical Engineering Technology, Cass found a support group as well, through the Non-Traditional Career Ambassadors program. The group is geared toward all students who are pursuing fields considered non-traditional by gender, and gave Cass the opportunity to meet other female STEM majors whom she might not otherwise have encountered.

“Engineering is not a popular field for women. Part of it is a cultural thing. When you’re growing up, what types of toys did you play with?” Cass observed.

She advised women who are interested in engineering not to give up, even when they run across some of those cultural assumptions about women and STEM.

“If anything, it makes it more fun to show them up,” she said.

Students who are non-traditional by gender should also consider joining the ambassador program, she added. She hopes that the program will continue – until gender disparities disappear in careers such as engineering, healthcare, human services and more.

“You have a support system, which is big,” she said of the group. “I think it’s cool that it exists. I hope it becomes obsolete someday.”



Jim Rollo, State Farm Insurance on-campus recruiting/interview event on May 18

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The Applied Learning and Career Center (ALCC), Alumni Engagement and Business Department are hosting representatives from Jim Rollo, State Farm Insurance on campus from 12 to 4 p.m. Thursday, May 18, in AT 101.

Representatives are recruiting for a part-time insurance sales position and a summer internship. Interviews will be conducted in the ALCC for any students or alumni that are interested and qualified.

Interested students and alumni should send an up-to-date resume to careercenter@sunybroome.edu to be considered. A staff member from the ALCC will be in contact regarding an interview.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity! See attached fliers for more information.

Jim Rollo State Farm on Campus Recruiting Flier Page 2 Descriptions Jim Rollo State Farm On Campus Recruiting Flier



HMS 240: Perspectives on Death and Dying sheds new light on life and loss

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HMS 240: Perspectives on Death and Dying is a course that is as much about learning how to live as it is about issues related to the end of life. Students of all ages and backgrounds walk this journey, navigating familiar and new terrain, examining their own lives, associated losses, choices and decisions, now and at the end of their lives.

So, whether you're a health care professional or seeking to become one, are interested in counseling, criminal justice, nursing, human services or another field, or want to learn how to cope with different life losses or make your own health care choices, or if you just want to be an informed patient, caregiver or advocate, you will find the course content intellectually stimulating, enlightening and purposeful, now and in the future.

The course includes field trips, provides insight about individual and cultural perspectives on death and dying, and furnishes historical, psychological, sociocultural, legal and ethical dimensions of the dying process, grief and bereavement, and communities of care.

Comment by former student:



This class has some of the best homework assignments you'll probably ever have to do...You will really learn a lot about yourself, what you think and what you truly want out of this life...

Student Comments

On the instructor, Professor Laura Letson:

If you're anything like me, you're going to

love this class. Not only this class, but you'll love this professor. She's like nothing you've ever seen before...I couldn't tell you how much she has inspired me. She's inspired me to be a better person, to be more empathetic than I already am, to not be so quick to judge a book by its cover. Even if you're socially awkward or not very talkative, she has a way of making you feel like you belong and that you can speak your mind...

She makes you feel like you're on this planet for a reason...

On the course:

It's a relaxed environment that draws you in, and keeps you hooked. It's extremely enlightening, so I would recommend this class to anyone...


The class truly helps to cope with the fear of death and helps you realize that death is inevitable...

This class opened my eyes about the importance of life and giving your life meaning...

I learned so many things from this class, the field trips and the class presentations. I enjoy, cry and I laugh in any moment from the class. I enjoy my life more now...

Overall thoughts:

The more I learned about death, the more I wanted to live life to the fullest...

This course is what I consider a "life course" because everyone should take it. It can guide  of us through our lives, what we need to be prepared for, and sometimes what we shouldn't prepare for...

I would just like to say that I believe anybody in any field of study would gain a positive experience from taking this course, I sure am glad I took it...

Carole Stanley Recruited for Dental Hygiene National Board Review Course

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SUNY Broome's Carole Stanley, RDH, MS, Dental Hygiene IV Clinical Coordinator, has recently been recruited by Dental Hygiene Seminars Incorporated.

Dental Hygiene Seminars is rated nationally as the premier dental hygiene board review course for student preparation for the American Dental Association Dental Hygiene Board Exam. This board is required for Dental Hygiene licensure throughout the United States. Carole will present in many locations nationally reviewing the topic of "Clinical Dental Hygiene." It is an honor to be selected to join this prestigious team.



Andy's story: Starting his last semester – with a job in HIT

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Featured News



In late January, Andy Robertshaw began his last semester in SUNY Broome's Health Information Technology (HIT) program. It's also the same month he began working in the field, starting on a fascinating career.

He learned about the job opportunity at UHS through his courses, after representatives from the healthcare group paid the lab a recruiting visit. Hired in December, he started in January – and conveniently worked on his clinicals at his place of employment.

This isn't Robertshaw's first foray into higher education, or his first career. He's held many jobs through the years – as an executive in training and development for a restaurant chain, working for a computer company, selling commercial real estate – and has prior college degrees.

Still, as an older student, he felt apprehensive when he enrolled at SUNY Broome, he said.

"Looking back, I was apprehensive because I was older. I thought it would be a lot more difficult than it was," he explained. "Even though I have other degrees, it was my first time stepping into healthcare."

What made a difference: The resources available to SUNY Broome students, which Robertshaw describes as "incredible compared to other colleges." One-on-one attention contributed to his classroom success, and eased his transition into a new field.

Currently, he is doing coding for a rheumatology and orthopedic practice. He's also starting to code for physiatrists, which has given him new goals for his career path. Practitioners of that medical specialty aim to restore optimal function to people who suffer from traumatic brain injury, strokes, severe neurological defects and more.

