

# December 2017



# Looking for an internship experience? Take CTP 275!

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An image depicting hands

Interested in exploring a possible career, or enhancing your resume for either transfer or a job down the road? Interested in giving something back to your community?

Then consider taking CTP 275: Community Internship. Typical internships involve working for a 501(C)3 not-for-profit, a school district, a governmental office or here on campus.

CTP 275-01 meets on Tuesdays (3-3:50) and is open to all students. CTP 275-03 meets on Fridays (2-2:50) and is open to any elected Student Assembly person OR anyone who wishes to work with student government. All students enrolling in either course need to complete 75 hours of volunteer work.

Students with questions can reach Professor Garnar at 242-3788 or email [garnardc@sunybroome.edu](mailto:garnardc@sunybroome.edu)



# In the Community: See “A Christmas Carol” at the Phelps Mansion Museum!

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Christmas tree

For six evenings in December (12 performances total) the Phelps Mansion Museum transforms into the homes and offices of Ebenezer Scrooge and Bob Cratchit for a classic evening of drama and redemption.

As a fundraiser, the Phelps Mansion Museum and Studio 271 Productions present an interactive production of Charles Dickens’s *A Christmas Carol*. This is a walking tour of the stately home of Sherman Phelps at 191 Court Street in Binghamton.

The audience is swept back in time to that fateful Christmas Eve of 1843 where Ebenezer Scrooge learns the ‘true meaning of Christmas.’ Audience members move from room to room with the performers as they observe the familiar scenes of Christmas Past, Christmas Present, Christmas Future, and Mr. Fezziwig’s Christmas party. At the end of the performance, all shall receive a formal invitation to Fred’s (Scrooge’s nephew) Christmas celebration where dessert and punch is provided.

There are two shows each night at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.: Friday and Saturday December 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16.

Tickets are limited to a total of 30 audience members per performance!

Admission is \$30 per person or \$50 for couples. Places are limited and reservations are essential!

Please call (607) 722-4873 or email [info@phelpsmansion.org](mailto:info@phelpsmansion.org) for more information.

The cast includes Chris Nickerson as Ebenezer Scrooge, Craig Hawkins as Jacob Marley, Joe Bardales as Bob Cratchit, and Judy McMahon, Jennifer Donlin, and Nick DeLucia as the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future and features Michael Rundell as Tiny Tim.

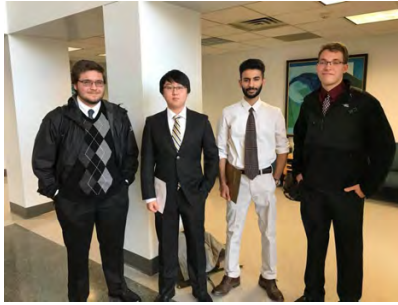
*“There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor.” ~ Charles Dickens.*



# Engineering Mock Interviews 2017

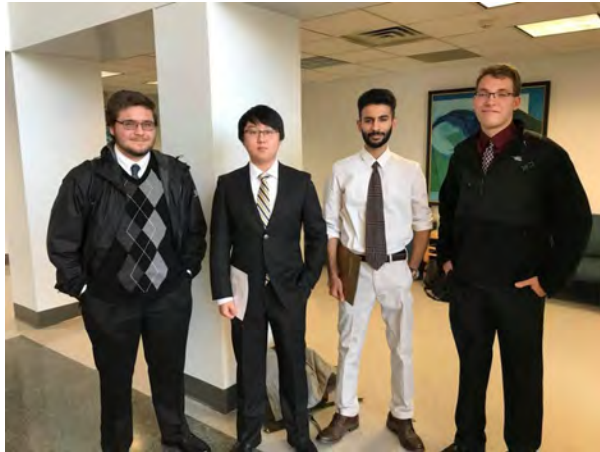
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The ALCC once again collaborated with the Engineering programs to offer another successful Engineering Mock Interview Event on Nov 30. Professionals from BAE Systems, Lockheed Martin, Keystone Associates and Raymond Corporation volunteered their time to “interview” students and provide valuable feedback. This was also a great networking opportunity and chance for students to ask questions and get career tips and advice from local professionals, many of which were SUNY Broome alumni.

Eighteen students participated. This opportunity will be available again in the Spring. Stop by the ALCC for more info on the many career-related events to come!



# The Standard of Care: Professor Jowett to retire after training a generation of nurses

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*Professor Linda Jowett*



**Professor Linda Jowett**

time as an adjunct instructor in 1993, balancing teaching with her healthcare work. After a decade, she began to teach full-time, dialing back her hours as a nurse practitioner so she could focus on training future healthcare providers.

Originally, she saw a different future for herself in the healthcare world and earned her first master's degree in Healthcare Administration.

"It turns out that I hated it. What I really appreciated is the patient contact and the clinical area," said Jowett. "I loved doing home care because of the freedom I had and I could do what I had been trained to do."

Nursing has changed dramatically through the past several decades, Jowett reflected, and the possibilities for nurses are greater today than ever before. Once considered secondary to doctors, the field has expanded, and nurse practitioners provide primary care and other healthcare to an increasing number of clients.

"Nurses are paid more, have more authority, more confident in their skills. They also see nursing as a continuum," Jowett reflected. "They start out as a registered nurse and they know they can go anywhere from there. Wherever you go, there's going to be a nurse."

Jowett has been repeatedly identified as one of the most effective clinical faculty members in the program by both students and faculty, noted current Nursing Chair Susan Seibold-Simpson.

"She is gentle, yet firm, and holds the students to the highest possible standards," she said.

SUNY Broome Nursing alumna Aishia Mortenson concurred, remembering the first time she met Jowett in the classroom.

"My first impression: Super intimidated, on my toes, oh no! Then I realized she was all about maintaining standards and helping us learn," said Mortenson, now the school nurse at Vestal High School. "She's phenomenal."

She daily uses the lessons she learned from Jowett and other SUNY Broome professors at her job: Treat people holistically, recognize that you will inevitably have patients who also experience mental health issues and, above all, be adaptable.

"She may have set the bar high, but you walked away learning so much," Mortenson said.

UHS Senior Vice President Kay Boland, who is also the Chief Nursing Officer and Chief Operating Officer, saw Jowett's performance from the other side, as an area employer. Jowett is well-known by UHS nursing staff, many of whom are graduates of the program, Boland sent in a letter recommending Jowett for a SUNY Chancellor's Award in Adjunct Teaching.

She's educated hundreds of nursing students through the years, many of whom remain in the community to practice.

"As a Clinical Instructor, Linda offers insight, guidance and support to ensure the students are learning and providing patients with safe and competent nursing care. Her care and compassion for students and patients fosters a supportive learning environment in a stressful and complex environment," Boland wrote in her letter of commendation.

### **The future**

During her years at SUNY Broome, Jowett has seen many graduates achieve success in their chosen field. Some have returned as colleagues, teaching beside her at the college. “I find that so rewarding!” she said.

After retirement, Jowett plans to move to a warmer climate, perhaps in North Carolina. While she acknowledges that she will miss interacting with students, she’s also eager to explore part of herself that has long been on the back burner: her creative side. In addition to being a healthcare professional and a dedicated teacher, she’s an artist, with a particular focus on pottery.

“To throw a pot, you have to be very focused. There’s more to it than just the art – the focus centers you,” she said. “I am anxious to get back to that.”

That focus and centering aren’t just part of Jowett’s artwork, or even her substantial and compassionate career. They’re also a part of who Linda Jowett is as a person.

“Linda has this ability to maintain her center, and those who can see it can use it to center themselves,” Houghtalen said.



# Full circle: A mother and son have their start at SUNY Broome

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*Alec Grabowski and Teal Gaylord*



Alec Grabowski and Teal Gaylord

after attending Broome in the late 1980s.

## A visit to the ALCC

Gaylord recently paid a visit to SUNY Broome's Applied Learning & Career Center – her second recruiting visit, as it happens. Her company is looking to potentially hire more than 20 SUNY Broome students or alumni over the next few years, and hired one Hornet a month after he graduated this spring.

Vitro is looking for achievement-driven, self-motivating individuals in the STEM fields. Some will be trained as coder-operators, who learn to use the multi-million dollar machine that the glass company uses to create its products, a highly specialized skill with only 100 to 200 practitioners nationwide.

"We'd like to have a pipeline to our company," Gaylord said.

Teal herself had been a Liberal Arts major, with a focus on Communications in the days before the current Communications program began. Campus has undergone dramatic changes since her Hornet days, but she still feels connected.

"The Alms House building is gone. It's almost like coming to a different campus, but it's home to me – the new and improved Broome," she reflected.

As a mom, she encouraged Alec to start at Broome, where he majored in Business Administration before transferring to Kennesaw University for a Bachelor's in Business Administration and Georgia State for graduate school. Currently director of digestive health and critical care for UHS, Grabowski said that he found his SUNY Broome courses challenging and a good wakeup call when he attended the college from 2008 to 2010.

"I struggled in a few classes here. One of them I had to retake at Kennesaw. What it me realize is you have to apply yourself, stay consistent, and take responsibility for your decisions," said Grabowski. "I think Broome in some cases was more challenging than my undergrad courses when I transferred."

It also allowed him to focus on his professional future. Like his mom, Grabowski graduated from Greene High School. Originally considering hospitality, he found instead an interest in both business and healthcare. An internship opportunity during his time at Kennesaw led him further on that path – a good lesson for students who visit the ALCC.

"Looking back, if I did not pursue an internship, I wouldn't be where I am today. I was able to network, gain mentors, ask questions and learn on-the-job skills, which turned into a full-time Business Operations Analyst job after I graduated," he said.

Coming home, the Binghamton of today reminds Grabowski a bit of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

"It feels like the city is going through a transition period as Chattanooga did. As a young professional in the community I would like to see retention of early careerists and more job opportunities for fellow young professionals. As a healthcare administrator, having SUNY Broome nearby – and the students it trains in nursing and a variety of healthcare fields – is a boon.

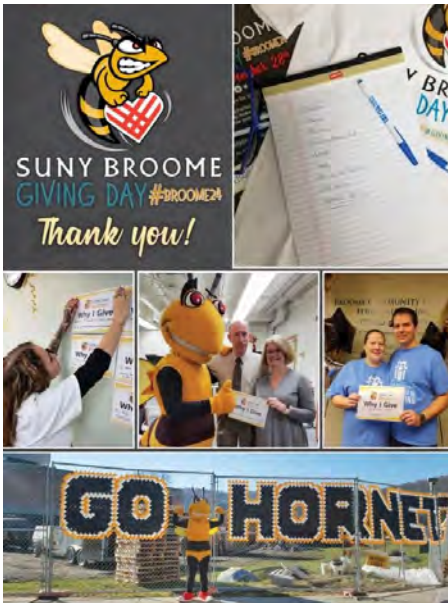
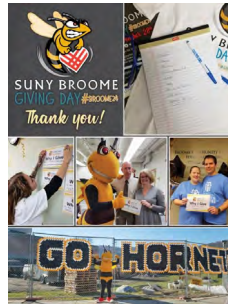
"We want to be able to provide our local students with job opportunities in our community so they don't feel pressured to have to leave to find employment," he said.



# #Broome24 Update: The 3rd Annual SUNY Broome Giving Day Hit a Record!

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The third annual SUNY Broome 24 Hours of Giving has exceeded all expectations! And on behalf of our campus community, faculty, staff and students, we would like to **thank you!** Your support is greatly appreciated and truly makes a difference.

If you are considering a contribution, it's never too late to give! Even though our Giving Day has concluded, you can still help us continue to raise funds for our SUNY Broome Annual Fund, which assists our students in obtaining a high-quality public education, along with enhancing campus buildings and technology and providing faculty and staff the opportunities to develop their skills to enrich their learning environment.

This day could not have been possible without you! **Your donations totaled more than \$75,800 and we had 378 donors, a new record!** We also would like to thank some very special people, whom without their assistance and creativity, this would have been just another day in the office:

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See our results!

[www.sunybroome.edu/broome24](http://www.sunybroome.edu/broome24)





# Holiday Concert: SUNY Broome Concert Band to perform Dec. 7

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Join the SUNY Broome Concert Band for a holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 in Binghamton High School's Helen Foley Theatre!

The concert will feature three major works from American composers Norman Dello Joio, Frede Grofé and John Phillip Sousa, as well as highlight from the "Polar Express," sections from Tim Burton's "Nightmare Before Christmas," and holiday and Broadway favorites. You'll also hear the winners of the 2017 SBCB Vocal Talent Search: SUNY Broome students Marisa Kriedler and Jada Jeremiah. The band is under the direction of Karen Clark.

Admission is free.



## Dec. 10 concert: Holiday music, ancient and modern

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Christmas tree

The SUNY Performing Arts Department presents its College Choir in a concert of “Holiday Music – Ancient and Modern” at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, in the Sanctuary of Vestal United Methodist Church, 328 Main St., Vestal.

Directed by James Gleason, the choir will present two very different settings of a Christmas Mass. One, composed in 1694, is the Messe de Minuit pour Noël (Midnight Mass for Christmas) based on ancient French Christmas carols, by Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1637 – 1704). This work will be accompanied by orchestra, soloists, two recorders and feature Dan Rosenau on the pipe organ. The other Christmas Mass was composed in 2014: The Little Jazz Mass by Bob Chilcott. This work will be accompanied by Jazz Combo and feature Mike Dubaniewicz on saxophone.

