

# The Buzz

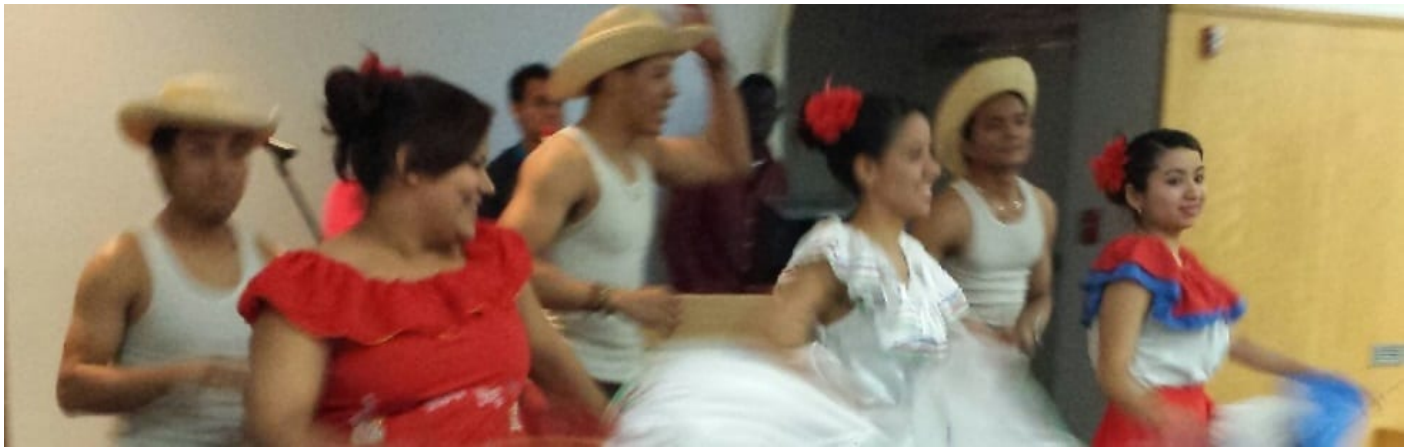
SUNY Broome News

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## A Celebration of Culture through Food and Performance

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When you first enter the International Student Organization luncheon, you are immediately hit by two things; first, the addicting, familiar lyrics to the song *Chandelier* by the Australian artist Sia and, secondly, the overwhelming smell of some amazing food.

This year's International Student Origination luncheon was held November 20 in the Decker Building.

"It took about a month to put together," said ISO Vice President Thainaiz Brigitha, known as "Tiny" by her friends.

For just \$6, students and faculty had their choice from a buffet of international foods, as well as access to a well-rehearsed show featuring songs, a poem and dancing from all

over the world.

The buffet featured a hearty minestrone from Italy (extra parmesan, please), a fresh chickpea salad from Peru, Haitian chicken, Arepas (a flatbread made from a light dough and stuffed with cheese) from Venezuela, sweet plantains from the Democratic Republic of Congo and, as a finale, sweet flan for dessert. There were also tacos from Mexico and fresh potato salad from Honduras.

ISO President Enoc Reyes, from Honduras, introduced Brigitha, who read a poem from Curacao, her native country. A dance from Nicaragua followed, performed by six men and women moving in sync with their partners. With a guitar and microphones, Patrick and Scott from Haiti performed “Agoye,” a French/Creole song, followed – after a break and more food – by another musical piece performed by Esther and a colorful dance from Venezuela.

The finale showcased six dancers. It started off as a slow dance and then broke off into a vivacious and energy-filled performance that almost brought the crowd to their feet. The dresses, colors and drive the dancers created was the perfect summary to this celebration of culture and tradition.

You don’t need to be an international student to join the ISO.

“We are open to anyone who wants to be a part of it. Anyone can join,” Brigitha said.

*Writer Mary Bell is a SUNY Broome student. She gives special thanks to Professor Maruja-Hoyle Lander for help with this article.*



Scenes from the ISO luncheon





# Hornets, Heart & Hockey on Dec. 6

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The American Heart Association is sponsoring a SUNY Broome hockey game on Saturday, Dec. 6.

The Hornets are taking on Erie Community College at 3 p.m. at the Ice Center. Free tee shirts will be given out at the hockey game to promote the Heart Walk.

Open skate will be held before the game.

# Dining Hall hosts Thanksgiving feast

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American Dining Creations hosted a Thanksgiving dinner Monday, Nov. 24, in the dining hall! Here are a few mouthwatering photos to kick off your own Thanksgiving celebration.







# No more shushing: Meet SUNY Broome's Librarians

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Everyone has a certain image that comes to their mind when they think of librarians. For some, that image is the shush-happy, irritated-looking woman with a tight bun glaring at them from over her wire-rimmed glasses. For others, it's the girl with a short skirt, long hair and large glasses they've seen in music videos and Halloween costumes.

Casting all stereotypes aside, here is an introduction to the librarians on your very own campus. These are the seven women who dedicated their lives to aiding students in their search for knowledge by making themselves available and staying one step ahead of the technology curve.

## **Karen Pitcher**

Department of Library (LRC)

Degrees: B.S., M.L.S., SUNY Albany





Karen Pitcher's office is the one room without a window on the ground floor of the library.

"I had an opportunity to move into a different office, but I didn't take it," Pitcher shared.

Why not? Her location makes her easily available to the students and she can always be there to help in a moment's notice.

"It also keeps me from getting distracted," she added with a smile.

Before coming to SUNY Broome, Pitcher worked at a public library and also has worked with individuals with special needs. She received her undergraduate degree in Math and minored in Computer Science. All the librarians have various backgrounds in a large variety of subjects and the job isn't all just bookkeeping, she noted.

Pitcher attended library school for a master's degree in Library Science, and moved to Binghamton as she finished her degree. In 1994, she looked for a position at SUNY Broome and faced a good deal of competition for the job. Luckily, Pitcher was able to join the team part-time and eventually went full-time in 1998 as a Health Science librarian.

Librarians are reaccredited every six to seven years, a process that requires them to submit documentation of resources provided. Thanks to ever-advancing technology, librarians have to stay constantly up to date and be able to provide the best techniques and sources possible to students.

"There's a lot of information on the web, but it's still possible to be missing good websites or articles or even print sources," Pitcher explained.

The librarians' job is to make sure students can be connected to the best and most accurate information possible.

"I'd never want to go back to the way we did papers in college," Pitcher said with a laugh. "It was all only print sources".

If given the perfect day off, Pitcher said she'd want to spend it reading. Her favorite author is the English poet Ann Taylor and she recently has taken up some historical fiction.

### **April M. Steenburgh**



PT Librarian Department of Library (LRC) Degrees

"I'm the weird one," April Steenburgh shared right away, followed by her contagious

laugh and smile. Originally from Rochester, Steenburgh came to Binghamton University to major in Philosophy. She then managed Walden Books in the Oakdale Mall before going to library school to get her MLIS (Master of Library and Information Science).

Even though Steenburgh has spent two years at SUNY Broome and has also worked at the Binghamton University library, she defies the stereotypical image of the uptight librarian.

“They have an action figure of a librarian shushing people,” she noted. “I don’t want to be that librarian. I would rather spend the day fixing computer jams.”

When not helping SUNY Broome students, she also teaches creative writing, Japanese, German and mythology for a group of homeschoolers.

Steenburgh is a published author and a freelance editor. One of her recent published works is *What Follows*, a collection of stories about the end of the world. Steenburgh is constantly writing and editing, she said.

With everything on her plate, it is understandable why Steenburgh went blank when asked what her perfect off day is like. Instead, she blinked and a look came over her that seemed to say, “What is this *off* day you speak of?” She then laughed and said if she had the time, she’d like to spend a day in a hammock with a book, and gather with friends around a fire pit at night.

The one part of the librarian stereotype Steenburgh does accept with open arms (literally) is feline companionship.

“You actually have to hand back your MLS if you don’t own a cat,” she said with a poker face.

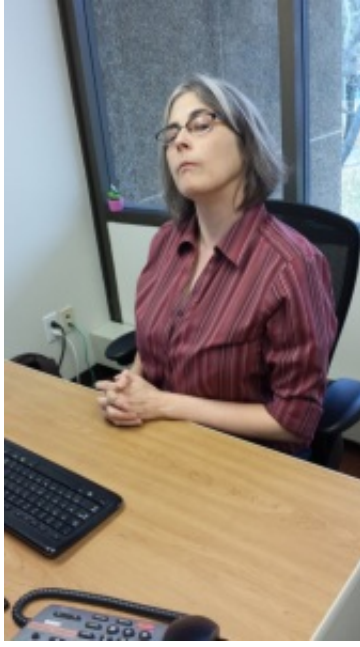
In addition to her three cats, she also is proud owner of four ferrets and a Mexican black king snake she likes to wear around the house.

**Amanda J. Hollister**

Ph.D. Assistant Librarian/Adjunct Instructor Department of Library (LRC)/Biology  
Degrees: B.A.,

Ithaca College; M.S., Syracuse University;

M.A., Ph.D., Binghamton University



Amanda Hollister's second-floor office gives her a wonderful view of campus, and her experiences have given her a similarly wide view of its students. She originally jumped into teaching the Biology tech lab at SUNY Broome and really liked the students, prompting her to stay. She had majored in Biology at BU and earned her undergraduate degree from Ithaca College.