Data is critical in many specialties, but Robertshaw sees the impact it has in the treatment of a physiatrist's patients. By recording treatments and their results, physicians can see what worked and what didn't, and find new ways to help patients.

"To me, HIT is this really dynamic field, but the data is the most important part," Robertshaw explained. "That's the part we need for research – accurate data for best practices across the board."

Robertshaw's advice for students considering HIT: "Stick with it when it gets difficult and always trust your instincts. It is one of those fields where you realize you know more than you ever thought you did."

After all, everyone goes to the doctor at some point. Some of us may end up treated in the hospital ourselves, or end up there at the bedside of loved ones. All of these experiences can connect you with the healthcare field and the realities there.

And your life experiences also can lead you places you never imagined before – such as a rewarding career in a field you never previously imagined. "Your life experience will lead you where you need to be," Robertshaw said.



Dental Hygiene Students Complete Outreach Activities

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Featured News



Dental Hygiene students participated in extensive outreach efforts this semester.

The students provided education to approximately 800 local school children for Children's Dental Health Month (also presentations were given at our BC Center and the Otsego County Head Start Centers). The senior students also volunteered for the Southern Tier Oral Cancer Walk for Awareness, Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network and the 37th annual Children's Fair.

Lastly, students have been involved with a research study entitled, "Does Equine Assisted Pediatric Dental Health Education Improve Learning Outcomes?" The research study is being conducted by Helen Battisti from Marywood University and Meghan McGuinness from SUNY Broome.



The Liberal Arts of Business: Why a ‘numbers guy’ is majoring in Business Administration

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Featured News



Aaron Williams has always been a “numbers guy,” so it’s not surprising that he has opted for a future career in accounting.

“Throughout high school, I’ve always succeeded in anything that involves numbers,” said Williams, who attended Windsor High School. “I was taking an accounting class in high school and everything just clicked for me.”

Rather than major in accounting directly, however, the SUNY Broome freshman is pursuing a degree in Business Administration. That’s by design: The degree will allow him to learn about a wide range of business-related fields, and focus on accounting once he transfers to a four-year school.

His current classes show the range of subjects he’s becoming familiar with: business law, managerial accounting, business statistics, social media campaigns.

“It’s a broad program, so you can really decide what you want to do. I think of it as the Liberal Arts of the Business program,” he said.

In addition to his affinity for numbers, Williams draws on his experience in the wider world for the inspiration behind his business degree. He worked at Visions Federal Credit Union for 2 ½ years before starting college, and also worked as an assistant to the clubhouse manager for the Binghamton Mets.

He chose SUNY Broome for a number of reasons. It’s close to home, for one, and highly affordable; small classes are also a plus. Aaron also plays tennis on the Hornets team. While a college in Long Island would have provided the same opportunity to get in the game, it wasn’t as affordable an option, he said.

Williams opted for an added challenge and joined the college’s Honors Program, which provides smaller than average college classes along with academic rigor.

The program also requires students to do a capstone project in their final semester. Williams already has narrowed down his ideas to two: Business strategies in crisis situations, and the psychological aspect of first impressions.

“It is a great program. Everyone there is very friendly and works well together,” he said of the Honors Program.



Vitro Architectural Glass on-campus recruiting/interview event on May 19

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The Applied Learning and Career Center (ALCC) and Engineering Technologies Department are hosting a representative from Vitro Architectural Glass on campus from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 19, in AT 101.

A representative will be recruiting for Vitro's new full-time job opportunities in Carlisle, Pa., and conducting interviews in the ALCC for any students or alumni who are interested and qualified.

Interested students and alumni should send an up-to-date resume to careercenter@sunybroome.edu to be considered. A staff member from the ALCC will be in contact regarding an interview.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity! See attached fliers for more information.

Vitro On Campus Recruiting Flier Vitro 2yearrecruit 2



Fall 2017 Brochure of Lectures, Film Screenings and Discussions

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The Fall 2017 Brochure of Lectures, Film Screenings and Discussions is now available online! This brochure and the events detailed in it are sponsored by the Liberal Arts Division.

To view the **online version of the brochure**, go to the following: <http://www.sunybroome.edu/freeevents/>

Don't miss information in the brochure regarding **special events** such as: The Great Books Discussion and Phi Theta Kappa's International Film Festival

Attention Teaching Faculty: A hard copy of this brochure was sent to you via campus mail to make it easy to plan to invite students to participate in these events as you plan your Fall 2017 courses. **The attachment below provides the content of the brochure.**

Fall 2017 Brochure

For additional hard copies of the brochure, contact the Liberal Arts office at 778-5021.

Kudos to the Following Faculty and Guest Presenters for Offering Common Hour/Extra-Curricular Events:

Professor Bill Altman

Professor Lee Whitted

Professor John Sterlacci

Professor Scott Corley

Professor Paul Sweeny

Professor Carla Michalak

Professor Hall Groat

Professor David Michalak

Professor Patricia Evans

Professor Suzanne Hickok

Professor Lorne Campbell

Counselor Melissa Martin

Professor Gian Roma

Professor Jason Detrani

Professor Rachael Hagerman

Professor Stephanie Malmberg

Founder of Kids with Vision Faizan Siddiqi

Phi Theta Kappa Student Leaders: Brandon Gow, Leah Best, Orion Barber, James Gill, Danika McMurray

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From heroin addiction to college graduation: Jennifer's story

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Featured News



Jennifer Garnar admits that she was an indifferent student in high school, but music drew her. An avid singer, she participated in the school chorus, which in part forged her identity.

But during her long addiction to heroin, she no longer sang. Music was replaced by the need to feed her destructive habit – broken only by a felony burglary conviction and months in the Broome County Jail.

