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Construction: Window project in Science Building, Student Center Aug. 4-7

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Starting at 7:30 a.m. August 4, Facilities will be doing a window abatement project affecting Science Building rooms 105 and 107, as well as the Student Center lobby's lower windows by the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre. Work is expected to run through August 7. The project will be monitored by Jennings Environmental Management.

Please be careful in areas where work is being done.



Health for Haiti needs your help!

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A few dollars can go a long way in changing children's lives! SUNY Broome Professor Jennifer Musa writes:

Dear Health for Haiti Family,

Health for Haiti is partnering with the community of Grande Saline to build a classroom for the local children. The classroom, the first for this community, will serve as a dedicated space for education. In addition to traditional classes, this building will also be the home of the Don Bosco Ecole Informatique computer classes. Dr. Robinson estimates that about 120 children will use the classroom. As you can see, construction is progressing rapidly. We are on target for classes to begin here this fall.

However, we need your help.

To celebrate the opening of the classroom, we would like to provide each child with a pen, pencil and notebook. It will cost about \$4 per student to purchase these school supplies in Haiti. Please consider sponsoring one of the students in Grande Saline by donating a few dollars for his or her school supplies.

You can donate online or via the mail.

Donate Online to Health for Haiti

Please *type "Haiti – School Supplies" in the Special Restrictions box* to ensure that your donation gets allocated to this Health for Haiti (project rather than the general college fund).

OR

Tax deductible contributions can be made out to "SUNY Broome Health for Haiti" and mailed to:

SUNY Broome Faculty Student Association SUNY Broome Community College P.O. Box 1017

Binghamton, NY 13902

If possible, please share this information with your family and friends. If enough people can give the gift of \$4, each child will be able to come to their first day of school with their very own school supplies.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to giving you additional updates on the progress of the new school in Grande Saline.







New this Fall: the AS and AAS in Health Studies

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This fall, SUNY Broome is unveiling two new Health Science degrees that will give students a range of options for careers or transfer.

The Associates in Science (AS) and Associates in Applied Science (AAS) in Health Studies are highly customizable, allowing students to select courses that apply most directly to their individual health career paths, said Erin O'Hara-Leslie, chair for Medical Assisting and Health Studies.

"Our health sciences programs are highly competitive and have long drawn top-notch students from around the state," said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. "These two new degree programs add to our tradition of excellence and give students even more options in a field with real job opportunities."

"This program – which is now ready to accept students — is a major positive step in meeting the demands of the regional growing health industry," added SUNY Broome

Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti.

Students looking to transfer to a four-year institution may opt for the AS degree, while those seeking to enter the workforce directly may choose the AAS, although transfer and career opportunities exist for both programs. Articulation agreements are in place for Empire State College in Healthcare Administration and Studies in Mental Health, Binghamton University in Nursing and Daemen College for Healthcare Studies, which allows students to transfer every credit from their SUNY Broome courses toward their bachelor's degree.

Both programs offer students the option of simultaneously earning a health-related certificate, improving opportunities for employment. Available certificates include Medical Transcription, Phlebotomy and Medical Administrative Skills. Students can also enroll in a course to become a Basic Emergency Medical Technician. Two more certificate programs are currently under development, O'Hara-Leslie said.

The degrees offer a number of interesting course options:

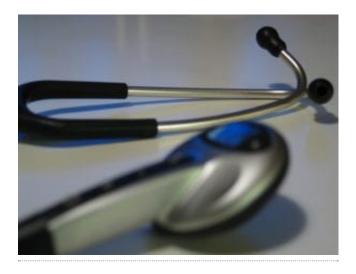
- The Personal Success Strategies (HST 109) class, taught by specifically trained instructors who have taken a nationally recognized workshop, can transform students' academic and professional lives by providing skills to help them visualize and achieve their goals.
- Women's Health (HST 161) is three-credit course that introduces students to the developmental, physical, psychological and cultural issues related to women's healthcare issues.
- Community Health (HST 162) is a three-credit class that examines health issues and problems related to individuals and communities, and includes an exploration of wellness and health promotion.
- Pharmacology (HST 210) is a three-credit class that introduces students to the field's clinical concepts and the classes of pharmaceutical medications, including terminology, drug category, use, side effects, contraindications and interactions.

- Basic Emergency Medical Technician (EMT 110) is an eight-credit class that allows students to become CPR-certified and learn basic life-support methods that do not require equipment. It includes both lectures and hands-on labs.
- Medical Terminology (HIT 106) is a three-credit class that teaches basic medical terms and definitions so that a student can competently understand medical language in conversation and in written documents.
- Medical Ethics, Law and Economics (MDA 208 W) is a three-credit class with a writing emphasis that discusses medical ethics, legal issues and regulation.
- Health for Haiti (HST 104) is four-credit class that takes place over winter term in the island nations. Students explore the dynamics between poverty and healthcare, address specific health-related needs of Haitian people, and learn the historical, cultural, economic, political and spiritual aspects of Haiti while engaging in service projects at orphanages, hospitals, health clinics and food distribution centers.