The concert will also feature several “lesser known” holiday carols.

Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door. All students will be admitted free.

For more information, contact the SUNY Broome Music Program at 607-778-5061 or email the director at [Jpgleason@stny.rr.com](mailto:Jpgleason@stny.rr.com).



## PTK Film Series: 'Triplets of Belleville' on Dec. 6

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Join us for a screening of "Triplets of Belleville" at 7 p.m. Dec. 6 in T-102. The 2003 film from France is part of the Phi Theta Kappa International Film Series on Nationalism and Animation. A discussion will follow.



# The Monday Poem: 'A Mirror of a Mirror' by Michelle Whittaker

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

## A Mirror of a Mirror

BY MICHELLE WHITTAKER

i.

The legacy:  
was advice  
to have two children  
to keep around the house  
like two Bibles  
in case one goes missing.

ii.

I used to take red crayon  
and scribble on homemade nail polish  
and my        would find out  
and take that raw-sienna belt  
that whip, whip, whip  
spoke with a witty rip  
and by nightfall my hands  
blossomed into numb and dumb.

iii.

Actually, on staring at my fingers for a good five minutes,  
they look like the legs of a muddy elephant.

iv.

It was such a shock  
to be told I am a kinda coffee mark  
that accidentally sat her fat self  
on perfect cleanliness.

v.

At sunset  
me and boy  
walked south  
on the sod farm  
behind the house  
and took an orange blanket  
from the trunk, and wrapped ourselves  
as Buddhist monks,  
and found a spot of life for us to lie about.

vi.

You know, a brother and a sister  
are not child's play you can stitch on a happy.

vii.

The memory of my        is like  
watching an anxious pup hide tidbits  
of milk bones round and round he goes  
around the house.

viii.

I am suspicious of any kiss that hisses,  
and there ain't no Jesus here.  
Any spatula-face who rises from the couch  
of this house, I move as a mouse.

ix.

I think to be nine.  
I think to be ten.  
I think to be an age  
when I show  
my sharp teeth too.



x.

Even inside the corner pantry he found me  
purpling like a radish, you know, the red one  
with the bright white in the middle  
once you cut it all up.

xi.

*How strange my torn fibers  
how he stares and stomps  
my voice, labored under a table  
thinking to our God—  
it is so unlovely to be unlovely.*

xii.

I remind myself  
an old man and a young man  
are like an old        and a young  
the old man is the young man  
I remind myself  
the old        is the young  
who reminds myself  
an old daughter is the young daughter  
I remind myself  
forced solicitation. taught her this.  
He taught her how to lay and lie



Michelle Whittaker, a poet and pianist, is the winner of a Jody Donohue Poetry Prize and a Pushcart Prize Special Mention. She received a master's in creative writing and literature from Stony Brook University and lives in East Setauket, Long Island.



# **Last call for the Medical Assisting food donation drive!**

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The logo for the Food for Thought campus food  
pantry

Medical Assisting students will continue their food drive collection from now until Dec. 11 to help stock the campus food pantry, Food for Thought.

Please consider dropping off a canned or boxed donation in any one of the collection bins around campus: Decker (217), Applied Technology, Natural Science Center, Titchener (210), Business (Main floor), the Counseling Center (SS 210), and the Library.

Suggested items:

Canned fruits, veggies & meats (stews, chicken, tuna), soups, boxed dried food (stuffing, pasta, rice, potatoes, macaroni & cheese, cereals, instant meals), cookies, crackers, granola bars, peanut butter, jelly, cake/muffin/biscuit mixes and personal hygiene supplies.



# Tours of the new Calice Center and this week's construction activities

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*A rendering of the Paul & Mary Calice and Mildred Barton Advanced Manufacturing Center*



A rendering of the Paul & Mary Calice and Mildred Barton Advanced Manufacturing Center

Faculty and staff tours of the ongoing construction in the new Calice Advanced Manufacturing Center will take place over the next three Thursdays (Dec. 7, 14, and 21) during Common Hour (11 a.m. to noon). If you are interested in a tour, please contact Pati Collins at extension 5007 or at [collinspj@sunybroome.edu](mailto:collinspj@sunybroome.edu)

Tours will be limited to approximately 10 to 12 staff/faculty at one time and will last approximately 30-40 minutes. Prior to the tour, you will meet at the LeChase construction trailer (located between the Decker Building and the AT Building) to acquire the necessary personal protective safety equipment that must be worn during the tour.

On-campus construction activities for the week of Dec. 4:

- Preparation for the steel construction will continue this week (material delivery, crane erection, etc.). Steel beams and trusses will be placed/constructed this upcoming Saturday. Steel supports were constructed this past Saturday on the roof of the Business/Mechanical Buildings.
- Electrical installation will continue on the first floor of the new Calice Advanced Manufacturing Center.
- Duct work and placement of heating/cooling units will continue on the second floor.
- Plumbing work continues on the first and second floor bathrooms.
- Structural demolition continues in the basement (in preparation for the elevator installation) and on the first floor (slab demolition).
- First floor framing continues and interior sheet rock installation may begin on the second floor this week, pending inspection of the exterior weatherproofing.

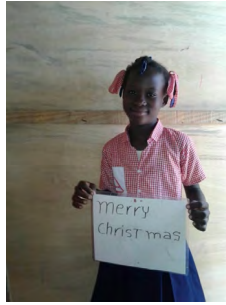
As always, if anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact David Ligeikis at 607 765-9710.





# Please Support the 2018 Health for Haiti Class Fundraising Efforts!

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*Merry Christmas from Haiti!*



Health for Haiti students served pancakes at an Applebee's fundraiser. community.

In other news from Grande Saline, plans are moving forward for the new student vegetable garden! Land has been rented and materials purchased. The rice was harvested from the big community garden and is now stored for the school student lunch program. The community is preparing to plant beans and corn in that garden later this month. Beans are so important as a source of protein, so we are happy to see another crop going in! We plan to visit both gardens in January.

Dr. Gary and his team continue to provide a monthly health clinic for the community in Grande Saline. They saw 40 patients in November.

Finally, the children who are attending school with help from the Health for Haiti Helping Children Program are sending some holiday messages to their sponsors.

There are about 25 children in Grande Saline who are able to attend school because of this scholarship support. Donors also help to provide the computer literacy lab that serves all 180 students in Grande Saline,

Thanks for your support! We are working hard to prepare all of our programs for January, and we look forward to sharing more updates and pictures and video from our trip.

Thanks to everyone for supporting our ongoing efforts. Your kindness and generosity are appreciated here and in Haiti.



*Merry Christmas from Haiti!*

# Innovation nation: First Friday event showcases SUNY Broome's Collaboration Lab

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Local entrepreneurs, art displays, virtual reality, a 3-D printer and a rad-looking electric motorcycle were all part of SUNY Broome's Innovation Celebration at the Koffman Southern Tier Incubator on Dec. 1.

The First Friday event was also an opportunity to showcase SUNY Broome's Collaboration Lab, located on the top floor of the incubator. The incubator itself, which opened this year in downtown Binghamton, is a partnership between Binghamton University and SUNY Broome; the latter received \$6 million in state funding to establish the Lab space.

"The Collaboration Lab is exactly what it sounds like: a space for students to work together, to brainstorm new ideas and see them

come to life," said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. "This section of the incubator is designed specifically for students, whether they're enrolled in our credit courses or involved in the Entrepreneurial Assistance Program through our office of Continuing Education and Workforce Development."

Over the next nine years, the Collaboration Lab is expected to lead to the addition of an estimated 18 companies to our region, adding up to a total of 114 jobs and an estimated \$33 million in economic impact.

"Every great company starts with an idea and a product," Dr. Drumm noted.

The space is designed for maximum creativity, Dr. Drumm pointed out, with wet and dry labs, flexible space that can be easily rearranged and other amenities. Students can also literally write on the walls; they're dry-erase.

The event showcased work by entrepreneurs involved in the college's Entrepreneurial Assistance Program (EAP), including artwork, writing and technology. The 60-hour EAP program is open to



You can literally write on the walls of the Collaboration Lab — including this menu for the First Friday event.

people looking to start their own businesses, explained Janet Hertzog, the college's director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development. It's funded through Empire State Development and is at low cost to participants.



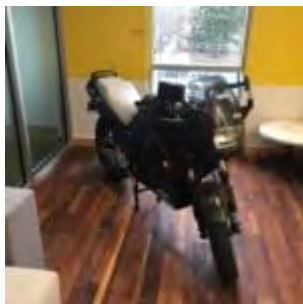
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Stephen Musok and Erik Leonard of Next Wave Motors provided the Ninja motorcycle, which was rendered all-electric via their conversion kit. Ryan Letcher displayed his creation, a product made of recycled wood called Stand Up Strings that quickly turns a bass guitar into a stand-up bass.

SUNY Broome students also displayed their artistic and technological prowess, including displays on solar panels, energy-efficient lightbulbs, a working 3-D printer, drawings, a light table and more. The college's Information Technology Services department also held a demonstration of virtual reality technology.

Even the refreshments gave a taste of local entrepreneurship, including offerings from Parlor City Vegan, the Owego Parkview Restaurant & Hotel, Nisa's Pies and Wist Beverages.

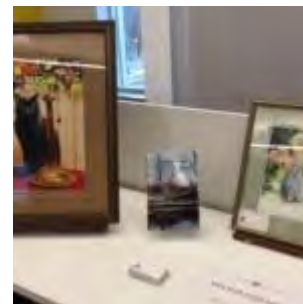
"Back in the days of IBM and EJ, Binghamton was once known as the Valley of Opportunity. And if you visit a classroom, you will find that we still are the Valley of Opportunity," noted Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti. "Our students are full of great ideas, passion and drive – all the things you need to create the next big app, or product, or company."



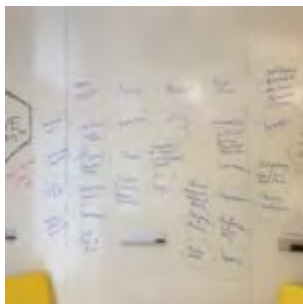
*This electric motorcycle was on display in the Collaboration Lab*



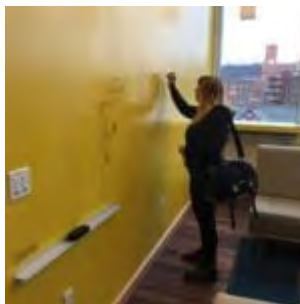
*Continuing Education and Workforce Development Director Janet Hertzog, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti and SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm in the Collaboration Lab*



*A display of an artist who went through the EAP program*



*Go ahead, write on the walls — it's OK!*



*The walls of the Collaboration lab are designed so as to be dry-erase* 🚫

## Mark Your Calendar: Giving of the Toys on Dec. 14

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Giving of the Toys: Little girl gives a present to Santa

The holiday season has started — and with it comes the annual announcement for The Giving of the Toys, which will be at 11 a.m. Dec. 14.

For more than 20 years, this event became one of SUNY Broome's ways of getting ready for the holidays: more than 60 offices, departments, clubs, athletic teams and campus organizations presented toys to Santa at the Student Center. The gifts are then forwarded to the local Toys for Tots campaign. Often groups bring toys appropriate to their organization: the Maintenance Department donated toy trucks; the basketball teams gave basketballs; the International Students Organization contributed toys from

all over the world, etc.

Student Activities is asking you to give again. Each year the need grows and gets even more local, with many of our students in need.

If your office or other group wishes to participate can fill out this form or contact the Student Activities Office at [BoringJW@SUNYBroome.edu](mailto:BoringJW@SUNYBroome.edu).

Gifts given on the day of the event will happily be accepted. Of course, we will have hot chocolate and donuts and holiday music. The Buzz and Focus will carry more information on the event as the time draws closer.



# **BPS Division's Toys for Tots Holiday Bash was a success**

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Christmas tree

Happy holidays from the Business & Professional Studies Division! Check out a photo gallery of their second annual Toys for Tots Holiday Bash in the Press & Sun-Bulletin by clicking [here](#).

The event was held Dec. 4 at the Broome County Regional Farmer's Market across the street from the college, and including a spaghetti dinner prepared by Hospitality's Professional Cooking class, mocktails from the Bartending class, a visit by Santa and the collection of many gifts for the Toys for Tots program.

A great time was had by all!





# Annual Student Art Exhibition Jan. 4-11 in the Gallery

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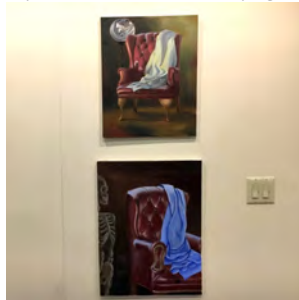
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The community is cordially invited to a closing reception from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, showcasing the original work of SUNY Broome Art and Design students.

The exhibit will highlight classical drawings and oil paintings, along with graphic print media and three-dimensional design. The focus is on work by students currently enrolled within the Visual Communication Arts, A.S. courses.

The exhibit runs from Monday, Jan. 4, through Monday, Jan. 11 in the Gallery @ SUNY Broome, located on the first floor of the library.