“I have a crazy story,” said Garnar, who was known as Jennifer Finelli before her wedding last semester. “I’m finally graduating college in my late 30s. I’m in recovery. I was a drug addict for a long time.”

After six years of sobriety, this former addict’s life is virtually unrecognizable from the abyss in which she had dwelled for so long. She’s married now with a young son, manages two frozen yogurt stores and attends class full-time.

On May 25, she’ll achieve an incredible milestone: Her first college degree, an Associate’s in Music. If you described her current life to her old self, sitting on the hard

beds in the county lockup, she wouldn’t have believed it, or imagined the sheer possibility.

“I’ve got to trust that everything has happened so far for a reason,” she said.

Rock bottom and the way back

While she loved to sing and thrived in chorus, Garnar barely graduated high school because of her other pastime – partying. After graduation, she shrugged off the possibility of college and instead worked in local bars and restaurants. Along the way, she found herself addicted to heroin.

Under pressure by her family to turn her life around, she enrolled at SUNY Broome in 2009 and majored in Early Childhood Education. In the throes of her addiction, she ended up failing out.

“In 2009, I had good grades but I was dope-sick and stopped coming to class,” she said.

Life continued to spiral downward. In 2011, she and her future husband were arrested on burglary charges after breaking into friends and family members’ homes to feed their heroin habit. At the age of 29 and now a convicted felon, Jennifer landed in the Broome County Jail, where she spent 4 ½ months.

Jail was an exercise in misery – but also an opportunity that allowed Jennifer and Seth to turn their lives around. Both were eligible for the Binghamton Adult Drug Treatment Court, which mandated treatment; Jennifer was involved with the court for three years.

“During those three years, they taught me how to be responsible. They helped me get back into school,” she said.

Jennifer had a couple mishaps along the way. She and Seth – she was once his drug dealer – were supposed to stay apart, for example. Unlike many couples who share addictions, the two have the same “clean date” – the date they stopped using heroin – and worked to get their lives back on track.

As a felon, Jennifer faced more steps than the average college applicant; she had to write a letter to the college Administration detailing her future goals in order to be admitted at all. Pregnant at the time she started classes, she took a year and a half break once her son was born to care for him and work at a local job.

Ultimately, it’s taken six and a half semesters to earn her degree, but she has no regrets about taking her time. Today, she and her husband have a place of their own with two cars, jobs, a young son and a daughter on the way – and, allowing for all of that, six years of sobriety.

Balancing work, family and her education has been tough, and Garnar considered withdrawing at the start of her last semester. But encouraged by all those around her, she persevered, cut back on her hours at work and made the final push to finish her degree.

Unlike her first stint in college, she was determined to succeed – to show up and do the work.

“I don’t have to be a failure anymore,” she said.

Looking ahead

Many people in recovery seek to enter fields where they can help those in similar circumstances. While a Chemical Dependency Counseling degree might seem a natural fit, Garnar couldn’t bear to witness others going through the hell she had escaped.

SUNY Broome’s Music degree program has multiple career tracks. Garnar chose to focus on Music Therapy, combining her desire to help others with the passion she had put aside for so long.

The program combines courses in psychology with the study of music. As with all music students, Garnar had to choose an instrument; she chose her voice, underwent vocal training and sang with the college choir. She has also taken multiple general education courses, frequently online – and found that her hard work paid off, sometimes unexpectedly.

“It’s cool now to think about all the stuff I’ve learned,” she said.

Take her online microeconomics course, a subject area that doesn’t come to her naturally. She shuttled her husband and child out of the room on many occasions so that she could focus on her work. She ended up with an A, even though there were many nights when she hurled salty language at her



computer screen.

Her writing and speaking skills also have much improved, thanks to the rigors of her college courses.

“I learned a lot about myself, like my study habits – things that I never cared about before,” she said.

Looking ahead, she plans to take about a year off her studies once her daughter is born. And then, she plans to pursue a bachelor’s degree in Music Therapy, and ultimately a career.

She’s considering working in the addiction field, pointing out that music can help ease and calm anxiety. Some people dealing with addiction can associate certain music with their habit – associations that therapy can seek to break.

Garnar willingly tells her story of addiction in the hope that it will help others who may face similar struggles, whether in their own lives, their loved ones or their professions. She has participated in panel discussions in the community, and has spoken to SUNY Broome’s Criminal Justice students about the realities of addiction.

“It’s affecting so many more people,” Garnar said of heroin addiction. “I share my story in the hope that it helps, but there is stigma around addiction. People can say hurtful things.”

For Garnar, graduation presents mixed emotions – the thrill of celebrated accomplishments, but also the prospect of the unknown. SUNY Broome “is a nice little cozy community” that she hesitates to leave, although goals in the wider world now beckon.

“I think about graduation and it’s very surreal,” she said.

In sharing her story, what does Garnar want the reader to know? Like all life lessons, it’s simple but austere, like the chord demarcating the transition of one musical movement to the next.

“You can do whatever you put your mind to, but it’s not always easy,” she said, adding a slight refrain: “it’s not always easy.”



May 22: Learn about careers in the Army

May 18, 2017

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The Army will be on campus from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 22 to discuss careers within the Army, as well as opportunities to work for the Army while in school to provide assistance with paying for college. Stop by the Army Trailer outside the Student Center to learn more!



BIT 173: Learn the Basics of Website Creation

May 19, 2017

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In BIT 173, learn the Basics of Website Creation this fall online. It's a great jump-start for someone who wants to start a business, boost a current business or help a current employer, or even promote yourself for that dream job!