Perhaps befitting her origins teaching a biology lab, technological advances are continually shaping her career.

"My job is technology – I always have to keep up on what is the latest. For the most part, it is fun," she said.

The best and worst aspects of her work are essentially the same: having such a huge variety of tasks. It keeps things interesting, but at same time can be very time-

consuming and require constant multi-tasking.

She said her perfect day off would consist of lying on a flower bed in the sun, followed by some computer games and TV. When it comes to games, she enjoys Diablo II and the iPhone game Puzzles and Dragons. Even though she works in a library, she doesn't have a favorite book, although she has recently been reading a science-fiction sub-genre known as steampunk.

The annual Library Association conference Hollister attends is quite popular; the most recent one attracted 40,000 people. And that leads to the one stereotype about librarians that she reinforces; they're genuinely polite, and that's why towns accept them with open arms. Also, they are prone to karaoke and generally bad at Wii – although there are some exceptions to the last.

When it comes to librarians at SUNY Broome, there's one fact that Hollister wants students to know: "We're nice! Please don't be afraid to come to us for help."

**Deborah L. Spanfelner,**

Ph.D. Librarian/Adjunctis Instructor Department of Library (LRC)

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship, 2000

Degrees: Ph.D. Binghamton University, M.L.S. Syracuse University, B.A., Nazareth College, Rochester, New York



Deborah L. Spanfelner was the first member of her family to receive a four-year college degree. She is the granddaughter of Italian immigrants from Calabria, Italy, and is very proud of her Italian heritage. Originally from East Rochester in upstate New York, Spanfelner came to Binghamton for graduate study in comparative literature.

The library is in her blood. While in high school she worked as a page in a local public library, sparking her interest in the field. Spanfelner also had an early vocation to teach and worked as a Spanish teacher for four years at Seton Catholic Central High School before pursuing her Master of Library Science degree at Syracuse University.

Spanfelner is a woman of many talents. She is fluent in French (a true Francophile) and Spanish and enjoys traveling in her spare time. She wrote her Ph.D. dissertation on Hélène Cixous, a postmodernist writer with whom she took classes in the Spring of 2001 when she was granted a sabbatical to study in Paris. She also took classes with Julia Kristeva and Mireille Calle-Gruber and conducted research at the Bibliothèque Nationale de Paris. Despite her impressive curriculum vitae, Spanfelner is incredibly humble and very approachable.

“Often people think we get into the field because we love books, which is true, but the reality is that most of the time I am interacting with computer systems,” she said.

When Spanfelner first started, she referred students to the *Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature*, and everything could be found in books and on CD-roms. That's not the case today. She has been a librarian at SUNY Broome since 1987 and prides herself with keeping up with the technology.

"If someone was aspiring to become a librarian," Spanfelner said, "I would advise him or her to learn a variety of different computer systems. I would also suggest sharpening communication skills."

Among her other responsibilities, she is the Liberal Arts liaison, teaches classes, and creates subject and course guides for the library's website in her disciplines.

"I am happy that I am able to apply my teaching background to what I do here," she said. "I love helping students. Being able to communicate in French and Spanish is a huge plus."

Spanfelner advises students to stay in college: "It will open doors for you and add to the quality of your life."

## **Sue Slivan**

Degrees: B.M. and M.M. Ithaca College; M.L.I.S., University of Pittsburgh





Even some librarians have had negative experiences when it comes to the library. Sue Slivan shared a bad experience she had while she was a student at Ithaca College.

“I was visiting an unnamed Ivy League school — and when the librarian found out I wasn’t from that school but was requesting a book, she freaked out on me and stated how she wasn’t a public service.” Slivan laughed at the memory. “It was ludicrous.”

Slivan shook her head. Librarians, she explained, are supposed to help people no matter what school they attend.

“The whole profession has changed,” she said. “It really is very public service-oriented. It’s not about hoarding your books and refusing to share information.”

Slivan grew up 10 minutes from the Canadian border near Buffalo. After graduating from Ithaca College, she taught instrumental music in the public school system for 16 years before making a career change and getting her second Master’s degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She currently resides in Syracuse, and commutes an hour one-way to SUNY Broome.

As the liaison for Public Service, Criminal Justice, Law Art and Music, Slivan is kept very busy — not to mention all the data analysis she does.

“I even have charts on my wall of data,” she said. “It’s geeky, but I like being able to make data-driven decisions.”

A day off for Slivan consists of sleeping in until 10:30 and drinking a pot of coffee all day long while working on home improvement — “a day which I don’t need my brain,” she said. Her favorite book is *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac, which documents a man’s journey hitchhiking from New York to California in the 1940s. She highly suggests that nobody try this feat today, however.

These days, librarians would be more accurately described as information specialists, since half of what they offer is digital, she said. The times really have changed for her field.

“No more kooky glasses and tweed dresses,” Slivan smiled.

## **Robin Petrus**

LRC/LAC Director



When Robin Petrus graduated high school in Lafayette, Indiana, she was set on being a music major. Her mother, on the other hand, was dead set on Purdue University in West Lafayette.

“My mother told me she didn’t care if I took underwater basket weaving, I’d be at Purdue,” Petrus shared with a smile. So, she went to Purdue — but as a small act of rebellion, she majored in Men’s Physical Education.

“In hindsight, there was a whole lot happening,” Petrus continued. “There was a lot of change.”

New career paths were taking shape in the post-World War II era. Technology was changing the way jobs were done, and going to an engineering school allowed her to stay on top of the curve. After graduating Purdue, she went on to work at the engineering library at Ballstate University in Muncie, Indiana, while simultaneously

working on her Master's degree.

During this very busy time of balancing work and study, Petrus was invited by her friends from Purdue to attend a library conference in Detroit. She brought her resume to hand out while she was there and had two interviews while at the seminar. Afterward, she returned to Ballstate – and then received a call from the SUNY Binghamton library director, who offered to fly Petrus to New York for an interview as the director of the Science Library.

“On August 18 I graduated Ballstate, and by August 25 I was driving my Ford Mustang to Binghamton, New York, with all of my belongings,” she remembered. “A person sometimes has that point where they have to go. You either are going to love it or you return home in six months. It is that simple.”

After her time at Binghamton University, she went on to work as an information counselor for engineers who built flight simulators. She observed cutting-edge technology firsthand, and was there when they brought in the very first personal computer: IBM-360.

“It took up quite some space,” she remembered with a smile, adding that everyone who wanted to use it had to use a sign-up sheet.

After 13 years, the plant relocated to Texas, putting Petrus and other employees out of work. Despite the setback, she put her resume on the Internet and quickly received a call from a New York City headhunter looking for an Internet-savvy librarian. For a year and a half, Petrus then commuted from her home to the IBM research center in Hawthorne, NY.

“I would leave at 4 a.m. to get there by 7:30, stay that night at a hotel and go home the next day,” explained Petrus, who was also a mother of four by this time. Ultimately, the technology that helped her land the job also caused her to lose it: the vice president told her that there was no more need for the librarians because “my engineers can now find it all on the Internet.”

Petrus then got a reference for a part-time job at SUNY Broome, and was able to use all her prior experiences and knowledge to work. It wasn't long until she was asked to take over some big projects, and then she applied for and received the director's position. It was perfect for her children, who asked her to get a job locally.

Petrus reflected on how privileged she is to have such a talented staff.

"I cannot tell you how proud I am of them," she said.

Now solidly accomplished in her career, she remembers what her college president at Purdue said during freshman orientation. It's still good advice.

"Please pay particular note to all the jobs you have while in college," she quoted. "One might be the one you have for the rest of your life."

**Dana Curtin:** MLS, SUNY Albany; MA Anthropology,

Binghamton University

This Long Island native came to Binghamton for graduate school in Anthropology, after working for some years in archaeology. Dana Curtin said that she had a very early interest in being a librarian. It was that early goal which led her to pursue a Master's in Library Science at Albany. "My interests lined up very well," Curtin said. She is now the liaison for Anthropology, Environmental Science, Physical Science and Physics.

Curtin describes herself playfully as a "news enthusiast."

"I can't say I have a favorite book because there is just so much out there I find interesting and intriguing," she said with a smile. "I love science and news."

Despite her incredibly busy schedule, Curtin is a downhill skier. She is also fond of sailing, kayaking and hiking. Luckily, her job working at the SUNY Broome library is also very active. "It's a very dynamic field," she explained. "It is always changing and there will always be new 'toys' to learn how to play with."

Curtin stressed the importance of the technical evolution in the librarian field – as well as working with people.

If you're researching a class paper or need technological problem-solving, SUNY Broome's academic librarians are here to lend a helping hand. They're one of the education system's best kept secrets and an invaluable resource.

*Writer Mary Bell is a SUNY Broome student.*

# Student exhibit puts spotlight on tiny tick — and the giant problems it causes

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Sculpted from slabs of gray clay, a gargantuan tick reaches its limbs outward, waiting for the unwary to brush past.

