

August 2017



In the Community: 'Fiddler on the Roof' on Aug. 5 and 6

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The Summer Youth Musical Theater Workshop, sponsored by SUNY Broome and the Binghamton City School District, will present *Fiddler on the Roof* on Saturday, Aug. 5, and Sunday, Aug. 6, at Binghamton High School's Helen Foley Theater. There will be two performances each day at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

The Summer Youth Musical Theater Workshop is a three-week program for youth (ages 12 to 18) that is now in its 20th year. It offers an enriching experience for middle and high school youth by providing opportunities for artistic growth, self-expression, education, the development of teamwork and the involvement in all aspects of a musical theater production. It culminates in four high-quality public performances with orchestra. The workshop staff include Program Director Elaine Laramée, Musical Director Brenda Dawe, Director James Lortz and Conductor Todd Robinson.

Fiddler on the Roof is a musical with music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick and book by Joseph Stein. It opened on Broadway in 1964 and was the first musical to surpass 3,000 performances. There have been five Broadway revivals and a 1971 film adaptation. The show is set in Imperial Russia in 1905. The story centers on Tevye, the father of five daughters. He struggles to keep his cultural traditions while his three older daughters' choice of a husband moves further away from the customs of his faith and the Tsar evicts all the Jews from their village. While written over sixty years ago about Russia at the beginning of the 20th Century, the show is surprisingly current in every way.

Tickets can be reserved by calling 607-358-5350 or emailing symtw@gmail.com. Adults are \$15 and Students/Seniors are \$12. Cash or Check only.



Dining Hall hours for the month of August

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The Main Café in the Student Center is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Aug. 18. It offers hot and cold beverages, snacks and items from the Saute & Sizzle grill menu, as well as a limited selection of breakfast items, deli sandwiches and salads.

The café will be closed from Aug. 21 through 25 so staff can focus on campus catering events, new employee training and preparing the café for grand reopening on Aug. 28.

The café will reopen for normal hours — 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday — on Aug. 28. Weekend brunch service will debut on Saturday, Sept. 2; brunch hours are 1 to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.



Full Circle: SUNY Broome alumna returns – to teach her late mentor’s course

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Science is cool, Erin Potter would have you know. And for this SUNY Broome alumna, some of the coolest parts of science occur above our heads, impacting all below with the swirl of wind, rain and cloud.

The Kirkwood native will return to her alma mater this fall to teach a course in meteorology – a topic that has always fascinated her, and upon which she built her career. But it’s a bittersweet return as well; she’ll be teaching a course created by her mentor, Professor Sallyann Giuffrida, who passed away after an illness in March 2014.

SUNY Broome will dedicate Mrs. G’s Weather Station in memory of the beloved professor on Aug. 4.

“She made it fun and interesting,” Potter said of her mentor’s teaching style. “I want to do that – to be relaxed and not ‘strict’ because (students) don’t need the added pressure, and they don’t respond well to that.”

Potter was first drawn to meteorology in second grade, when she was terrified and yet intrigued by an outbreak of tornadoes that rampaged through Broome County, damaging homes, uprooting trees and toppling a television tower. Trying to understand the phenomena, young Erin watched television weather coverage, sparking a lifelong fascination.

When it came time to attend college, she first tried a semester at Marshall University in West Virginia, only to find it didn’t have the meteorology program she wanted. She then came home to SUNY Broome, where she graduated with a degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences in 2010 before transferring to SUNY Oneonta, where she completed a meteorology degree in 2012.

Like many SUNY Broome students who had the opportunity to study with “Mrs. G,” Erin appreciated her professor’s penchant for costumes – for Halloween and for the solstices, most often depicting meteorological or astronomical concepts, such as clouds or constellations, and occasionally the Wizard of Oz with his hot-air balloon.

While at SUNY Broome Erin also had the opportunity to work as Giuffrida’s teaching assistant, and later visited her classes as a guest lecturer. During their time together, Mrs. G advised Erin to get a master’s in the field so that she could one day move into Sally’s teaching position.

“That really stuck, and here we are,” Potter said.

After earning her bachelor’s degree, Potter pursued graduate studies in climatology at the University of Delaware, teaching meteorology labs during her time there. She has presented at conferences in San Francisco, Austin, New Orleans and Rutland, Vermont, focusing on the impact of air masses on flood events, and how such masses can be used to predict floods and droughts.

She left graduate school for the opportunity to work as a zookeeper and education program director at Plumpton Park Zoological Gardens in Maryland, and later as educational program coordinator at the Delaware Museum of Natural History. She followed that up with a position as education coordinator for Science Explorers, which provides after-school science education opportunities for elementary school students.

Looking ahead

Along her educational and career journey, Potter has drawn inspiration from women in science – women such as her mentor Giuffrida, who was one of the few women in science when she earned her bachelor’s degree in meteorology and oceanography in 1978. While the current climate is more welcoming to female scientists, Potter remembers classes at Oneonta where she was the only woman.

When it comes to meteorology, Potter – much like Giuffrida, whose favorite movie was *The Wizard of Oz* – has a particular affinity for tornadoes, owing to their power and unpredictability. She also enjoys atmospheric optical phenomena, such as rainbows; halos, which appear as a ring around the sun; and sun dogs, the bright spots visible when certain types of cloud are around the sun.

Much like the weather, Erin Potter’s journey back to SUNY Broome was subject to multiple currents and influences, all contributing to a larger whole. Now she’ll be the one teaching the next generation of future scientists, and honoring the memory of the professor who once taught her.

“I wanted to be a professor, but I worked in a more informal educational realm,” Potter said. “I’m excited to get in the classroom.”



SANS OUCH! August 2017: Backup and Recovery

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SANS is excited to announce the August issue of OUCH! This month, led by Guest Editor Keith Palmgren, we explain Backups and Recovery. When all else fails, backups are often your last resort, including dealing with Ransomware.

Unfortunately, even though backups are very simple, many people fail to do them.

Share OUCH! with your family, friends, and coworkers.

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Early Dismissal Friday, Aug. 4, for Spiedie Fest

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Campus Community:

Please be advised that Friday marks the start of the annual Spiedie Fest and Balloon Rally Expo at Otsiningo Park. As in previous years, the parking lots at SUNY Broome will be used for Spiedie Fest parking.

Starting around 1 p.m. Friday, you can expect to see some of our parking lots begin to fill with visitors going to the Fest. Visitors will access our parking lots through Lt. Van Winkle Drive. Therefore, SUNY Broome employees are encouraged to use North College Drive when entering and exiting the campus for the day. This will minimize any issues with Spiedie Fest parking security and will help alleviate traffic congestion as well.

In keeping with past practice, the campus will close at 3 p.m. Friday in order to avoid an increase in traffic at the opening of Spiedie Fest.

Please be advised that the Spiedie Fest will also take place Saturday and Sunday, so our campus lots will still be in use. Please plan accordingly.



Caring for our youngest Hornets: Meet the new director of the BC Center

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In just a few short weeks, now-silent classrooms will come to noisy life – not just at SUNY Broome, but in the childcare center on campus.

Established in 1975, the BC Center was led during much of its history by Nancy Seliga, who retired this spring after 40 years on the job. Enter new director Pam Holland, who is also an instructor in SUNY Broome's Teacher Education and Early Childhood Education programs.

"It reflects well on the values of SUNY Broome to have such a high-quality program. The Board of Trustees has their hearts in the right place," Holland said of the college's support of the center.

A native of Endwell, Holland earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and women's studies at the University of Rochester, followed by a master's degree in child development and family relationships from the University of Texas – Austin. In graduate school, her specialty was infants and toddlers, particularly in connection with attachment theory.

She and her husband returned to the Southern Tier in 2000, and a year later she began teaching classes at SUNY Broome.

That same year – 2001 – her daughter also went to class at the BC Center. Holland's children are 14 and 17 now, and the opportunity to lead the childcare facility came at a fortunate time.

She knows the center's value not only as a parent who had a child enrolled there, but as a professional. In the past, she has worked for QUALITYstarsNY, which is part of New York State's Quality Improvement and Rating System, a voluntary system that is available to all regulated programs serving young children; there are 19 participating sites in Broome County, including the BC Center.

"I've observed almost all of the childcare centers in this area and many around the state," Holland said. "This program is one of the best I've seen in the whole time I have been doing observations."

Spreading the word

A licensed childcare center, BC Center accepts children from 6 weeks to 5 years old. Fees for services are based on family income and size, and subsidies are available for eligible families.

For eligible students, it's a highly affordable option – costing about \$30 a week for full-time students who qualify. There are also FSA grant funds available to help student parents, and the Broome Community College Foundation helps support the center as well.

Of the 53 children enrolled each semester, around half are the children of SUNY Broome students and 20 to 30 percent are the children of faculty and staff. The remainder are part of universal pre-kindergarten through the Binghamton City School district and community members.

For SUNY Broome students in the Early Childhood Education program, the Center also represents an opportunity for learning. Students in the program have to take a class focused on infants and toddlers, and are required to spend 18 hours observing very young children. To help them achieve this goal, the center will install video-cameras that will allow students to observe infants and toddlers in one-hour clips for their labs. The footage will then be promptly deleted, Holland said.

Holland will continue teaching an introduction to early childhood education course at the college. Going forward, she hopes to increase fundraising for the center and facilitate donations from the community, getting the message out about the value and quality of the program.

"I want the word to get out to students, and to anyone who works with students. A lot of time, students just don't know that they can come here for a really low cost," she said.



Speak up, citizens: SUNY Broome to host the Public Voice on Aug. 9

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SUNY Broome's Center for Civic Engagement, the History, Philosophy and Social Sciences Department and the Student Assembly are sponsoring the Public Voice, an opportunity for Broome County residents to have their voices heard, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, in the SUNY Broome Dining Hall, located in the Student Center on campus.

The event is intended to provide Broome County citizens with a civil venue where they can make their voices heard regarding the issues of the day.

Citizens will have the opportunity to speak for up to 3 minutes on a political issue they feel is of great importance. The issue should be one that is the result of a Presidential executive order; a proposed federal bill or passed federal law; a proposed 2018 federal budget item; a foreign policy issue; or a directive from any federal government department since Jan. 20.

The ground rules for the event are as follows:

- Our two federal Senators, Congressperson, our three local New York State Senate and Assembly members, the Broome County Executive and the Republican leader of the county legislature, or their designees, have been invited to the session to listen to what citizens have to say. The elected officials cannot speak during this event, nor can any of the audience address them.
- People wishing to speak should put their name on a card along with their issue and give it to an event person upon entering the cafeteria.
- The moderator will try to ensure that a broad cross-section of issues will be heard.
- Citizens who wish to speak are encouraged to avoid personal attacks on any individual, but instead concentrate on an issue that they feel strongly about, whether in support or criticism. Citizens can also leave the moderator a copy of their comments whether they choose to formally speak or not.
- The event will be videotaped and a copy will be given to each elected official.
- No posters, banners or the like will be permitted in the cafeteria.
- The audience is encouraged to allow each citizen to make their presentation and save any applause for the end.
- Citizens who cannot attend this event may email their comments to Lisa Strahley, coordinator for civic engagement, at strahleyla@sunybroome.edu.
- The callable will collaborate with the Press & Sun-Bulletin to stream the event live.


Future Public Voice events are planned for the future, at the college or in other public venues such as senior centers, libraries and municipal meeting rooms. Any questions about this event may be addressed to Lisa Strahley at strahleyla@sunybroome.edu or Doug Garnar at garnardc@sunybroome.edu.



Fall '17 Important Registration and Financial Information

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-  Payment for the Fall 2017 Semester is **due August 16, 2017**.
 - Your course/class schedule **is not guaranteed** if payment arrangements are not in place prior to **3:00pm August 22, 2017**
 - If your plans change and **you will not be attending** classes at SUNY Broome, you must withdraw from your schedule **PRIOR** to the beginning of the Fall 2017 semester (August 28, 2017) to avoid owing payment to the College. **Non-payment of the Fall 2017 bill does not automatically drop you from the registered Fall 2017 courses.**
 - Withdrawal after the start of the Fall 2017 semester is subject to the NYS Community College refund schedule (<http://www2.sunybroome.edu/financialaid/refunds/>).
 - Non-Attendance by you of your Fall 2017 classes does not relieve your financial obligation (<http://www2.sunybroome.edu/financialaid/refunds/>).

How do I drop my classes?

- Online via MyCollege.sunybroome.edu – Remember you must drop **PRIOR** to the start of the Fall 2017 semester (August 28, 2017) to avoid owing a bill to the College.
- Contact the Registrar's Office in person (Student Services Building Room 105) or in writing (registrar@sunybroome.edu)



The Monday Poem: 'Happiness' by Jane Kenyon

August 6, 2017

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

Happiness

Jane Kenyon

There's just no accounting for happiness,
or the way it turns up like a prodigal
who comes back to the dust at your feet
having squandered a fortune far away.

And how can you not forgive?
You make a feast in honor of what
was lost, and take from its place the finest
garment, which you saved for an occasion
you could not imagine, and you weep night and day
to know that you were not abandoned,
that happiness saved its most extreme form
for you alone.

No, happiness is the uncle you never
knew about, who flies a single-engine plane
onto the grassy landing strip, hitchhikes
into town, and inquires at every door
until he finds you asleep midafternoon
as you so often are during the unmerciful
hours of your despair.