Register today! www.sunybroome.edu/apply



BIT 143: Get your brand out there with Social Media Campaigns

May 19, 2017

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What does it take to bring a project successfully to completion? In BIT 265: Project Management, you'll learn each step in project development, from planning and organization to teamwork, time management and, ultimately, execution.

Best of all, this course is completely online, allowing you to learn at a place and pace suitable to your needs.

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This fall, learn all the ins and outs of Adobe InDesign, the industry standard for all types of publishing projects! You'll have the opportunity to create eye-catching business cards, letterhead, brochures and more, and learn how to integrate your InDesign projects with materials created in Photoshop and Illustrator.

The course is offered both on campus and completely online, so choose an option that works best for your learning style.

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BIT 185: Get the tools you need with a course in Photoshop for Web & Print Publications

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Make your websites and print publications more visually exciting with Photoshop! BIT 185: Photoshop for Web & Print Publications will give you the tools you need to master this essential industry-standard program. You'll learn the basics of image manipulation, photo restoration, digital illustration and more, and even how to create simple animations.

The course is offered both on campus and completely online, so choose an option that works best for your learning style.

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The Monday Poem: 'If I Fall in Love With You' by Jessica Semaan

May 21, 2017

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The Monday Poem is brought to you by Jim Gormley of the English Department. Enjoy!

If I Fall in Love With You

Jessica Semaan

If I fall in love with you
I will idealize you
But this time I will be aware and journal about it
I will write you poems and letters
But this time I will be sure to let you know, you are not the first to inspire
I will want to spend every waking and sleeping minute with you
But this time, I will sit alone with the craving as I breathe
I will want to share with you all my dreams, fears, hopes and wounds
But this time, I will share most of it with my therapist instead
I will want to tell the world about you, make you my +1s to weddings
But this time, I will tell a few until the intensity passes
I will compare you to my ex lovers
But this time, I will stop myself because you are not them
I will project on you what my parents did not give me
But this time, I will talk to you about it when I do
I will take forever to be intimate with you, because it scares me
But this time, I will overcome this fear and allow our intimacy to be
I will show you the bright side of me, and bury my shame
But this time, I will bring in the shadow in the room too
I will run away from you when hurt, and confuse you
But this time, I will sit there and ask for what I need
I will promise not to repeat the above mistakes I have done
But this time, I will make them mistakes and forgive myself

If you fall in love with me

What would you do?



Jessica Semaan is a Lebanese poet who writes about, "love, life and what we are scared to talk about. Always from the heart."



SUNY Broome to celebrate Commencement on May 25

May 22, 2017

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SUNY Broome Commencement to be held on May 25

-1,323 Students Will Graduate as the Spring 2017 Semester Concludes-
SUNY Broome's Spring 2017 graduation ceremony will be held at **7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 25, at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena, which is located in downtown Binghamton.**

SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm will welcome students, as well as local dignitaries from across the region, parents, family and friends of SUNY Broome's 1,323 graduates.

Of these graduates, 40% are male while 60% are female. The ages of the graduates range from 18 to 67, with an average age of 26. Approximately 71% of the graduates are traditional, while 29% are non-traditional.

The most popular graduating major is Individual Studies.



Fill out this hand hygiene survey — and you may win a Dunkin Donuts gift card!

May 22, 2017

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Would you like to have a chance to win a \$25 Dunkin Donuts gift card?

Do you have 3 minutes to spare?

The Health & Public Relations Undergraduate Research Team, facilitated by Professor Kim McLain and Professor Tim Skinner invite you to participate in our study. Your participation is crucial in helping us to better understand the knowledge and practices regarding hand hygiene at SUNY Broome Community College. All campus community members including faculty, staff and students are invited to participate.

This is a separate survey from the initial one sent out in the fall. Even if you completed the survey in the fall, please consider taking a few minutes to complete this one.

The survey consists of 11 questions and takes approximately 3 minutes to complete. All answers are confidential and your name is not associated with completion of the survey. All participants who complete the survey are invited to enter a raffle for a \$25 Dunkin Donuts gift card.

Please note that you should only complete the survey once.

To complete the survey, please go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WW27QLD>

Please contact Professor Kim McLain at 778-5258 or mclainkb@sunybroome.edu if you have any questions concerning this research study.



Commencement is only three days away! Here's what you need to know.

May 22, 2017

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Commencement is almost here! Many thanks to all those who are participating in the Spring 2017 Commencement ceremony. We look forward to celebrating with you. To help make your experience as enjoyable as possible, here are a few items of note leading up to the big day:

- Rehearsal will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena. Be sure to bring your name card with you to rehearsal.
- Please be sure to arrive at 6:45 p.m. for the actual ceremony. You will enter the Arena from Stuart Street.
- Remember to bring your **NAME CARD** and come dressed in your **REGALIA**. Be sure to remember your tassel and stole.
- Refrain from bringing any items with you: selfie sticks, water bottles, umbrellas etc. There will be no secure place for you to put these items and you may or may not return to the same seat after you process on and off stage.
- After the ceremony concludes, you will meet your family members outside on Washington Street. Set up a meeting place before hand so that you can find each other. **DO NOT** go up into the stands.

If you have additional questions, please refer to the graduation website or contact Taylor Groo at 607-778-5033, grootm@sunybroome.edu, or by stopping in to the Student Activities Office located in Science Building 227.



Lyme Awareness: Enjoy the campus and its natural areas — but check yourself for ticks!

May 22, 2017

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SUNY Broome's Natural Areas are a great place to hike, but be mindful of ticks!

Lyme Disease is endemic to Broome County, meaning that a percentage of the ticks here carry the spirochete that causes the disease. SUNY Broome students conduct tick research annually — and collect many deer ticks right here on campus.

