

# The Buzz

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## Mt. Marcy Climb – The Follow-Up

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Eleven staff members at Broome Community College, including President Kevin Drumm, recently completed an adventure that tested their physical and mental limits. Led by their fearless leader Professor Rey Wojdat, the group trekked to the top of the highest mountain in New York State: Mount Marcy, which stands 5,433 feet at its summit.

"It's a 15-mile trip (they say!), but it was closer to 19 miles," said Wojdat, chair of the Hospitality Department. "And believe me — this isn't a walk in the park."

Round trip, it took 12 arduous hours through conditions that Wojdat says made the experience truly "epic."

"We hit every weather system possible, I think, except tornados. When we hit the trail at 5:30 a.m. it was a bluebird morning. But then there was freezing rain coming down at one point with rumbles of thunder. We even had hail the size of marbles so big, they didn't melt when they hit the ground. Then it started to snow. Once we reached near the summit, we got a tremendous windstorm. And, when you get up there, there are arctic- region plants!"

Wojdat made sure his group were prepared with the necessary gear (including walking poles, rain and snow gear), but it was still tough going for many including Ciara Cable, a graphic designer in BCC's department of Marketing and Communications

"I ended up getting altitude sickness about a mile and a half from the top and had to pause every hundred yards or so to take a breather. I felt really dizzy and lightheaded," she said.

But Cable didn't give up, and Wojdat said she symbolizes what BCC can do for students.

"She was sick, tired and cold. Even her lips were chalk white. If she had been alone she might have quit. But she didn't. She held my hand and she went up. And she's the heroine of the story.

"It's your will. Come to BCC with that attitude. BCC can help you reach your potential, but you have to have the will."

Cable imparts this advice to BCC students: "If you're a student who might be struggling... just keep climbing! You'll make it if you believe you can! It might be hard, but that's all the more reason to feel proud of yourself when you reach your goal."

Along with the others, Cable posed for a photo as they planted a BCC flag at the summit.

All arrived back home safe and sound from the adventure that Wojdat says has changed his life. "I don't think I can overdramatize this. It was transformational, and the bonding that took place among all of us was unbelievable. We have the war stories forever."

# Former BCC Staffer Debuts Novel With One-of-a-kind Book Launch—From a Trapeze

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Former BCC Writing Center tutor Jill Shultz will host a one-of-a-kind book launch, complete with free flying trapeze lessons for the public, to celebrate the publication of her circus-inspired novel, *Angel on the Ropes*. The event takes place on Saturday, June 1 in West Palm Beach, Florida (see <http://www.JillShultz.com/News.html> for details).

This science fiction novel with a Cirque du Soleil vibe features a dazzling trapezist who leads a perilous double life. Her secret—and her choices—could save her planet. Or ruin it.

*“Angel on the Ropes* snared me into an alternate world I completely believed in,” says *New York Times* best-selling author Tess Gerritsen. “thrilling and stunningly imaginative, a wondrous tale!” Fantasy author Lynn Flewelling agrees that “the circus motif is magical! Shultz introduces us to a complex, richly imagined world populated with engaging characters.”

To read an excerpt of *Angel on the Ropes*, see <http://www.JillShultz.com>.

The book is now available for sale online at most retail sites (Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Apple, Kobo) with others in progress. It can be purchased locally from RiverRead Books in Binghamton, which offers autographed copies of both the paperback and ebook.

On Friday, July 19th, at 6:30 p.m., RiverRead Books will host the author’s hometown book launch party. Please join us for the reception, reading, and book signing.