## Dec. 11 through 15: Enjoy the holidays in the Dining Hall

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American Dining Creations will be wrapping up the fall semester with holiday events to celebrate the season and give our customers a warm holiday sendoff!

From Dec. 11 through 15, the Dining Hall will feature holiday recipes on several stations. Menu items include a Holiday Horseradish Brisket served with Potato Latkes, Snow Day Breakfast and Brown Sugar Honey Baked Ham. They'll also feature a number of holiday treats as grab & go selections.

They will also be holding a Customer Appreciation Night on Wednesday, Dec. 13, from 3 to 7 p.m. They will have a number of gourmet features, as well as eggnog, mulled cider, a hot chocolate bar and custom ice cream sundae station! Just a little thank-you to all of the students, staff and faculty for their patronage this semester.





## Tell it to Dr. Carol on Dec. 13

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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 during the course of the semester.

The event runs from 12 to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the Student Center.



## In the Community: Theater director in local production

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SUNY Broome Theater Director Katherine Bacon was a faculty respondent at SUNY Oswego this past weekend on behalf of the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) for their theater department's production of "Boeing, Boeing."

"First Ladies," the production by Judith Present in which Katherine portrays Lady Bird Johnson, will be performed in Candor at 7 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 9, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 17 Main St. Tickets are \$15, as it is a fundraiser for the church's campaign to restore their treasured John G. Marklove pipe organ built in 1867.

"First Ladies" has received raves when it has been presented in regional venues. The production gives Presidents' wives a chance to tell their story. Other featured "ladies" are Dolly Madison, Mary Todd Lincoln, Mamie Eisenhower and Nancy Reagan.



# Diverse Cultural XCellence held their second Solo Sound event on Dec. 1

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*Diverse Cultural XCellence held their second Solo Sound event on Dec. 1*

Diverse Cultural Xcellence (DCX) hosted their second annual Solo Sound on Dec. 1, a music showcase event where anyone with a musical skill at SUNY Broome or in the community can come out and showcase their talents.

Melanie Alexander, club president, said “the goal is to get different cultures involved so that we can experience music from different countries.”



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# Show off your public speaking skills and check out some unique pizzas!

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Come test your skills at off-the-cuff speaking with Speakers of the House and win prizes, fame and glory from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 1 and 8 in Wales 203B!

After the preliminaries for the Speakers of the House speech contest on those dates, be sure to head to the speech contest itself from 3 to 5 p.m. Dec. 15 in Decker 201.

While you're listening to some great speeches, sample some unique pizza creations including taco, cheese steak or the Diabeetus Tremendus, a delectable dessert pizza with all the incredible dessert topics you can think of and some you can't!



Toastmasters International logo



## Women's Lacrosse to hold informational meeting on Dec. 14

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The women's lacrosse team will hold an informational meeting at 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, in the Ice Center Events Room.

Any full-time students interested in playing on the SUNY Broome lacrosse team should attend this meeting. Contact Brett Carter at 607-778-5003 if you are unable to attend.



# It's concert season at SUNY Broome! Click for the complete schedule

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## Music Program Concerts

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## Change your latitude: Learn about ‘travel hacking’ on Dec. 6

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Interested in traveling the world or even in the USA? Check out a presentation on Travel Hacking at 11 a.m. Dec. 6 in Decker 201.

That's right: When Jason isn't heading up Student Activities, he's trotting around the globe as a Travel Hacking Ninja.

During this presentation, he will provide information to students on how to travel safely in the United States and overseas, how to prepare for a trip, and options available for getting there. Whether students are looking for a long trip abroad, prepping for an alternative spring break or just looking for a great summer job, Jason will get them excited and prepared to travel safely.

[Travel Hacking \(PDF\)](#)





## Dec. 7 Common Hour: Music from the Renaissance and from Latin America

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Join Music department faculty presenter Paul Sweeny at 11 a.m. Dec. 7 in T-102 for a performance of music from the Renaissance period and from Latin America. Learn more about these musical styles and experience the thrill of live performance.



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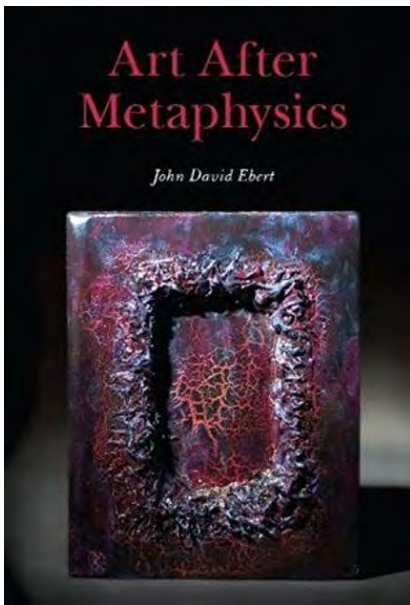
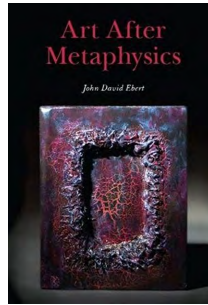
Admission is free.



## Author to discuss 'Art After Metaphysics' on Dec. 12

December 6, 2017

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Please join us Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 12 to 1:15 p.m. in Titchener 101 for a video conference/book discussion with author John David Ebert on his book, *Art After Metaphysics*. The discussion will be moderated by Communications instructor Nick Bongiorno.

"Ebert's ability to move through vast swathes of art history using very specific and detailed references to particular events is superb. ... With such an overview it becomes possible to begin to imagine new ways forward; perhaps, even to perceive a numinous glow over the horizon."

-Christopher Pankhust, Counter-Currents Publishing.



## Dec. 7 Common Hour: Faculty vs. Students volleyball game

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First they competed in basketball, then softball. This Thursday, Dec. 7, faculty and staff will once again square off against students for a heated game of volleyball in the Baldwin Gym!

The event runs from 11 a.m. to noon and supports the American Heart Association. Players are still needed, and there is a student signup sheet and the full elimination bracket up at the Student Center.

Contact Jeff Hatala at [hatalajm@sunybroome.edu](mailto:hatalajm@sunybroome.edu) if you would like to participate in the game. Be sure to stop at the AHA Volunteers at the table during the game to create a team for the Heart Walk on April 8, join an existing team or purchase a bracelet or pin.



A stick figure playing volleyball



# In the Community: George Miller Gospel Concert on Jan. 6

December 6, 2017

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Join the Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church, across the street from SUNY Broome, at 5 p.m. Jan. 6 for a free Gospel concert featuring George Miller.

[Gospel Concert Flyer \(PDF\)](#)



## **Dec. 7 Common Hour session with Community Options CANCELED**

December 6, 2017

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A Common Hour employer information with Community Options scheduled for Dec. 7 has been canceled. We apologize for the inconvenience.



An image depicting people in business attire standing in front of a globe



## An important note about Testing Center hours

December 7, 2017

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A test with an A plus on top

As we approach the last week of the semester, please be aware of the Testing Center's hours:

- Monday–Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please note that due to demand at the end of the semester, on Tuesday (Dec. 12), Wednesday (Dec. 13), Thursday (Dec. 14), Friday (Dec. 15) and Monday (Dec. 18), students intending to use the Testing Center must schedule an appointment by visiting L-017 in advance of their testing date. Walk-in test-taking services will not be offered.

Also, students should remember to bring along photo IDs when they show up to take their tests.

Please contact the Learning Assistance Dept. (778-5038) if you have any questions. Whether you use the Testing Center or not, we hope that your respective semesters end well.





# Annual Art and Design Student Exhibition closing reception on Dec. 11

December 7, 2017

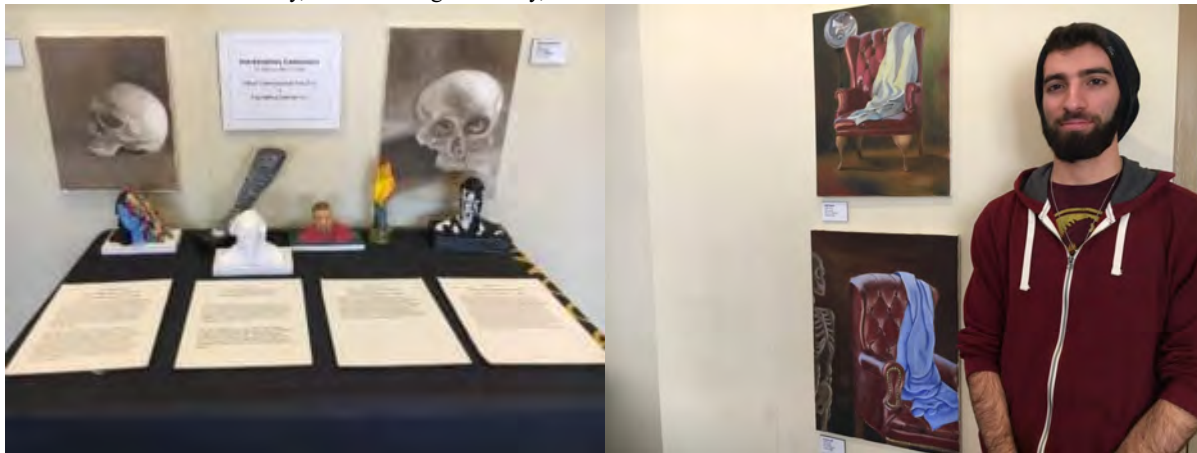
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The campus and local community is cordially invited to a closing reception from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, showcasing the original work of various Art and Design students.

The exhibit will highlight classical drawings and oil paintings, along with graphic print media and two- and three-dimensional design. The focus is on work by students currently enrolled within the Visual Communication Arts, A.S. courses.


The exhibit runs from Monday, Dec. 4 through Monday, Dec. 11.



## Dec. 10 concert: Holiday music, ancient and modern

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 Christmas tree

The SUNY Performing Arts Department presents its College Choir in a concert of “Holiday Music – Ancient and Modern” at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, in the Sanctuary of Vestal United Methodist Church, 328 Main St., Vestal.

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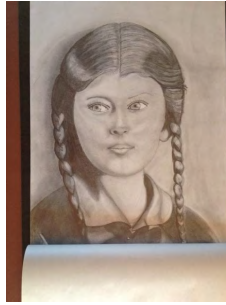
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## Student art exhibit depicts Holocaust survivors and victims

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The Art Exhibition Series called Faces consists of portraits of Holocaust survivors and non-survivors. It will be on display on the first floor of SUNY Broome's Cecil C. Tyrell Library until February 2018.

These drawings will be highlighted at a Spring Exhibition at 5 Riverside Drive in March and April 2018, with an Artist Talk by Associate Professor Patricia Evans on the subject matter. Additional portraits have been recently added, supplementing the recent Incubator presentation this past First Friday.

These classical realist life-size portrait drawings are created by Evans' Beginning Drawing students and rendered in charcoal, pencil and mixed media. Additionally, the original photo and personal story for each person affected by the Holocaust has been researched and is on display.

Administration, faculty, staff, and students are all cordially invited to view the second group of marginalized and overlooked people; the intention is to inspire kindness and compassion toward those that are different.



# Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee Competition on Dec. 9

December 7, 2017

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Compete in the Winter Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee Competition at 12 p.m. Dec. 9 in the Student Center gyms!

This student-run event is locally sponsored. There will be prizes, free food and games provided.

We are looking for teams of 5 to 7 players, with a minimum of two girls per team. Each team will receive free t-shirts! We encourage faculty, SUNY Broome and Binghamton University students to participate!

To sign up, email [rmirch55@gmail.com](mailto:rmirch55@gmail.com) and submit your team name, members and shirt sizes.



## Assistant director of Admissions heads to Mexico and then Ecuador

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Susan Wellington, Assistant Director of Admissions and International Student Studies, recently traveled to Mexico with Worldwide College Tours. While there, she visited Guadalajara and Mexico City. She visited more than 16 schools and met with close to 3,000 students.

We hope that the many connections made will help us to further internationalize our campus! Susan traveled with Worldwide College Tours to Ecuador at the end of November, where she had the opportunity (again) to meet with a number of high schools and many more students.



# **Need: New or gently used coats for the Learning Assistance Department's Coat Drive**

December 7, 2017

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The Learning Assistance Department and Educational Opportunity Program are having a coat drive to assist our students and community. The coats may be gently used or, even better, new. Please drop off your donations in L-017 (lower level Library – Learning Assistance Dept.).



Coat Drive advertisement



# Bring beauty into your spring with ART 111: History of Decorative Arts

December 7, 2017

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What makes something beautiful? Find out this spring in ART 111 History of Decorative Arts: 1600 to Present.

This class is ideal for anyone interested in design history or interior design. Study beautiful objects and interiors and learn about famous interior designers! Plus, class is fully online — so study wherever you are, with a schedule that works for you!

The course is taught by Professor Patricia Evans, and qualifies for General Education credits. Enroll today at [www.sunybroome.edu/apply](http://www.sunybroome.edu/apply). Make sure to select ART 111-Y01, CRN 54068, when you make your course schedule.





# Reaching out: Meet SUNY Broome's new Director of Alumni Engagement

December 7, 2017

Featured News



*Tony Zisant*



Tony Zostant

During the more than 20 years he spent as a college women's lacrosse coach, Tony Zostant was heavily involved in recruitment. As SUNY Broome's staff assistant for Admissions, he did the same – this time for a broader population of students.