Ticks don't just dwell in the deep woods. They are also found in suburban environments.

Please check yourself for ticks after hiking or sitting on the grass. Better yet, make sure you prepare by wearing light-colored clothing (the better to see ticks), tucking your pants into your socks and covering exposed areas, using insecticide containing DEET and staying out of brushy areas. And, of course, make sure to check yourself for ticks.

An added precautionary note: Not everyone who gets Lyme Disease has the bulls-eye rash!

Don't just take our word for it. Watch this informative documentary created by SUNY Broome students:

Research students agree to a strict set of protocols to protect them from Lyme disease.

In the Lyme Light | A SUNY Broome Student Documentary

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=pzfLoLNOog>



President Drumm named Chamber's 2017 Civic Leader of the Year

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Featured News



SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm with Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Jennifer Conway and Chairman of the Chamber Board Joe Mirabito. Photo by Ed Evans.



SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm with Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Jennifer Conway and Chairman of the Chamber Board Joe Mirabito. Photo by Ed Evans.

Congratulations, Dr. Drumm!

Congratulations to SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm, who was named the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce's 2017 Civic Leader of the Year!

The award goes to a person who shows evidence of having a long-term beneficial impact on the community, and a history of giving back to the community.

In its selection, the chamber cited President Drumm's efforts into transforming SUNY Broome into a premier destination for community college students — not only in the Southern Tier, but statewide and internationally. Under Dr. Drumm's leadership, the college has added new academic programs, conducted more than \$60 million in capital improvements to campus, and addressed the workforce needs of local industry.

Dr. Drumm also has been one of the main players behind the Southern Tier's Food Hub movement, and has served on many charitable boards and committees in the community, including the Board of Directors of Lourdes Hospital, the Baden-Powell Boy Scout Council, the Greater Binghamton Chamber, the Broome County Health Department Advisory Council, the Binghamton University Forum Program Committee. He also served as chair of the New York Association of Community College Presidents.

"Simply put, Kevin is a doer. He thinks big, but also has the knowledge and skills to accomplish his goals," SUNY Broome Board of Trustees members James Orband and George Akel said in a statement on the Chamber's website. "He has taken the time to develop partnerships between SUNY Broome and business and government entities, knowing that collaboration is the key to success."



Payment for Summer Term extended to May 26

May 23, 2017

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There's still time to secure your Summer 2017 schedule! We're extending the payment deadline to noon on Friday, May 26, 2017.

Log into your MyCollege Portal and select "View My Bill" from the Launchpad to view your balance due and payment options.

New York State residents: If your balance includes non-resident charges, follow the link at top of your account page to find information, applications and instructions for a certificate of residency.

If your plans have changed and you will not be attending summer term, you must withdraw from classes PRIOR to the start of the semester to avoid owing a bill to the College. Withdrawal after the start of the semester is subject to the New York State Community College Refund Schedule.

If you have questions about your bill please contact the Student Accounts Office. We are located in the Student Services Building Room 113 and you can reach us by phone at 607-778-5230.



Speakers of the House Summer Meetings

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Speakers of the House, Toastmasters International at SUNY Broome, will meet at 3:10 p.m. in the Darwin R. Wales Center, Room 203B, on the following Fridays: June 9, June 23, July 7, July 21, August 4 and August 18.

Visitors are always welcome. For more information, visit SpeakersoftheHouse.Toastmastersclubs.org or find us on Facebook: Speakers of the House



In the Community: Officer David “DW” Smith Jr. Remembrance 5K Run/Walk on June 10

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The third annual Officer David “DW” Smith Jr. Remembrance 5K Run/Walk will kick off at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 11.

The race lineup will begin at 8:45 a.m., just outside the Johnson City Police station at 31 Avenue C. T-shirts can only be purchased or added to the run registration until Sunday, May 28. If you’d like a shirt, make sure you register by then.

Anyone who is a member of emergency services (Police, Fire, EMS, etc) can create/join a team to compete for a plaque that will be displayed in the Johnson City Police station for the year. The plaque will be engraved with the team name, average finish time and will include a picture. Teams need to have three participants to compete.

Also, in the spirit of Broome County Rocks, there will be specially painted thin blue line rocks along the course. Find one? Keep it! Thank you to Tiffany Lavin for painting them all.

To register, [click here](#).



Phi Theta Kappa Summer 2017 International Film Festival

May 26, 2017

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Ready to watch some great films after a demanding semester? Join Phi Theta Kappa and watch four great international documentaries this June.

Would a **certificate** of attendance help? Attend any film and receive our official certificate.

Like to bring friends and family? Feel free. All screenings are free and open to the public.

Hope to see you at the following films: (See attached brochure for all details)

International Film Festival Brochure, Summer 2017

Mickey Mouse Monopoly: Disney, Childhood and Corporate Power (52 minutes)

This documentary takes a critical look at the power and global reach of the Magic Kingdom. How is Disney shaping the experience of childhood around the globe? What are the consequences of one company dominating the images, toys, vacations and aspirations of children from diverse cultures? Cultural critics in this film raise important questions about Disney's unchecked influence and the company's history with issues of gender and diversity.

Friday, June 2, 6 p.m., T-102

Please Vote for Me (58 minutes)

This film will appeal to those who are fascinated with China or politics or both. Two boys and a girl vie for political office in a third-grade class in China and drama, character assassination and helicopter-parenting ensue. The children are meant to learn about democracy through the process of campaigning for office, but the viewer learns even more about China, politics, and how power corrupts.

Friday, June 16, 6 p.m., T-102

The Codes of Gender: Identity and Performance in Pop Culture (73 minutes)

This fascinating documentary by media guru Sut Jhally examines images in media and advertising and helps us to decode them and understand how ideas of masculinity and femininity are being shaped in the minds of viewers. You will never see advertising or media imagery in the same way after seeing this film.