It comes to the monk in his cell.
It comes to the woman sweeping the street
with a birch broom, to the child
whose mother has passed out from drink.
It comes to the lover, to the dog chewing
a sock, to the pusher, to the basketmaker,
and to the clerk stacking cans of carrots
in the night.

It even comes to the boulder
in the perpetual shade of pine barrens,
to rain falling on the open sea,
to the wineglass, weary of holding wine.



New Hampshire's poet laureate at the time of her untimely death at age forty-seven, Jane Kenyon was noted for verse that probed the inner psyche, particularly with regard to her own battle against the depression that lasted throughout much of her adult life. Writing for the last two decades of her life at her farm in northern New England, Kenyon is also remembered for her stoic portraits of domestic and rural life; as essayist Gary Roberts noted in *Contemporary Women Poets*, her poetry was "acutely faithful to the familiarities and mysteries of home life, and it is distinguished by intense calmness in the face of routine disappointments and tragedies."



Tioga County residents: Take classes in your hometown!

August 7, 2017

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Do you live near Owego? Good news: You can take SUNY Broome courses in your hometown! We offer a wide range of courses, conveniently located in the Tioga County Office Building.

Don't wait to register; the Fall Semester begins on August 28. Visit www.sunybroome.edu/offcampus to learn more about our courses in Owego, as well as other locations, or call (607) 778-5001.

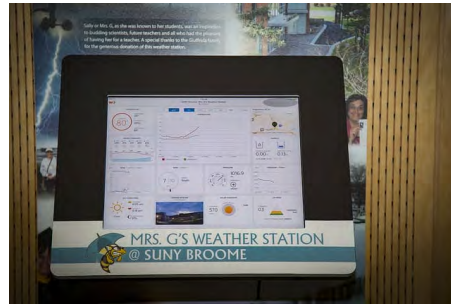


Owego



The Radiant Mrs. G: Weather Station dedicated in professor's memory

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Mrs. G's Weather Station has an interactive kiosk in the Natural Science Center.



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information at a weather kiosk in the Natural Sciences Center, as well as online.

Click here for the current conditions from the station.

Funding for the weather station was made possible thanks to the generous financial support of the Giuffrida family.

The station named in her honor – a Davis Instruments Vantage Pro Plus 2 – includes a weather webcam that displays current conditions on campus, and transmits data to both the college's Weather Underground site and to a computer in the NSC, where it is archived. The NSC kiosk is run by an iPad pro display locked to the Weather Underground station page, and presents opportunities for students to interact with a display.

While the National Weather Service office forecasts from a hilltop in the Town of Maine, SUNY Broome's station gives the weather conditions from the valley, which can differ from those on the hilltops.

"The installation is a daily reminder of Sally's presence," said Professor Kennie Leet, chair of the Physical Science department. "Sally had a radiant energy, much like the sun, the rainbows and the phenomena she loved so much."



A passion for science and education

Sallyann Giuffrida earned her bachelor's degree in Meteorology and Oceanography from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute in 1978, one of the few women in science at the time. She started at SUNY Broome as a technical/lab assistant that same year, and later taught physics, physical science courses and their corresponding labs.

Mrs. G's true love was in meteorology, and she designed the curriculum and labs for the Meteorology course that is still taught to this day.

She ran outside during hailstorms, and kept the hail she gathered in the freezer, her husband recounted. In a way, it's apropos that the dedication occurred on the opening day of Spiedie Fest because she loved the balloons – and could always be found in the pilots' tent, talking about wind speed with the balloonists.

"When someone asked, 'How's the weather?' her response would be 'are you just making conversation or do you really want to know?'" he recalled.

She was also a passionate and dedicated teacher who embraced new models of science education, and mentored both students and colleagues. Walking through the mall, former students stopped her repeatedly to say hello and catch up, her husband said.

“She really had a breadth of knowledge she shared with students. I remember speaking to one student who told me, ‘She’s a really demanding individual, but she’s such a connecting individual,’” said Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti.

Giuffrida had that rare gift: the ability to engage everyone in a classroom, Professor Leet recalled. She taught students to be both good citizens and good consumers of scientific information, the latter increasingly important in a world soaked with information. She also took a picture of every class she ever taught, which she proudly displayed in her office.

SUNY Broome alumna Erin Potter took Giuffrida’s meteorology course a decade ago, and it re-kindled her interest in the field and ultimately her career. In second grade, she had been both fascinated and frightened by an outbreak of tornadoes that hit the Southern Tier; that fascination resurfaced while at SUNY Broome.

She frequently stayed after class to ask her professor questions, and became her teaching assistant. This fall, she is returning to SUNY Broome as an instructor to teach her mentor’s course.

“I want to spark that interest in science and the natural world that Sally did,” she said.

Giuffrida had passions outside of the classroom, as well. She loved sports, particularly hockey, and enjoyed theater, and sang in the Vestal Community Chorus, her husband remembered.

Continuing her legacy

After her passing, the incredible Mrs. G. continues to have an impact on SUNY Broome students.

The Sallyann Giuffrida Memorial Scholarship Fund was established through the Broome Community College Foundation in her memory, and provides scholarships for students planning to further their education in science. The goal, family members said, is to encourage these students to complete their four-year degree.

And now, the weather kiosk will provide a direct connection between the late professor and students, a connection centered on her favorite topic: the weather.

The professor’s daughter, Annette Giuffrida-Levesque, attended the dedication with many friends and family members. She wore her mother’s celestial necklace, which depicted each of the planets, as she held her young son Thomas – appropriately wearing a t-shirt depicting clouds, rain and lightning. Annette and her brother knew how to identify clouds from the time they were five, she remembered with a smile.

“My mom would have loved this. She always liked reaching out to people, and now she’s reaching out to so many more people,” she said.



Professor Sallyann Giuffrida’s family at the dedication of Mrs. G’s Weather Station



Bachelor Partnership Office introduces new SUNY Broome partner

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The Bachelor Partnership Office is expanding! We are excited to announce that we have officially partnered with SUNY Empire State College, providing students with greater transfer options. Through the Partnership office, students can explore Bachelor's degrees at Excelsior College or SUNY Empire State College.

Similar to Excelsior, students who complete their associate's at SUNY Broome can take additional credits that will seamlessly transfer toward a Bachelor's degree at SUNY Empire. SUNY Empire offers a wide range of degrees and prior

learning assessments allowing students the opportunity to get ahead faster.

Partnership commonalities:

- Both colleges are accredited by Middle States Commission on Higher Education
- Eligible students will be able to matriculate and potentially be eligible for financial aid while taking additional Broome courses
- Students can take their additional Broome courses online, on-campus, or in a combination of these formats
- Academic advisement for Broome courses and assistance with the application process will be provided on the SUNY Broome campus

For questions, please contact us at beyondbroome@sunybroome.edu.

To learn more about our new partner, SUNY Empire, please visit <http://www2.sunybroome.edu/bachelor-partnerships/>. If you or a student is looking to make an appointment through the Bachelor Partnership Office, please visit www.sunybroome.edu/bachelor-partnerships-appt.



Ancient and modern: Learn about both past and future in Introduction to Archaeology

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What's an atlatl? You'll find out in Introduction to Archaeology!



What's an atlatl? You'll find out in Introduction to Archaeology!

Do you enjoy learning about ancient history, different cultures and science? Want to learn about the relationships between the things we use and human behavior? Interested in how modern technology and even social media is helping preserve heritage? **Enroll in ANT 112: Introduction to Archaeology at SUNY Broome!**

This course is ideal for anyone interested in the past, technology and the built environment. Study artifacts and architecture, and learn about famous sites. Have fun experimenting with ancient technologies. Work with international students online on interesting projects.

The course is taught by Archaeologist Lynda Carroll, and qualifies for General Education credits. There are two lab sections to choose from. Enroll today at www.sunybroome.edu/apply



Apply now: SUNY Broome's Entrepreneurial Assistance Program is filling up fast

August 8, 2017

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The Entrepreneurial Assistance Program runs from 6 to 8:45 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays from Sept. 11 through Dec. 7 in the new Koffman Southern Tier Incubator's third floor classroom, located at 120 Hawley St. in Binghamton.

Interested? Register now because there are only four spots left! Call 778-5071 for an application, which you will then bring to an information session from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 21.

The 12 week, 60-hour comprehensive training program is designed to assist women, minorities, individuals with disabilities and dislocated workers in Broome, Tioga, Chenango and Delaware counties through the process of developing a solid business plan. Registration is \$149 before Aug. 18 and \$199 after that date. Deadline for all applications is Aug. 31.



Construction activities for the week of Aug. 7

August 9, 2017

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The following construction activities are occurring on campus this week, in connection with the extensive renovation of the Mechanical Building:

- Continued excavation between the Mechanical Building and the Business Building
- The dry wells in the Quad will be back-filled
- Layout of the geothermal field
- Additional selective tree trimming



Improved Verizon Wireless service across the SUNY Broome campus

August 9, 2017

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Over the next several weeks, Verizon will be performing work across campus to provide a new antenna system that will improve and enhance cell phone service to all Verizon wireless customers.

This project is being done by Verizon (in concert with a number of subcontractors) and is being financed solely by Verizon (there is no cost to SUNY Broome). If anyone has any questions about this work, please contact Doug Chrzanowski at (607) 727-5794.



Apartment available for nursing, dental hygiene students

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This spacious two-bedroom, one-bathroom apartment includes heat and electric at a cost of \$850 per month on Binghamton's South Side.

The lower-level apartment includes an eat-in kitchen with appliances, family room, shared laundry, heat and electric, and high-speed internet. It is also lightly furnished with a leather sofa, queen bed, dresser, living room end tables, lamps, kitchen table and chairs.

This apartment is located in a home but has a separate entrance with complete privacy. It's perfect for a professional, a grad student, nursing or dental hygiene student, or medical resident. No pets and non-smoking.

Rental application, credit check, first month rent (\$850) and security(same) required: month to month rental. Available on Aug. 15.
Contact efiaschi7018@gmail.com or text 607-743-9840.



Around the world and back: SUNY Broome welcomes Dr. Carol Ross as VP

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Cultures may differ, but college students – at least the young, traditional-age ones — are the same the world over.

They navigate issues with their parents, struggle with support, agonize over career decisions and question their identities. They can make the same immature mistakes as they learn to see beyond their own perspectives and take responsibility for their actions.

Dr. Carol Ross knows this well. While she began her career in American community colleges, for nearly 13 years she has led similar institutions in Kuwait. She came back stateside to take a position as SUNY Broome's new Vice President for Student Development and Chief Diversity Officer, replacing longtime stalwart Debbie Morello, who retired this summer.

"We are so pleased that an international leader of Dr. Ross's stature has joined us as Vice President for Student Development & Chief Diversity Officer. Her breadth and depth of experience will be a tremendous asset to both the college and our

community," said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. "In succeeding our retiring VP, Debbie Morello, she has big shoes to fill, but already Dr. Ross is making those strides. We wholeheartedly welcome her to SUNY Broome and the Southern Tier."

Globetrotting may be in Ross' blood. A native of Compton, California, she moved to Europe with her parents – her father worked for the Department of Defense — from 1980 to 1987. She spent four years in London and three in Naples, Italy, earning two degrees while in Europe: a business degree from the University of Maryland-European Division and her master's in human services and human resource education at the Boston University European Division in Naples.

She went on to earn a Ed.D. in higher education administration from Florida State University, specializing in community college students and retention, and has worked full-time in higher education since 1993. She began as dean of student development at Dyersburg State Community College in Tennessee, followed by a stint as student dean at Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale campus. Then, it was off to south Florida, where she was Dean of Student Affairs at Broward Community College for seven years before moving to Kuwait.

She served as founding Dean of Student Affairs at the American University of Kuwait, serving there from 2004 to 2015, and was then hired as the founding president for Kuwait Community College, the first American-model community college in the country.

At the urging of family members, Ross began looking for career opportunities back in the United States and applied for the position at SUNY Broome. The chance to work for a school in the SUNY system was attractive, as well the chance to combine two passions: community college and working for diversity and inclusion.

"When I interviewed here, it felt so right," she said. "When I came here to campus, I felt so at home."

The college experience overseas

So, how does the American college compare with the one on the other side of the globe?

Overseas, students tend to value bachelor's degrees – despite the fact that they, much like students in the United States, often need some sort of developmental coursework in writing, English or math. And like their American counterparts, they often need help developing college readiness: study skills, critical thinking, discipline and time management.

"The community college has always been the best teacher and support for that," Dr. Ross said. "To me, they are community college students. They are English as a Second Language students who need to learn how to be successful at college."

When she worked to establish Kuwait Community College, the Middle Eastern country already had two-year institutions based on the Australian and Canadian models. The American model, by contrast, demands more in the way of student engagement, both inside and out of the classroom.

"They need a community college where they can get grounded, get their start and get their basics down, and then they can go on to be successful," Ross said of the Kuwaiti students.

There are some differences between the needs of American and Kuwaiti students, of course. American community colleges work to foster a global perspective among their students, who may never have left the country or even their home state. In Kuwait – a half-hour from Bahrain, 1 ½ hours from Dubai and relatively close to China and many other countries – global awareness and international travel are givens.

In some respects, Middle Eastern culture was more like American culture in the 1960s and 1970s, with its focus on family. Raised Catholic, Dr. Ross remembers when Sundays were reserved for visiting family and extended family – traditions that still persist in the Middle East, although their "Sunday" falls on Friday in accordance with Islam.