Now the Broome Community College Foundation's Director of Alumni Engagement, he has the opportunity to see the college experience from the other viewpoint: that of successful graduates eager to connect with their alma mater.

"For more than 20 years, I've dealt with a population of 17- to 21-year-olds. This is refreshing to me," he said of his job at the Foundation. "The demographics are different. It's exciting."

A native of Johnstown, NY, Zostant earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from SUNY Cortland. He coached women's lacrosse for both Division III and Division I teams, starting with Nazareth College in Rochester, followed by SUNY Brockport, St. Bonaventure and finally Binghamton University.

He made the leap to Admissions in November 2015, and has spent two years at SUNY Broome.

"Overall, SUNY Broome is a gem of the community," he said. "It gives

opportunities to so many people, and helps them change the direction of their life."

He's excited to reach out to the college's alumni and is currently working with Foundation Director Cathy Williams to establish an Alumni Hall of Fame, featuring SUNY Broome, BCC and Broome Tech memorabilia. (It will include the famous beanies; they're not just legend.)

"I'm looking forward to the challenge! It's going to be a fun journey," Tony said about his move to the Foundation.





# Hornet vs. Hornet: Faculty and students meet on the volleyball court

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*Everyone poses for a photo at the end of the Faculty vs. Students volleyball game.*



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Faculty and students met for a friendly — and well-fought — volleyball tournament on Dec. 7 in the Baldwin Gym.

The event raised awareness for the American Heart Association's Heart Walk, which takes place in the spring on the SUNY Broome campus.

Many of the students came from Professor Rob Krowiak's Team Sports class — and the good professor himself proved a master at serving.

Even Stinger took to the court to play. While the students ultimately prevailed over the combined forces of faculty, staff and Stinger, a great time was had by all — and a valuable course was supported.



# What's Up on the Trail? Oh Deer!

December 7, 2017  
Featured News



*A fawn follows its mother on the Sunrise Spur trail.*

By Professor Victor Lamoureux, Steward of the Natural Areas

As noted in our last post, white-tailed deer are one of the most common animals captured on the trail cameras. They are certainly beautiful, graceful creatures. In fact, it was watching deer with my grandfather that likely turned me onto biology. However, deer overabundance is leading to many challenges for local ecosystems. Deer are over-browsing many native species, to the point of local extermination for some plants, and this also gives invasive plant species the deer don't like an even greater competitive advantage over native species. Current deer densities are far exceeding recommended levels and the trail cameras certainly record quite a few deer



A fawn follows its mother on the Sunrise Spur trail.

Although common and overabundant, it is hard to get over the “cuteness factor” of a white-tailed deer fawn! Check out the dates on each picture and see the fawns grow up in the next four pictures.



A fawn follows its mother on the Sunrise Spur trail.





Two fawns follow their mother. A doe's first pregnancy usually results in one fawn. After that, twins are the norm although she can also have triplets.



On a foggy fall morning these two fawns follow their mother. They have lost their spots!



The cameras get many deer at night as well. This deer wanted a close up!

You might also ask..."Where are the bucks?" We will dedicate a post to them in the near future.

If you have questions about the Natural Areas, contact Professor Lamoureux at



Time to eat!



Deer are eating machines. They need to eat about 8 pounds of vegetation for a hundred pounds of weight per day.



Why are they running? We don't know.

lamoureuxvs@sunybroome.edu

For students, there are volunteer activities and independent studies available.





## Think Spring: Open Registration Week runs from Jan. 16 through 19

Here is a shot of the Steward of the Natural Areas— Victor Lamoureux of the Biology department— changing out a camera card.

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It's never too early to think spring — spring semester, that is! Spring classes start Jan. 29, 2018.

Open Registration Week — **the last week to apply** — runs from Jan. 16 through 19. Hours are 9 to 4 p.m. Jan. 16, 18 and 19, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 17.

Need to adjust your schedule **after** Open Registration? Please connect with your department or advisor during College Readiness Week from Jan. 22 through 26.

[Click here for more information on Spring 2018.](#)



# String Ensemble and Chamber Singers to give free concert on Dec. 12

December 8, 2017

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SUNY Broome's Performing Arts Department proudly presents the String Ensemble and Chamber Singers in concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre. Admission is free.

The String Ensemble, under the direction of Heather Worden, will perform an all-British concert featuring music from Downton Abbey and works by John Rutter, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and more. The Chamber Singers, under the direction of Peter Sicilian, will present Gospel, Broadway, contemporary and holiday favorites.



# Improving SUNY Broome: Honors students propose solutions to campus problems

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Featured News



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pursue the "quiet suites" project based on her own experience reporting a dispute that affected her suite. Quiet hours already exist in the residence hall, but there needs to be more enforcement, said Sisson, the only one of her research group to live in the Student Village.

Under the students' proposed solution, "quiet suites" would require residents to have a grade point average of at least 3.2, reserving them for serious students. Residence directors would monitor the housing floor along with residence assistants, Honors student Nick Hayko explained. Another proposal: quiet suite residents could be required to participate in five service hours per semester.



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services, student Zachary Allen explained.

Should the Student Village have designated "quiet suites" for residential students looking for less noise in their environment? Does campus have enough gender-neutral bathrooms? Should the Digital Lounge & Commons be re-purposed? How can we best promote the campus' intramural sports?

Students in SUNY Broome's Honors Program tackled these questions and presented their results to campus officials at a Dec. 6 showcase. In their HON 170: Honors Seminar course, they were tasked with identifying a campus need and finding solutions to that need, along with research on whom to approach and which parties the problem affects.

"It was really a pleasure teaching the course this semester," said Katie Bucci, the instructor for the seminar course and the college's Outreach coordinator. "It reinvigorated my love for teaching in the classroom."

## The projects

As a Student Village resident, Ashley Sisson was inspired to



Honors students present on how to better advertise intramural sports.


Dean of Students Scott Schuhert listened

attentively to the presentation, and posed some questions of the group. What if only 20 of the potential 24 slots in the quiet suites are filled? What should happen to students who violate the rules, if there are no non-quiet suites to move them into?

"I love this," Schuhert said after the presentation. "It's something that's certainly in discussion right now for this campus."

The second student group explored the creation of a centralized student lounge, potentially in the Digital Lounge & Commons (DLC) space in Old Science, the basement of Titchener or the student lounge in Decker. Currently, many students use the lounge spaces in the buildings where they have classes, which can lead to segregation by major.

"We want to create a socializing environment open to all the students, accessible to all the students," explained Honors student Stephie Safari.

The shared space  would serve as a clearinghouse for campus information, posting events and connecting students with clubs and academic

While the DLC is usually packed with students, it's a big space and could be repurposed, the students acknowledged. Schuhert and Student Activities Director Jason Boring listened attentively to this solution too, and planned to explore it.



Honors students present on the need for quiet suites in the residence hall.

Not only would they serve transgender or non-binary students, but they could also serve as family bathrooms. Honors student Meg Rossie remembered seeing a father with his young daughter on campus; the child was too young to go to the ladies' room by herself, and the father felt uncomfortable taking her to the men's room.

"Our purpose is to accommodate everyone who wants to attend college," Rossie said.

Campus Facilities Director David Ligeikis noted that gender-neutral, or family, bathrooms are planned for the new Calice Advanced Manufacturing Center on campus and the future Culinary Arts Center in downtown Binghamton.

Another group of students also tackled student life, looking how the campus can better advertise intramural sports. "They keep students in shape, lower stress, improve focus and have social benefits," explained Ana Conceicao.



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Also on the table: the addition of gender-neutral bathrooms. While such single-stall facilities already exist in Old Science, Natural Science and Student Services, they should ideally exist in all campus buildings, the students argued.





## Last chance: Register for the London and Literature course by Dec. 15!

December 8, 2017

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If you've been thinking about going to London with the London and Literature class this spring, there is still a chance! We have three seats left — but time is short!

If you are interested, contact Dr. Brand or Dr. Shepard asap and register today! Enrollment closes Dec. 15. Join us on this adventure!



# The Monday Poem: 'The Rider' by Naomi Shihab Nye

December 10, 2017

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

## The Rider

A boy told me  
if he roller-skated fast enough  
his loneliness couldn't catch up to him,

the best reason I ever heard  
for trying to be a champion.

What I wonder tonight  
pedaling hard down King William Street  
is if it translates to bicycles.

A victory! To leave your loneliness  
panting behind you on some street corner  
while you float free into a cloud of sudden azaleas,  
pink petals that have never felt loneliness,  
no matter how slowly they fell.

—Naomi Shihab Nye



Naomi Shihab Nye was born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1952. Her father was a Palestinian refugee and her mother an American of German and Swiss descent, and Nye spent her adolescence in both Jerusalem and San Antonio, Texas. Her experience of both cultural difference and different cultures has influenced much of her work. Known for poetry that lends a fresh perspective to ordinary events, people, and objects, Nye has said that, for her, “the primary source of poetry has always been local life, random characters met on the streets, our own ancestry sifting down to us through small essential daily tasks.”



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December 10, 2017

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## Go Global: 2018 Spring Break in Ireland

December 11, 2017

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Experience Ireland this spring break with ADN 299: *Global Health in Ireland*.

**Learn** by visiting with and observing local community professionals and public health experts in rural Ireland.

**Participate** in shadowing health care providers and community members, and work directly with youth and adults in various health care centers in rural Ireland and Belfast.

**Experience** the culture of Ireland through daily interaction with the villagers and cultural immersion activities.

**To apply**, contact [studyabroad@sunybroome.edu](mailto:studyabroad@sunybroome.edu). Click [here](#) for more information.



## Assistant Director of Admissions makes trip to Ecuador

December 11, 2017  
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Susan Wellington, Assistant Director of Admissions and International Student Studies, has returned from Ecuador. The students (and some parents) were very interested in SUNY Broome and what we offer.



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## **Council for Academic Issues to meet Dec. 13**

December 11, 2017

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The Council for Academic Issues will meet at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017, in Darwin R. Wales Center Room 203B. The agenda is attached. All CAI meetings are open to the campus community. For more information, please visit <http://www2.sunybroome.edu/shared-governance/>

20171213 Cai Draft Agenda (PDF)



Shared Governance logo.



## Gallery notes: Beginning Painting students to hold exhibit at 1 p.m. Dec. 18

December 11, 2017

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Please join us at 1 p.m. Dec. 18 as we celebrate the semester-end Evaluation and Exhibit of Professor David Zeggert's Art 116: Beginning Painting students in the Gallery @ SUNY Broome. The Gallery is located on the first floor of the library.

This exhibit provides the students an opportunity to assemble and display a body of work that consists of paintings they created throughout the semester. The exhibit is also an opportunity for family and friends to join us and view the student work.





# Complete this survey for a chance to win a Dunkin Donut gift card!

December 11, 2017

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Survey logo

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

**Do you have 5 minutes to spare?**

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# On-campus construction activities for the week of Dec. 11

December 11, 2017

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If you haven't already noticed, the roof trusses for the Connector/Atrium between the Business Building and the New Calice Advanced Manufacturing Center were lifted into place and welded this past Saturday. As you can see, the pedestrian bridge between Business and Calice (which will be inside the connector/atrium) is within the confines of the trusses.

Also, staff/faculty tours of the construction site/building will be held on the next two Thursdays at 11 a.m. Please contact Pati Collins if you are interested in attending.

- Floor slab demolition for construction of the new elevator will continue this week.
- Inside trenching for underground utilities (on the west side of the building) will take place this week.
- Interior insulation and sheet rock installation continues.
- Exterior brick installation on the west end of the building may begin this week.
- Electrical and plumbing "rough in" continues in addition to the insulation of ducts and pipes.

Electrical panel layout in the basement (electrical room) will begin this week.

As always, if anyone has any questions, please contact David Ligeikis at 607-765-9710.



# Check now: Is your RAVE Emergency Alert info up-to-date for snow days and emergency closings?

December 11, 2017

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Image of a snowflake

It's that time of year again, when snow is in the forecast!

This would be a great time for you to check your information in the RAVE Emergency Alert system. We use this system to convey closings and emergency information — including closings and delays for inclement weather.

RAVE can notify you via text message, phone calls and email — but only if your information is in the system! Log into MyCollege (<http://mycollege.sunybroome.edu>) and choose “RAVE Alert” from the Quicklaunch to see if your information is correct, make changes and select how you would like to be notified.

RAVE: It's not a dance party, but it will let you sleep in on snow days.



# Dining Hall and Coffee Shop hours this winter

December 11, 2017

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SUNY Broome Dining Hall

Café and Coffee Shop hours this winter are as follows:

- Regular hours at Café and Coffee Shop through Sunday, Dec. 17
- Monday, Dec. 18 – Main Café open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (**No meal plans accepted, only cash, credit, flex or Buzz Bucks**); Titchener Coffee Shop open 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 19 through Sunday, Jan. 7 – Café and Coffee Shop closed
- Monday, Jan. 8 through Tuesday, Jan. 23 – Café open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Coffee Shop closed. (No meal plans accepted.)
- Monday, Jan. 29 – Café and Coffee Shop reopen for regular hours

Blue Line Concession Stand – Open throughout December and January based on events schedule



# SANS OUCH! Nov 2017: Shopping Online Securely

December 11, 2017

Buzz

Guest editor Zeltser Lenny builds security products at Minerva Labs and teaches malware combat at SANS Institute.