Friday, June 23, 6 p.m., T-102

The Illusionists: The Globalization of Beauty (54 minutes)

This documentary by Italian film-maker, Elena Rossini, takes us from Harvard to the Louvre Museum, from a plastic surgeon's office in Beirut to Tokyo's Electric Town to discover how the world is increasingly dominated by narrow, consumer-driven ideals of beauty.

Friday, June 30, 6 p.m., T-102



Color outside the lines: Take our Graphic Novel practicum this Summer Term!

May 26, 2017

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Looking for a fascinating Summer Term course? Color outside the lines with COM 283-70, our first Graphic Novel Practicum!

The course runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 5 through July 7 on the SUNY Broome campus.

Learn about visual narratives and graphic storytelling throughout history, and learn the fundamentals of storyboarding, layout, inkings, design and more.

Visit www.sunybroome.edu/apply to get started.



The Monday Poem: 'Abandoned Block Factory, Arkansas' by Elizabeth Lindsey Rogers

May 28, 2017

Buzz

The Monday Poem is brought to you by Professor Jim Gormley of the English Department. Enjoy!

Abandoned Block Factory, Arkansas

by Elizabeth Lindsey Rogers

All that is left
unaccounted for:
elegance married
to rust. On the roof, rain
dwelling in the corrugations.
Some slats vanished
altogether, a blankness
giving way to sky. But the eaves
hold in perfect vertices,
refuse to abandon
their beauty, hard-earned.
High on the yellow silo,
the conveyor's lattice
is as finely wrought
as a string instrument's
struts and braces: precision
in every coordinate
and all across the godlike slant
from tower to the ground.
There would be no time at all
if not for moss swelling
in concrete cracks,
the guard rails papered
by lichen. If not for the rest
of the world, the silence
it attempts to punctuate:
crow caw. Engine roar.
Horns of every pitch
and color. The train's
shuddering Doppler,
crossing us now—as always—
in near-perfect intervals. Even
though there is no tangible
good to stop for,
nothing whole to take away.

"In 2016, when I first moved to Arkansas, I became fascinated with the abandoned concrete block factory in my neighborhood. I recently brought some of my students there, and we all wrote poems in response to the site. This poem is also an homage to Linda Gregg's 'Elegance,' with my first few lines echoing hers."

—Elizabeth Lindsey Rogers



Free screening of 'Mickey Mouse Monopoly' on June 2

May 28, 2017

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Join Phi Theta Kappa for a free screening of *Mickey Mouse Monopoly: Disney, Childhood and Corporate Power* at 6 p.m. Friday, June 2, in T-102!

Part of PTK's International Film Festival, the screening of the film is free and open to the public.

This documentary (52 minutes) takes a critical look at the power and global reach of the Magic Kingdom. How is Disney shaping the experience of childhood around the globe? What are the consequences of one company dominating the images, toys, vacations

and aspirations of children from diverse cultures? Cultural critics in this film raise important questions about Disney's unchecked influence and the company's history with issues of gender and diversity.



STEM Stars: SUNY Broome honors 2017 Frank Paul Medal winners

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Featured News



2017 The Frank G. Paul Medal of Excellence recipients



The Frank G. Paul Medal of Excellence

- Binghamton:** Morgan Stankevich, Niaz Hussain
- Chenango Forks:** Danielle Silvanic, Aaron Kasinski
- Chenango Valley:** Emma Crooks, Samuel Hatton
- Deposit:** Kylee Wignall, Marshal Pettersen
- Greene:** Amanda Walker, Cohen Root
- Harpursville:** Tienna Avery, Noah Dann
- Johnson City:** Olivia Nestruck, William Sienkiewicz
- Maine-Endwell:** Sara Morgus, Trey Shepardson
- Owego Free Academy:** Avery Tompkins, Dylan Feliciano
- Seton Catholic Central:** Yunting Fang, Daniel Powell
- Susquehanna Valley:** Mallory Gregory, Jason Opela
- Union-Endicott:** Kelsey McHenry, Damon Mertens
- Vestal:** Sydney Cogswell, Stephen Mastro
- Whitney Point:** Margaret Cahorshak, Hunter C. Jordan
- Windsor:** Julie Nemcek, Michael Beaudoin



Scholarship recipients Avery Tompkins and Trey Shepardson with SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm

Shortly after starting college in the fall of 1978, Kenneth Mansfield stumbled upon his true passion one night in the Business Building basement. It filled an entire room, replete with flashing lights and whirring noises. Devices that vaguely resembled high-tech washing machines added to the futuristic ambiance.

It was a DEC-10 — and the first computer he had ever seen. The washing machines turned out to be disc drives, SUNY Broome’s interim Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) told the audience at the Frank G. Paul Medal of Excellence Award Reception.

Named for the IBM engineer who established the award, the medal honors high school seniors — one male and one female — for accomplishments in math and science. The award includes a check for \$50 and a special medallion.

This year’s medal recipients are:



2017 The Frank G. Paul Medal of Excellence recipients

Francis and Lillian Paul’s daughter, Rebecca Komorowski, urged recipients to take pride in their achievement. “Wear it to your graduation and be proud of it,” she said of the medal, which she placed around the neck of each student.

Scholarship winners

This year’s Francis and Lillian Paul Scholarship winners are Avery Tompkins and Trey Shepardson. The scholarship provides \$1,000 a year and up to \$3,000 if the students remain in the Engineering Science Program, maintain a GPA of 2.85 and go on to transfer to a four-year school for engineering.