“We are so much more similar than we are different; we just don’t want to admit it,” she reflected.

Just like American students, students in Kuwait were expected to take responsibility for their actions, step up as leaders, do volunteer work, and be civil and open to other opinions.

Ross fondly remembered one student, an outspoken young man who believed that Madonna was a she-devil. Four years later, he was still conservative, but willing to consider other people’s views, change his mind, and listen and participate in discussions – a success story in terms of maturity and civility.

During her time in Kuwait, Ross took the opportunity to travel extensively and played for a Kuwaiti women’s softball team. Her daughter graduated high school there and was well-prepared for college; she’s currently back in the United States, doing her medical residency on her journey to become a physician.

“I feel like I really had an impact on people’s lives because I was living my purpose, but it was time to move in another direction,” she said of her experience in the Middle East.

A welcoming campus

As the start of the academic year approaches, Dr. Ross has plenty to do. She wants students to feel welcome to SUNY Broome, and ready to learn once the year starts; the first two or three weeks, after all, can set the feel for their entire year.

That involves a look at all the little things in how campus runs, from Move-In Day at the Student Village to the registration process.

“I want our students to know we want you here, and we want you to do well. I want the faculty to know that the goal is to get the students into their classes with minimal disruptions so they’re ready to learn,” she said.

As Chief Diversity Officer, Dr. Ross will make sure the campus is welcoming to all – regardless of race, sexual orientation, gender, ability or disability, or military service. And yes, she emphasized, that includes *everyone*.

“Affirmative action is about laws. Inclusion is about what you feel inside,” she explained. “We want to make sure that how we treat people is fair and equitable and humane.”

College is, of course, an environment where young people traditionally have the opportunity to test the norms and figure out who they are as adults. That one of the factors that makes working in higher education so fun – and challenging, and ultimately worthwhile.

“If you want to learn and you want to be in an environment where people care, you come to Broome because that’s who we are. That’s what we do,” she said.



The Monday Poem: 'The Breeze at Dawn' by Rumi

August 13, 2017

Buzz



The Monday Poem is brought to you by Professor Jim Gormley of the English Department. This particular poem was selected by Professor Carolyn Amory. Professor Amory earned her Ph.D. from Binghamton University. She is a published scholar and an accomplished singer. Her voice classes are highly sought after in our community. Carolyn teaches English here at SUNY Broome. She wants to share this poem with us all.

The Breeze at Dawn (by Rumi)

The breeze at dawn has secrets to tell you.

Don't go back to sleep.

You must ask for what you really want.

Don't go back to sleep.

People are going back and forth across the doorsill
where the two worlds touch.

The door is round and open.

Don't go back to sleep.



Construction activities for the week of Aug. 14

August 14, 2017

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- Well drilling rigs will begin to mobilize. Drilling of the geo-thermal wells may also begin this week.
- Site lighting is being removed.
- Continued excavation and grading between the Mechanical and Business Buildings.
- Depending on submittals/approvals, excavation may also begin for the Connector foundation(between Mechanical and Business).

ALSO, please note that we are developing a webpage for the Mechanical Building project which will provide a description of the project, a listing of most frequently asked questions and answers, as well as the ability for you to ask questions as the construction is proceeding.

AS ALWAYS, if you have any other questions, comments or concerns, please contact David Ligeikis, Interim Director of Campus Operations at (607) 778-5575 (office) or (607) 765-9710 (cell).



Looking for off-campus housing? Rep to visit campus Aug. 17 and 18

August 16, 2017

Buzz



Do you or someone you know need housing for the upcoming academic year? A representative from BingoRento will be on campus Thursday, Aug. 17, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Friday, Aug. 18, from 12 to 3 p.m. to answer questions and help coordinate off-campus housing.

Stop in Old Science Building Room 227 or make an appointment by calling 607-348-1518. You can also email questions to Cody@Ackermanrealestate.com.



In the Community: LUMA returns on Sept. 1

August 16, 2017
Buzz



In 2015, a group of artists, engineers, and tech-minded folks put together something entirely new in the Binghamton area called the LUMA Projection Arts Festival. The idea was to try something only seen in much larger cities. The hope was to draw a crowd of 4,000 to 5,000 people — then 25,000 people showed up. LUMA Year One was a success!

However, that was only the beginning. Last year for the follow-up show, LUMA teamed up with the Binghamton Philharmonic and presented a show accompanied by a live 48-piece orchestra. Once again, the streets of downtown Binghamton filled with spectators who came out to experience something unlike anything before as downtown Binghamton transformed into a canvas for national artists projecting building-sized animation, video, sound and light.

Now in its third year LUMA, is back to present a show bigger, brighter and

with a few new surprises.

Assistant Director for Technology Services Fermin Romero is a Technical Director on the project again this year and had a few things to say about the buzz this festival has generated.

“In the past few months several people have stopped me on campus to ask ‘Is that LUMA thing happening again this year?’ I simply love the idea that people are excited for this event,” he said. “When we first started, I just liked the tech geekiness of the whole thing, and now we have evolved into our technical team pushing the absolute limits of what we are capable of doing. I am excited for what we have in store!

“People had previously told me they thought the crowd was a little too big for State Street. So, this year LUMA has moved to a much larger area downtown with all new shows on some of Binghamton’s most historic buildings, including the Carnegie Library (home of SUNY Broome’s future Culinary Arts Center). I said this last year, but I’ll say it again, the surprises we have in store this year I just know will take this event to the next level.”

Throughout the evening, starting at sundown, animations will be projected at regular intervals on six buildings in Downtown Binghamton. Festival-goers can move from building to building at their own pace to enjoy everything that our artists have dreamed up. Join us around 9 p.m. Friday, September 1, to experience the third annual LUMA Festival. For more information, please visit <http://lumafestival.com/>

If you are interested in participating or donating, please visit the kickstarter page <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/lumafestival/luma-international-projection-arts-festival>



Sept. 15 LGBTQ training on Intimate Partner Violence

August 16, 2017

Buzz



Intimate Partner Violence: Promising Practices for Working with LGBTQ Individuals

Date and Time: Friday, September 15, 2017 **8:30a.m. – 4:30 pm**

Location: Binghamton University Innovative Technologies Complex

85 Murray Hill Road, Vestal NY

Room: ES 2008

This training will cover: Language and terminology; best practices for anti-oppression work, coming out processes within LGBTQ[1] population, LGBTQ safety planning for survivors; the impact of oppression on LGBTQ Sexual Violence, Intimate Partner Violence and Hate Violence survivors and re-victimization by mainstream service providers; and best practices in providing culturally competent services for LGBTQ clients.

CASAC, CPP, CPS 6.25 clock hours are available.

Schedule of Events:

8:30 am – 9:00 am: Registration – Coffee and Breakfast Breads served

9:00a.m. – 11:00 am: LGBTQ 501: Advancing your knowledge of gender and sexual diversity workshop by Dr. Kelly Clark

11:00 am – 11:30 am: Community Panel

11:30 am – 12: 20 pm: Lunch – Lunch Boxes with sandwich, drinks, cookies and apples

12:30 pm – 4:30 pm: Promising Practices for working with LGBTQ individuals by Suzy

Salamy, MSW and Darlene Torres, LMSW.

Cost for the Day – \$25 (\$20 for students) – Box lunch and parking included.

Registration opens 8/11/2017 Friday and closes 9/8/2017 Saturday.

To register: <http://bit.ly/ProviderTraining2017>

Trainers

Dr. Kelly Clark is a consultant, lecturer, and currently serves as the Founding Director of the Q Center at Binghamton University in New York State. She has over 25 years of experience as a social justice educator and is an expert in LGBTQ cultural competence and masculinity as it relates to homo & trans phobias.

Darlene S. Torres, LMSW, is a Queer Latina committed to anti-oppression and social justice work. She is currently the Co-Director of Client Services at the New York City Anti-Violence Project (AVP), an organization dedicated to eliminating hate violence, sexual violence, stalking and intimate partner violence affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and HIV-affected communities.

Suzy Salamy is a social worker at The New York City Anti-Violence Project where she is the Senior Manager of the clinical and Advocacy Programs. She works with LGBTQ and HIV affected survivors of violence through individual and group counseling. She utilizes her work as a filmmaker by incorporating the use of video and photography as a therapeutic tool

[1] LGBTQ stands for: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning.



SUNY Broome Alumna's Experience with the Bachelor Degree Partnerships Program

August 16, 2017
Featured News



Bachelor Degree Partnership student Melissa Henry graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Business from Excelsior College in July 2017. Melissa attended SUNY Broome for her Associate in Science in Business Administration prior to joining the Bachelor Degree Partnership Program.

"If it was not for [the] Bachelor Partnership program at SUNY Broome, I would not have thought about Excelsior [College] nor have known what direction to go in," Melissa said. "[My advisor] inspired me more than she knows."

Melissa was able to complete additional credits at SUNY Broome following completion of her Associates degree, leaving her with only seven courses to take once she transferred to Excelsior College.

Melissa talks fondly about her time at Excelsior College.

"My best experience with Excelsior College was the convenience of taking courses online and the cost effective savings of partnering with SUNY Broome," she

wrote.

We are proud to have Melissa not only as a SUNY Broome alumna, but also as a Partnership alumna. Melissa hopes to continue her studies at Excelsior College to earn her Master's Degree in Human Resources.

Melissa wrote, "A degree isn't just a piece of paper, it's an indication that I can grow from my learning experience. Being the first person in my family to have accomplished earning a bachelor's degree means that I now will be able to set a positive example for my family. It does not make any difference on how old you are when you are finishing school. It's about diligent work and having the correct state of mind."

If you are interested in learning more about the Bachelor Degree Partnership Program, please visit our website: <http://www2.sunybroome.edu/bachelor-partnerships/>. The Bachelor Degree Partnership Program now has partnerships with Excelsior College and SUNY Empire State College.



Construction update: Continued re-purposing of the Old Science Building

August 16, 2017
Buzz



For the next five to seven days, there will be a minor asbestos remediation project (primarily windows) on-going in the Old Science Building. Please pay attention to and abide by any construction signing in or around the building. If anyone has any questions, please contact David Ligeikis, Interim Director for Campus Operations, at (607) 765-9710.



In the Community: Celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage

August 16, 2017

Buzz



Celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote in New York State from noon until 4 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Tioga County Courthouse in Owego.

Professor Carla Michalak will participate in the event in period suffragist dress. Professor Patti Evans' ART 115 class also will have artwork on display.

Tours of the historic courthouse run from noon to 2 p.m., followed by local dignitaries honoring suffragists at 2:30 p.m. and Susan B. Anthony's address of the public at 3:20 p.m.



Wanted: Enthusiastic Hornets to join the Student Enrollment Team

August 16, 2017

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The Admissions Office at SUNY Broome is looking for enthusiastic students to join our team!

Student Enrollment Team members are a select group of students chosen to become an integral part of SUNY Broome's support team for enrollment, campus life, and special events. The program seeks students from diverse backgrounds, who are enthusiastic about helping prospective students explore SUNY Broome's programs and help guide them through the enrollment process.

Members will play a vital role in enrollment and student life events both on and off campus. This is an incredible applied learning experience, and these are paid positions. An application and interview are required in order to be selected for the team (See the application below).

If you are interested please e-mail Maya Szostak at szostakmm@sunybroome.edu for an application, pick one up at the Admissions office, or:

APPLY HERE

<https://sunybroome.wufoo.com/forms/student-enrollment-team-application/>



SUNY Broome welcomes Sharon Ball to Board of Trustees

August 16, 2017
Featured News



The SUNY Broome Community College Board of Trustees recently welcomed a new member: Sharon Ball, the former executive director of the Broome County Arts Council.

“We are honored to have a community leader of Sharon’s caliber join our Board of Trustees,” said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. “We thank County Executive Jason Garnar for her appointment. Trustee Ball has a breadth of experience in many quarters, ranging from nonprofits and the arts to national journalism. She will be an added asset to our distinguished Board members.”

Currently self-employed as a certified Life-Cycle Celebrant, Ball retired in 2015 after 11 years as the Broome County Arts Council’s director and has received multiple awards, including a Sigma Award from Binghamton University’s Department of Public Administration, a Nonprofit Award for Career Achievement, and a Phoenix Award for community service from Citizen Action New York.

In addition to SUNY Broome, Ball also serves on WSKG Public Media’s News Advisory Board, and is a past member of the Lourdes Hospital Board of Directors, the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena Board, and the Women’s Fund Leadership Committee at the Community Foundation for South Central New York. Previous statewide appointments include the New York State Attorney General’s Committee on Nonprofit Revitalization and grant panels for the New York State Council of the Arts.

“I think that SUNY Broome is a gem for the community and I’m very happy to

contribute in any way I can,” Ball said.

Before moving to the Southern Tier with her husband, award-winning fine art photographer and educator JW Johnston, in 2003, Ball spent three decades as a broadcast journalist. Her experience includes senior editorial, production and on-air positions with NPR in Washington, D.C., as well as commercial radio networks in the U.S. and American military stations in the Far East. Her journalism honors include a Case Media Fellowship at Harvard University, two Gabriel Awards from the Society of Professional Journalists, and an Alfred I. DuPoint Award, and she was named a senior scholar of the Fetzer Institute of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Ball also served in the White House as a staff member during the Carter Administration, and sang professionally while living in Japan and in the Mid-Atlantic region of the U.S.