The holiday season is upon us, and now millions of people around the world are looking to buy the perfect gifts. Many of us will choose to shop online in search of great deals and avoid long lines and impatient crowds. Unfortunately, this is also the time of the year many cyber criminals create fake shopping websites to scam and steal from others.

In this article we explain the risks of shopping online and how to get that amazing deal safely. Please share with your co-workers, friends and family.

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# Council for Operational Issues to meet Dec. 14

December 11, 2017

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The Council for Operational Issues will meet at 9 a.m. Dec. 14, 2017, in Darwin R. Wales Center Room 203B. All COI meetings are open to the campus community. The agenda is attached.

For more information please visit <http://www2.sunybroome.edu/shared-governance/>

20171214 Coi Agenda (PDF)



Shared Governance logo.



# Completely online: Explore Two-Dimensional Design this Winter Term

December 11, 2017

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*Charles Csuri, Wonderous Spring, 1992 Transparency and Intensity of Color*

Get creative this Winter Term with ART 105: Introduction to Two-Dimensional Design!

Taught by Associate Professor Patricia Evans, this 3-credit general education course is completely online, and will transform the way you see. Train your eye to create something from nothing, and have some fun!

Register online at [www.sunybroome.edu](http://www.sunybroome.edu) or with your advisor. You'll need to sign up for ART 105-Y01 (the lecture) and ART 105-LY1 (the lab). Questions? Contact Professor Evans at [evanspm@sunybroome.edu](mailto:evanspm@sunybroome.edu) or 607-778-5503.



Charles Csuri, Wonderous Spring, 1992  
Transparency and Intensity of Color





# Last Hornet Headshot opportunity of the semester!

December 11, 2017

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Don't miss our last Hornet Headshot opportunity of the semester. On Dec. 14 during Common Hour (11 to 11:50 a.m.), a student photographer will be available to take professional photos for your LinkedIn, Purple Briefcase and professional organization profiles.

This first-come, first-serve event only takes a few minutes of your time and results in 3 to 5 photos, which will be emailed to you. Students, faculty/staff and alumni are welcome to participate and there is no cost!

Hornet Headshots will take place in the AT Atrium, just outside the Applied Learning & Career Center (AT 101). Contact the ALCC or Jeanie Kumpon (778-5244 or [kumponjm@sunybroome.edu](mailto:kumponjm@sunybroome.edu)) for more info.



# SUNY Broome Theater Faculty to Research at Folger Shakespeare Library

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Lakshmi Bulathsinghala, an adjunct Theater faculty member at SUNY Broome, has received a Short-Term Fellowship at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C., for a research project, announced SUNY Broome theater director Katherine Bacon.

“We are proud to be losing Lakshmi for a semester for this important work,” Professor Bacon said.

The project is entitled “Humor and Amusement on the Western and the Eastern Stage: A Study of the Clown Characters in Shakespearean Drama and Sri Lankan ‘Nurthi.’” This past October, Lakshmi also gave a presentation at the 46th annual Conference on South Asia in Madison, Wisconsin, on “Woman, Motherhood, and Practice: Challenging the Traditions in Post-Independence Sri Lankan Drama.”



Focus on Accomplishments logo



## Tell it to Dr. Carol on Dec. 13

December 12, 2017

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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 during the course of the semester.

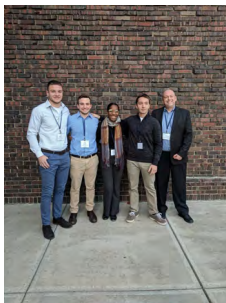
The event runs from 12 to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the Student Center.



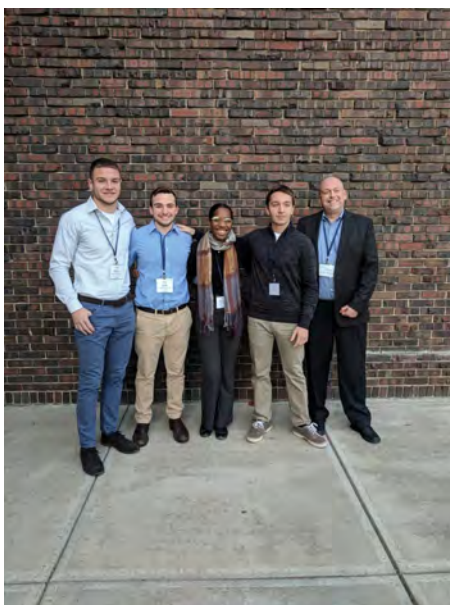
# Go Green: Geothermal interns highlight SUNY Broome's drive toward sustainable energy

December 12, 2017

Featured News



*Right to left: Anthony Sweet, Keith Paciga, Dominique Arno, Brandon Kipp, and Professor Robert Lofthouse*



Right to left: Anthony Sweet, Keith Paciga, Dominique Arno, Brandon Kipp, and Professor Robert Lofthouse explained Engineering Science Professor Robert Lofthouse.

The project has already sparked a student internship program, under Lofthouse's guidance. The internship program began about a year and a half ago, when the college received a \$1 million grant as part of the state's Energy to Lead competition. The competition, first announced by the governor in October 2015, challenged student-led coalitions from New York colleges and universities to design and develop innovative plans for campus and community-wide clean energy projects.

Dubbed the "Sustainability Sandbox," SUNY Broome's Geothermal Learning Laboratory project will show how a geothermal system can harness the energy stored in the earth to heat and cool a campus, serve as a hands-on learning resource for college and secondary school students, and generate energy bill savings that can be reinvested in energy conservation measures. The project is expected to result in the avoidance of 135 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually.

Student interns were involved in construction meetings during the design process of the Calice Center, and helped experts with the design of the Sustainability Sandbox, Lofthouse said. They helped organize a recent Common Hour presentation on the geothermal system, and are working on cataloging existing campus green energy projects.

Engineering Science majors Brandon Kip, Dominique Arno and Anthony Sweet and Liberal Arts in Science major M. Keith Paciga – the current crop of geothermal interns – recently presented at the statewide New York Coalition for Sustainability in Higher Education (NYCSHE) Conference on the college's Energy to Lead project.

"It sounded like a path I was interested in: sustainability and clean energy," said Kip, a first-year student interested in studying electrical engineering at Binghamton University. "I have an interest in advocacy alongside engineering."

Plans are in the works to present to other campus and community groups, as well as spread the word through articles and promotional materials about the college's green energy efforts. Students will take part in the

In recent months, crews have drilled wells in the Quad, laying the groundwork for the geothermal system that will heat and cool the new Paul and Mary Calice and Mildred Barton Advanced Manufacturing Center.

The massive project is probably the most visible of SUNY Broome's green energy efforts. While it will reduce the college's carbon footprint and save energy costs, the geothermal system also plays a role in educating SUNY Broome students on the technologies of tomorrow.

"We want to become a place where people come to learn about green energy,"



Geothermal wells were drilled in the campus Quad.

Sustainability Advisory Committee and give input into the design and furnishing of the Sustainability Sandbox classroom, among other measures.

Students will also research and develop a Green Revolving Fund, in which savings garnered by the college's alternative energy efforts will be used to reinvest in new green energy projects.

An additional goal is to create a campus clean energy walking tour covering not only the geothermal system, but the college's energy-generating wind turbine, solar panels and other efforts, such as the changeover to energy-efficient LED lights and the Natural Science Center's LEED green building certification.

Lofthouse is also currently developing a class in Clean Energy Systems Design that will teach students how the campus' energy systems function, and encourage them to work with the campus community to put together project proposals focused on green energy and energy conservation.

Arno is in the pilot program for the new course and jumped at the opportunity to become a student intern. A second-year student looking to major in civil engineering at Clarkson University, she is ultimately interested in designing buildings and energy systems. Outside of class, she also interns with the Engineering Division in Broome County's Public Works Department, where she is completing an energy audit.

"It all fell in together," she said of her many opportunities.

Her fellow seniors on the geothermal project, Sweet and Paciga, are looking to study engineering at Clarkson and geophysics and Binghamton University, respectively.

Kip and Arno appreciated the opportunity to present at the statewide conference. Not only did it give them the opportunity to receive notice for their research, they also had a chance to network with other colleges and officials throughout the state, they said.

Students interested in the geothermal internship program should contact Professor Lofthouse at [lofthouserw@sunybroome.edu](mailto:lofthouserw@sunybroome.edu). A 30-hour commit per semester is required, and interns are eligible to receive a \$250 stipend. The program isn't limited to a particular major, and students from across campus are encouraged to apply.



# Kick off the holiday season with the Giving of the Toys on Dec. 14

December 12, 2017

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Giving of the Toys: Little girl gives a present to Santa

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all over the world, etc.

Student Activities is asking you to give again. Each year the need grows and gets even more local, with many of our students in need.

If your office or other group wishes to participate can fill out this form or contact the Student Activities Office at [BoringJW@SUNYBroome.edu](mailto:BoringJW@SUNYBroome.edu).

Gifts given on the day of the event will happily be accepted. Of course, we will have hot chocolate and donuts and holiday music.



## Women's Lacrosse to hold informational meeting on Dec. 14

December 12, 2017

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The women's lacrosse team will hold an informational meeting at 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, in the Ice Center Events Room.

Any full-time students interested in playing on the SUNY Broome lacrosse team should attend this meeting. Contact Brett Carter at 607-778-5003 if you are unable to attend.





# Sounds of the season: End-of-semester concerts through Dec. 18

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It's time for the end-of-the-semester concerts! Enjoy the following performances, both on campus and in the community, now through 18.

## Music Program Concerts

**Dec. 12:** The SUNY Broome Chamber Singers and String Ensemble present an evening of English and holiday music at 7:30 p.m. in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre. The Chamber Singers will be performing contemporary and classic pieces of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The String Ensemble brings you a night full of traditional English folk tunes as well as some more modern tunes (any Downtown Abbey fans out there?). They will then team up with the SUNY Broome Chamber Singers to perform the gorgeous 'O Magnum Mysterium' by Morton Lauridsen. The concert will end with our traditional Christmas carols arrangement.

**Dec. 14:** World renowned New York City jazz trombonist and Binghamton native Steve Davis returns home for a concert with the SUNY Broome Jazz Ensemble 7:30 p.m. in the Angelo Zucollo Theatre. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Students are free.

Steve Davis is widely regarded as one of today's leading improvisers on the trombone. His lyrical, hard-swinging style first gained him broad recognition during the 1990's while working with the bands of jazz legends Art Blakey, Jackie McLean, Chick Corea's Origin and the cooperative sextet One For All. Steve has appeared in Downbeat Magazine's Reader's and Critic's Polls numerous times, winning the TDWR (Rising Star) Trombone Category in 1998. Steve has also been recently

nominated by The JJA four years in a row 2010-13 as Trombonist of the Year.

**Dec. 17:** Come join the Music Association at 7:30 p.m. for a concert featuring Contemporary Music, Broadway, Pop, Rap and Jazz. Donations accepted for Health for Haiti.

**Dec. 18:** The SUNY Broome Guitar Ensemble, directed by Paul Sweeny, will present its Fall concert in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre at 7:30 p.m. The program will include solo performances by Applied students of Professor Sweeny, duets, and a variety of music from the full group, including two compositions by the director.





# Volunteer opportunities at the Discovery Center during winter break

December 13, 2017

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Volunteer! We need your help.

The Discovery Center of the Southern Tier is a hands-on children's museum located in the Ross Park campus on Binghamton's South Side. They are looking for student volunteers!

The center has four days of events scheduled over the winter break, from Dec. 26 through 29, with a "Time Traveler" theme. They're looking for six volunteers for each day to help children with crafts. There will be two shifts, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

The first day's theme is "Ancient Rome," followed by "Medieval Times" on day 2, "The American Colonies" on day 3, and "Star Wars – The Future World" on

day 4. Volunteers can chose to work one shift or all day; one day, or all four. This is always a fun time for both the kids and our volunteers.

Interested? Call the Discovery Center at (607)773-8661 ext. 210



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Christmas tree

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## Check out volunteer opportunities at the Binghamton Zoo

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Everyone is invited to meet the Binghamton Zoo representatives and learn about the exciting ways you can volunteer.

This event will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25. It will be held in the Binghamton Zoo's Education Center located adjacent to the lower parking lot. Topics to be discussed are special events, on-site docents, animal ambassador docents, gardening, maintenance, and general information.

All are welcome! No registration is required. Contact the Education Department at (607) 724-5461 ext 235 or email [cdietz@rossparkzoo.com](mailto:cdietz@rossparkzoo.com) to learn more.



## Think Spring: Open Registration Week runs from Jan. 16 through 19

December 14, 2017

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It's never too early to think spring — spring semester, that is! Spring classes start Jan. 29, 2018.

Open Registration Week — **the last week to apply** — runs from Jan. 16 through 19. Hours are 9 to 4 p.m. Jan. 16, 18 and 19, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 17.

Need to adjust your schedule **after** Open Registration? Please connect with your department or advisor during College Readiness Week from Jan. 22 through 26.