Tompkins said she has an affinity for math, and praised her teachers for their impact on her life. She plans to stay in the mathematics field, she said.

Shepardson’s inspiration was his grandfather, an engineer who impressed on him the importance of math and science. He hopes to follow his grandfather’s footsteps and enter the engineering field.

“It’s great to see that all my hard work in school paid off, and it’s good to know that people notice what you do,” said of receiving the scholarship.

A foundation in STEM

The Medal of Excellence program promotes the importance of STEM fields, which are dynamic and constantly changing in accordance with the pace of new

and Rebecca Komorowski, daughter of Frank and Lillian Paul discoveries — but that's part of the draw.

“STEM can be a challenging field but it's never boring,” said Engineering Science & Physics Chairman Robert Lofthouse.

SUNY Broome was founded on the basis of STEM 70 years ago, noted SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. While the scientific method remains the same, along with the importance of research, observation and scientific exploration, the tools of the trade have advanced significantly, allowing today's students to learn and accomplish so much more.

SUNY Broome began offering computer programming courses in 1960, the same year that saw the invention of the computer language COBOL. In the early years, however, students had to reserve time on a computer in Endicott's IBM plant, since the college didn't have one of its own.



SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm speaks

division now, he's still a student himself – pursuing a Ph.D. at Binghamton University, and demonstrating a commitment to lifelong learning. Technology changes, but some principles don't. One: Those who know math and science can do more than those who don't, Mansfield reflected. The other: Your career should be something you ultimately enjoy – much as Mansfield's is.

“What will be the event that changes your life? For me, it was the sparkling lights of a DEC-10 in a dark hall,” he told students. “When it happens, you will know it.”



Dean of STEM Kenneth Mansfield speaks

The college finally obtained its own computer in 1963, a punchcard-using IBM 1620. (When Dr. Drumm first registered for his community college classes back in the day, he used a punchcard system.) Still, the most advanced computers back in the day would fill an entire room – and contain less computing power than an iPhone today, he noted.

Mansfield, who has taught in the Computer Science field for nearly 20 years, has seen many changes in computer technology, and also at his alma mater. After finishing his Associate's in 1981, he stayed on to work in SUNY Broome's computer center and has worked a range of jobs at the college, from programmer to professor.

Back in the early days of the Computer Center, electrical storms presented major problems. Surges would blow components off the computer and onto the floor, he remembered.

Mansfield left the college in 1987, and spent time working on projects in Owego and St. Louis, Missouri, before he was drawn back to SUNY Broome. While he heads a



Senior Picnic & Fun Fest on June 21

May 31, 2017

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The Senior Picnic & Fun fest returns to SUNY Broome on Wednesday, June 21.

Lunch will be served at noon for \$4 per person, and will include rotisserie chicken, red potato salad, baked beans, strawberry shortcake and bottled water.

Tickets are available at Continuing Education in Darwin R. Wales Center Room 115. Please purchase your tickets by 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 20.



Buzz Video: 2017 Mock Environmental Disaster

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When a driver tears through a crowded park, it's up to SUNY Broome students to craft order from chaos. Watch a video of the 2017 Mock Environmental Disaster at SUNY Broome:

2017 Mock Disaster @ SUNY Broome
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=sp3ORkkOrrs>



Adventure Time: Follow the SUNY Broome in London blog

May 31, 2017

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Follow the adventures of the LIT 296: Darwin, London, and Literature students and faculty (Suzanne Shepard, Jen Musa and Rick Firenze) as they explore and study in London this week! Check in on their blog, which can be found [here](#).



The next step: SUNY Broome celebrates Commencement 2017

May 31, 2017
Featured News



A decorated mortarboard



Alex Kendrick at Commencement 2017

Alex Kendrick is headed to the University at Buffalo, to continue her trajectory in computer science, while Amanda Soto is off to Boston University, working toward a career in occupational therapy. Talented singer Brittany Miller will head to SUNY Purchase to study studio composition and contemporary songwriting – and likely make music for years to come. Abdallah Abdallah already has a job lined up with Lourdes – as well as plans to continue his nursing studies at Binghamton University.

Whether they are headed to a transfer institution, the work world or both, Commencement marked a meaningful transition for the Class of 2017, their proud families, and the faculty and staff who helped them meet their goals.

More than 1,330 students had submitted their intent to graduate forms this year. They range in age from 18 – Corinne Roma, who is headed to Cornell University – to 67 years young, with an average age of 26. While the most popular major remains Individual Studies, graduates pursued degrees in a



Amanda Soto

dazzling array of majors, which some proclaimed proudly on vibrantly decorated mortarboards.

“I did it for my cats,” Paige Redmond of Sidney wrote in glittery gold atop her beribboned pink hat.

“I have two cats. They have always been dedicated study buddies,” explained the Health Sciences major, who also earned a certificate in phlebotomy. She appreciated the feline support: Earning a degree can be a long haul, especially when you add in a considerable commute. Her next step: looking for a job in phlebotomy.

Abdallah Abdallah’s hat – proclaiming “Job stealing immigrant RN” – alludes to his homeland in Somalia. The Binghamton area resident worked hard these past two years, and chose SUNY Broome because of the reputation of its nursing program.

“I am so glad to be here today. I can’t wait to start my career,” he enthused before the start of the Commencement lineup, as friends snapped photos on their cell phones.

Watch the full 2017 Commencement ceremony here.



Paige Redmond gives a shout out to her study buddies



2017 SUNY Broome Commencement Ceremony |
May 25, 2017
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=W-NSyJmPH1c>



A night of celebration

As always, the Commencement ceremony was full of pomp and circumstance – as well as smiles from proud graduates.