James Williams' sculpture – the result of 20 hours' worth of labor, he estimates – is part of an exhibit running now at the Gallery at SUNY Broome, located in the Cecil D. Tyrrell. "Ticked Off: Fighting Local Lyme Disease" runs through Dec. 9 and features student research and artwork, with the intention of informing visitors about a growing issue in Broome County.

Williams and the exhibit's other contributors — Alexander Kozisky, Patrick Kane, Olivia Dennison and Rachel Liddic – are students in SUNY Broome's new AA1 degree program, which allows them to earn an Associate in Arts degree in a single year. Their work was part of a class in the Art of Science, which explores the fundamentals of scientific and medical illustration.

"We were the curators, in charge of information, and we did some of the artwork," Kozisky explained. "I now have a lot better understanding of what Lyme is."

Liddic said she didn't realize how prevalent Lyme was in Broome County until she began working on the project.

According to the students' research, Lyme is the fastest spreading infectious disease in New York State. Nationwide, an estimated 300,000 new cases of the disease were diagnosed last year alone. Larvae and nymphs are smaller than a poppy seed, and adults reach the size of a sesame seed. Both nymphs and adult females can transmit the Lyme disease spirochete, *Borellia burgderferi*.

The exhibit includes student drawings of deer ticks, other creatures affected by Lyme disease and the forest habitat, displays showing tick research conducted by SUNY Broome students, and a mannequin demonstrating the best way to dress for a walk in the woods: light clothing, pants tucked into socks, a hat, a hood and long sleeves. A helpful rhyme if you're headed into the woods: "Ticks carry disease, so wear your socks to your knees!"

Students observed deer ticks using a compound microscope and drew them, differentiating between nymphs, adults, males and females, noted Art and Design Instructor Margaret Nocciolino. Biology Professor Tracey Curtis tackled the scientific portion of the course, including such topics as the respiratory system of the tick.

Students went to the Roberson Museum and Science Center, where they drew mammals and birds that carry Lyme disease, including the veery, white-footed mouse, chipmunks and squirrels. (Deer, while they are a food source for ticks, do not carry the Lyme spirochete.) They researched the top three myths and various facts concerning the disease – not everyone gets the bulls-eye rash, for example – and offered tips on how to avoid deer ticks.

Students also spoke with Mary Yourdon from the Broome County Health Department, and with Lyme sufferers, including a student and a faculty member. SUNY Broome student Ashley Lomonaco described Lyme disease to students as a nightmare, while English Professor Kristen Bensen-Hause reflected on the power of a tiny creature to discombobulate her life.

"I needed them to have a human face to the disease," said Art and Design instructor Margaret Nocciolino, the curator for the exhibit.



The five AA1 students aren't the only ones at SUNY Broome to take an interest in Lyme disease. Biology Professor Tracey Curtis has student researchers drag for ticks in a variety of occasions and then extract DNA to test whether they carry the Lyme spirochete, in collaboration with Binghamton University. To stay safe, the student researchers adhere to a strict protocol involving light clothing sprayed with permethrin, DEET, bands on the wrists, tied-back hair and more.

Five students took Curtis' class last year; this year, she has 13, divided into a field team that collects ticks and a DNA team responsible for DNA extraction. The DNA is then sent to BU for molecular analysis.

"Ticked Off" features some of their findings. A picture of a trail at Chenango Valley State Park is suffused with red dots – the location of the more than 500 deer ticks that students located. Curtis is still waiting on the results of the molecular analysis, which is being done on BU's equipment.

Deer ticks, Curtis cautions, aren't just in the woods. The SUNY Broome student field collected them in the hills behind campus, for example.

"They're in your garden. They're in your front yard," Curtis noted.

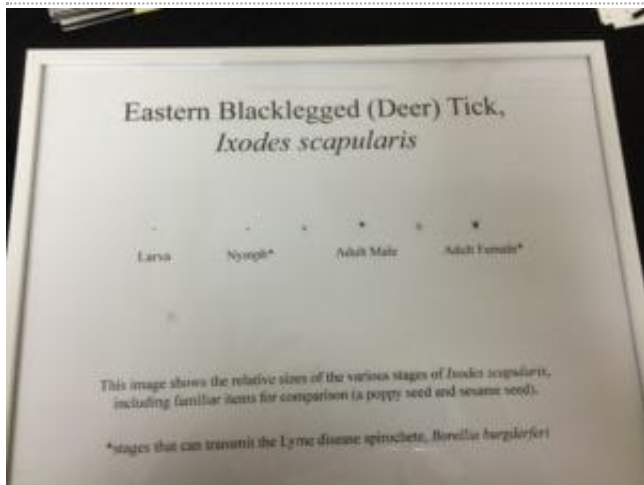
Colleen Houck, co-chair of [\*\*Southern Tier Lyme Support\*\*](#) and a Lyme sufferer, attended a recent reception for the exhibit to share information about the disease.

"It's excellently done," she said. "Come and spread awareness. "



The reception for "Ticked Off: Fighting Local Lyme Disease" at the Gallery @ SUNY Broome.





# Freshmen Medical Assisting Club to hold pizza and bake sale

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The Freshmen Medical Assisting Club will hold a pizza and bake sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. December 15 in the Decker Lounge.

# La Vie en Rose: Dec. 7 in the SUNY Broome dance studio

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See “La Vie en Rose” — a dance performance described as “A Chance Encounter, the Tango, A Break-up and Apology,” at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 7 in the SUNY Broome Student Center’s dance studio, Room 106.

Random, passionate, disruptive and tender, this mixed ability performance art piece featuring SUNY Broome adjunct **Tina Christina-Price** and her partner, seven time All-American gymnast **Rik Daniels**, celebrates the many facets of life by embracing differences and celebrating similarities.

The event is free and open to the public.



## La Vie en Rose

 <https://youtube.com/watch?v=w25iGDZF05U>



# Support the BCC Foundation through Amazon Smile

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Buying your holiday gifts at Amazon.com? Use Amazon Smile and you can help support the Broome Community College Foundation whenever you shop!

The Foundation will receive 0.5% of the purchase price of items when you shop through Amazon Smile. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7075704> and support the Foundation every time you shop!



# Production of 'The Thirteen Clocks' a success

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The theater production "The Thirteen Clocks" was a big success with audiences this past Thursday and Friday evenings in the Little Theater.

More than 250 people cheered after each performance of James Thurber's famous fantasy tale as it was brought to life by the actors. Presented in one hour and 15 minutes with live sound effects, it featured otherworldly characters including a wizard, a Golux and a woman who cries jewels. The power of this story was evident as audience members were carried along by its continuous internal meter and complex wordplay. Thanks to all who were able to attend!



# Convocation Day 2015 Speaker: Dr. Geoff Tabin

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The campus-wide Convocation Committee is pleased to announce that Dr. Geoff Tabin has been selected as our 2015 Convocation Day speaker.

Dr. Tabin is the focus of the book ***Second Suns: Two Doctors and Their Amazing Quest to Restore Sight and Save Lives*** by David Oliver Relin, which details his philanthropic work as an eye doctor repairing cataracts for impoverished people in the Himalaya region as well as his passion for climbing mountains such as Everest. Tabin's adventures from his days as a high-achieving bad boy at Harvard Medical school to his wild ride as a mountain-scaling adrenaline junkie are fascinating and inspirational as they lead him toward a life of service with the goal of eliminating preventable blindness.

## Tabin photo 2



## Second Suns



We hope that Dr. Tabin's adventures in removing cataracts from tens of thousands of formerly blinded patients (with his colleague Dr. Sanduk Ruit of Nepal) and tackling the highest summits in the world will inspire students to pursue their academic passions, as well as fitness and public service.

Please note that Tuesday April 14, 2015 is Convocation Day on which no day or evening classes will be held.

Announcements regarding the **Convocation Faculty Scholars** program and a **Convocation Institute for Teaching Faculty** will be announced shortly. If you are interested in offering a Convocation Day workshop, please contact a colleague from the Convocation Committee in your academic division.

### **Campus Wide Convocation Committee Members**

Professor Irene Byrnes (Chair)

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Dr. Victor Larmoureux, Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics Division

Professor Courtney O'Hagen, Liberal Arts Division

Melinda Pitman, Senator, Student Assembly

Assistant Librarian Sue, Slivan, Library

Faculty Member Tera Doty-Blance, Adjunct Faculty Member

Professor Gian Roma. Business and Public Services Division

# Student Village Game Night was a success

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The Learning Assistance Department and TRIO SSS sponsored a game night for the residents in the Student Village on Monday night.

Fun was had by more than 30 students, who ate ice cream sundaes while playing games such as Chess, Trivial pursuit, Operation, Monopoly, Cadoo, and Jenga!

“The format for the event gave us an opportunity to engage with the students in an informal way,” the Learning Assistance Center’s Loreta Paniccia said. “A great deal of laughter was shared by all!



# SUNY Broome adopts app for student safety

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Now you can get the emergency information you need directly on your smartphone.

SUNY Broome's Office of Public Safety has adopted the use of the In Case of Crisis app, which is available for use by the campus community.