[Click here for more information on Spring 2018.](#)



# Midnight Breakfast helps Student Village residents unwind

December 14, 2017

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As the fall semester comes to a close, the Residence Directors and Resident Assistants at the Student Village wanted to wish the students well on finals by hosting a “Midnight Breakfast” in the Student Village classroom. The event was held on Wednesday, Dec. 13, and more than 60 residents attended to hang out and grab a late-night snack.

The students who attended were able to enjoy a full breakfast of pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage and hash browns, and had a chance to take a break from studying for finals. Events such as this one provide Student Village residents with the opportunity to de-stress with others in their residential community.

The Midnight Breakfast is one of many events that are put on for residents in the Student Village. These events help to engage our students in their campus community, as well as to provide educational opportunities with a variety of learning outcomes. Other events that were held this semester include Domestic Violence trivia night hosted by the Crime Victims Assistance Center, Ping Pong and basketball tournaments, time management workshops hosted by faculty mentor Christine Duffy-Webb, and many more programs that engaged students throughout the fall.

If faculty or staff are interested in hosting an event in the Student Village, please reach out to us and let us know ([housing@sunybroome.edu](mailto:housing@sunybroome.edu)).



# Attention, bus riders: Changes to BC Transit bus routes during winter break

December 14, 2017

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BC Transit bus on campus

During winter break, BC Transit is suspending the following routes temporarily:

- 8 SUNY Broome Express
- 9 BU Advantage
- 16 BU Express
- 20-minute service on routes 5 Vestal and 15 Leroy St.

## **These routes only run when BU and/or SUNY Broome is in session.**

The final day for service for routes 16 BU Express, and 20 minute service for routes 5 Vestal Ave and 15 Leroy St will be on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017. The final day of service for the 8 SUNY Broome Express and 9 BU Advantage will be Monday, Dec. 18, 2017.

Routes 5 Vestal Ave, 8 Front St, 15 Leroy St, 17 Johnson City, 47 Vestal, 48 Shoppers Express, 57 Shoppers Special, and 91 Shoppers Express will run regular service to Binghamton University during all breaks.



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# Ring in the Holiday Cheer: Campus turns out for the Giving of the Toys

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Featured News



*The stage is filled with toys to be donated to Toys for Tots*



SUNY Broome students turned out to donate to children in need during the 2017 Giving of the Toys.



Tom Carter brought these two giant bears.

Clubs, departments and offices from across campus rang in the holiday season Thursday during SUNY Broome's 21<sup>st</sup> annual Giving of the Toys.

Each group took turns clambering down the Baldwin Gym bleachers, lugging boxes and sacks of toys and games. Advising and Counseling staff wheeled bicycles across the gym floor, while Intramural Director Tom Carter snuck two gigantic teddy bears on stage. Santa was nearly buried under an avalanche of volleyballs as SUNY Broome athletes gathered to make their contributions.

The toys are given to Broome County Toys for Tots, run by area police departments since 1962. The program distributes more than 4,000 presents to more than 4,000 children and families each year.

As is tradition, many departments and clubs donated toys that represented their focus. The Anime Club donated Pokemon toys, while Public Safety brought police- and fire-themed items. Sports teams donated the various tools of their trade from volleyballs to soccer balls, while the Physical Therapist Assistant Club brought toys designed to improve motor skills.

And of course, there were educational toys and games, puzzles and items that were just plain fun, from Peppa Pig and dinosaurs to a giant stuffed unicorn and Pegasus from Admissions.



Admissions brought these two furry friends.



Thee SUNY Broome Choir sang a lovely rendition of "Hark, Hear the Bells," while the American Sign Language Club signed several carols, including "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas." Students also enjoyed free holiday cocoa and doughnuts as they watched the holiday merriment ensue.

Music therapy major Jessica Hranek decided to bring gifts on her own: a doll and a LEGO set.

"It's going to be a huge success!" she said of the event as she enjoyed a cup of cocoa with marshmallows.





Peter Sicilian directs the SUNY Broome Choir during the “Carol of the Bells”

Volleyball team member Rayna Pouliot arrived at the Baldwin Gym a little early as she waited for her teammates. Some of her gifts included stuffed animals, a sticker and stamp set and Hot Wheels – all guaranteed to make children happy on Christmas morning.

“It’s cool to see everyone donate for a good cause,” the Sports Management major said.



Santa is overwhelmed by volleyballs



Executive Vice President Francis Battisti hauls a Santa sack full of toys.



The stage is filled with toys to be donated to Toys for Tots



The Physical Therapist Assistant Club brings toys that will help develop children’s motor skills





Kids from BC Center bring their gifts to Santa.



Kids from BC Center bring their gifts to Santa.

## BPS Division makes the season merry with their Toys for Tots Holiday Bash

December 14, 2017  
Featured News



The American Sign Language Club performs Jingle Bells



*Hospitality Programs Department students taking a break for a quick photo before loading the Toys for Tots van with over \$4000 worth of toys.*



Hospitality Club shopping at Toys R Us

By Nicole Grover and Manee Souphavanh

What does the phrase *holiday season* mean to you? To many, it is about extra time spent with family, giving, celebrating Christmas, celebrating Hanukah, and countless family traditions. The students and staff in the Business and Professional Studies Division at SUNY Broome carried out a tradition of their own. On Monday, Dec. 4, they held their second annual Toys for Tots Holiday Bash.

Each department club within the Business and Professional Studies division raised money to buy toys for those in need this holiday season. The Hospitality Club, Criminal Justice Club and Business Club as well as the Alpha Beta Gamma-International Business Honor Society collectively donated more than \$4,000 worth of toys.

On Thursday, Nov. 30, all four clubs shopped for toys together at Five Below and Toys R Us followed by a group dinner at Red Lobster. On the day of the event, the students in the Hospitality Programs Department were happy to take the lead in decorating, organizing, cooking and managing the event. This fundraiser featured a spaghetti dinner, basket raffles, holiday photo booth, dancing to holiday music, Grinch mocktails, popcorn, cotton candy, kid's creation station, Santa, Mrs.

Claus, elves, Elsa and four Christmas trees surrounded by unwrapped toys.

The public was invited to have a family-filled evening, complete with pictures and dinner for a small donation of ten dollars per person. Many local businesses donated raffle baskets and monetary donations towards making this the best Christmas for those in hard times.

This event would have been impossible without our donors, including Tioga Downs, for their generous donation. At the end of the night, the Toys for Tots van was filled to the top with gifts.





Hospitality Club and Alpha Beta Gamma students enjoying a nice dinner at Red Lobster after shopping at Toys R Us.

The students and staff were overjoyed when loading the van full of all they were able to provide. The students and staff in the Business and Professional Studies Division at SUNY Broome look forward to keeping this tradition every year!

*Writers Nicole Grover and Manee Souphavanh are both SUNY Broome students.*



Criminal Justice and Emergency Services Student Association students enjoying a nice dinner at Red Lobster after shopping for Toys for Tots.



Hospitality Programs Department students taking a break for a quick photo before loading the Toys for Tots van with over \$4000 worth of toys.



## From the Desk of President Drumm: Have a wonderful holiday season!

December 15, 2017

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# Complete this survey for a chance to win a Dunkin Donut gift card!

December 15, 2017

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Survey logo

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# Call For Submissions: Art/Photography/Sculpture

December 15, 2017

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Students: The Art Club is hosting a student art show for the month of February and want to showcase your work!

Please send photos of your submissions to Alana De La Cruz at [delacruzac@acad.sunybroome.edu](mailto:delacruzac@acad.sunybroome.edu) by January 19 to be considered. Please submit a minimum of four pieces — any medium, 2-D or 3-D.

If your submission is accepted, you will receive instructions on when and where to drop off your pieces. Artwork must be brought in no later than January 26.



## Gallery notes: Beginning Painting students to hold exhibit at 1 p.m. Dec. 18

December 17, 2017

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Please join us at 1 p.m. Dec. 18 as we celebrate the semester-end Evaluation and Exhibit of Professor David Zeggert's Art 116: Beginning Painting students in the Gallery @ SUNY Broome. The Gallery is located on the first floor of the library.

This exhibit provides the students an opportunity to assemble and display a body of work that consists of paintings they created throughout the semester. The exhibit is also an opportunity for family and friends to join us and view the student work.





# The Monday Poem: 'Birdsong' by Chase Twichell

December 17, 2017

Buzz

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

Birdsong

BY CHASE TWICHELL

WE STRAINED all the fish from the waters  
of the world, both fresh and salt, and ate them.  
Pried the last of the secretive pallid squid  
from their crevices and ate them,  
sucked snails from their shells.

Next the birds, because birdsong  
won't keep other animals alive.  
Mammals stopped breeding. We ate them all.  
Reptiles lay starving in the sun until we  
scaled them and ate their cold-blooded meat.

Most amphibians vanished on their own.  
Drifts of feathers buried the shells and bones.  
Now the insects outnumber us  
two hundred million to one.  
The worms, billions to one.

Earth without animals comes before  
earth without humans. We starve last.  
The trees are dropping sickened leaves,  
too few to cover us when we lie down  
at life's end, after the insects and worms.



Chase Twichell is the author of numerous books of poetry, including *The Snow Watcher*, winner of the 1997 Alice Fay di Castagnola Award from the Poetry Society of America, and *Horses Where the Answers Should Have Been*, winner of the Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award. After teaching for many years at Warren Wilson College, the University of Alabama, and Princeton, among other schools, she founded Ausable Press, a publisher of contemporary poetry. Twichell lives in upstate New York with her husband, the novelist Russell Banks.



## On-campus construction activities for the week of Dec. 18

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Please be mindful of ongoing work and signage in the affected locations.

- Excavation for the new elevator in the basement of the new Calice Advanced Manufacturing Center will take place this week.
- Trenching for utilities continues inside the west end of the building.
- Exterior brick laying will begin on the southwest side of the building.
- Dry wall/sheet rock installation will continue throughout the building.
- First floor “rough ins” for electric and plumbing continues.
- The final concrete pour in the basement of the Business Building will take place this week.

There will be a staff/faculty tour of the building on Thursday at 11 a.m. Please contact Pati Collins at extension 5007 if you are interested. As always, if anyone has any questions, please contact David Ligeikis at 607-765-9710.



# Donation from AMETEK Foundation to aid SUNY Broome soldering lab

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The AMETEK Foundation donated \$10,000 to equip SUNY Broome's new high-tech soldering lab, which will be part of the new Paul & Mary Calice and Mildred Barton Advanced Manufacturing Center.

On Dec. 14, the Broome Community College Foundation representatives and college officials visited AMETEK Inc. in the Town of Union to accept the donation on the Foundation's behalf.

"We deeply appreciate AMETEK's donation to the BCC Foundation. It will make a world of difference when it comes to outfitting our new soldering lab," said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. "Partnerships with our local employers are so essential in fostering a trained local workforce, which in turn helps foster a more prosperous Southern Tier."

The college and the aerospace firm have partnered through the years in various ways, including workforce development.

"We're always trying to work closely with them to ensure that we have skilled people in the area, and one of the things we have always struggled with is skilled solderers," explained Sue Gorman, Director of Human Resources at AMETEK.

AMETEK employees cheered the announcement of the donation and the creation of the high-tech soldering lab, which also received funding from Empire State Development.

The new Calice Manufacturing Center is slated for completion in the summer of 2018. The \$12.5 million project will transform the Mechanical Building, one of the first to be built on campus in 1956, and connect it with the adjacent Business Building via an airy atrium. In addition to the soldering lab, amenities will include a clean room, a green-energy geothermal system that will heat and cool the building, along with solar collectors, and laboratories for advanced manufacturing, fermentation, food processing, drafting, surveying, soil mechanics, thermodynamics and fluid mechanics.

"Thank you so much for supporting this effort," said Janet Hertzog, SUNY Broome's Director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development. "We're really looking forward to the next steps."



# Life of the Mind: Psychology students share their class research projects

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*Students presented their findings and faced questions from their professor and peers.*



Students in professor Bill Altman's Psychology 101 course capped off the semester by presenting on their research projects.

attempt to prove their hypotheses. While evaluating the impact of colors on mood, Abigail Hunt, Cherry Zhang and Chase Palinosky used a box that showed one color at a time, measured the participant's brainwaves and followed up with a questionnaire.

Derek Everett and Anthony Yalch had their study participant use a driving simulation program while texting simultaneously, as they measured her brainwaves. She crashed every time she answered a text, they recounted, and data showed an increase in her brainwave activity.

Sometimes results were unexpected. Emma Horoszewski, Megan Hazelton and Kurtis Wan had expected to see stress decrease by 25 percent in a study participant who used expressive writing, but didn't achieve the expected results. While the participant did report feeling less stressed, the results could probably be chalked up to the placebo effect, they said.

In their project, Rachael Meyers, Melanie Garcia and Taylor Voorhis had expected to see an increase in knowledge retention following a snack – but the results showed the opposite. The subject could have been distracted by the granola bar, they surmised.

While their experiment failed in terms of proving the hypothesis, failure is a part of science, too – as is learning to identify a study's possible deficiencies. Thank you, Hornets, for sharing your fascinating research!

Make sure you follow APA format, never identify your research study participant and proofread, proofread, proofread.

Monday, Dec. 18, was the big day for Professor Bill Altman's Psychology 110 students. Students conducted research experiments in class, and finished their semester with a poster and presentation highlighting their work. Afterward, Professor Altman and their peers questioned their methods and findings in depth.

