

The Buzz

SUNY Broome News

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The B.C. Center Receives Grant from The Community Foundation For So. Central NY

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SUNY Broome's on-campus child care program has received \$15,000 to help seek accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and to partially restore lost government-sponsored child care subsidies for student-parents attending SUNY Broome. Unfortunately, campus child care that pays a living wage to its teachers and makes care affordable to students cannot operate solely on tuitions, fundraisers and declining government support. It requires investments from outside sources that recognize the positive impact of quality, accessible child care for students to be academically successful and workforce ready. Fortunately for the children enrolled at the BC Center and students attending SUNY Broome, The Community Foundation understands these challenges.

Phi Theta Kappa Officers and Faculty Adviser Celebrate an Award Winning Season

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Phi Theta Kappa officers were photographed on campus yesterday wearing the array of medals they have earned this year including their excellence-in-service medals, SUNY Chancellor Award medals, Coca-Cola Gold Scholar medallion and Guistwhite Scholarship medallion. Faculty Adviser Professor I.J. Byrnes wore her adviser medallion and International Hallmark Award medal during the photo session.

Officers were celebrating a year of outstanding achievement and hoped to encourage the next class of honor society leaders to do the same. The 2013-2014 officers of Phi Theta Kappa earned seven New York State Region Hallmark Awards during their tenure. Officers have been asked to wear their medals at graduation to inspire fellow students and guests to set and meet challenging goals in their own lives.

Phi Theta Kappa is the campus' two year international honor society and is a long-

standing student club at SUNY Broome.



Departure of Laura Kennedy

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The Department of Performing Arts gave Laura Kennedy a joyous sendoff this past Monday evening after she accompanied the college Choir for their recital in the Little Theater. Laura has been the college's Choir accompanist and piano teacher for over a quarter of a century. She will be greatly missed.

Under the direction of Thom Baker, and accompanied by Laura, the Choir presented a rousing evening of music and song.

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Mock Disaster 2014 Recap

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SUNY Broome Mock Disaster 2014: Dr. Francis Battisti's Presentation on PTSD



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=l9MemfJSwQ4>



Presentation given by Dr. Francis Battisti on post-traumatic stress disorder as a portion of

the 3rd annual Mock Environmental Disaster Event.

The 3rd annual Mock Environmental Disaster Event took place on Friday, May 2nd at 2:00 pm. Participating Departments included Medical Assisting, EMT/Paramedics, Nursing, Health Information Technology, Radiologic Technology, Physical Therapist Assistant, Dental Hygiene, Clinical Laboratory Technologies, Criminal Justice, Fire Protection, Homeland Security, Theater, Communications, Hospitality and Public Safety.

The educational goals of the exercise are to provide a hands on practical experience for selected students in their field of study and a practical observation experience for students who do not participate but observe. Students are expected to gain valuable insight into operational aspects of their field of study by doing and observing. They will then be able to critically analyze their actions and participation level through use of media, as the event will be documented through video. This is a critical event that will help the students be prepared for real life events they will soon face in the workplace.

Time-lapse video:

2014 Mock Disaster Time-lapse

 <https://youtube.com/watch?v=sDBUSQZxr8Q>



5th Annual Sleep Out for the Homeless was a Great Success!

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On May 1st, the Fifth Annual Sleep Out for the Homeless was held with an occasional sprinkle. Over 20 faculty/students/community people attended. The most unusual sleep out fixture was a large cardboard box that looked the size of a ship container! Rae Palmer-Jones did a great job in organizing the event along with Tyrone King. Rae also gave a very moving tribute to our friend and colleague Wes Warren, as did Tyrone. Three different TV crews came, but even after their cameras had ceased “rolling” they stayed for all of the tributes to Wes including a powerful video. At the conclusion, a recovering addict who is associated with the VOA talked about his experiences going from a successful student to a professional tennis player/boxer to a homeless person suffering from various addictions. His poem on the word “Time” was especially moving.

The event was staged to raise awareness about the close to 1,000 people in our area who are homeless today as you read this email, and to raise money for the “Coalition of the Homeless of the Southern Tier”. I would encourage all to consider writing a check to “The Coalition of the Homeless of the Southern Tier” and send it to Doug Garnar, who is collecting donations and will see that the Coalition receives them by May 16th. All donations should be sent to Doug in Titchener Hall, Room, 211 B, MS# 66.

Rae, Wes, Sara Doane (former BCC VISTA) and Doug started this event five years ago. We know that Wes was with us last night and that his spirit will remain always with us as

we continue this sleepout tradition in the coming years.