In a diverse field such as healthcare, students may not initially know what direction they would like to go, O'Hara-Leslie acknowledged.

"This allows them the ability to explore what field they would like to enter," she said of the degree programs.

Adding to the versatility, both degrees can be earned online, provided that students work closely with their academic advisor, she said.



Article: Men Doing 'Women's Work'

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There's no denying that gender roles have evolved since the days of our grandparents. A growing number of American males are opting to explore career possibilities once scoffed at by their sex. As these males enter female-dominated occupations, sexism and gender privilege follow in these once-taboo fields for males.

According to writer Kevin Powell, "The irony is that while women continue to blaze paths in various career paths, including those traditionally held by men, it has become increasingly difficult for men to get a good job with benefits, whether they have a college degree or not."

So, just because men are entering these arenas does not mean gender equality is being achieved.

For full article:

http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2012/jun/05/men-who-do-womens-work



Lot 1 now open

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Categories: Buzz



Lot 1 renovations are now complete and the lot is now open for parking.



Construction: Crane will be at Decker Building on July 31

July 29, 2015

Categories: Buzz



A crane will be on campus on Friday, July 31, to remove a section of the Decker Building cooling tower. It will be parked on northwest corner side of Decker on the sidewalk. The crane is expected to arrive around 7 a.m. and will be on campus for six hours.

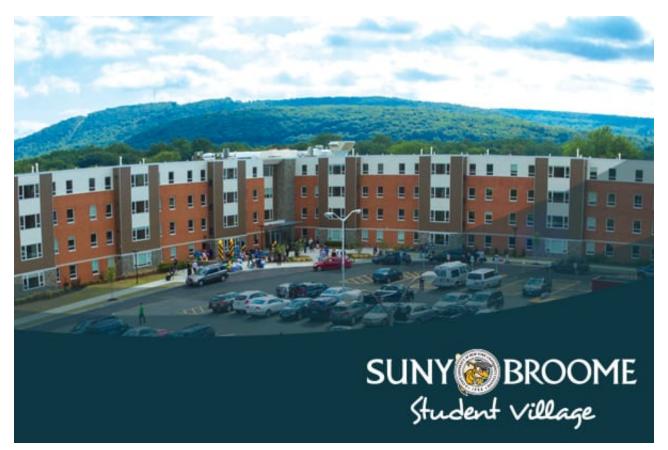
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Meet Your New RAs: Wilson Chen and Sam Figueroa

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By John Miller

Starting this fall, there will be a number of new Resident Assistants living in SUNY Broome's Student Village. I spoke with two, Wilson Chen and Samantha Figueroa, to find out a bit more about who they are and what they hope to accomplish in their new positions.

Wilson went into great detail about how he will carry out his responsibilities as an RA and how he'll change SUNY Brome. An international student from China, Chen has some experience working with fellow students from his time as a high school class monitor and a member of the Student Community Union in his home country.



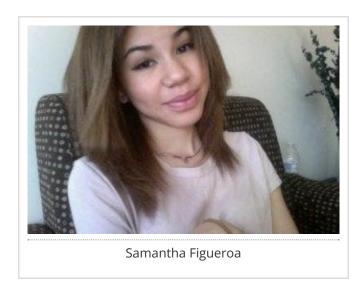
Wilson Chen

"As we all know, an RA provides leadership, assistance and support to the students living in the Student Village. As an international student, to be an RA is a great challenge for me," he said. "Although my English is not good, I love to share the different culture and create a good relationship with others. I am outgoing, friendly, respectful and I am a fast learner."

The engineering science major said he hopes to serve as a good role model, and balance his own academic success with his job in the Student Village. He hopes to develop good relationships with the students in the Village, and help them with any issues that may arise.

"With more and more international students moving into the Student Village, I want to change the Student Village into a big family which everyone can share and learn," he said.

Known as Sam, Figueroa hails from the Bronx and is majoring in paralegal studies.



"I feel like what makes me different from the other RAs is my level of understanding and patience," she said. "Before being an RA, I was a regular resident who went through difficulties just like many of the other students. But I learned to overcome it all and keep a positive mindset, all while keeping my grades up."

By drawing on her own experiences, Figueroa feels she can provide help and understanding to peers who are dealing with similar struggles. She hopes to inspire residents to become more involved in campus life and make the most of their college years.