The questions and critiques could be tough at points, but they provided students with the experience they need to become better researchers in their field.

"I know that a massive amount of work went into all of this, so I do commend you," Professor Altman said after giving critiques that included the advice that leads this story.

Students researched a wide range of topics. The 10 a.m. session alone included presentations on the effects of texting and driving on brain waves, whether snacking impacts the learning process, the effect of expressive writing on stress, and whether color influences mood.

The project groups used different measures in the



Students presented their findings and faced questions from their professor and peers.



# Visions FCU & SUNY Broome partnership: Visions Higher Education Student Advisory Council

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An image depicting people in business attire standing in front of a globe

Visions FCU's Higher Education Student Advisory Council began meeting in October and will continue through the end of the academic year. Students are given the opportunity to have their ideas heard and network with area professionals, while also receiving some financial literacy education.

News article & video:

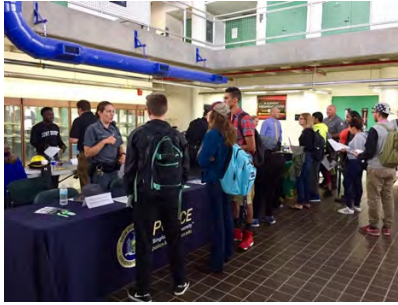
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# The ALCC Fall 2017 Newsletter

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*The 2017 Criminal Justice and Emergency Services Career Fair*



The 2017 Criminal Justice and Emergency Services  
Career Fair

The ALCC would like to thank students and faculty for another great semester! Be sure to check out our most recent newsletter for a look back on our Fall happenings and a hint at our many upcoming events for Spring 2018.

Happy holidays and we look forward to serving you in the new year!  
[Alcc Newsletter Fall 2017 \(PDF\)](#)





# Completely online: Explore Two-Dimensional Design this Winter Term

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*Charles Csuri, Wonderous Spring, 1992 Transparency and Intensity of Color*



Charles Csuri, Wonderous Spring, 1992  
Transparency and Intensity of Color

Get creative this Winter Term with ART 105: Introduction to Two-Dimensional Design!

Taught by Associate Professor Patricia Evans, this 3-credit general education course is completely online, and will transform the way you see. Train your eye to create something from nothing!

Register online at [www.sunybroome.edu](http://www.sunybroome.edu) or with your advisor. You'll need to sign up for ART 105-Y01 (the lecture) and ART 105-LY1 (the lab). Questions? Contact Professor Evans at [evanspm@sunybroome.edu](mailto:evanspm@sunybroome.edu) or 607-778-5503.





# Volunteer opportunity at The Discovery Center

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Volunteer! We need your help.

The Discovery Center of the Southern Tier is looking for six volunteers for an international New Year's celebration.

Children will travel across the globe, ringing in the New Year in three different time zones: 1 p.m. for South Korea, 2 p.m. for France and 3 p.m. for Mexico. Volunteers are needed to assist children with related crafts and activities from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Interested? Call the Discovery Center at (607)773-8661 ext. 210. The Discovery Center of the Southern Tier is located in the Ross Park Campus, 60 Morgan Road, on Binghamton's South Side.



# Thank you for your holiday food donations!

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Professor Kim McLain and her Medical Assisting freshmen would like to thank the campus community for their participation in our fall food drive. With your help, we were able to collect 614 pounds of food and make 25 Thanksgiving holiday food bags for students on our campus, surpassing our previous year's collection of 432 pounds!

A special thank you to offices and departments who allowed us to place a collection bin at their site: the Divisions of Health Sciences, Liberal Arts, STEM, and BPS, the Library, and the Counseling Center. Thank you also to businesses off campus who collected food for us: Future Faces Childcare & Learning Center in Johnson City, Head Over Heels Gymnastics in Vestal, Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church in Binghamton, and the Owego and Nichols Lions Club.



# Partnership agreement offers SUNY Broome students a pathway to the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

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Health issues graphic

A new partnership agreement will offer two qualified SUNY Broome students guaranteed acceptance into the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The 2+4 agreement allows students to earn their associate's degree at a community college, and then complete their Pharm.D. at Buffalo.

"This is an incredible opportunity for SUNY Broome students who are interested in pursuing pharmacy," said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm.

"We are thrilled to partner with the University at Buffalo for this latest program, which will allow our students a direct pathway to a graduate degree and ultimately a fulfilling, high-demand career."

To become eligible, students must have a science and mathematics grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.5, an overall GPA of 3.5 and complete all prerequisite courses with a grade of at least 2.0. Prior to entering UB, students must complete at least one year of English composition, biology, chemistry, organic chemistry, calculus and physiology, and at least one semester of statistics, microbiology, anatomy, biochemistry and any social or behavioral science.

Students must also submit an application through the Pharmacy College Application Service and take the PCAT, as well as submit three letters of recommendation and undergo a formal interview.

"Our academic programs are rigorous at SUNY Broome and they truly prepare students for their next steps in their educational career," said SUNY Broome Chief Academic officer and Executive Vice President Francis Battisti. "We're excited to help even more students achieve their educational goals through this program."

The college already has 30 articulation, or transfer, agreement with the University at Buffalo for a wide range of programs.

"The University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences values our collaboration with State University of New York community colleges and these 2+4 agreements will further solidify our strong partnerships," said Dr. James O'Donnell, dean of the UB School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. "We look forward to having their best and brightest students as members of our PharmD program."

This is the third such 2+4 agreement that SUNY Broome has entered into with a pharmacy school in the past year. In June, the college entered into an agreement that will give two students guaranteed admission into St. John Fisher College's Wegmans School of Pharmacy. In November, the college entered into another agreement with Binghamton University that will give eight qualified SUNY Broome students admittance into BU's new School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.



# An image of history: SUNY Broome alumnus donates painting of historic home

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a local artist who taught in SUNY Broome's Continuing Education program. On Dec. 19, he donated the painting to SUNY Broome, where it will hang in the library's reference area.

"You know we're the community's college. What makes more sense?" said Andrea Roma, Director of Development with the Broome Community College Foundation.

The Bevier-Wright House's historic designation comes by way of its connection to the Chenango Canal, Grace explained. The canal was located less than the length of a football field away from the property line, and the canal horses often overnighted in the barn.

The house passed into the hands of the Wright family in 1889, when Civil War veteran William Edward Wright purchased it for \$3,000. Eventually it passed into the hands of Kenneth Klee Wright, a nephew of Binghamton insurance magnate Conrad Klee, and his wife Isabel.


Grace grew up in the shadow of the stately old house, although Ken Wright – who, like his uncle, made his living in insurance – passed away when he was 7 years old. He became friends with Wright's widow Isabel nee Montgomery, a model for Lord & Taylor Department Stores in Manhattan and a silent movie star in her younger years.

Isabel kept up on the house and had a great impact on her young neighbor's life. With only an eighth grade education, she pushed to earn her GED and read several newspapers a day. She tasked Grace with reading several articles a day as well, supplying him with a dictionary; the practice helped him overcome dyslexia, he said.

Isabel Wright, who passed away in 2012, audited courses at SUNY Broome and was an avid participant in the college's Continuing Education classes.

"She was fun and she was very interested in furthering her education," remembered Grace, who graduated from SUNY Broome with a Liberal Arts degree in May 2017.

He brought another framed piece of artwork with him to the Gallery @ SUNY Broome: a framed collage dating all the way back to 1926, when Conrad Klee – the founder of the Conrad and Virginia Klee Foundation – was the boss of his insurance firm and Ken Wright a young agent.

With images and lettering cut from magazines of the day, members of the C.C. Klee /  cy put the collage together as a farewell gift for Wright, who was heading to New York City for training.

It reads:

*Dear Ken*

Built in the Greek Revival style, the pale wood-frame house on Chenango Street reflects another time.

In 1790, Thomas Bevier built three homes for each of his sons. The original part of the current structure – now located at the rear of the house – once belonged to his son Abraham. By 1850, descendent Cornelius Bevier moved the old house and then added the two-story wing that sits in front.

The family was wealthy at the start, recounted Arthur Grace, a neighbor of the Bevier-Wright House. By 1870, they were working in the local cigar factory.

"It's the only structure in the Town of Dickinson on the national and New York historic registers because of its association with the Chenango Canal," said Grace, a SUNY Broome alumnus who applied for the house's historic designation.

In 1982, he also celebrated the house's history by commissioning a painting by the Jean Rosenthal,



The Bevier-Wright House, as painted by Jean Rosenthal



A 91-year-old collage once made in honor of Ken Wright

*Just a  
little advice 4 U  
in the big (city).*

*Don't  
4get us (back  
home).*

*Don't  
forget the  
(cars). They go  
(faster) than a  
(horse and  
buggy) and U  
want 2 (impress)  
them.*

*Don't get  
lost and have 2*



Arthur Grace discusses the 91-year-old collage.



Arthur Grace discusses the painting he donated to the college.

*ask the  
(policeman)  
where the  
(Traveler's  
Insurance) is.*

*Don't  
work 2 hard and  
4get your  
(meals).*

*Don't  
4get to wear  
your (hat) for  
they miTe Tink  
U R from the  
(country) and  
they R (liable to  
give you) a  
(dirty look).*

*Hide your (money) under your (bustle).*

*We ALL NV U your (spare time at ball games, concerts, Broadway shows and beaches).*

*We wish U the best success. Don't (smoke cigarettes). (To be continued.)*



## Attention students: Scholarship applications available starting Jan. 3!

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The Broome Community College Foundation's online Scholarship Application will be open for students interested in applying for scholarships starting on Jan. 3, 2018.

The deadline for continuing students to apply will be Feb. 23, 2018. The deadline for prospective students (incoming freshman) will be March 30, 2018.

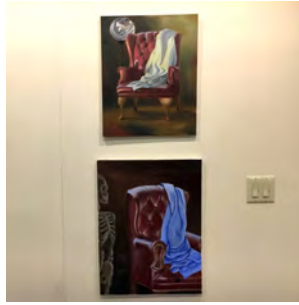
Please see the Foundation Office in the Wales Building Room 201 with any questions.





# Annual Student Art Exhibition Jan. 4-11 in the Gallery

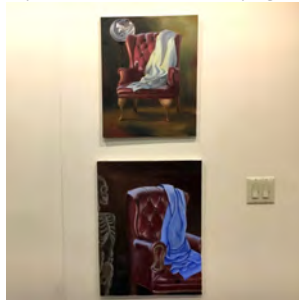
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The community is cordially invited to a closing reception from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, showcasing the original work of SUNY Broome Art and Design students.

The exhibit will highlight classical drawings and oil paintings, along with graphic print media and three-dimensional design. The focus is on work by students currently enrolled within the Visual Communication Arts, A.S. courses.

The exhibit runs from Monday, Jan. 4, through Monday, Jan. 11 in the Gallery @ SUNY Broome, located on the first floor of the library.





# Speakers of the House announces winners of the Fall Table Topics Contest

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*Speakers of the House speech contest winners, left to right: Lorne Campbell, Abigail Durkee, Joey LoPiccolo, Kyle Francis, Freddie Stevenson, Jr.*



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About 50 people came to support the students and to try pizzas imagined by the Effective Speaking classes and designed by American Food and Dining, including Thanksgiving pizza, taco pizza and dessert pizza. (The most popular was the plain pizza, but the others were lots of fun!)

The winning speakers were awarded \$100, \$50, and \$25 and \$25 gift cards to WalMart.

The students spoke on the spot for one to minutes in response to one of the following questions: What super power do you wish you had? What do see in your future? What building that does not exist on the SUNY Broome campus should we build next and why? Amanda Durkee, the only contestant to answer this question, said students need a place to be able to relax and do nothing.



Speakers of the House, the SUNY Broome Toastmasters Club, held the final round of its Fall Table Topics Contest on

Speakers of the House, the SUNY Broome Toastmasters Club, held the final round of its Fall Table Topics Contest on Dec. 15. Thirty students from Matt Papkov and Kathleen McKenna's Effective Speaking classes had entered the contest 2 weeks earlier, and on Friday, the 15 finalists competed again.

The winners in this impromptu speaking contest were:

- First Place: Joey LoPiccolo
- Second Place: Amanda Durkee
- Third Place: Kyle Francis
- Fourth Place: Freddie Stevenson, Jr.

Dr. Carol Ross, Vice President for Student Development and Chief Diversity Officer, welcomed the audience. She had first been exposed to Toastmasters in Kuwait and as pleased to learn that SUNY Broome also has a Toastmasters Club when she arrived in the summer. Dr. Ross stressed the importance of effective speaking in every walk of life. Lorne Campbell, Club President, served as Master of Ceremonies, warmly welcoming contestants and guests alike.

About 50



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The club normally meets on Fridays in Wales 203B from 3:10 to 4:15 p.m. Students,

faculty, staf, and members of the community are welcome to visit or to join the club. Student memberships are subsidized by the Office of Student Activities. For more information, contact the club Vice President for Membership, Zach Moyer, at [moyerz@acad.sunybroome.edu](mailto:moyerz@acad.sunybroome.edu), or club mentor, Kathleen McKenna at [mckennakm@sunybroome.edu](mailto:mckennakm@sunybroome.edu).