A native of southeastern Ohio, Ball attended Ohio University and George Mason University and currently resides in Whitney Point.

“The Board of Trustees welcomes Sharon Ball to our ranks. She brings expertise that will enhance our already involved board,” said Board President Margaret Coffey. “We are delighted with the County Executive’s choice and we will, with Sharon, continue to support this great institution.”



Campus Community: Lend a hand on Move-In Day Aug. 26

August 17, 2017

Buzz



Campus community: Volunteers make campus a warm and welcoming place for the new school year! Help students start the year on a positive note by lending a hand at the Student Village's annual Move-In Day.

Whether it be for one hour or all day, we can certainly use the help making our students feel at home! Move-in takes place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 26. If you are interested in assisting with Move-In Day, please [click here](#) and fill out the form.

Volunteers will receive free SUNY Broome t-shirts while supplies last!

Volunteers are urgently needed and your help will be greatly appreciated!



Hot Stuff: Health for Haiti Summer 2017

August 17, 2017

Buzz



Professor Jennifer Musa writes on the Health for Haiti blog:

Health for Haiti had another fun and productive (and very hot) trip to Haiti last week. We began our trip by visiting Grande Saline. We spent three days with the community there. We had a team (led by Greg) who performed some maintenance and operator training at the water system. The system was busy and the operators report that they distribute 3,000 to 4,000 gallons of clean water each day. People come from near and far to get the safe drinking water. Dr. Gay and I met with the Water and Power Community to review our plans for converting the system from gas to solar power. We are very hopeful that we will have the funding to complete this project in 2018. We also met with members of the Saint Marc Rotary to discuss their role in the project. This was a wonderful meeting and we are fortunate to have such great partners in Haiti.

We also had a wonderful time doing crafts and sports (kickball and baseball) with the children.

We enjoyed watching an amazing soccer tournament (thanks Union Endicott High School for donating their old uniforms). On our last day there were races and dance competitions and everyone had a wonderful time! Prizes were awarded to the first and second place competitors. We even played a game that is kind of a Haitian version of "Pin the Tail on the Donkey", but involves dizzy blindfolded people walking around with scissors. We also were very happy to help to provide a nutritious lunch to the local children each day. Thanks to Daniella D., Daniella S., Eveline and Veronique for

cooking and washing all of those dishes! Thanks to Pastor Berlando for excellent organization and to our wonderful security team in Grande Saline who helped us to work safely and effectively with some very large groups of children.

Follow the Health for Haiti blog for more pictures and updates on this important program.



What you need to know for Welcome Week

August 17, 2017
Buzz



Welcome back to SUNY Broome! The first week of classes is Welcome Week, with events that range from the informational to the just plain fun. Check out the schedule:

Saturday, Aug. 26

- Move-In Day at the Student Village!
- 4:30 p.m.: An “all hall” meeting for Student Village residents in the Dining Hall
- 8 to 10 p.m.: Unwind at open gym time in the Baldwin Gym, or karaoke and snacks in the Student Village classroom.

Sunday, Aug. 27

- Campus tours run from 11 a.m. to noon and noon to 1 p.m. Get familiar with the

hive!

- A barbecue runs from 1 to 4 p.m. at a location to be announced. Yum! Events will run alongside the barbecue, including a game truck, spikeball, slacklining, yard games, a photo booth with Stinger and more.
- Grab a movie at 5 p.m., *Hitman's Bodyguard*, across the street at Regal Cinemas.
- Burn off some calories at open gym from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Baldwin Gym.
- Connect with your Student Village peers at your floor meeting, which runs from 8 to 8:45 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 28

- Questions? The Broome Crew comes to the rescue from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at information tents across campus.
- Need help with your schedule or other issues? Visit Info Inc., run by Counseling Services, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Center lobby.
- Spikeball runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lawn area. Show your skills.
- Go see a Rumble Ponies baseball game at NYSEG Stadium in downtown Binghamton. You can get up to four tickets with your student ID for just \$2. Purchase your tickets at the stadium, show your ID at the door and you're in!
- Student officer training runs from 1 to 2 p.m. in Science Building 208B.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

- Questions? The Broome Crew comes to the rescue from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at information tents across campus.
- Need help with your schedule or other issues? Visit Info Inc., run by Counseling Services, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Center lobby.
- Spikeball runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lawn area. Show your skills.
- I scream, you scream, we all scream for the ice cream truck next to the windmill from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free ice cream for the first 100 people!
- Student officer training runs from 1 to 2 p.m. in Science Building 208B.

Wednesday, Aug. 30

- Slacklining runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lawn area. Weeeeee!
- I scream, you scream, we all scream for the ice cream truck next to the windmill from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free ice cream for the first 100 people!
- Head across the street to the Regional Farmers Market (yes, we have one) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for the Fresh Food Face-Off, hosted by the Cornell Cooperative Extension. This has been a wildly successful event, and SUNY Broome Dining Services is excited to join the ranks of local restaurants, bakeries, breweries and wineries offering up their best dishes made with locally sourced and locally grown products.

- Get a Shot of Reality from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Dining Hall. This improv comedy show tackles topics such as partying, alcohol and affirmative consent — stuff you need to know about.
- ARO, the Accessibility Resource Office, will hold an orientation from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Student Village classroom.

Thursday, Aug. 31

- Save a life — give blood. A campus blood drive runs from 8 a.m. to noon in the Baldwin Gym.
- Replenish yourself after giving blood with Doughnuts with the Dean! Grab your favorite doughnut and chat with the Dean of Students between 9 a.m. and noon outside the Old Science Building.
- Slacklining runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lawn area. Weeeeeee!
- Student officer training runs from 1 to 2 p.m. in Science Building 208B.

Friday, Sept. 1

- Save a life — give blood. A campus blood drive runs from 8 a.m. to noon in the Baldwin Gym.
- Who let the dogs out? Bark-9, actually: They'll be bringing some canines onto campus from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Student Center lobby.



Science of Success: SUNY Broome's EOP director knows its benefits firsthand

August 17, 2017

Featured News



Truth be told, Venessa Rodriguez was a little offended at first when she was invited to apply to her alma mater's equivalent of the Educational Opportunity Program.

Commonly known by its acronym, EOP provides access, academic support and financial aid to first-time, full-time students who show promise for succeeding in college, but who may need additional support.

Despite her initial reaction, Rodriguez, who was accepted into Colgate University, decided to apply – and was ultimately glad she did.

"I had not been as prepared for college as I thought. We had to take credit-bearing classes; it was the first time in my life I handed in something and got a D," said Rodriguez, who went on to earn her bachelor's degree in sociology from Colgate and her master's in Student Affairs Administration from Binghamton University. "It was really humbling for me. I'm so grateful because I'm not sure I could have gotten

through the four years without the program."

Rodriguez is now director of SUNY Broome's EOP program, helping the next generation of students achieve their academic and career goals.

There are many advantages to becoming an EOP student, including academic support, supplemental economic aid and a ready support system. These services remain available to EOP students throughout their academic careers at transfer schools who also host the program. There is even a graduate school equivalent for those pursuing a master's degree or beyond.

SUNY Broome's EOP serves between 83 and 100 students annually, and the ultimate goal is to increase retention and graduation rates, and provide a sense of belonging on campus.

"It's a lengthy application process. The students who go through this process have to give a lot of information," Rodriguez said. "They really have earned their spot."

Rodriguez began her professional career as an ESL teacher in the South Bronx as a New York City Teaching Fellow. She then headed to SUNY Oneonta, where she spent seven years as an EOP counselor, moving up to assistant director of the program. While in Oneonta, she also coordinated the African-American, Latino, Asian, Native American (AALANA) Peer Mentorship Program, and served as the interim director of Multicultural Student Affairs.

She left SUNY Oneonta to complete her master's degree, and joined SUNY Broome four years ago, serving as Staff Associate to the Associate Vice President for Learning Assistance Services, part of the Student Success Squad and co-chair for the President's Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion. Last year, she also was appointed to the Broome County United Way's Board of Directors.

Rodriguez, who was nominated for a Spirit Award this spring, hit the ground running since she started as EOP director on May 2.

The lengthy application process for the program – which includes letters of recommendation, an essay and documentation – has been streamlined, bringing Admissions and Financial Aid into the process. The application is now online, and the program's website has been updated.

New this year is a four-day summer orientation program, which Rodriguez hopes to expand to two weeks in the future.

The ultimate goal, of course, is to see more students walk down the aisle at Commencement in May, proudly entering the next chapter of their academic and professional lives – much like Rodriguez herself did.

"I'd like to see that all of our students are successful and graduating because that's the goal of the program," she said.



SUNY Broome Administration, staff and students pack bags for a cause

August 18, 2017
Featured News



SUNY Broome Vice President Carol Ross and President Kevin Drumm assemble comfort bags at the SUNY's Got Your Back event at the Dick's Open golf tournament.

SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm, Vice President for Student Development Carol Ross, staff and students rolled up their sleeves Aug. 17 and started packing — bags, that is.

They were part of the SUNY's Got Your Back program at the Dick's Open golf tournament this year. Golfers also participated in the event, which assembled comfort bags containing items such as toiletries, resource pages, and personal notes to victims and survivors of violence across New York State.



“Last year the ‘SUNY’s Got Your Back’ program assembled 10,000 comfort bags – an effort we will double at two upcoming events with the PGA,” said SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher. “By providing these bags, victim service organizations can use their resources in other ways to provide additional support for survivors and their families. My thanks to the volunteers and organizations, particularly the PGA TOUR, for their dedication and financial support to this program.”

For more information about the program, visit www.suny.edu/gotyourback/.



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Get ready, get set, go: College Readiness Week runs from Aug. 21 through 25

August 18, 2017

Buzz



Aug. 21 through 25 is College Readiness Week at SUNY Broome!

- Need help? Stop by Admissions in Darwin R. Wales Center Room 102, and we'll help you get on the right track.
- Learn what you need to know about campus at our On-Demand Orientation Sessions from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Cecil C. Tyrell Learning Resources Center. Get connected with campus services, learn to navigate your student portal and more.
- You can also view the Online Orientation anytime at www3.sunybroome.edu/orientation



Looking for off-campus housing? Rep to visit campus Aug. 22

August 18, 2017

Buzz



Do you or someone you know need housing for the upcoming academic year? A representative from BingoRento will be on campus Tuesday, Aug. 22, from 12 to 3 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 24, from 12 to 3 p.m. to answer questions and help coordinate off-campus housing. Stop in at the Old Science Building, Room 227 or make an appointment by calling 607-348-1518. You can also email questions to Cody@Ackermanrealestate.com.



The Monday Poem: ‘The Big Book of Therapy’ by Bob Hicok

August 20, 2017
Buzz

The Big Book of Therapy

Bob Hicok

If you think of humans as rare
as snowflakes, your world
is constantly melting.

If you think of humans as essential
to keeping dogs happy,
someone will always want
to buy you a beer.



About This Poem

“I was vacuuming when I realized I don’t like vacuuming. So I stopped and wrote this poem. It’s a protest poem against vacuuming.”

—*Bob Hicok*

Hicok is the recipient of fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment of the Arts, and his poetry has been awarded three Pushcart Prizes and selected for inclusion in five volumes of *Best American Poetry*. He currently teaches at Purdue University.



Construction Activities for the Week of Aug. 21

August 21, 2017
Buzz



The following construction activities are planned for the week of Aug. 21, 2017. Please pay attention to and abide by all construction signage in these areas.

Mechanical Building renovation:

- Geothermal well-drilling will continue. There are currently two drill rigs on site.
- Asbestos abatement may begin later this week.
- There will be rooftop equipment removal.
- There will be continued site lighting removal.
- Foundation tie-in work in the basement of the Business Building will commence.

Other campus projects:

- The concrete sidewalk in front of the BC Center will be replaced.
- There will be concrete repair work on the entrance-way to the Decker Building. This concrete was damaged due to previous heavy rain.
- The Student Center entrance doorway threshold will be repaired.
- Repair work and painting will continue on the SUNY Broome Oz Winters Tennis Courts.



Mechanical Building faculty and staff relocations

August 21, 2017

Buzz



Due to the Mechanical Building reconstruction project, staff and faculty have been relocated to other buildings on campus for the 2017/18 school year as follows. (Please note that all telephone extensions will remain unchanged.)

STAFF/FACULTY, NEW LOCATION

Tom Crandell, Business 006
Corinne Crandell, Business 006
Fred Mellert, Business 031
Mary Seel, Library 110
Ellen Brand, Library 110
Diane O'Heron, Library 110
Dave Zeggert, Old Science 106B
Summer DeLisle, Old Science 108
Kristin Bensen-Hause, Old Science 108A
Mark Williamson, Old Science 108A
Virginia Shirley, Old Science 108A
Joyce Prindle, Old Science 108A
Tom Myers, Old Science 108B



Diana LaBelle, Old Science 108B
Joe DeAngelo, Old Science 113A
Frank Plunkett, Old Science 113A
Doug Chrzanowski, Old Science 113B
Dirk Elliott, Old Science 113B
Michael Gee, Old Science 207A
Margaret Lake, Old Science 207A
Mark Beavers, Old Science 208A
Dan Myers, Old Science 208A
Michael Kuryla, Old Science 212
David Chirico, Old Science 212
Andrew Haggerty, Old Science 218
Jesse Boring, Old Science 218



Fall 2017 Faculty Staff Assembly to kick off semester on Aug. 24

August 22, 2017

Buzz



SUNY Broome will kick off the new semester at its Fall 2017 Faculty Staff Assembly from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 24, in the Student Center Dining Hall.