It includes the campus' Emergency Response Guide, offering procedures for a wide range of emergencies, from campus or building evacuation to active shooter situations, tornadoes and sexual assault. Users can file incident reports and contact emergency responders directly from the app.

"Public Safety is pleased to be able to offer the new In Case of Crisis App. It places our campus emergency response guidelines in the palm of our student hands," said Office of Public Safety Chief Joseph O'Connor. "It also serves as a tool to report incidents. With one touch, they can dial the 911 emergency number or select a button to file a written hazard or incident report."

Information Technology services also uses the app, and includes information pertaining to the help desk, computer labs, passwords, policies and more. The app also include a flashlight tool and a siren in the lower left corner.

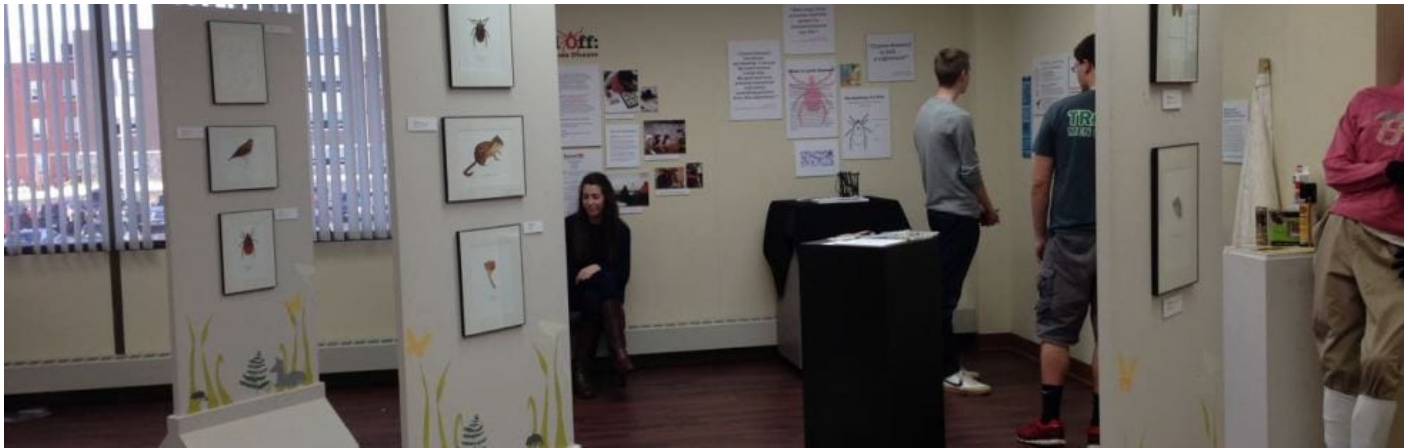
Search for the In Case of Crisis-Education app in the App Store to download it for free.

**[Here is the link to the app on Google Play.](#)**

# Ticked Off: Fighting Local Lyme Disease Exhibit

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AA1 students from the Art of Science class at SUNY Broome are working to raise public awareness of Lyme Disease, which has been on the rise in Broome County. Ticked Off: Fighting Local Lyme Disease is an exhibit that will run in the Gallery at SUNY Broome from November 11 through December 9, 2014, during Library hours. The exhibit, curated and designed by the students, will feature student research and student artwork, with the intent to provide visitors with resources to learn more about Lyme Disease.

An opening reception with refreshments will be held on Thursday, November 20, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Gallery. In addition, the Southern Tier Lyme Support Group will be on hand to give information about Lyme disease. Free tick removers are available on a first-come, first-serve basis while quantities last.





# Mock Interviews for Criminal Justice students

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- Are you a current Criminal Justice & Emergency Services student or pursuing a career in the criminal justice field?
- Are you unsure how you come across during an interview? Or are you interested in improving your interview skills with an active member of the criminal justice field?
- If you answered “yes,” then this is a great opportunity for you.

**Mock Interviews will be held on campus in Decker 201 on Friday, Dec 5.** The time frames and interviewers available are listed below.

If you are interested in attending and participating, please contact Kerry Weber at [kalickweberkc@sunybroome.edu](mailto:kalickweberkc@sunybroome.edu). You must provide your full name, and list the time frame and the person you would like to interview with. The slots will be filled in order your information is received.

The interviewers will conduct a “mock” professional interview with you and provide you with written feedback. Check the schedule attached below for available slots.

**CRJ Mock Interviews 12-05-14**

# Come on, get happy: Student Village holds Week of Happiness

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It's time to get happy.

Nov. 17 through 21, 2014, is the Week of Happiness in SUNY Broome's Student Village.

"It will be a week of different events each day reminding the students of the Student Village to stay positive and focus on the happy things in life," explained Residence Assistant Jocelyn Friend, the force behind the happiness kick.

Residents will receive positive thoughts to focus on, as well as flowers with positive messages attached that urge recipients to pass the good vibe on. Broadcast Day features interviews with students about the things that make them happy or thankful, which will ultimately be compiled into a video. The week wraps up with positive quote day, in which residents will share their favorite inspirational quotes, along with Sunny

Sundae Sunday, an ice cream social for residents.

# Communications Club meets NAB President at CCW Expo

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Students associated with SUNY Broome's Communications Curriculum Club, along with LACM Department Chair Jason Detrani and LACM Department Coordinator Tim Skinner, were privileged to meet Gordon Smith, president of the National Association of Broadcasters and former U.S. Senator, while attending the annual Content and Communications World Expo on Nov. 12.

"Having our students get a chance to speak with the President of the NAB is a once in a lifetime experience that they will never forget," said Skinner.

According to the group's website, [nab.org](http://nab.org): "The National Association of Broadcasters is the voice for the nation's radio and television broadcasters. As the premier trade association for broadcasters, NAB advances the interests of our members in federal government, industry and public affairs; improves the quality and profitability of broadcasting; encourages content and technology innovation; and spotlights the important and unique ways stations serve their communities."

The CCW Expo features displays and demonstrations of the latest technology in communications, while also discussing the issues facing the media today. Topics included the future of video special effects and how digital is driving innovation in media and environment. The keynote speaker for the day, John Landgraf, CEO of FX

Networks and FX Productions, spoke about the future of broadcasting and the challenge that audience fragmentation will have on the television industry.

Communications Club member Nate Dean talked with Landgraf during the session.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to meet with industry leaders across the country," Dean said, "I would have never been afforded the opportunity to ask the CEO of FX Networks a question about content creation otherwise."

Other students also had similar feelings about the event.

"Going was an interesting experience," Rachel Jones said. "I learned a lot about how the special effects industry in New York is growing."

Instructor Chris Keaty and Silvia Briga from Marketing & Communications were also in attendance.

"It's a unique opportunity for our students to get such a close look and insight into the communications industry's professionals, state of the art equipment and industry trends," said Keaty.

The Communications Club wrapped up the day by taking in some of the sites that New York City has to offer, including Greenwich Village, Chinatown, Wall Street and the Ground Zero memorial site.

*Writer Tim Skinner is an instructor in the Department of Communications & Media Arts.*



# Is drug court a solution?

November 19, 2014

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Join Civic Engagement and Criminal Justice faculty on Thursday, Nov. 20, as they discuss the concept of a separate court system for legal offenders with drug issues with local Senior Assistant District Attorney Carole Cassidy.

This discussion will offer insights regarding drug issues in our community and changes in the justice system's responses to offenders who are willing to address their drug problems. This event will be interactive, and run from 11 to 11:50 a.m. in T-102.

Faculty and guest presenters include Doug Garnar, Kerry Weber and Carole Cassidy.



# SUNY Broome's Pioneers: AA1 program brings the future into focus

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Olivia, Patrick, Alex, Rachel and James are pioneers.

The five will be the first to earn their Associate in Arts degree in a single year, as part of SUNY Broome's new AA1 degree program.

The program, which began this fall after nearly two years of planning, is designed for academically gifted and highly motivated students. In addition to earning their degree in a single year, students engage in a capstone research project in their final semester, allowing them to perform real research as college freshmen.

With the focus firmly on rigorous academics, AA1 is unlike any other program currently being offered at New York State's community colleges, said Dean of Liberal Arts Michael Kinney at a recent reception for the program.

Newark Valley School Superintendent Ryan Dougherty, who serves on the college's AA1 Committee, described the program as classical and well-rounded, giving students an introduction to an array of topics while honing their intellectual skills.

"A broad education that makes you a flexible, deep thinker is going to serve you well going forward in life," he told this year's class.



Students who rank in the top 2 percent of their graduating class at the time of their application are automatically accepted; those in the top 3 to 10 percent or have a minimum GPA of 95 are encouraged to apply and are reviewed by a selection committee, explained Katie Bucci, staff associate for Fast Forward and Early College. For the inaugural year, 13 applied and nine were accepted, with five ultimately choosing to attend.

Alexander Kozisky of Greene received an invitation to apply, and is glad that he did. The Greene High School graduate said he found the work challenging and worthwhile.

“You have to do a lot, but it’s worth it to get that extra year ahead,” said Kozisky, who plans to study environmental engineering at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. “It allowed me to figure out what career to go into.”