# Planting seeds and fighting pests: Scientist and SUNY Broome alum travels the world

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*SUNY Broome alumnus and agricultural scientist Alan Schroeder in a bean field in the African nation of Burundi*



SUNY Broome alumnus and agricultural scientist Alan Schroeder in a bean field in the African nation of Burundi

## Planting the seed

A B-plus student in high school, Schroeder initially lacked direction when it came to his future path. He headed to SUNY Broome – then called BCC – where he majored in Liberal Arts and Sciences while staying with his grandparents nearby on Upper Front Street.

While there, he discovered a love for science, sparked by such professors as Anthony LoTempio in organic chemistry and Rick Firenze in biology.

“I had great teachers who gave me direction. It was inexpensive, which was great,” he said.

Schroeder initially considered pre-med and an eventual career as a physician, but took that option off the table after an applied learning experience at a hospital. Seeing organs and the structures of the body inside the confines of a textbook could be intriguing – in person was another matter. A doctor asked him, while he ate lunch, whether he wanted to see an autopsy. He declined.

While successful at SUNY Broome, the future scientist experienced a false start at his transfer school, Colorado State, where he studied microbiology – and flunked out. He headed home and worked for a year before deciding to try his hand at higher education again.


“A lot of kids, when that happens, they give up,” he reflected. “I was embarrassed. That gave me motivation.”

He ended up at the University of Delaware, where in 1982 he earned a bachelor’s degree in agriculture with a double-major in entomology and plant pathology, and a (LoTempio-inspired) minor in chemistry, followed by a master’s in entomology two years later.

The master’s degree came by way of a research assistantship, itself the result of fortuitous circumstances. Schroeder wasn’t the initial choice for the position, but lucked out when the previous candidate chose not to accept. He also took his advisor’s advice to overcome his shyness and give as many professional talks as he could – a good move for his future career.

Another set of fortuitous circumstances led him to the University of Illinois – Champaign-Urbana, where he earned his Ph.D. in entomology. While there, however, he determined that he didn’t want to spend his career as a professor, managing students and applying for the ever-dwindling pool of research funding. After earning his degree in 1990, he started applying to international centers of agricultural research – and landed a post-doc position at the International Center for the Improvement of Maize and Wheat in Mexico.

From there, he headed to Washington, D.C., as a science, diplomacy and policy fellow for USAID’s Africa Bureau – spending seven months in Burkina Faso and visiting 15 different African countries. More international positions followed with USAID and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where he coordinated research into crops and the pests that plague them.

In 2001, his future wife Sonia, a marine biologist, offered him an unexpected opportunity  quit his job and come to New Mexico with her, where she landed a job at a university. Once he relocated, he was unable to find a job in his field and so set himself up as a consultant, dubbing his business E-NoeTec, for Environmental Knowledge, Education & Technologies.

Albania, Zambia, Kyrgyzstan, Nicaragua and, just last week, Rwanda: Alan Schroeder has lost count of the countries he has visited as an agricultural scientist and consultant. Out of the 195 countries in the world today, he has probably been to most of them – more than 100, at the very least.

The roots of his globetrotting career, however, first sprouted in his father’s incredible garden in Sidney, New York. Schroeder grew up in the rural community, where his dad was an electrical engineer and his mother a nurse at the local hospital. Outside of his career, Schroeder’s father had a passion for the rural life, evidenced in the family’s backyard.

“My dad – he grew everything possible, every fruit, every vegetable you could grow,” Schroeder remembered, during a recent visit to SUNY Broome. “We also had ducks and chickens, but we wouldn’t eat them because they were like pets.”

One thing that didn’t grow in his family garden: the travel bug, Schroeder admitted. That seed was planted later, after multiple degrees and experiences that led him around the world.

“I grew up a home boy around Sidney, NY, and my dad was a homeboy,” he said with a smile.

He hated it at the time – the hustle for jobs, living from contract to contract.

His future wife alerted him to another opportunity: A chance to earn his MBA from the University of New Mexico's Anderson School of Business Management. He jumped at the chance, at one point commuting back and forth to New Mexico for school when the couple relocated to Washington, D.C. The MBA smoothed the way for his consulting business, and jobs starting coming to him from around the world. Consulting was no longer a grind, but an incredible opportunity.

### **Around the world and back again**

These days, you can find Alan Schroeder all over the world – at a café in Brussels, where his wife has a science advisor position at the US Embassy to the European Union. Perhaps in Rwanda, researching ways to fight the fall armyworm infestation, or in South America, looking at ways to battle mosquitoes that carry the Zika virus, or in Azerbaijan, helping farmers fight the moths that afflict their pomegranate trees.

As a consultant, he can and does work anywhere – including the SUNY Broome Library. He has a year-round parking pass at the college, which he visits during his frequent trips to the Southern Tier.

He's intrigued by the college's future plans for a controlled environment agriculture (CEA) facility on campus, featuring a "smart" high-tech greenhouse, hydroponics and organic food production.

"You know who does the best greenhouses on earth? Belgians and the Dutch and the Israelis," he said.

And while his job may involve outwitting actual insects, Schroeder is proud to be a Hornet – and glad he got his start at SUNY Broome.

"It's a good transition and it's inexpensive," he said of his college experience. "It kills me now to see kids coming out with tons of debt."



## Think Spring: Open Registration Week runs from Jan. 16 through 19

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It's never too early to think spring — spring semester, that is! Spring classes start Jan. 29, 2018.

Open Registration Week — **the last week to apply** — runs from Jan. 16 through 19. Hours are 9 to 4 p.m. Jan. 16, 18 and 19, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 17.

Need to adjust your schedule **after** Open Registration? Please connect with your department or advisor during College Readiness Week from Jan. 22 through 26.

[Click here for more information on Spring 2018.](#)





## Focus on Nursing: Evening/Weekend Nursing program gives Britani a chance to excel in the classroom and the workplace

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Featured News



*Britani Edwards*



Britani Edwards

Britani Edwards sometimes jokes that she will just set up a cot at the hospital where she works, and where she is pursuing her clinical rotations as a nursing student.

As a student in SUNY Broome's Evening and Weekend Nursing program, she also works full time and has clinicals every other weekend. During those stretches, she works a five-day week as director of Lourdes' hyperbaric oxygen therapy program, does her two days of clinicals and then returns for another full work week.

It's tough but it will ultimately be worth it, giving her more mobility in her career in years ahead.

"I keep working and supplement my education and achieve my goals at the same time," said Edwards, now in her second year of the three-year program.

This isn't her first stint in college; she has an Associate's degree in Emergency Medical Technology from her home state of Michigan. That's where she began working for a company that provides mobile hyperbaric centers as a

training officer, traveling to facilities – including Lourdes in Binghamton. When Lourdes offered her a job at their own hyperbaric facility, she relocated to the area.

A nursing degree will open the door to more professional opportunities, Edwards noted, and the Evening and Weekend Program was the logical choice, allowing her to keep a job she enjoys. The majority of her two-dozen classmates work, and learn early on the importance of time management, she said.

She has found SUNY Broome's nursing faculty and staff to be very knowledgeable and experienced, and has particularly appreciated the dedication of Professor Denisa Talovic, who also works as a nurse practitioner in the community.

"She supports us through the whole thing. She also works too, so she can relate to us," Edwards said. "She's offered us time late at night – a 9 p.m. Sunday study session. That's going above and beyond for your students."

The president of the Student Nurses Association for the Evening/Weekend Program, Edwards recently earned scholarship money through an online contest that tested her medical knowledge.

Run by the Common Knowledge Scholarship Foundation, the contest involved a series of timed online tests about a wide array of medical knowledge. Britani passed the first three tests, qualifying for the final round, which consisted of a single timed test. She won, beating out students from colleges around the country, the majority of which were four-year schools. Second and third place went to students at Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine and the Chamberlain College of Nursing, making the win by a community college student even more exceptional.

Looking ahead, Edwards isn't exactly sure what shape her future will take; she is still garnering experience in different specialties through her clinicals. However, the ICU and the emergency room are draws – not surprising, considering her training in critical acute care.

Why emergency medicine? "I like something different every day. It's not repetitive, and I stay cool under pressure," she explained.



# The Monday Poem: ‘Gee, You’re So Beautiful That It’s Starting to Rain’ by Richard Brautigan

December 24, 2017  
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The Monday Poem is brought to you by Professor Jim Gormley of the English Department. Enjoy!

## Gee, You’re So Beautiful That It’s Starting to Rain

Oh, Marcia,  
I want your long blonde beauty  
to be taught in high school,  
so kids will learn that God  
lives like music in the skin  
and sounds like a sunshine harpsichord.  
I want high school report cards  
to look like this:

Playing with Gentle Glass Things  
A

Computer Magic  
A

Writing Letters to Those You Love  
A

Finding out about Fish  
A

Marcia’s Long Blonde Beauty  
A+!

—Richard Brautigan



Brautigan is commonly seen as the bridge between the Beat Movement of the 1950s and the youth revolution of the 1960s.” A so-called guru of the sixties counterculture, Brautigan wrote of nature, life, and emotion; his unique imagination provided the unusual settings for his themes. Critics frequently compared his work to that of such writers as Thoreau, Hemingway, Barthelme, and Twain.



# Annual Student Art Exhibition Jan. 4-11 in the Gallery

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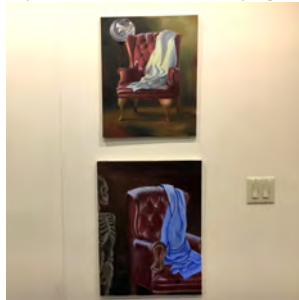
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The community is cordially invited to a closing reception from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, showcasing the original work of SUNY Broome Art and Design students.

The exhibit will highlight classical drawings and oil paintings, along with graphic print media and three-dimensional design. The focus is on work by students currently enrolled within the Visual Communication Arts, A.S. courses.

The exhibit runs from Monday, Jan. 4, through Monday, Jan. 11 in the Gallery @ SUNY Broome, located on the first floor of the library.





## Think Spring: Open Registration Week runs from Jan. 16 through 19

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It's never too early to think spring — spring semester, that is! Spring classes start Jan. 29, 2018.

Open Registration Week — **the last week to apply** — runs from Jan. 16 through 19. Hours are 9 to 4 p.m. Jan. 16, 18 and 19, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 17.

Need to adjust your schedule **after** Open Registration? Please connect with your department or advisor during College Readiness Week from Jan. 22 through 26.

[Click here for more information on Spring 2018.](#)



# The Monday Poem: From 'The Last Bohemian of Avenue A' by Yusef Komunyakaa

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## from "The Last Bohemian of Avenue A"

Yusef Komunyakaa, 1947

Here's the End of the World

mobile with its shiny bullhorn  
& platitudes among drawings  
tattooed across the beige hood  
big as a mammoth broken out  
of ice, bellyful of buttercups.  
Doomsday has come & gone,  
& now the sluggish van rolls  
toward the snowy East River  
at a quarter past midnight,  
& I wonder how it is to quit  
a job one week earlier  
& return on blue Monday,  
begging the foreman  
for a chance to stoke  
the brimstone furnace.

Changes stumble into my life  
sometimes, like last Sunday  
when I sat at the dining table  
of an old friend of a thousand  
stories, a glare falling into my left  
eye, her daughter watching  
TV in a side room, & I heard  
this Foley guy sawing a maple  
cross with a horse-hair bow.  
I can't help but walk over  
& lean into the doorway,  
& then raise a phantom alto  
to my lips. The cat's young too,  
rocking his upright at the foot  
of Babel, speaking pain & joy  
in the most beautiful way  
I've heard in a long time,  
& say to myself, Rabbas,  
you could run the table  
with this guy at Small's,  
could teach the shadows  
to walk on their hands  
& dance with alley cats.

I've been here a long time  
working this hunk of brass,  
& knew Mingus in the days  
when he'd strike a righteous  
pose up on the bandstand  
& bring down the house,  
talking jive & rave, jabbing  
below the belt, where it hurts.  
Can you imagine him up there  
today, playing a new version  
of "Fables of Faubus," big  
as thunder at dawn rocking  
hundred-year-old hanging trees  
out of memory, can you dig?

The guy on the corner  
jingling coins in a Dixie cup



pulls on his blind-man's shades  
as March runs down Delancey,  
woozy as a rush-up of sparrows  
over Chinatown. One small thing  
seems almost holy, & lightheaded  
hues settle over the architecture  
& a handkerchief dance unfolds  
into some jostle of bumper balls.  
This is the hour paradise is not  
only for itself, & one doesn't feel  
stupid picking up a dull penny  
from a sidewalk. A tremble goes  
through cloth, tugging bodies  
into a new world, & by ten-thirty  
the wind rolls on past the Hudson,  
headed upstate. I want to jump  
up & down, to shout as March  
ambushes the last antiheroes  
this scatterbrain side of town.



### About This Poem

“This excerpt of ‘The Last Bohemian of Avenue A’ is from a book-length poem spoken by an avant-garde jazz musician who has lived on Manhattan’s Lower East Side for decades. Everything he says about history, culture, and everyday life is tinged by his passion and imagination in service to the art of jazz. Playing the saxophone is perhaps what keeps Barabbas Jones’s encyclopedic memory alive in a world of commodity and forgetting.”

—*Yusef Komunyakaa*