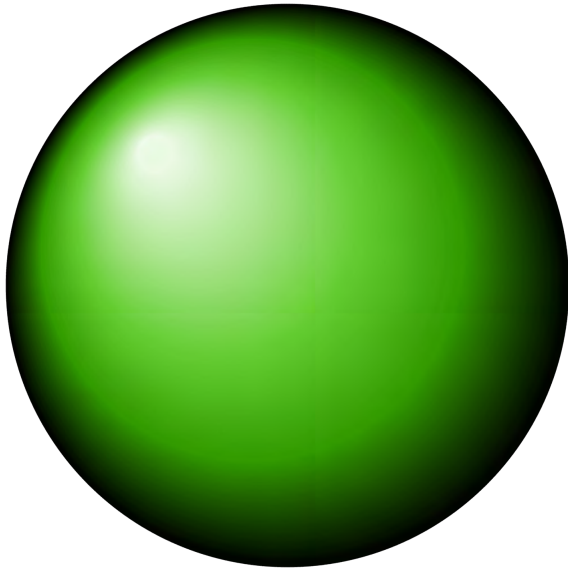
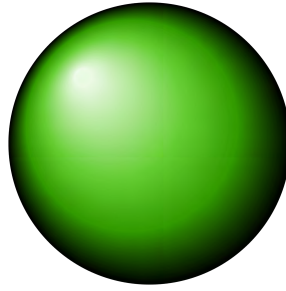
Presentations will begin at 8:45 a.m., with SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm speaking shortly after that time. [Click here](#) for Dr. Drumm's welcome message and the schedule.

Speakers will discuss accomplishments from the previous semester, goals for the academic year and welcome the college community back to campus. Classes begin on August 28.



Do Something: SUNY Broome embraces the Green Dot initiative

August 22, 2017
Featured News



No one has to do everything. Everyone has to do something.

That's the core message of the Green Dot initiative, which has been part of the SUNY Broome practice for nearly a decade. Formed in partnership with the Crime Victims Assistance Center, the program seeks to prevent and address power-based personal violence, which uses power, control or intimidation to harm another individual.

These incidents of violence and aggression – which include stalking, sexual assault, harassment, domestic violence – are considered red dots, explained SUNY Broome Counseling Services' Melissa Martin.

"Green dots are the good things in the world that cover up the red dots, in an attempt to make the campus community safer," she explained. The goal: To replace red dots with green dots – and prevent those red dots from happening in the first place.

To that end, SUNY Broome's Green Dot program has conducted gentle awareness campaigns, including an annual weekend breakfast with green pancakes, interactive tabling events and more. They're looking to do much the same this year, in addition to a Common Hour presentation and a potential training for faculty, staff and students in October.

Participants in the program learn about the three D's of intervention:

- Delegate, when a personal recognizes a red dot situation and involves a second party to aid the intervention
- Distract, which creates a diversion to diffuse the attention of people in the situation away from the negative behavior.

Here is the schedule for Green Dot events in Fall 2017. Stay tuned for further updates!

- Common Hour presentation from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Sept. 21 in Decker 201.
- Interactive tabling event from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 26 in the Student Center Lobby

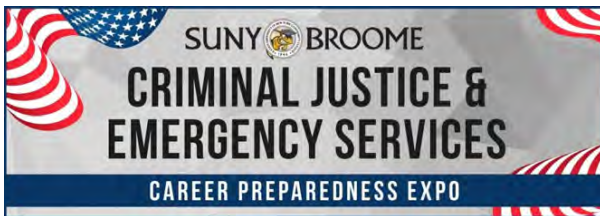
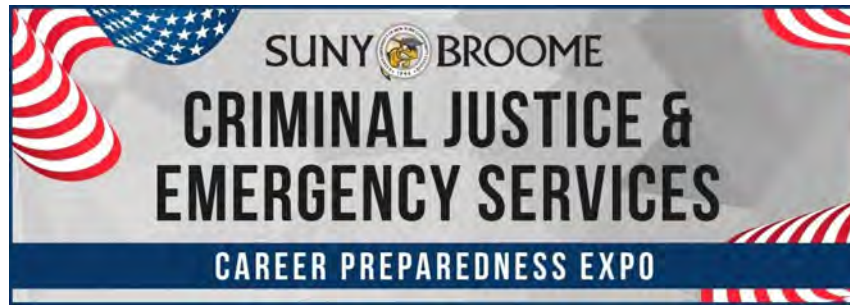
Green Dot training session on Oct. 20 at a location to be determined



Criminal Justice & Emergency Services Career Expo on Sept. 8

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Join us from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Sept. 8, 2017 in the Applied Technology Building atrium for the annual Criminal Justice & Emergency Services Career Preparedness Expo.

The event is **open to all majors**, and students in the Criminal Justice — Police and Corrections, Homeland Security, Fire Science and EMT/Paramedic program are encouraged to attend.

Participants will learn about careers in the field, civil service testing, internships and volunteer opportunities.

Speak one-on-one with representatives from:

American Red Cross, Binghamton Police, Broome County Community Emergency Response Team, Broome County Fire, Broome County Office of Emergency Services, Broome County Government Security, Broome County Sheriff's, City of Binghamton Parks & Recreation, City of Ithaca Police, Cooperstown Medical Transport, NYS Corrections, NYS Department of Corrections & Community Supervision, NYS Police, NYS University Police (B.U.), SUNY Broome Public Safety, SUNY Emergency Management (B.U.), and more!

The event is hosted by the Applied Learning & Career center in conjunction with SUNY Broome's CJES Department.



Growing community: SUNY Broome alumna helps the Binghamton Farm Share thrive

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SUNY Broome alumna Kate Miller-Corcoran is the program coordinator for VINES' Binghamton Farm Share program.

You can call Kate Miller-Corcoran a vegetable nerd. It's okay: She admits it.

Her favorite vegetable is spring turnips, but she can talk in-depth about all manner of food-plants, from the many things you can make with beets to how best to store your lettuce. As program coordinator for the VINES Binghamton Farm Share, she's a bit of a fresh-food evangelist, hoping to get a bit of green – and red, yellow and purple — into everyone's diet.

During an August distribution at the United Presbyterian Church in Binghamton, smiling volunteers distributed boxes filled with a colorful array of vegetables: eggplant, tomatoes, onions, cucumbers, squash, lettuce and potatoes. It was a contrast to the beginning of the season, with its assortment of spring greens and, yes, turnips.

"It's rainbow season, which is the best season of all," said Miller-Corcoran, a two-time SUNY Broome alumna. "This is the part of the season when people get really excited."

VINES stands for Volunteers Improving Neighborhood Environments, and the organization is committed to developing a sustainable community food system, ranging from community gardens and urban agriculture to youth programs and the farm share.

Farm share vegetables all come from local growers, within 60 miles of Binghamton, Miller-Corcoran explained. Participants who sign up for the program receive a box of vegetables each week, which they pick up at nine distribution locations throughout the City of Binghamton, Endicott, Johnson City and Whitney Point – mainly churches, schools and community centers that are easily reachable by residents.

Not only does the program support local farmers, it also gets area residents eating more fresh vegetables. This community-supported agriculture project also draws participants from all income levels; eligible households qualify for up to a 50 percent discount on their share each week, and the program also accepts SNAP as well as cash or check with bimonthly or weekly payment plans.

Currently, nearly 170 families take part in the farm share program.

"We started it to provide access to folks in our communities who don't have easy access to grocery stores," Miller-Corcoran explained.

VINES also provides member education, with weekly recipes, storage guides and workshops to help participants make the most of their share. At the August distribution site, a table sported a weekly trivia question: "Basil stores best in the fridge: true or false?"



SUNY Broome alumna Kate Miller-Corcoran, right, with VINES volunteer Debra Larrier at a Binghamton Farm Share distribution site in August.

Planting a seed at SUNY Broome

In some senses, it seems natural that Miller-Corcoran's career is connected with food: She grew up on a dairy farm in Windsor, where her family has been farming for four generations.

She earned a Liberal Arts degree from SUNY Broome in 2000, followed by a bachelor's in English from Penn State University and her Master's of Arts in English from SUNY Cortland, and later returned to SUNY Broome for an Associate's in Early Childhood Education in 2008.

Her career has taken interesting turns as well. She taught fourth grade in the Baltimore City School District, where she witnessed firsthand food insecurity and its effects on children and the surrounding community.

She and her husband, also a Penn State graduate and Southern Tier native, opted to return to the Broome County area.

After receiving her second SUNY Broome degree, she worked as a preschool teacher at the BC Center, the campus' childcare facility, working with three-year-olds. A graduate of SUNY Broome Entrepreneurial Assistance Program, she also ran her own business – Magical Mama's Cloth Diapering Service – for several years.

"I really loved going to Broome. It really instilled in me a sense of community I brought to this job," said the proud Hornet alumna. "It's a great school!"

She joined VINES as the farm share program coordinator in 2015. The farm share itself began in 2013 with 40 families and five sites; it's grown significantly since then.



Binghamton Farm Share distributes produce at nine community locations in Broome County.



Binghamton Farm Share produce comes from farms within 60 miles of Broome County.



SUNY Broome alumna Kate Miller-Corcoran is the program coordinator for VINES' Binghamton Farm Share program.

While it may seem far removed from her time in a classroom, her background in both education and as a small business owner have shaped her experience with her current career, she said.

"I use a lot of that education portion in doing this, knowing the different ways people learn and receive information," she explained.

VINES continues to flower

Like any healthy plant, the Binghamton Farm Share continues to send its roots further out into the community.

Sign-up begins in March, with rolling enrollment, and donors are always welcome, Miller-Corcoran said. Next season, distributions sites will be added in Endicott and in Saratoga Apartments in Binghamton, and Miller-Corcoran has her eye on spreading to the more rural parts of the county, as well as additional urban spots. There is, after all, a

great deal of need throughout Broome County, she said.

The program is also working with local healthcare providers to start a fruit and vegetable prescription program, through which people with diet-related diseases can receive vouchers for free vegetables, making it easier to eat well for their health.

"I want people to know that VINES is trying to make the Broome County area a better place and really to give people the tools to sustain themselves," she said. "Our volunteers are part of our community. We're trying to create community."



Want to ride the bus for free? Get your student ID by Sept. 17

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Attention, SUNY Broome students who ride BC Transit buses:

Be sure to have your SUNY Broome identification cards by Sunday, Sept 17, 2017. As of Monday, Sept. 18, 2017 riders without a valid SUNY Broome identification card will have to pay the fare to ride.

SUNY Broome students ride for free with their ID.



What you need to know for Welcome Week

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Welcome back to SUNY Broome! The first week of classes is Welcome Week, with events that range from the informational to the just plain fun. Check out the schedule:

Saturday, Aug. 26

- Move-In Day at the Student Village!
- 4:30 p.m.: An “all hall” meeting for Student Village residents in the Dining Hall
- 8 to 10 p.m.: Unwind at open gym time in the Baldwin Gym, or karaoke and snacks in the Student Village classroom.

Sunday, Aug. 27

- Campus tours run from 11 a.m. to noon and noon to 1 p.m. Get familiar with the hive!
- A barbecue runs from 1 to 4 p.m. at a location to be announced. Yum! Events will run alongside the barbecue, including a game truck, spikeball, slacklining, yard games, a photo booth with Stinger and more.
- Grab a movie at 5 p.m., *Hitman's Bodyguard*, across the street at Regal Cinemas.
- Burn off some calories at open gym from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Baldwin Gym.
- Connect with your Student Village peers at your floor meeting, which runs from 8 to 8:45 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 28

- Questions? The Broome Crew comes to the rescue from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at information tents across campus.
- Need help with your schedule or other issues? Visit Info Inc., run by Counseling Services, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Center lobby.
- Spikeball runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lawn area. Show your skills.
- Go see a Rumble Ponies baseball game at NYSEG Stadium in downtown Binghamton. You can get up to four tickets with your student ID for just \$2. Purchase your tickets at the stadium, show your ID at the door and you're in!
- Student officer training runs from 1 to 2 p.m. in Science Building 208B.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

- Questions? The Broome Crew comes to the rescue from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at information tents across campus.
- Need help with your schedule or other issues? Visit Info Inc., run by Counseling Services, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Center lobby.
- Spikeball runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lawn area. Show your skills.
- I scream, you scream, we all scream for the ice cream truck next to the windmill from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free ice cream for the first 100 people!
- Student officer training runs from 1 to 2 p.m. in Science Building 208B.

Wednesday, Aug. 30

- Slacklining runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lawn area. Weeeeeee!
- I scream, you scream, we all scream for the ice cream truck next to the windmill from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free ice cream for the first 100 people!
- Head across the street to the Regional Farmers Market (yes, we have one) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for the Fresh Food Face-Off, hosted by the Cornell Cooperative Extension. This has been a wildly successful event, and SUNY Broome Dining Services is excited to join the ranks of local restaurants, bakeries, breweries and wineries offering up their best dishes made with locally sourced and locally grown products.