Patrick Kane of Binghamton didn’t know what he wanted to pursue when he graduated from Seton Catholic Central High School. The program helped him decide on a path – he’s looking at majoring in environmental science at Binghamton University – as well as engage with teachers and staff, thanks to the small class sizes, he said.

Not every AA1 student is looking at a career in science or engineering. Fellow Seton graduate Olivia Dennison plans to pursue the visual arts, transferring to SUNY Oswego for graphic design and ultimately Syracuse University’s S. I. Newhouse School of Public Communications for a master’s degree. Windsor High School graduate James Williams – a Presidential Honors Scholar with a full-tuition scholarship, as is Patrick – is still undecided on his future plans, although he’s working with mentors to help shape them.

Rachel Liddic, also a Windsor High School grad, is planning to spend a year in Costa Rica with SCORE International before transferring to a four-year school, possibly in the SUNY system. By finishing her Associate’s in a single year, she will be able to transfer on time even though she’s spending a gap year abroad.

Rachel, who wants to major in international studies and ultimately work for nonprofits, will also get a jump on her international travel while she’s a SUNY Broome student. She is taking part in the Health for Haiti class this January, which will bring a water filtration

system, solar energy and computer equipment to the island nation, as well as provide health education and services as clinics, support a food distribution program and more.

“If you have all the requirements, do it, especially if you want to transfer,” she said of the AA1 program.

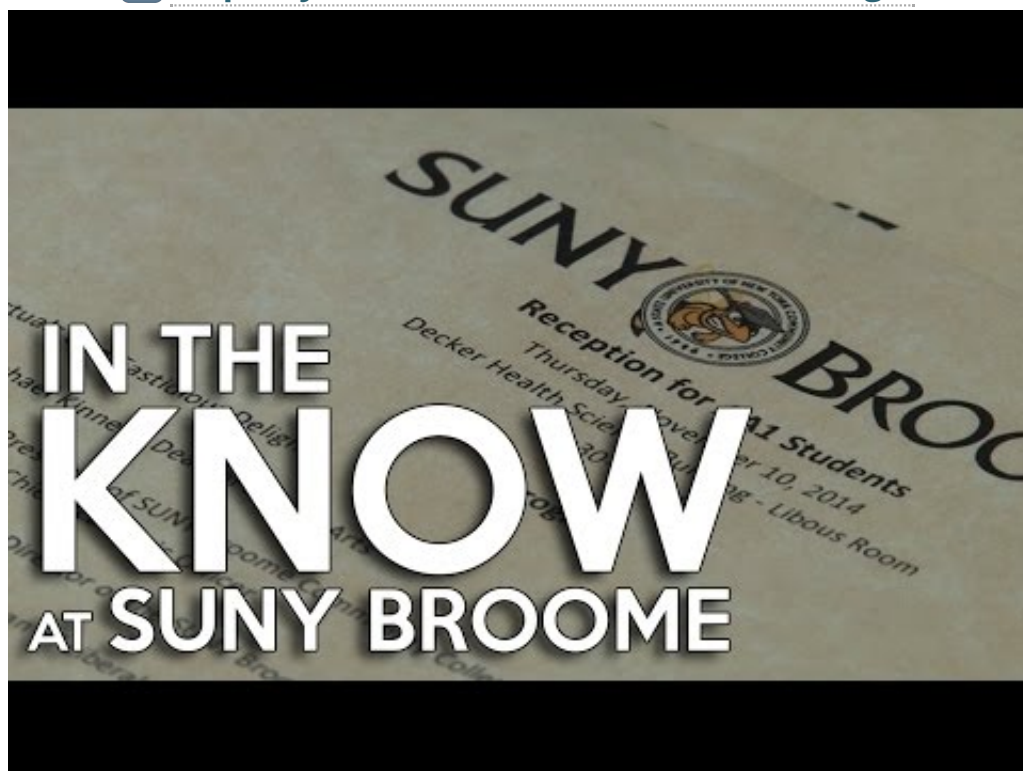
Interest is picking up for next year’s class, and administrators hope that the program will expand.

In the meantime, this year’s class will continue to serve as leaders and role models – and proof that the best and the brightest can stay in the area and thrive. SUNY Broome President Kevin Drumm said he wouldn’t be surprised if the AA1 pioneers continued their groundbreaking ways in their lives and careers, whether it comes to addressing global problems such as climate change or taking part in a new space race.

“You will probably undertake some pioneering jobs and pioneering projects in your future, just as a matter of who you are,” he told them.

Two Years of Schooling in One at SUNY Broome

 <https://youtube.com/watch?v=k7sEZHEDgIE>







# Save the Date: Celebration of the Ed Aswad Carriage House Collection

November 18, 2014

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You are invited to join us on Friday, December 12, at 5:30 p.m. in The Gallery @ SUNY Broome, located in the Cecil C. Tyrrell Library, for the celebration of the Ed Aswad Carriage House Collection.

Selected images will be for sale as wall hangings and note cards, while entertainment will be provided by faculty and students. Light refreshments will be served and parking in Lot #18 is recommended.

# Interested in a bachelor's degree through the SUNY Broome/Excelsior College Partnership?

November 17, 2014

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Is a Bachelor's degree through the SUNY Broome/Excelsior College Partnership program a good fit for you? Find out at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, in Darwin R. Wales Center Room 203B.

Meet representatives from Admissions, Financial Aid, Veteran Education Benefits and Outreach offices from Excelsior College, and listen to the experiences of students who have transferred from SUNY Broome to Excelsior. You can also explore financial aid opportunities, learn about reduced tuition and fees, and discover student services and career resources at Excelsior.

Students in the SUNY Broome and Excelsior College partnership program take most of their coursework toward their bachelor's degree at SUNY Broome and then transfer to Excelsior to complete the degree. Excelsior College is an accredited, nonprofit institution dedicated to adult learners.

To sign up for the event, email [faddenta@sunybroome.edu](mailto:faddenta@sunybroome.edu) or call (607) 778-5364.



# Students make empanadas from scratch

November 17, 2014

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Thirty students learned how to make empanadas from scratch Saturday at the Student Village. The dish is found in Latin America, Spain and Portugal, and is essentially a pastry with savory fillings.



Want to taste empanadas and other international treats? You're just in time: this is International Educational Week!

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- **International lunch selections: served by current International Students in SC Dining Hall**

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- **Toastmasters Teleconference with Celaya, Mexico:** 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Decker Hall, Room 201. Teleconferences with la Universidad de Celaya, Mexico. Students, faculty, staff, and community members are all welcome! There will speeches and evaluations and lots of learning in a fun and supportive international setting (Theme: U.S. Thanksgiving).
- **Free International Movie Night featuring a French comedy:** Decker Hall Room 201 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.
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# Student Village residents learn traditional Japanese art

November 17, 2014

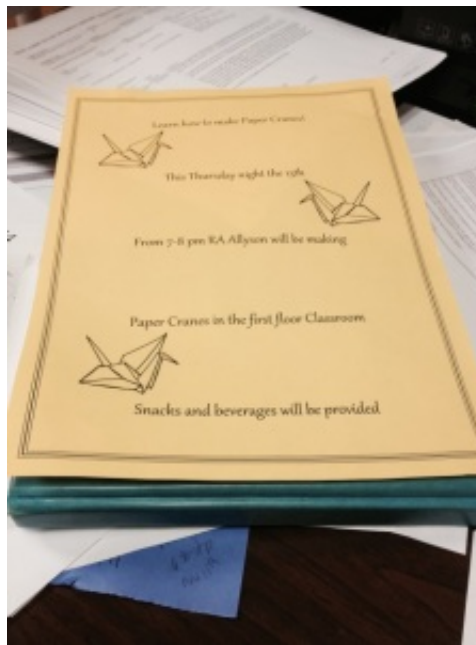
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Student Village residents were given the opportunity to learn the ancient art of origami on Thursday, November 13 .

Origami, the traditional Japanese art of paper folding, was started in the 17th century AD at the latest and was popularized outside of Japan in the mid-1900s. It has since evolved into a modern art form. The goal of this art is to transform a flat sheet of paper into a finished sculpture through folding and sculpting techniques.

Allyson Augur, a Resident Assistant in the Student Village, taught several residents and staff how to fold origami cranes, as well as origami crowns, dogs and cats. Not only were residents able to learn a new skill, they also had the opportunity to socialize with others members of the Student Village as well as eat some yummy snacks. At the end of the night, all participants walked away having made some new friendships as well creating a wonderful piece of origami art.



Student Village residents create origami.