# Mid-State Athletic Conference honors BCC Softball Team

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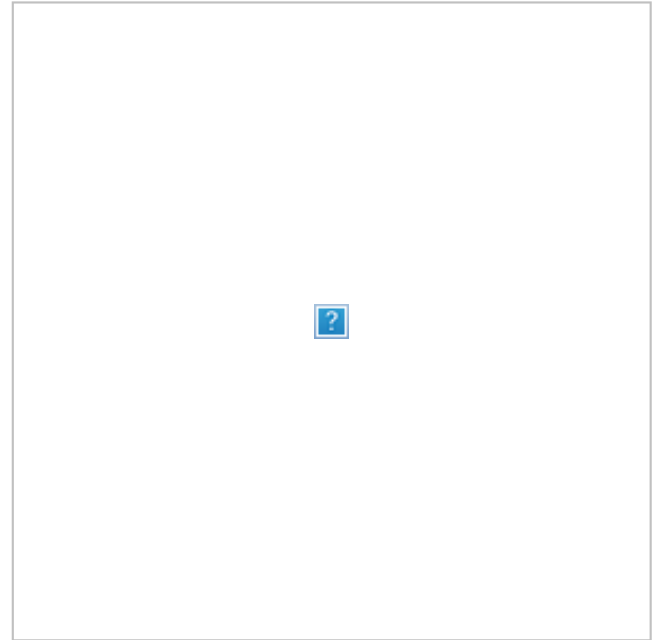
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The Mid-State Athletic Conference has honored SUNY Broome's softball team. Coach Mead was named Coach of the Year and many players were recognized by the conference.

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# Angelo Zuccolo: Our Colleague and Friend

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Angelo Zuccolo, 72, actor, stage director, published poet, and professor emeritus of theatre took his final earthly curtain call on May 15, 2013. He is survived by daughters Angelique and Marielle. He was greeted in heaven by his parents Edith and Angelo, beloved dog Nikki, and an elite cast of family and friends. Angelo was born into a family of actors, poets, sculptors, painters and singers! Within this context, the enchantment and romance of a world filled with sensory, sensuous and sensual poetry were present from sunrise to sunset. His insights into the flavor and spice of the human heart simmered with the delicate aroma of love both found and often lost. He performed in stage, film and television in the United States and abroad, including the title role in James Joyce's *Finnegans Wake* at the prestigious Holland Festival in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and Ligurio in Machiavelli's *The Mandrake*, at Norway's Fana Festival.

He directed over 300 stage and media productions, served as artistic director of the renowned Leonard Melfi Repertory Theatre, and was the author of myriad playscripts and teleplays. His collection of Italian-American short stories, *Remember! We Come From Good Stock*, was received with acclaim both in the United States and in Italy, and his trilogy of romantic poetry received national applause for its insights into the caring human heart.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday from 5pm to 8pm at DeMarco and Son Funeral Home, 737 Chenango Street, Port Dickinson, NY. Services will be held at Unitarian Universalist Church on 183 Riverside Drive, Binghamton, NY, on Monday at 11am, with prior viewing beginning at 9:30am. Internment at Riverhurst Cemetery to immediately follow.

Contributions to the Angelo Zuccolo scholarship, for excellence in theatre may be made to Broome Community College Foundation. In lieu of flowers, Angelo's desire was for friends and family to celebrate his life with dinner at one's favorite Italian restaurant in the company of someone special, someone lonely, someone in need. Angelo lived and performed with all his heart. In one of the finest of theatre traditions, he is now in the company of countless co-stars, appearing onstage and in the midnight sky with applause of eternity.

# 4th Annual Homeless Sleep Out a Success

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BCC's 4th Annual Homeless Sleep Out was a success. Willie Murray, BCC Student Trustee, Tyrone King, BCC's Chemical Dependent Counseling student and Gregory Derricks, BCC's Student Housing SA Rep., reported that 13 students spent the night in boxes, tents, and sleeping bags to spread awareness about the Homeless problem in Broome County. About \$700.00 dollars was raised for the event.

Willie Murray says that Homelessness can happen to anybody. Wes Warren, BCC's chair of Criminal Justice/Homeland Security reports that the Broome County Homeless Coalition assisted 76 homeless vets last year. One of his Criminal Justice students was homeless for two weeks in 2009, so Warren spent the night along with the students to show his support.



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