- Get a Shot of Reality from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Dining Hall. This improv comedy show tackles topics such as partying, alcohol and affirmative consent — stuff you need to know about.
- ARO, the Accessibility Resource Office, will hold an orientation from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Student Village classroom.

Thursday, Aug. 31

- Save a life — give blood. A campus blood drive runs from 8 a.m. to noon in the Baldwin Gym.
- Replenish yourself after giving blood with Doughnuts with the Dean! Grab your favorite doughnut and chat with the Dean of Students between 9 a.m. and noon outside the Old Science Building.
- Slacklining runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lawn area. Weeeeeee!
- Student officer training runs from 1 to 2 p.m. in Science Building 208B.

Friday, Sept. 1

- Save a life — give blood. A campus blood drive runs from 8 a.m. to noon in the Baldwin Gym.
- Who let the dogs out? Bark-9, actually: They'll be bringing some canines onto campus from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Student Center lobby.



Back to class: Fall 2017 Faculty Staff Assembly covers building projects, the strategic plan and more

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SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm speaks at the Fall 2017 Faculty Staff Assembly



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programs and initiatives integral to campus, it also took the time to showcase student excellence. Incoming SUNY Broome student Megan MarkAnthony gave her diva best with a vocal performance of “Gorgeous,” accompanied by Professor Pej Reitz on piano. MarkAnthony has experience in community theater, and also has taken classes in the Early College program, Music Program Coordinator Brenda Dawe said.

Biology Professor Tracy Curtis also highlighted student research efforts. Last year, SUNY Broome became one of 44 community colleges in the Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative (CCURI) and students continue to perform research on diverse topics. Projects have included Lyme disease and tick research, the prevalence of handwashing hygiene and the efficacy of tutoring for student success, and students have presented at research and development conferences – sometimes winning top honors.



SUNY Broome student Megan MarkAnthony gave her diva best with a vocal performance of “Gorgeous,” at the Fall 2017 Faculty Staff Assembly

This fall, SUNY Broome students may see an unexpected face at the head of their class: President Kevin E. Drumm.

President Drumm – who taught online graduate school courses when he initially came to the campus 7½ years ago – will teach COL 105, the Academic Planning Seminar, he revealed at the Fall 2017 Faculty Staff Assembly on Aug. 24.

“I haven’t taught in a traditional classroom for 15 years,” said Dr. Drumm, who was excited to be back at the head of the class.

As is SUNY Broome tradition, the Faculty Staff Assembly kicked off the semester and the academic year with a recap of the previous year, updates on current projects and initiatives, and a recognition of new, promoted or retired faculty and staff members. Among the new faces: Dr. Carol Ross, the college’s new Vice President of Student and Economic Development and its chief diversity officer

“This year’s theme is ‘Teaching and Learning.’ It’s what we do, bottom line,” said Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti, who kicked off the program.

While the FSA covered



Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti kicks off the Fall 2017 Faculty Staff Assembly

“It’s not just about doing a project in the classroom and getting a grade for it, but also sharing it with the community,” she said.

Construction updates

President Drumm offered updates on a number of capital projects that continue to transform the college’s campus, both in Dickinson and in downtown Binghamton.

The construction of Broome County’s one-stop economic development center is nearing completion and The Agency (formerly known as the Broome County Industrial Development Agency) should be moving in by the end of September, Dr. Drumm said. The building is officially known as “Five” for its address: 5 North College Drive.

SUNY Broome's Collaboration Lab opened this spring in the new Koffman Southern Tier Incubator. The college has much of the third floor, a space that will be dedicated to student entrepreneurship. The project is a partnership between SUNY Broome and Binghamton University, with the former receiving \$6 million in state funding to establish the Co-Lab. An official grand opening and tours will be offered this fall.

"It's a really stunning space," Dr. Drumm said.

The renovation of the historic Carnegie Library in downtown Binghamton has hit some challenges, however, President Drumm acknowledged. The 114-year-old building was originally slated to become SUNY Broome's Culinary Arts Center, but the kind of HVAC system needed for such a use may be cost-prohibitive in a historic building. The Administration anticipates that it will know later this fall whether it can surmount this obstacle or, if not, what the building will contain.

"We will be in that building either way, and there will be some aspect of catering and hospitality and events, no matter what we do there," he said.

The Mechanical Building renovation

Perhaps the most noticeable project on campus is the much-needed renovation of the Mechanical Building, which has fenced off much of the center of campus. Prior to the start of this project, the old Science Building was extensively renovated to provide classroom and office space to accommodate those moved from Mechanical.

At a cost of approximately \$11 million, the Mechanical Building project has an expected completion date of August 2018, said Director of Campus Operations David Ligeikis. Work this summer has included tree, brush and hardscape removal, interior demolition and – the most dramatic piece – the drilling of the geothermal wells in the Quad that will be used to heat and cool the building.

Once renovated, the building will include an additional entrance on the Natural Science Center side. On the opposite side, the Mechanical and Business buildings will be joined in an airy atrium that will enclose the current overhead walkway and provide an area for students to gather.

The renovated building will showcase new technology with updated labs and equipment, including a state-of-the-art clean room, a high-tech soldering lab and food science processing lab for yogurt and brewery production. Sustainability will be a theme throughout the entire facility, and unique features include the emerging infrastructure technologies sandbox, a geothermal field and a rooftop solar array. Outside the building, a plaza-type space will make the area more conducive to student activities, according to Ligeikis.

The building will also bear a new name: The Paul & Mary Calice and Mildred Barton Advanced Manufacturing Center. Part of the funding comes from the historic \$11 million estate of Emil Calice. Paul and Mary Calice, Italian immigrants who owned a corner store in Binghamton, were his parents and Millie Barton his companion and a local philanthropist.

"The name is required by the Calice estate," President Drumm explained. "That gift turned out to be the single largest private donation to any SUNY community college ever."

Strategic plan, enrollment, research and more

Not all campus developments involve bricks and mortar, and the Faculty Staff Assembly highlighted these wide-ranging efforts as well.

The strategic plan has been finished, helping cement the college's long-term vision of "learning today, transforming tomorrow." The plan is guided by six key goals, Dr. Battisti explained: fostering diversity and inclusion; an inclusive teaching- and learning-centered environment; fiscal, program development, and infrastructure sustainability; student support and success; civic, community engagement, and service learning; and strategic and continuous improvement.

The strategic plan, which plays an integral role in formulating campus vision and priorities, is accessible at www.sunybroome.edu/strategicplan.

Final Registration Week was moved a week earlier than previously, giving students more time to settle matters before the start of classes. Enrollment is again on the upswing, and SUNY Broome students are taking advantage of the state's new Excelsior Scholarship program, which provides free tuition for income- and credit-eligible students.

"Some institutions of our size have no more than a handful of Excelsior students. We have 30," Dr. Drumm said. "I suspect that will double or more next year."


BPS has been renamed as the Division of Business and Professional Studies. Study Abroad will now become the Global Experiences Office, and emphasize faculty-led programs both at home and abroad, Dr. Battisti said. An example of the latter: Professor Kennie Leet received a grant to develop a faculty-led instructional program focusing on groundbreaking research going on in Africa.

The Achieving Success initiative continues to make headway in formulating data-based approaches to closing achievement gaps for students, and college officials are exploring online educational resources (OERs) to provide course materials to all students, who face the prospect of purchasing pricey textbooks.

The Applied Learning & Career Center closed out its first year with a range of successful events, connecting with more than 670 students. During the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Job Fair, more than half of the 430 job-seekers were SUNY Broome students or alumni. On-campus recruitment events also landed 13 students internships and another three full-time jobs.

The Broome Community College Foundation, which plays an essential role in funding student scholarships, professional development programs and capital projects, saw nearly \$5 million in revenue this past year, in part due to earnings on its \$34 million portfolio, Executive Director Cathy Williams said. The Foundation awarded nearly \$1.3 million this year in student scholarships, faculty grants and capital initiatives.

New gift highlights include a \$50,000 gift to support the faculty development endowed fund, several new endowed and annual student scholarships, and scholarships for the Health for Haiti program, she said.

It may seem a lot to take in – the many moving parts, under constant development, the stall of the college's future and its continuing success. Dr. Drumm circled back to a motto he unveiled a few years ago: CI squared, for continuous improvement times continuous innovation.

"We're constantly trying new things to better the experience for our students, both in and outside of the classroom," he said.



Dr. Carol Ross, the college's new Vice President of Student and Economic Development and its chief diversity officer, at the fall 2017 Faculty Staff Assembly

Love to sing? Join SUNY Broome Chamber Singers!

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Do you love to sing? Are you looking for a choir? Come and audition for the SUNY Broome Music Program's Chamber Singers!

The Chamber Singers is a select vocal ensemble of 16 to 24 high-level, high-energy singers performing a cappella and accompanied music of all styles, including spirituals, jazz arrangements, 20th-century and contemporary music. They're looking for singers in all voice parts who have an excellent team attitude and a commitment to attend two rehearsals a week.

Rehearsals are held from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in CS-113.

Auditions will be held Monday, Aug. 28, through Wednesday, Aug. 30. The audition requires singing 16 measures of any song and warm up-style exercises, and is open to all students attending SUNY Broome. (This course can also be taken for credit.)

Sign-up sheets are on the door to Campus Services Room 110, or contact Professor Sicilian at sicilianpj@sunybroome.edu to make an appointment.



In the Community: Fall Bowling League Sign-ups

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Midway Lanes in Vestal is now forming their Fall Bowling Leagues for adults of all ages and skill levels. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact them by phone at 729-3538, online at yourbowlingplace.com or visit them at 213 North Jensen Road, Vestal, during regular business hours.

Sunset Lanes in Kirkwood is now forming their Fall Bowling Leagues for adults of all ages and skill levels. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact them by phone at 775-2232, online at yourbowlingplace.com or visit us at 1011 Rt. 11, Kirkwood, during regular business hours.



SUNY Broome Communications Faculty play key role in State Fair Film Festival

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Featured News



SUNY Broome – A title frame from the drone film “SUNY Broome” by 2017 graduate Jiongzheng Chen. Chen submitted his film in the “Student” category for the First Annual NYS Fair Drone Film Festival. (Image – Jiongzheng Chen)



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“Anytime you have a pioneer event like this it is neat because you don’t ever get that first time to do something over again,” Massurin said. “Our festival is really highlighting an exciting new way of making films and it also talking about the significance businesses in Central New York are playing in the world of drones worldwide.”

SUNY Broome Communications Chairman Jason De Trani, Co-ordinator Tim Skinner and Instructor Ed Evans spent part of their summer playing a critical role as judges for the New York State Fair’s first-ever New York State Fair Drone Film Festival.

The three SUNY Broome instructors were among the 10-judge panel of educators and media industry professionals who screened and rated the 83 films, submitted by filmmakers from as far away as Spain, Australia and Africa. More than half of the films came from New York State based filmmakers.

“The role that each of these judges played, both individually and collectively was vital to the festival,” said Mike Massurin, Managing Director of the NYS Fair Drone Film Festival. “You get lots of submissions, but it is up to the judges to decide which films make it through to the final cut.”

One of the Student Films submitted to the Drone Festival was from recent SUNY Broome graduate Jiongzheng “Wilson” Chen (May ’17) who submitted his 2016 short film of a drone tour of the SUNY Broome campus.

A special film screening and awards ceremony will be held during the State Fair in Syracuse at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 26 in the Home and Arts Building. About a dozen of the winning films will be screened during that event, Massurin said.

Image from the FilmFreeway webpage for the NYS Drone Film Festival.

This summer’s New York State Fair is featuring the first annual NYS Fair Drone Film Festival, to highlight the evolving field of Drone filmmaking, and the key role Central New York businesses are playing in the development of Drone technology.



First day of classes begins Monday at SUNY Broome

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Students on the first day of classes in 2016



Students on the first day of classes in 2016

SUNY Broome will welcome students on Monday, August 28, for the first day of classes.

As of Aug. 25, 2017, 5,603 students are enrolled. Current numbers do not include the Fast Forward program, and enrollment numbers are subject to change during the semester.

Enrollment at a glance:

- Of the students enrolled, 73% are full-time students and 27% are part-time.
- According to data compiled earlier Friday, the population includes 2,504 new, first-time students, 2,784 continuing students and 315 non-matriculated students. These numbers will continue to be updated.
- Nearly 60 percent are female and 40 percent are male.
- Approximately 53 percent are from Broome County, 42 percent from another New York State County, 3 percent from out of state and another 2 percent from another country.
- Traditional, campus-only students number 4,223 while 641 students take courses both on campus and online, and 739 are online-only.

- 355 students live on campus in the Student Village. Move-In Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 26.

The week of August 28 is also Welcome Week, which features a series of events for both residential and commuter students. The week will feature information booths and other help to get students on track for the semester as well as a variety of fun activities.

“As a college president, the first day of classes is my second favorite day of the year – the first being Commencement, of course,” President Drumm said. “I would like to welcome our new and returning students, our faculty and staff for another successful academic year. I look forward to seeing all of our students achieve their academic goals, and walk across the stage in May.”



SUNY Broome holds Move-In Day 2017

August 26, 2017
Featured News



SUNY Broome held its fourth annual Move-In Day on Saturday, August 26. Residential students moved in to the college's residence hall, the Student Village, with the help of volunteers from the campus community. A total of 360 students live in the residence hall.