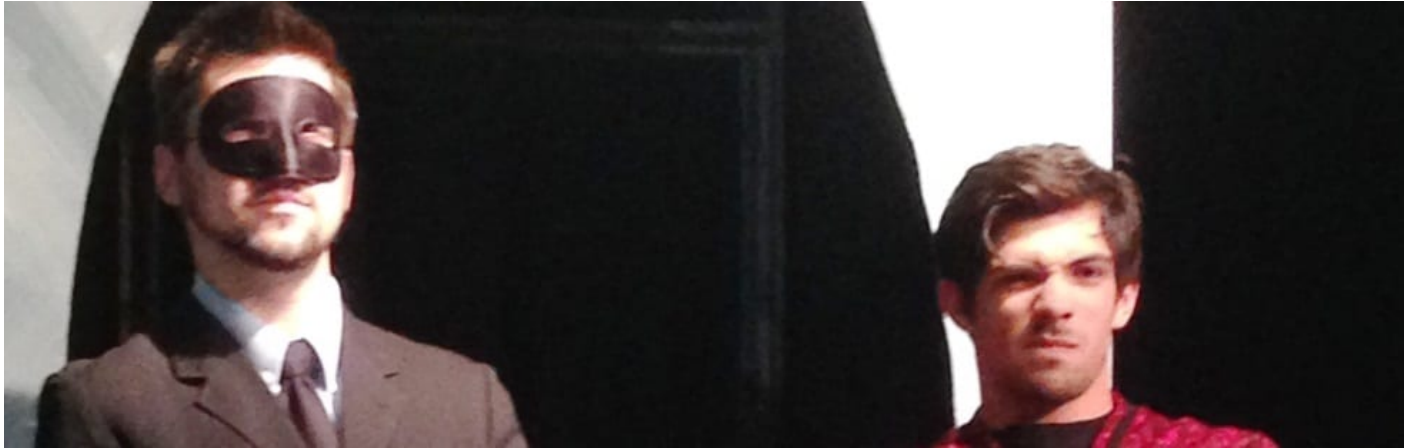




# Advanced Acting Class Presents “The Thirteen Clocks”

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SUNY Broome’s Advanced Acting Class will present a staging of James Thurber’s famous story “The Thirteen Clocks” on at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, November 20 and 21, in the Little Theater.

This renowned fantasy tale was originally written in 1950 and was adapted into our play version by Frank Lowe. The story involves a Prince, Princess, Evil Duke, Wizard, various creatures and even a woman who cries jewels. It is noted for its unique cadenced style and for its fascinating and complex wordplay.

James Thurber is a beloved American author, cartoonist and a celebrated wit. Two of his short stories are among the best known classics of American literature: “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty” and “The Catbird Seat.”

All tickets are \$5. Make reservations by calling 778-5191.



Three of the 12 actors from The Thirteen Clocks.



Actors from The Thirteen Clocks.

# Get a taste of cultures around the world at International Education Week

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# Criminal Justice/Emergency Services students tour Homeland Security facility

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The Criminal Justice and Emergency Services Student Association recently toured the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Training Facility in Oriskany.

As part of the tour, students were able to passively participate in active shooter training as well as witness training facilities used for Emergency Vehicle Operation Courses (EVOC), Emergency Management, Incident Command Structure, and Interoperable and Emergency Communications.

In addition, students toured the newly completed \$14 million dollar cityscape structure, which provides training in a controlled and scalable environment. This to-scale city block has 216 night-vision enabled cameras and the ability to pipe in smoke and noise to further enhance training and evaluation.



# Ticked Off: Fighting Local Lyme Disease

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SUNY Broome's Art and Design Department will host Ticked Off: Fighting Local Lyme Disease within the new Gallery at SUNYBroome from Nov. 11 through Dec. 9. A reception, open to the public, will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20. The gallery is located in the main campus library.

This thought-provoking exhibit was curated by the One Year Associates in Arts Degree students (the college's new AA1 program) currently enrolled in the Art of Science (ART/BIO 119), an interdisciplinary course interweaving both Art and Biology. The exhibit will feature student research and student artwork, and will also provide visitors with other resources to learn more about Lyme disease.

Within the same gallery space will also be an installation of paintings, drawings, illustrations and graphic designs created by students within the Visual Communication Arts, A.S. program.

Call 778-5113 for information.

Gallery at SUNYBroome Hours

Monday – Thursday: 7:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday: 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

### **Upcoming gallery schedule:**

December/January – Ed Aswad Collection

February – Faculty Art show

March – Art and Design

April – Communications

May – Child Care Center



# National Philanthropy Day: Students helping students

November 13, 2014

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Scholarships don't just come from well-meaning foundations, big donors or other organizations.

Sometimes, they come from the people you sit next to in class.

SUNY Broome students celebrated National Philanthropy Day on Thursday, Nov. 13, by raising money for the Peer Student Scholarship. They sold fresh-baked treats of all sorts, Dunkin' Donuts and water bottles, and held raffles for a basket of goodies with a Hornet theme.

"We are raising money for the annual Student Giving Campaign to help fund scholarships for students who can't afford to go to school," explained Kayla Previti, a freshmen Health Studies major from Staten Island. "If I was eligible, I would want to receive one."

Kayla and her peers persuaded fellow Hornets to donate to the cause in the Student Center Lobby. Kayla also went a step beyond, baking the sinful-looking red velvet cupcakes and s'mores in her Student Village suite – a challenge, once her suitemates caught a whiff of the baking project.



Second-year student Andrew Nelson of Bainbridge worked on last year's campaign, which raised more than \$2,200. The fund paid for a pair of \$500 scholarships, and will do so again this year. Anyone is eligible, and recipients are chosen by a committee made up of students and the Broome Community College Foundation, said Andrea Roma, Director of Development for the BCC Foundation.

"Last year, we had over 60 applicants. The need is there," said Roma, adding that this year's fundraising goal is \$3,000.

Nelson, a Business Administration major and the Student Assembly's Vice President for Student Issues, said he enjoys lending a hand to fundraising efforts.

"It's showing that students care for their fellow students," he said.

Faculty and staff will have their chance to learn about giving next week. The kickoff for the Faculty/Staff Campaign will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, in Wales 203A.





# Ebola: Get the facts

November 12, 2014

Categories: Buzz



Ebola poses little risk to the U.S. general population and is not contagious until symptoms appear. It is spread through direct contact with blood or body fluids of an infected person, or with objects like needles that have been contaminated with the virus. This includes through intimate contact such as sex, since Ebola can still be found in semen for seven weeks after a person has recovered.

The CDC recommends that U.S. residents avoid travel to Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. The intent of this recommendation is to help control the outbreak and prevent continued spread in two ways: to protect the health of U.S. residents who would be traveling to the affected areas and to enable the governments of countries where Ebola outbreaks are occurring to respond most effectively to contain the outbreak.

At this time, there is no risk of contracting Ebola through education-related travel to other countries in the West Africa region. Cases have not been reported in this region; however, the situation could change. To stay up to date, check reliable news sources and check for updated information on the [CDC's Traveler's Health website](#).

Education should be provided to all people that have recently arrived from countries where outbreaks are occurring, covering the following: self-monitoring for symptoms, reporting procedures for those who develop symptoms, and the importance of immediately reporting symptoms and staying separated from other people as soon as symptoms develop.

When returning from a country that has an Ebola problem, pay attention to your health. Monitor your health for 21 days; take your temperature twice a day; and watch for Ebola symptoms, such as severe headaches, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain, or unexplained bleeding or bruising. Seek medical care immediately if you have a temperature of 100.4F or greater. Limit contact and travel, and do not work, attend classes or participate in other student activities until you have been medically evaluated.

During the time that you are monitoring your health, if you have no symptoms, you can continue your normal activities, including work and school. If you get symptoms of Ebola, it is important to stay separated from other people and seek medical attention.

If you have been exposed to people who had Ebola, or their blood or body fluids, notify student health services immediately, even if you do not have symptoms. It is always good to avoid contact with anyone who is sick and to wash your hands regularly. Use soap and water if available or use hand sanitizer; doing so can help you prevent getting sick from many different illnesses.

# Communications Club to hold Thanksgiving Bake Sale Nov. 20

November 11, 2014

Categories: Buzz



Come join the Communications Club in the Titchener Hall Lobby from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20. Get a head start on your Thanksgiving feast with a cornucopia of sweets including cookies, brownies and other tasty treats to stuff you and your turkeys. See you there, pilgrims!