— *Submitted by Doug Garnar*

COM Class Receives Award from Mom's House

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By Ed Evans - COM Dept

Members of the Communications Department's Summer 2013 Public Relations Practicum Course (COM 284) have received the community service award from Mom's House for last summer's mini-golf fundraiser which raised \$1,100 for the Johnson City based non-profit.

On Wednesday evening, at the annual Mom's House Appreciation Dinner, Director Laurie Bowen expressed deep appreciation for the creative SUNY Broome Communications Department course initiative. She formally presented SUNY Broome student representatives and COM 284 course instructor Tim Skinner with the Mom's House 'Golden Grandparent Award' for the successful effort.

"This award represents another recognition of our students' efforts. Our students not only put in class time but many extra hours outside the classroom to put this project together successfully," Skinner said. "It's a great honor that Mom's House would honor us this way."

Instructor Skinner guided the dozen students in the class through the planning, promotion and hosting of a mini-golf tournament event at Chuckster's in Vestal. The course tasks included negotiating with Chuckster's, developing a media campaign through traditional outlets and social media. The students also secured sponsorships from local businesses for each of the mini-golf holes.

Mom's House is a non-profit organization which provides free child care and support services for single parents who are pursuing their college degrees.



COM Instructor Tim Skinner (l) with Summer 2013 Public Relations Practicum students Ray Scott (back), Amy Hogan (r) and Maria Palmeri, with the Golden Grandparent award from Mom's House.

SUNY BROOME "FAMILY" WINS SECOND PLACE IN NEW YORK STATE FINAL BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION

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Bob Zielewicz who graduated from "Broome Tech" sometime ago, decided to join his children and return to SUNY Broome and study entrepreneurship the Spring 2014 semester by taking BUS 213 – Business Plan Development. Two of his children were already enrolled full-time and his older daughter Sarah has her Master degree in Biology/Science Education from Binghamton University but decided to expand her education by taking the First Aid/CPR Certification course at SUNY Broome as the family works on their business plan. They created an energy-efficient technology-based business called Hybridry – a cleaner, greener, and safer method for drying clothes than what currently exists on the market today. Their technology utilizes a fluid to air heat transfer to dry clothing. Their goal was to learn more about business and creating a business plan was the first step.

Throughout the semester the Zielewicz attended classes together, worked on developing their business model with their instructor Laura Knochen-Davis, classmates, and the Binghamton University Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Binghamton University's Dr. Per Stromhaug, Assistant Vice President of Innovation and Economic Development notes, "Binghamton University's Office of Entrepreneurship and Innovation Partnerships has enjoyed working with the Hybridry team and other entrepreneur students at SUNY Broome this semester, by providing technical guidance,

programs and resources. This is a good example of how Binghamton University and SUNY Broome work together to enhance the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the Greater Binghamton Area. I am not surprised that the team did so well in the New York State Business Plan competition final”

Hybridry entered the regional business plan competition and was one of the teams selected to compete in the New York State competition in Albany on April 25th. The SUNY Broome team was awarded second place in the Energy/Sustainability category beating out graduate and undergraduate teams from colleges such as Columbia University, Clarkson, RIT, Cornell, Skidmore and Syracuse University.

On behalf of her family, Sara Zielewicz notes, “We are extremely grateful for all of the knowledge and support that SUNY Broome has added to our lives.”

Seven awarded Chancellor's Awards at SUNY Broome Community College

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SUNY Broome Community College is proud to announce that seven members of the college's faculty and staff are among the recipients of the prestigious SUNY Chancellor's Awards.

- Professor Harold Trimm: Chancellor's Award for Faculty Service
- Donna Rehak: Chancellor's Awards for Professional Service
- Carine Surdey: Chancellor's Awards for Professional Service
- Daniel Brennan: Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Teaching
- Tracy Curtis: Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Teaching
- Jane Hlopko: Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Teaching
- Sharon Eldridge: Chancellor's Awards for Classified Service.

"That so many of our faculty and staff have achieved this recognition of excellence among all our SUNY peers statewide is indicative of the great work done at SUNY Broome," said SUNY Broome President, Dr. Kevin Drumm. "We are so proud of our seven exemplars and congratulate all of them."

The Chancellor's Awards for Excellence are presented annually to faculty and staff in six

categories: Faculty Service, Librarianship, Professional Service, Scholarship and Creative Activities, Teaching, and Classified Service.

“Faculty and staff who receive the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence have served their students, fellow faculty and staff, campuses and communities with the utmost distinction,” said SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher. “It is a great honor to be able to recognize these seven individuals at SUNY Broome Community College.

The honor provides system-wide recognition for consistently superior professional achievement and encourages the ongoing pursuit of excellence. Through these awards, SUNY publicly proclaims its pride in the accomplishment and personal dedication of its instructional faculty, librarians, and staff across its 64 campuses and System Administration.