"On behalf of the entire SUNY Broome community, I offer a warm welcome to our resident students who help make campus such a vibrant place to live and learn," said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm.

The \$18.2 million Student Village opened for the first time in Fall 2014 and continues to draw interest from prospective students. Once beds are filled, students are entered onto a wait list for future openings. The facility is owned by the nonprofit BCC Housing Development Corporation, which was created by the Broome Community College Foundation. State law prohibits community colleges from owning their own residence halls.

SUNY Broome's Housing Office is headed by director Amy Zieziula. Two Residence Directors – Alexandria Donkor and Maureen VanDeusen, both new this fall – live in the building, and oversee 10 Resident Assistants who live on each floor.

Move-In Day is also the start of Welcome Week, a series of events for both residential and commuter students. The week will feature information booths and other help to get students on track for the semester as well as a variety of fun activities.



Classes
begin Aug. 28.

**Student
Village by the numbers**

Total number of resident students: 360

Number of resident assistants: 10

Number of floors: 4

Number of suites: 60

Breakdown of student origin: 4% from Broome County, 90% from other New York State counties, 4% from out of state, 2% international

Cost per semester: \$4,235 for a single room and \$3,813 for a double room

Amenities: State-of-the-art building with fully furnished suites that each include four bedrooms, a full kitchen and full bathrooms. The building also has a fitness center, a classroom, computer labs, laundry rooms on each floor, a Skype lounge, quiet study rooms and a student lounge.



In the Community: LUMA returns on Sept. 1

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In 2015, a group of artists, engineers, and tech-minded folks put together something entirely new in the Binghamton area called the LUMA Projection Arts Festival. The idea was to try something only seen in much larger cities. The hope was to draw a crowd of 4,000 to 5,000 people — then 25,000 people showed up. LUMA Year One was a success!

However, that was only the beginning. Last year for the follow-up show, LUMA teamed up with the Binghamton Philharmonic and presented a show accompanied by a live 48-piece orchestra. Once again, the streets of downtown Binghamton filled with spectators who came out to experience something unlike anything before as downtown Binghamton transformed into a canvas for national artists projecting building-sized animation, video, sound and light.

Now in its third year LUMA, is back to present a show bigger, brighter and

with a few new surprises.

Assistant Director for Technology Services Fermin Romero is a Technical Director on the project again this year and had a few things to say about the buzz this festival has generated.

“In the past few months several people have stopped me on campus to ask ‘Is that LUMA thing happening again this year?’ I simply love the idea that people are excited for this event,” he said. “When we first started, I just liked the tech geekiness of the whole thing, and now we have evolved into our technical team pushing the absolute limits of what we are capable of doing. I am excited for what we have in store!

“People had previously told me they thought the crowd was a little too big for State Street. So, this year LUMA has moved to a much larger area downtown with all new shows on some of Binghamton’s most historic buildings, including the Carnegie Library (home of SUNY Broome’s future Culinary Arts Center). I said this last year, but I’ll say it again, the surprises we have in store this year I just know will take this event to the next level.”

Throughout the evening, starting at sundown, animations will be projected at regular intervals on six buildings in Downtown Binghamton. Festival-goers can move from building to building at their own pace to enjoy everything that our artists have dreamed up. Join us around 9 p.m. Friday, September 1, to experience the third annual LUMA Festival. For more information, please visit <http://lumafestival.com/>

If you are interested in participating or donating, please visit the kickstarter page <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/lumafestival/luma-international-projection-arts-festival>



The Monday Poem: 'Under the Stars' by Dorianne Laux

August 27, 2017

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

Under the Stars

Dorianne Laux

When my mother died
I was as far away
as I could be, on an arm of land
floating in the Atlantic
where boys walk shirtless
down the avenue
holding hands, and gulls sleep
on the battered pilings,
their bright beaks hidden
beneath one white wing.

Maricopa, Arizona. Mea Culpa.

I did not fly to see your body
and instead stepped out
on a balcony in my slip
to watch the stars turn
on their grinding wheel.
Early August, the ocean,
a salt-tinged breeze.

Botanists use the word
serotinous to describe
late-blossoming, serotinal
for the season of late-summer.
I did not write your obituary
as my sister requested, could
not compose such final lines:

*I closed the piano
to keep the music in.* Instead

I stood with you
on what now seems
like the ancient deck
of a great ship, our nightgowns
flaring, the smell of dying lilacs
drifting up from someone's
untended yard, and we
listened to the stars hiss
into the bent horizon, blossoms
the sea gathered tenderly, each
shattered and singular one
long dead, but even so, incandescent,
making a singed sound, singing
as they went.





About This Poem

“I was teaching a class in Provincetown when I got a phone call at 4 am. If we’re old enough, we know the news is never good at that time in the morning. After I hung up there was nothing but the thick quiet of the trees. What’s not in the poem is that I stepped out in my slip and picked up an old, three-legged chair that had been abandoned on the porch and threw it over the balcony where it shattered. That chair became the stars in the poem that I did look up to. It was the only thing I could do.”

—*Dorianne Laux*



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August 27, 2017
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Geothermal well field drilling in the Quad

August 28, 2017

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To address the concerns of faculty, students and staff, the geothermal well field drilling schedule will be modified as follows, to both reduce noise impact on campus and also remain sensitive to the residents of the surrounding neighborhoods:

- Well drilling took place this past Saturday and will take place next weekend, if required.
- The well drilling timeframe during the week (Monday through Friday) will be changed to an 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. schedule.
- The goal is to finish all drilling by the end of this week.

Mike Marinaccio (Town of Dickinson Supervisor) has been advised of the drilling schedule change in case he receives any complaints from residents. If anyone has any questions, please contact David Ligeikis, Interim Director of Campus Operations, at 765-9710.



Fall 2017 Brochure of free Lectures, Film Screenings and Discussions

August 28, 2017

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The Fall 2017 Brochure of Lectures, Film Screenings and Discussions is 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/>

Fall 2017 Brochure

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. 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

For further information, contact

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SUNY Broome shares in \$4.1 million NSF grant

August 28, 2017

Featured News

SUNY Broome Community College will share in the over \$4.1 million in federal funding that Binghamton University has received to promote STEM degrees and careers for low income, academically gifted students. The funding was allocated through the National Science Foundation (NSF) and will be used to promote Bachelor of Science degree completion in STEM fields through partnerships with community colleges.

SUNY Broome will receive more than \$640,000 as a sub-award of this five-year NSF grant. Most of the funds will be used to offer scholarships of approximately \$10,000 per student per year to attract and retain a total of 30 academically talented, low-income students in STEM fields relating to smart energy. Students will continue to receive the scholarship at Binghamton University for the completion of a BS degree in STEM.

Dr. Daniel Brennan, a chemistry professor, has a long-standing partnership with BU and will lead the project at SUNY Broome. Brennan knows firsthand the challenges that this target group faces in completing a STEM degree.

“Growing up in a low-income household myself, I understand how difficult it can be to succeed in STEM at the college level,” he said. “I look forward to working with these students to help them overcome obstacles and support their transition from SUNY Broome to BU to the STEM workforce.”

The federal investment will be used to train students, moving from SUNY Broome and CUNY Queensborough Community College to Binghamton University, in STEM fields including Smart Energy. Participating students will have the opportunity to gain hands on experience in these fields and will work with new technologies and materials for energy storage and generation at cutting-edge research facilities at Binghamton. Students will also have the opportunity to work with the American Chemical Society’s Education Division to work on self-assessment, career planning, goal setting, and skill strengthening. The project will also study interventions to improve retention, completion and academic success for community college transfer students, and will extend support to transfer students as soon as they begin at community college.

“Enjoying the opportunity to participate in these outstanding experiences without having to worry about working unrelated jobs to pay for college will be a key strength of this program,” said Brennan.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is an independent federal agency that supports fundamental research and education across all fields of science and engineering. NSF funds reach all 50 states through grants to nearly 2,000 colleges, universities and other institutions. Each year, NSF receives more than 48,000 competitive proposals for funding and makes about 12,000 new funding awards. NSF also awards about \$626 million in professional and service contracts yearly.



Campus Construction Activities for the week of Aug. 28

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The following construction activities are planned for the week of Aug. 28, 2017. Please pay attention to and abide by all construction signage in these areas.

- Sidewalk and site lighting excavation will continue around the perimeter of the old Mechanical Building.
- Structural tie-in work and excavation (for the Calice Advanced Manufacturing/Business Building connector) will begin in the basement of the Business Building.
- Well-drilling in the geothermal well field will continue. (Well-drilling hours have been adjusted to reduce noise impacts.)
- Repair work and painting will continue on the Oz Winters SUNY Broome Tennis Courts.
- Work for the Verizon Wireless project will focus primarily on work within building data closets (i.e., pulling wire and installing the repeaters).



The Applied Learning & Career Center is here to help!

August 28, 2017

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Welcome back, students! The ALCC is here for all your career readiness needs (resumes, job search, interview skills, internships, etc). Contact us to schedule an appointment or stop in to see us in AT 101 during walk-in hours (no appointment needed) from 11 a/m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For highlights of what we've been up to and things to come, be sure to check out our newsletter:

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We look forward to working with you!



Aug. 30: Holla at Dr. Carol!

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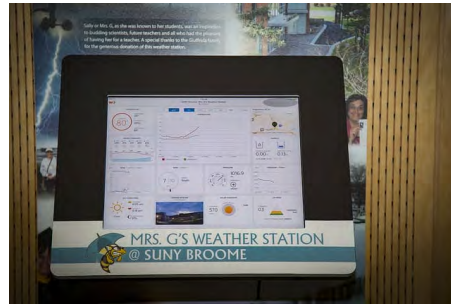
Express yourself! Dr. Carol Ross, Vice President for Student Development and Chief Diversity Officer, wants to hear from you — happy thoughts, concerns or challenges as you start the semester.

The event runs from 12 to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, in the SUNY Broome Dining Hall.



Mrs. G's Weather Station now available online

August 29, 2017
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Mrs. G's Weather Station has an interactive kiosk in the Natural Science Center.

Want to know the weather conditions on campus? Mrs. G's Weather Station at SUNY Broome is now available online at www.sunybroome.edu/weatherstation or on Weather Underground using station ID: KNYBINGH25. You can also visit our fully interactive kiosk in the Natural Science Center.



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SUNY Broome welcomes first PTECH cohort to campus this fall!

August 29, 2017
Featured News



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Thirty PTECH students are on-campus this semester. Students are concurrently enrolled; they are seniors in high school and enrolled on campus for 8 to 10 credits via Early College. We have students who are on track for matriculation to our Health Studies, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Civil Engineering Technology and Computer Technology programs.

For more information on PTECH and to watch a very informative video highlighting these 30 students, please visit:
<http://www.btbooces.org/PTECH.aspx>



Women's basketball pre-season meeting on Aug. 31

August 29, 2017
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There will be a brief pre-season meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday, August 31, in the Baldwin Gymnasium. Anyone interested in participating in the women's basketball program should attend. The meeting will cover required paperwork, transcripts, sports physicals, schedules and expectations.

Student-Athletes must have a physical on file before participating in an intercollegiate sport, including off-season workouts and practices.

Questions? Contact head coach Mike Huggler at 607-778-5271 or email hugglermj@sunybroom.edu



Fall Softball Meeting on Aug. 31

August 29, 2017

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There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in playing softball this fall at 4 p.m. Thursday, August 31, in the Baldwin Gymnasium. Anyone interested in participating should attend. The meeting will cover required paperwork, transcripts, sports physicals, schedules and expectations.

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SUNY Broome Dining Services to compete in Fresh Food Face-Off on Aug. 30

August 29, 2017

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American Dining Creations at SUNY Broome is excited to be a participant in this year's Fresh Food Face-Off!

The 8th annual Fresh Food Face-Off is hosted by the Cornell Cooperative Extension and taking place at the Regional Farmers Market at 840 Upper Front Street (just down the street from campus!). This has been a wildly successful event, and we're excited to join the ranks of local restaurants, bakeries, breweries and wineries offering up their best dishes made with locally sourced and locally grown products.

The event takes place on Wednesday, Aug. 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. We would love to see faculty, staff and students come out to support local farms, local restaurants and SUNY Broome's own dining services!

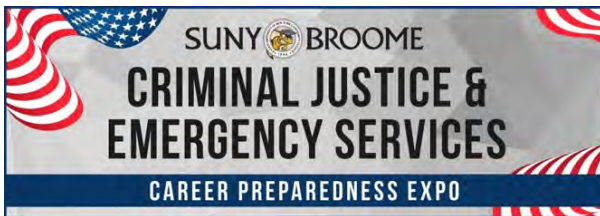
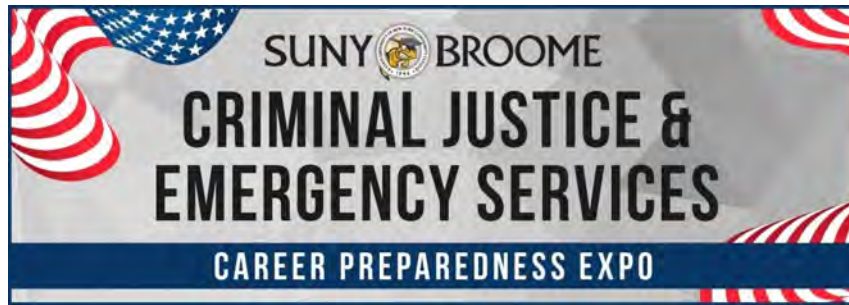
<https://www.facebook.com/FreshFoodFaceOff/>



Criminal Justice & Emergency Services Career Expo on Sept. 8

August 29, 2017

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Join us from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Sept. 8, 2017 in the Applied Technology Building atrium for the annual Criminal Justice & Emergency Services Career Preparedness Expo.