# SUNY Broome honors veterans, celebrates opening of Veterans Resource Center

November 11, 2014

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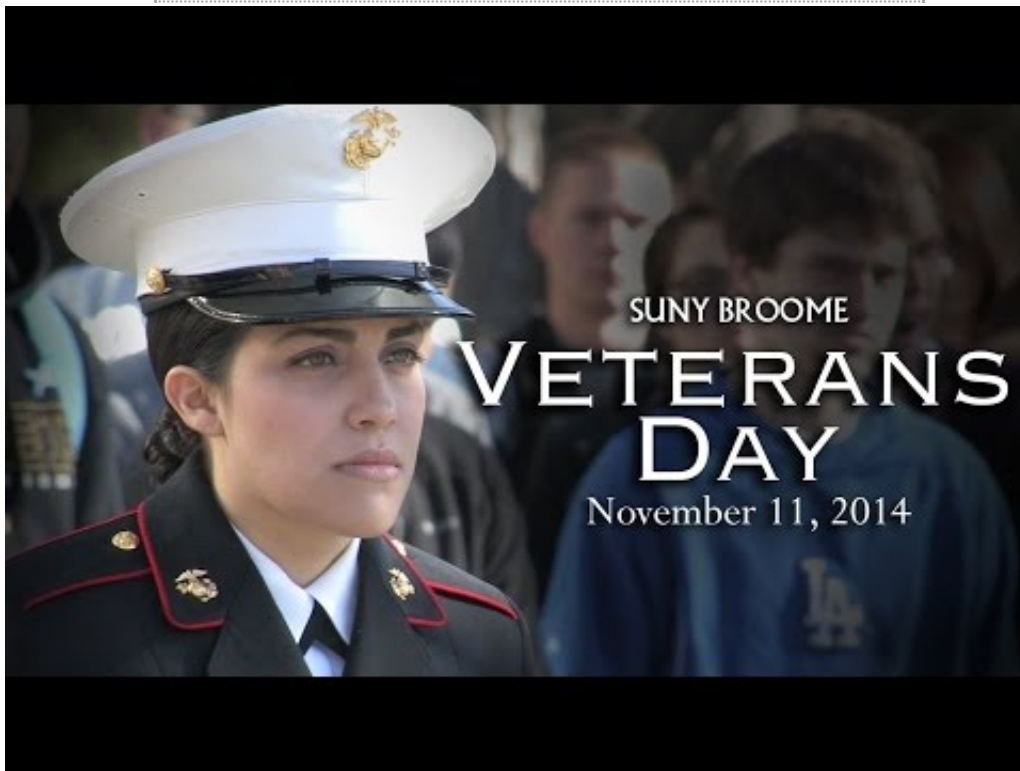
SUNY Broome gathered Tuesday to honor the contributions of veterans, both on campus and in the nation.

The campus also celebrated the opening of its new Veterans Resource Center. Located in the Student Services Building, it provides a place where veterans can go if they need help navigating their educational benefits or other issues, meet with peer advisors or socialize with each other in a safe and supportive space. The center is equipped with a computer and printer stations, for help in research and homework assignments.

“Statistics show that if we help veterans transition from the military to college life, they are more successful in their academic careers,” said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm.



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=NF7hd42TAWs>



Veterans can feel out of place when they return to civilian life, especially if they have spent years away from the classroom, Drumm noted. Having a space to themselves – where they can focus on academics and connect with others who have undergone similar experiences – can make a difference.

Broome County provided 80 percent of the funding for the project, with the college picking up the remainder.

“It’s been one of my priorities to do everything possible for our veterans,” said Broome County Executive Debbie Preston, a SUNY Broome grad whose husband and family members have served in the armed forces. “We want to provide you with every opportunity to succeed after your service in the military.”

SUNY Broome owes its existence to veterans, who were given access to education thanks to the G.I. Bill. After the end of World War II, New York State developed five Institutes of Applied Arts and Sciences – which later became the core of the new community college system. Binghamton was among those five, the very first community

colleges in the state.

The G.I. Bill ultimately transformed the world of higher education, President Drumm noted.

“Before then, mostly wealthy 18-year-olds went to college,” he said.

Sully Shoemaker is one of approximately 95 students using veterans’ education benefits at SUNY Broome. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, she served in Okinawa, Japan, from 2008 to 2012.

A native of Fairfax, Virginia, she wasn’t a star student in her youth and graduated high school a year late. In joining the military, she was inspired by her sister, who was in Air Force training when the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks took place.

“I joined because I wanted to make something of myself,” she said, noting that she met her husband – also a Marine and a veteran of Afghanistan – in Japan. He now works as a Binghamton firefighter and the two have a young child.

As a petite woman, Shoemaker acknowledges that she might not fit the image most people have of a Marine. When her husband wears his Marine Corps sweatshirt in town, passersby often thank him for his service – not realizing that his wife also served.

But while she might not receive a show of appreciation from strangers, she is grateful for the Veterans Resource Center and the services it provides. On Veterans Day she offered her thanks to all those who made it possible.

“I accept the Veterans office as my token of appreciation,” she said. “These generous individuals are what make the county great.”

**[Click here for photos.](#)**

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# Enter the IBM Master the Mainframe contest

November 10, 2014

Categories: Buzz



Looking for a career in computing, and a chance to hone your skills? Check this out:

The IBM Master the Mainframe contest gives students from all over the world a chance to gain experience using enterprise computing skills.

Don't worry if you're unfamiliar with mainframes; the contest is designed for students with little or no mainframe experience, increasing with difficulty as the contest progresses. According to organizers, students just need to bring drive and competitive spirit.

Part 1 takes one to two hours to complete, and you can win a T-shirt. Part two takes 10 to 20 hours to complete, and you can win an IBM prize pack. Part three takes weeks to months, and you can win a tablet computer and a trip to an IBM mainframe lab.

**[For more information on the contest and how to get started, click here.](#)**



# Transfer Day attracts more than 60 colleges

November 6, 2014

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With her arms full of fliers and information booklets, Stephanie Marion strolled through the Baldwin Gym and pondered her options.

"I've got Berkeley, Oneonta, Buffalo State," she said, running her fingers through the colorful handouts.

The second-year Liberal Arts major from Binghamton is interested in a career in fashion – and transferring to a four-year school where she can immerse herself in the field. SUNY Broome's Transfer Day on Nov. 6 gave her a chance to explore her opportunities.

About 500 to 600 students were expected to attend the event, which drew more than 60 colleges and universities, as well as the U.S. Army and ROTC. It's considered one of the largest such events in the SUNY system.

SUNY is working on a seamless transfer initiative to make it easier for community college graduates to continue their education, noted Mary McCarthy, Chair of Counseling Services.

"The colleges are here because they know we have great transfer students," she said.

Kourtnie Gooding and Zaibeth Perez, both Liberal Arts majors and first-year students, decided to stop by the fair early in their academic careers. While Gooding, of Owego,

knows that she will ultimately transfer, she hasn't yet decided on a school.

Perez, of McGraw, was looking for one in particular: SUNY Oneonta. She was interested in their cooperative program with the Fashion Institute of Technology, although she's open to other options, she said.

Binghamton University's booth drew heavy traffic, as did SUNY Cortland. Schools came from as far afield as North Carolina, and available degree programs ranged from accounting to zoology.

Betsy Cheetham of SUNY Cortland has been representing her college at Transfer Day for at least 15 years. The college has a strong partnership with SUNY Broome, and typically more than 40 students stop by the booth to chat.

"Broome is actually our number two feeder school, where our transfers come from," she explained. "It works well at Broome and the students realize that."

Hartwick College has been attending Transfer Day for at least seven years and typically speaks to around 20 students, said Donna Johnson. Often, they're in SUNY Broome's nursing program, and looking to transfer to Hartwick to finish their degree.

Another local option for a bachelor's degree: Empire State College, which allows students to take classes at SUNY Broome, online courses, independent study, residencies and study groups. Students can also receive academic credit for prior learning and experience, said ESC's Paul Miller.

Last year, ESC spoke to around 40 SUNY Broome students.

"It's a great opportunity," he said of Transfer Day. "A lot of students haven't heard of us."

# SUNY Broome's Health for Haiti class to bring clean water, solar power, technology training to Haiti

November 5, 2014

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Clean water. Healthcare. Sustainable energy. Computer literacy.

SUNY Broome's Health for Haiti program is a massive and multi-faceted undertaking, requiring multiple partners that include corporations, local companies and area residents willing to donate their time, skill and funds.

Eighteen students will leave Jan. 5 for the second annual Winter 2015 Health for Haiti class. Health for Haiti, created by SUNY Broome professors Maureen Hankin and Jennifer Musa, is the College's first Global Service Learning Course. The unique course combines a four-credit class with the opportunity to lend a helping hand in the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation. While in Haiti, Health for Haiti students will provide health education and services at clinics, support a food distribution program for widows and children, and participate in other initiatives, including three new computer schools that give Haitians access and training in technology.

This year, they'll also participate in two new projects – a water filtration system and an expanded computer school – in a remote area named Grande-Saline. The actual area affected is so rural that it doesn't have an official name of its own, according to Jennifer Musa, Biology professor and co-instructor of Health for Haiti.

“The people in this village cannot dig wells due to the brackish water and the local river is polluted,” Musa explained.

Enter Pall Corporation, a global supplier of filtration and purification products headquartered in Port Washington, New York. Pall is donating a Pall Aria™ water filtration system, essentially a smaller version of the robust membrane systems used in municipal water treatment plants around the world.

The system will draw water from the river – up to 22 gallons a minute — and run it through a membrane module to filter out bacteria and pathogens including cholera and giardia, explained Pall project manager Chris Scalza. The water will then go into a tank, where chlorine will be added.

Two Pall employees will head to Haiti to install the unit. In addition to that, Pall has donated more than 20 laptops for use in Health for Haiti’s computer schools, and their network of sales partners have also made monetary donations for the project.

“We are honored to join the SUNY Broome team to further a project as tangible and focused as this,” said Jodi Tate, Vice President of Operations, Pall Advanced Separations Systems. “This is a fantastic opportunity for Pall to support both the education of local students and the local community, as well as assist the Health for Haiti team in delivering much-needed improvements in the quality of drinking water and computer access in Grande Saline. We are able to do this with technology that we take for granted in our own communities, yet is vitally needed in other parts of the world. We are pleased to share our resources and skills to support a life-improving initiative such as this.”