U.S. Senator Charles Schumer also paid a “surprise” visit to graduates, giving a speech that has become a SUNY Broome tradition. For the uninitiated, it involves the choice between the globetrotting scholarship opportunity of a lifetime and the girl of his dreams – and the unlikely aftermath that led him to where he is today.

“You are graduating at a time of enormous change in our country and around the world,” he told the graduates. “Your generation is perhaps better equipped than any generation that has come before it to adapt to these changes.”

During his speech, SUNY

Broome President Kevin E. Drumm praised four students as exemplars of the best of SUNY Broome: Heather Coggin, Jiongzhen “Wilson” Chen, Cassandra Domingo (who couldn’t actually make Commencement, as she was presenting her research at an international conference in Boston that night) and Amanda Soto.

Dr. Drumm also celebrated the year’s accomplishments, including a national championship win by the Hornets women’s soccer team, which elicited cheers from the crowd.

There were



Abdallah Abdallah



Paige Redmond



STEM division, with Wilson Chen in yellow

other highlights, too: the groundbreaking of the proposed Culinary Arts Center at the historic Carnegie Library in downtown Binghamton; the completion of the Koffman Southern Tier Incubator; the college’s first Start-Up New York enterprise, run by three alumni; a new geothermal system that will be installed this summer in the Quad; and the upcoming transformation of the Mechanical Building into a high-tech Advanced Manufacturing Center. There’s also the new Applied Learning & Career Center, open to the entire community, new majors and even a transfer agreement with Ivy League Cornell.

Of course, 2017 is a significant year for the SUNY system as a whole, with the advent of the State of New York’s Excelsior Scholarship Program, which will allow many students from middle-class families to attend college tuition-free if they fall within eligibility guidelines. Dr. Drumm reminded

future students that they need to apply for this scholarship.

But some of the greatest achievements were built not with bricks and mortar or even legislation, but with the minds and talents of students in the classroom and out in the world.



President Drumm addresses graduates

Meet Some of the Grads

Students choose SUNY Broome for many reasons, and their college careers can take many forms. Some choose sports or multiple clubs or internships, while others must juggle family and work obligations along with their educational pursuits.

For Durdannah Johnson of Binghamton, a SUNY Broome degree is a family tradition. Her mother graduated from the school in 2000, when Durdannah was 5 years old. Her older brother graduated a few years later, followed by one of her sisters and then her other sister last year. Next year, Durdannah's husband will also walk down the aisle to accept a degree.



Benjamin Mannix

Mannix of Windsor also had his share of challenges – but that's because he fit two years' worth of challenging courses into 12 months. Mannix is one of the college's first graduates from the AS1 program, short for Associate's in Liberal Arts and Sciences in 1 Year.



Dental Hygiene brought cookies!

"Some of you have gone to Haiti, the Western hemisphere's poorest nation, to help out those in need, providing healthcare, solar energy and clean water. You've gone to Costa Rica, the

Everglades and across the country to study rare ecosystems in our nation's national parks, and interacted with peers from throughout the world," President Drumm said. "You've gotten your hands dirty in the campus' own Nature Preserve – and learned how to keep those hands clean with a massive research and public education project on hand hygiene conducted by your fellow students. You've conducted original research, and presented at national and even international research conferences."

All in all, SUNY Broome students accomplished a great deal – and that's only what could be contained in a single night's speech.



The procession, Heather Coggin at center



Durdannah Johnson at graduation rehearsal

It hasn't been easy, and Durdannah spent five years working toward her degree in Early Childhood Education. Her father passed away during that time, and she struggled academically. Still, her efforts paid off: She has a job in her field as a substitute teacher for a local non-profit, and plans to go on for her bachelor's degree in a few years' time.

"It's been really hard, but now that it's happening, it feels unreal," she said of graduation.

Benjamin

He had originally been accepted into Cornell University, but decided to come to SUNY Broome on a Presidential Honors Scholarship that allowed him to attend for free. He plans to transfer to either Cornell or the University at Buffalo to focus on physics.

"Now I'll only be in college for another 2 or 2½ years with fewer student loans to pay off," he said.

The AS1 program – intense and challenging – prepared him well for his field and his transfer institution, he said. He particularly appreciated the small class sizes and the personal attention. How person 🙌 the college arranged to offer a Physics III course so that Mannix could continue to focus on his chosen field.



A decorated mortarboard

Ahmed Sulaiman of Binghamton technically has already moved on; he's currently majoring in accounting at the University at Albany. But he made the trip back to his hometown to receive the Associate's degree he earned and celebrate with his family.



Brittany Miller sings the National Anthem

"It feels so exciting. It's been a long hurdle, but I went through it," he said of graduation.

He met many good people at SUNY Broome, including friends whom he chatted with before the ceremony. Overall, his experience at the



Ahmed Sulaiman

college prepared him well for his future, he said.

"I wanted to challenge myself. It gets you prepared for the next journey," he said.

At the start of the Commencement ceremony, Brittany Miller of Binghamton mounted the podium in her black robes and sung a glorious rendition of the Star Spangled Banner. The music major plans to go onto SUNY Purchase to study studio composition and contemporary songwriting. She already writes pop rock songs, although she appreciates all kinds of music, she said.

During her time at SUNY Broome, she competed at the Eastern Division Conference and Auditions of the National Association of Teachers of Singing – and took top honors. She chose SUNY Broome for multiple reasons – to stay close to home, for the quality of its music program, for the opportunity to study with Professor Brenda Dawe, an accomplished opera singer herself.

But as with all songs, her time of SUNY Broome has come to its final, soaring chords of conclusion.

"I met a lot of people here who really changed my life and I don't want to leave them, but at the same point, I have to move on," she reflected.