The event is **open to all majors**, and students in the Criminal Justice — Police and Corrections, Homeland Security, Fire Science and EMT/Paramedic program are encouraged to attend.

Participants will learn about careers in the field, civil service testing, internships and volunteer opportunities.

Speak one-on-one with representatives from:

American Red Cross, Binghamton Police, Broome County Community Emergency Response Team, Broome County Fire, Broome County Office of Emergency Services, Broome County Government Security, Broome County Sheriff's, City of Binghamton Parks & Recreation, City of Ithaca Police, Cooperstown Medical Transport, NYS Corrections, NYS Department of Corrections & Community Supervision, NYS Police, NYS University Police (B.U.), SUNY Broome Public Safety, SUNY Emergency Management (B.U.), and more!

The event is hosted by the Applied Learning & Career center in conjunction with SUNY Broome's CJES Department.



Home Sweet Home: SUNY Broome welcomes Student Village residents on Move-In Day

August 29, 2017

Featured News



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residence directors – Alexandria Donkor and Maureen VanDeusen – and 10 student resident assistants, who were on hand to help their peers check in. All of them live in the building.



Taylor VerNooy

After finishing his Associate's at SUNY Broome, he plans to transfer to BU and complete both his bachelor's and master's degrees there, ultimately leading to a career in computer engineering.

Giant teddy bear: Check. Boxes of ramen noodles, check. Free weights? Put them – carefully – in the yellow laundry cart.

With practiced efficiency, SUNY Broome's fourth annual Move-In Day welcomed Student Village residents and their families to campus. For many families, the moment was bittersweet, mingling pride and sadness young scholars left home to embrace their future.

"It's a lot of fun to see the excitement! Sometimes the excitement is on the parents' faces and sometimes sadness is on the parents' faces," reflected SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm as he watched Move-In Day unfold.

Home to 360 students, the Student Village opened for the first time in Fall 2014 and continues to draw interest from prospective students. As with every year since its opening, the college's sole residence hall drew a waiting list of interested students, Dr. Drumm said.

This year, the Student Village starts the semester with two new



Student volunteers aided their peers on Move-In Day 2017.

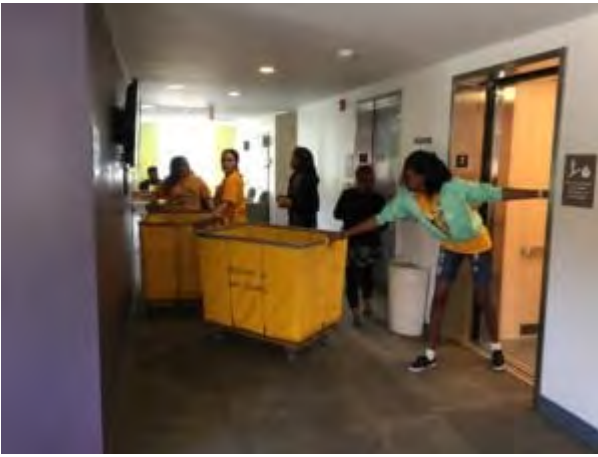
Unpacking her paisley-print suitcase, Taylor VerNooy of Walton felt both excited and nervous about starting the new school year. Already on her desk: models of human teeth – not unusual for a Dental Hygiene major.

VerNooy, who completed a year at SUNY Delhi, opted for SUNY Broome precisely because of that major – and for the Student Village "because I hate the highway." The one thing she couldn't bear to leave at home?

"My pictures," she said, indicating a few that were up and others that were still packed. "I have all my animals and my family.... They remind me of home." She has quite a few animals to miss: six horses, two dogs, fish, cats and chickens, to be precise.

Computer engineering major Rakib Hussain had the opportunity to move in several days earlier; as a student in the Educational Opportunity Program, he participated in an extended orientation. A native of Brooklyn, he credited EOP director Venessa Rodriguez with making his transition to college a smooth one – and tirelessly answering his multiple questions.

"I feel like this was a second chance. I didn't have the grades for Binghamton University," he reflected on his decision to come to SUNY Broome.



Volunteers made Move-In Day 2017 go swiftly and efficiently.

Medical Assisting, with the goal of someday becoming a nurse.

“I also wanted to experience college life,” she said as her roommate unpacked in their shared suite.

Djidi is starting the school year ready to learn and determined to make the most of it. “It’s a long journey that’s ahead of me,” she said, outlining her plans to transfer to SUNY Oneonta and do an internship along the way.

In addition to students, volunteers included faculty, staff and other members of the campus community. Sometimes, students even had their luggage carted by a member of the Administration: SUNY Broome’s new Vice President of Student Development, Dr. Carol Ross.

“Good morning, families! How are you?” she said as she met cars curbside, helping them offload into the ever-present laundry carts.



SUNY Broome’s new Vice President of Student Development, Dr. Carol Ross, rolled up her sleeves on Move-In Day 2017.

Already moved in, he decided to pitch in and help his peers on Move-In Day. So did fellow EOP student Djidi Diarra, one of the many volunteers helping move boxes and carts through the busy halls.

The Manhattan native opted for SUNY Broome because she wanted to major in Health Studies and



Rakib Hussain moved in a little early.



Djidi Diarra



College Democrats to host political candidates in town halls on campus

August 29, 2017

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The College Democrats Student Club at SUNY Broome is hosting a series of town halls for political candidates. Come and hear from candidates running for office on the following dates, from 11 to 11:50 a.m. in Titchener 102:

- Sept. 5: Daniel Livingston for Broome County Clerk
- Sept. 19 – Tarik Abdelazim for City of Binghamton Mayor
- Oct. 10: Heath Phillips for Congress (District 22)
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Become an Ambassador: Paid student positions open in Admissions!

August 30, 2017

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The SUNY Broome Admissions Office is looking for outgoing, dynamic, and versatile students to join our new Student Ambassador Program! Please join us in a Information Session at 11 a.m. this Thursday, August 31, in the Decker Building Room 318.

Student Ambassadors are students who **love** SUNY Broome and are digitally connected, involved in campus life and can become leaders in our community.

Student Ambassadors are:

- Articulate and comfortable speaking in front of a group.
- Encouraging and willing to share portions of their college experience with prospective students and their families.
- Active on campus. (Or want to be!)
- Familiar with campus events and activities.

Student Ambassadors are needed for weekly “Walk in Wednesday” campus tours at 4 p.m. as well as special events, marketing campaigns, group tours and on an on-call basis. A minimum of 5 hours a week is required.

Some of the responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Manage social media accounts and be comfortable reporting on what’s going on around campus.
- Answering questions about campus activities, events, and programs.
- Welcoming visitors and directing them to the right department/building.
- Helping with general office work and errands.
- Become “models” for our print media, website, and campus.

Student Ambassadors are paid \$10.50/hour for their assistance.

If you are interested, RVSP to Maja Szostak at szostakmm@sunybroome.edu.



Social Anxiety and Depression Counseling Group to meet starting Oct. 3

August 30, 2017

Buzz

Beginning Tuesday, October 3, from 11 to 11:50 a.m., a counseling group for social anxiety and depression will meet for 8 weeks through November 21 in Student Services Building Room 214. This educational and therapeutic process will address the symptoms and underlying issues of social anxiety and depression.

The organizer will be especially sensitive to the needs for emotional safety in order to create an environment that invites participants to tell their personal stories and address their personal concerns.



Get involved: Register or re-register a club for this year

August 30, 2017

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Looking to register a new club or re-register your existing club? Go to this link: <https://sunybroome.campuslabs.com/engage/register>

Remember that you must do this within the first three weeks of school and that you will be required to upload a current set of bylaws. A bylaws template is supplied in the registration form itself as a helpful guide. Use it if you like!



Statement by the Student Assembly Opposing Violent Protests in Charlottesville, Virginia

August 30, 2017

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“Observing the media following Friday night’s ‘Unite the Right’ rally, my heart goes out to marginalized people everywhere. I am thankful that here at SUNY Broome we strive to create an environment that is committed to social justice and the welfare of all people.. Protests that seek to threaten others are the epitome of counterproductivity in our already fragile democracy.” remarked Trustee Barber on Sunday, August 13.

The Student Assembly of SUNY Broome stands adamant in its commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion, as well as civil discourse. The Assembly also firmly opposes bigotry on our campus as well as nationwide.

Civil dialogue based on logic and compromise, not rigid ideology, is essential to a functioning democracy adhering to civic engagement. We are proud to say that on August 9 we sponsored SUNY Broome’s Center for Civic Engagement Public Voice Event. The very successful event brought citizens in the community of a

variety of opinions provided their input to local representatives in a civilized discourse.

We are also excited to welcome new Vice-President Carol Ross, SUNY Broome’s first Chief Diversity Officer. Dr. Ross hit the ground running in July and is ready to make sure the campus is welcoming for everyone.

We encourage students, faculty, staff, and community members to report biased acts of discrimination to the New York State Bias Reporting Hotline at (888) 392-3644. Crimes and immediate threats should be directed to local authorities by calling 911. On-campus incidents may be reported online via the SUNY Broome Bias Incident Reporting Form (https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?SUNYBroome&layout_id=3). Non-Emergency bias incidents on campus may also be reported to the Office of Public Safety (607) 779-5083



SUNY Broome's Scot Beekman receives Individual Collaboration Award

August 31, 2017

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Scot Beekman, SUNY Broome's Assistant Director of Administrative Information Systems, has received an Individual Collaboration Award from the SUNY Council of CIOs.

Scot has many achievements and was recognized for thinking SUNY-wide as he implements projects. In the letters that the committee received to support his nomination, the following contributions were highlighted:

- He is the founder and co-chair of the SUNY AIRPO (Association of Institutional Research Planning Officers) SIRIS Advisory Group. In his role inside this group he has:
 - Been an instrumental part of SICAS's SIRIS Exception Reporting Focus Group that worked to create exception reporting dashboards
 - Assisted with process improvement for campuses to receive timely data submission from SUNY
 - Created a sharing repository site and shared extensive documentation for SIRIS
- He is largely responsible for a SICAS/Broome Starfish/Argos/Banner Collaboration that has led to SUNY Broome being a leader in implementation of the early notification system Starfish. Because of Scot's success and collaboration, Broome acted as a SUNY Starfish Mentor Campus for Technical Integration to other SUNY schools implementing Starfish.

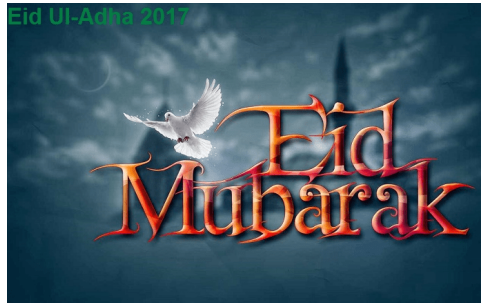
The State University of New York (SUNY) Council of Chief Information Officers (CCIO) is a professional association consisting of representatives from each of the 64 campuses within the SUNY system. A primary purpose of the Council is to lead coordinated information technology initiatives within the SUNY system, including strategic planning. More information on SUNY CCIO is available at <http://ccio.suny.edu>.

The awards are intended to recognize individuals, groups or institutions whose work exemplifies CCIOs efforts to build and support SUNY's IT community. The awards will be presented each year during the annual SUNY Technology Conference and represent CCIO's desire to promote our values of integrity, collaboration, creativity and innovation throughout SUNY's IT community.



Diversity spotlight: Wishing Muslim members of our campus community 'Eid Mubarak'

August 31, 2017
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Wishing our Muslim brothers and sisters at SUNY Broome



The celebration of Eid Al Adha begins the evening of August 31 and ends the evening of September 1. The religious holiday is considered a feast of sacrifice that honors Ibrahim's commitment to God when he was ordered to sacrifice his only son as he was about to sacrifice his son, an angel of the Lord appeared and replaced the boy with a Ram. For Muslims, this holiday also marks the end of the annual Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia. It is celebrated with prayer, family meals and gift exchanges as well as charity works.

We can celebrate the diversity of our community when we know more about one's culture and values.



Great Books Discussion to begin Sept. 8

August 31, 2017

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This semester's Great Books Discussion will begin at noon Sept. 8 in the LA Conference Room, located in T-210.

The books that will be discussed during the Fall 2017 semester are *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri and *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Juot Diaz. These books have earned acclaim as notable books of the 21st century and are Pulitzer Prize winners.

For further information, contact I.J. Byrnes at byrnesij@sunybroome.edu. This event is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and the English Department.



Welcome Week's final day! Here's the schedule

August 31, 2017
Buzz



It's the last day of Welcome Week! Here's the schedule:

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Campus to hold annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony

August 31, 2017
Buzz



SUNY Broome will host its annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11, 2017, outside the Darwin R. Wales Center.

The event, which commemorates the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001, will take place in front of the building's flagpole.

The campus community, local community and media are invited.