To use the water filtration system and operate the computer lab, the residents of Grand Saline need power – often in short supply in Haiti. And that’s where Endicott-based ETM Solar Works comes in.

Health for Haiti purchased solar power equipment from the company, but ETM went beyond the dictates of business and donated hardware and tools as well. They also donated trucks and time to transport the equipment to Cortland, where it will be loaded

into a shipping container. Since the people of Haiti also need clothing, the company also packed its crates with T-shirts that they can reuse, said ETM Solar Works founder and CEO Dr. Gay Canough.

“One of the great needs in Haiti is for electricity,” Canough said. “Without electricity, there is no lighting after dark, no air conditioning, no computers, and perhaps most tragically, no clean water.”

The solar energy system – a 1 kilowatt stand-alone with four 250 watt solar panels, a 2 kilowatt inverter, a battery bank and more – will power eight laptops donated by SUNY Broome’s Sandra Wright, chair of the Department of Business Information Technology and one of the forces behind Bridging the Digital Divide.

Canough will go to Haiti herself, donating her time to set up the solar energy system. She’ll also participate in other service projects, which include bringing personal care kits to people in Port-Au-Prince, distributing food, teaching computer literacy in Cite Soleil, and more.

Getting all the equipment – solar panels, water filtration system, laptops and more – to a Caribbean island is no small task. That’s where Geodis Wilson comes in. The international logistics company is arranging the shipment of a container to Haiti and, ultimately, Grand Saline.

Geodis Wilson is no stranger to Health for Haiti. Over the summer, the company’s Endicott office donated six Panasonic Toughbook computers to the program’s computer literacy schools, and they’re making arrangements to send more.

The Endicott team obtained the project requirements and built a solution based on the physical environment where the electronic equipment would be stationed. The Panasonic Toughbook computers were a perfect fit for the project, and the team prepared, tested and delivered the laptops for use by the school children in Grande-Saline, Haiti. Under the leadership of Lou Policastro, a Vice President of Geodis Wilson USA based in New Jersey, the company has also donated their services in arranging for shipping – a complicated process involving international borders and customs agents.

“Being the leading U.S. Forwarder and logistics provider for the world’s largest humanitarian agency for two decades, Geodis USA has seen many unique efforts providing relief to children and families around the world. One of these efforts was in Haiti, where Geodis was fully committed with our services to help and support Jennifer Musa and John Yesensky, State e-Recycling Program Manager and New Business Development at Geodis USA, in putting together such a unique grouping of donated items. The project will provide an invaluable positive impact on the critical health and educational improvements for the people and children of Grande-Saline,” Policastro said.

“This SUNY Broome humanitarian effort is amazing. It will ensure the people of Grande-Saline, Haiti, will have clean water and the schoolchildren will, for the first time, learn the use of and benefits from the technical advantages of their own laptops. Geodis is truly pleased to provide our assistance with their collective effort,” he added.

Other groups and individuals also play a crucial role in Health for Haiti.

Jack Rappaport of Bridging the Digital Divide, launched in 2010 by SUNY Broome and Binghamton University’s Center for Civic Engagement, donated many hours of time to prepare all the laptops for Haiti. The program, which also provided computer literacy training documents to Haiti’s computer schools, is a collaborative effort with nearly 20 community partners who share the common goal of increasing access to information technology.

The Church of the Holy Family in Endwell also contributed heavily to the project, donating \$3,500 for solar power in March and another \$9,000 for shipping in October. The donations from Holy Family will make shipping the equipment to Haiti possible.

Musa doesn’t know what new challenges they will encounter once the shipping container gets to the island nation, or if all the projects will go as planned. What she does know: this work changes lives.

She receives photos of eager children learning technology for the first time. Their eyes are filled with hope, joy and a love of learning – a far cry from their impoverished

surroundings.

And she thinks of a sick baby she held in her arms last July, when she went to Haiti to deliver the Toughbook computers. The child couldn't get a drink of clean water – a scenario that this work aims to change.

“The water system has the potential to dramatically improve the health of thousands of people in this area of Grande Saline, and perhaps even save lives,” she said. “We are so grateful for the many people who have contributed to this project. Working together, I think we can make a difference for the people in Haiti.”

It's not too late to lend a helping hand. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to support Health for Haiti projects, which are all funded through donations. Monetary donations can be sent to: Faculty Student Association – Health for Haiti, Student Center Building (MS #5), SUNY Broome Community College, P.O. Box 1017, Binghamton, NY 13902. Make checks payable to “BCC – Health for Haiti”.



# Reasons why you should enroll in Screenwriting and World Cinema this spring

November 5, 2014

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If you have ever dreamed of writing a screenplay and having it made into a film, then this course is a good place to start!

The Film and Television industry is always looking for aspiring writers who have new ideas — and these two courses will get you thinking about what to write, how to write and where to get what you write produced. It's a place to get your writing career started!

The Screenwriting class will give you a basic structure from which to write your own short screenplay. Instructor Patrick Charsky will teach you not only about formatting (what a bore!), but also about character, dialogue and action. You will do short writing exercises, and then you will get to write your own short screenplay that you can submit to writing competitions, submit to a producer for an outside appraisal or work on further to develop into a longer piece.

World Cinema will give you ideas to work with. By learning about the past Masters of Cinema, you'll ultimately be able to create new and innovative works for contemporary audiences. The class will study cinema from all over the world from its beginnings to its present.

**[Enroll in COM 286 \(World Cinema\) and COM 288 \(Screenwriting\) here.](#)**

# Second annual BSU Talent Show

November 5, 2014

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**Second Annual Talent Show**  
Presented by SUNY Broome Black Student Union  
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2014  
6-9PM  
SUNY Broome West Gym  
Entrance btwn Student Center and Ice Center (Lot #5)

**Cash Prizes All Night!**

**Admission:**  
\$5 Students  
\$8 Students VIP (Food included)  
\$8 non-students  
\$10 non-students VIP (food included)

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a Binghamton underfunded Youth Center

(tickets coming soon)  
any questions or concerns contact  
bsunion1968@gmail.com

The Black Student Union will present its second annual Talent Show from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, November 21, in the SUNY Broome West Gym.

Admission is \$5 for students, \$8 for a student VIP pass that includes food, \$8 for non-students and \$10 for a non-student VIP pass. Cash prizes will be given out.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to an underfunded youth center in Binghamton.

Contact [bsunion1968@gmail.com](mailto:bsunion1968@gmail.com) for tickets and more information.



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# Learn about the Liberal Arts

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Find out what a degree in Liberal Arts can do for you at a special information meeting on Saturday, Nov. 8.

The event runs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the SUNY Broome campus, in Titchener Hall Room 101. Refreshments will be served prior to the event, starting at 9:45 a.m.

Students and parents will learn about careers and opportunities associated with degrees earned in Liberal Arts, as well as various types of degrees, transfer opportunities, financial aid and Learning Assistance Services. A tour of the campus will follow at noon

Students may register for the event by visiting [www.sunybroome.edu/tour-registration](http://www.sunybroome.edu/tour-registration) or by calling (607) 778-5001.

# Unemployed? Prepare for reentering the workforce with the Binghamton Opportunity Center

November 3, 2014

Categories: Buzz



The Binghamton Opportunity Center will begin offering classes this November leading to computer certifications and career readiness. The program is free to anyone who has been unemployed for 20 weeks or more. To learn more about this program, come to an information session in BB 129 on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 11 a.m. or visit our Website at [www.sunybroome.edu/boc](http://www.sunybroome.edu/boc).



# Veterans Day Observance and Veterans Resource Center Dedication

November 1, 2014







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SUNY Broome and the Veterans and Military Affairs Office would like to remind the campus that there will be a Veterans Day Ceremony and Veterans Resource Center Dedication, Tuesday November 11, 10 a.m. at the SUNY Broome Veterans Monument. The ceremony will last 20 to 30 minutes.

This event is a great way for the campus to come together to show support and thank our veterans for their sacrifice to insure our freedom. We look forward to this year's ceremony and hearing from a SUNY Broome student veteran who served in the United States Marines.

**Please note that part of the ceremony may include a volley of blank shots by the Broome County Veterans Memorial Association Color Guard at approximately 10:05 AM.**



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# Coming to campus: Brilliant Thoughts by renowned author Dr. Brilliant

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SUNY Broome Community College will welcome Dr. Ashleigh Brilliant, the world's only full-time professional epigrammatist and highest-paid writer (per word). He'll speak at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, in Titchener Hall 102.

Dr. Brilliant was "tweeting" decades before Twitter existed, making his living from his 17-word illustrated epigrams (clever sayings). Sometimes philosophical, sometimes funny, these Pot Shots have a loyal following. He's published 10,000 Pot Shots during his five-decade career.

Born in London, Dr. Brilliant earned his Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley. He's been a professor of history (on land and at sea!), a journalist, poet, singer, painter and a cartoonist, and is also a member of Mensa.

Read more about him here: <https://www.ashleighbrilliant.com/>



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