"One thing I want other students to know about me is I'm am extremely down to earth person. Not just someone to be labeled as 'The RA.""

Keep yours peeled this fall for Wilson and Sam. If you have a problem or a question, they'll give you all the help they can.

Writer John Miller is a SUNY Broome student.

Sweet music: SUNY Broome graduate lands deal with music producer

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By John Miller

Johanna Jane Stark, class of '15 and third place finisher in the Visions Hit Maker Challenge, has just signed a deal with a music producer.

Listen to Johanna Jane sing: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WnxpdtPzZs8

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=644YnMnbdLY



Johanna Jane Stark

Johanna Jane started singing at a very young age, whether it was in front of the mirror in her room, on the school bus or in her barn to an audience of horses. Music became her way of dealing with life and helped her work through many a tragedy. However, she never sang in front of an audience, a human audience that is, until high school.

"Suddenly one day during my junior year of high school, I decided to the Drama Club auditions. I sang; the teachers had tears in their eyes, down their cheeks, and chills on their arms," she remembered. "I never knew I could do that to someone just by singing a song. That's when I knew I wanted to pursue singing in front of people."

She sang with the Drama Club for the remainder of her high school career and, after graduating, performed "Please Remember Me" by Carrie Underwood at the Cincinnatus town fair.



Education got in the way of her singing and Ms. Stark did not perform again until one New Year's Eve when her friends pressured her into karaoke night at a local bar, Sebeers Tavern in Smithville Flats, NY. Her dazzling vocals led her to perform a few original songs every Wednesday night on that stage.

Johanna Jane's big break came this spring.

"One day, I was listening to 98.1 *The Hawk* and heard Rich Birdsall on the radio talk about sending in a 30 second clip of an a capella version of a song for the Visions Hit Maker Challenge," she said. "It was the last day and I did it — I sent in that 30 second clip. All of a sudden I made top 12, so many supporters, I couldn't believe it. Then I made top five and I was blown away. I couldn't believe I made it this far and out of hundreds . Now my dream was coming back, I thought to myself— maybe this is my plan...."

As mentioned earlier, Johanna Jane placed third and signed a deal for her single. To afford the costs associated with music production, Ms. Stark has started a GoFundMe campaign at http://www.gofundme.com/johannajanemusic.

When asked what she'd like other students to think when they heard her story, Johanna Jane replied, "I want them to be encouraged and know that when people say you can do

anything you set your mind to, they are right. Life is this crazy roller-coaster and, yes, sometimes you don't know where you'll end up, but having faith in what you believe in and love is the most important thing because having that will help you get to where you are going."



Writer John Miller is a SUNY Broome student.

Welcome Hornets: Visit and scavenger hunt on July 30

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If you see a horde of Hornets swarming on Thursday, July 30, be sure to say hello. A group of students will visit multiple offices on campus, and complete a scavenger hunt during the day. Give them a warm welcome!



Wanted: Veterans interested in starting a business

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SUNY Broome is seeking veterans to enroll in the fall 2015 Veterans Small Business Training Program. Funded by a grant from Empire State Development, the cost for Veterans is only \$10.

The program meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8:45 p.m. from September 10 through November 21. Veterans will receive the NxLevel™ Business Plan Guide, one-on-one coaching and networking with community representatives.

"Cheryl Fabrizi, the program instructor, is a wonderful teacher and certainly taught an interesting class," said veteran Kirk Decker. "I learned an invaluable amount of business information, gained great friends and had many questions answered."

Janet Hertzog, director of SUNY Broome's Continuing Education and Workforce
Development programs noted that the program is valued at \$3,600 and the "benefits are immeasurable."

Applications are due August 21. For information, call 607-778-5071 or click the flier below.

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Hot Off the Press: Women in Manufacturing 2015 Study Released This Week

July 24, 2015

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What is the current state of the manufacturing industry's workforce, and why do women matter?

This week The Manufacturing Institute released "Minding the manufacturing gender gap" gathering the perspectives of 600 women in manufacturing, along with manufacturing leaders, to understand how manufacturers can effectively recruit, retain & advance talented women. The report examines the critical role women play in closing the manufacturing skills gap.

Download the full report at:

www2.deloitte.com/us/en/pages/manufacturing/articles/women-in-manufacturing-industrial-products-and-services

Strange new worlds: Frontiers in Science through the SUNY Broome Honors Program

July 22, 2015

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Genetics, the cosmos, artificial intelligence – explore the new frontiers of science in PHS 293H01, offered through SUNY Broome's new and challenging Honors Program! You'll learn about major shifts in our understanding of the world, researching a wide range of topics.

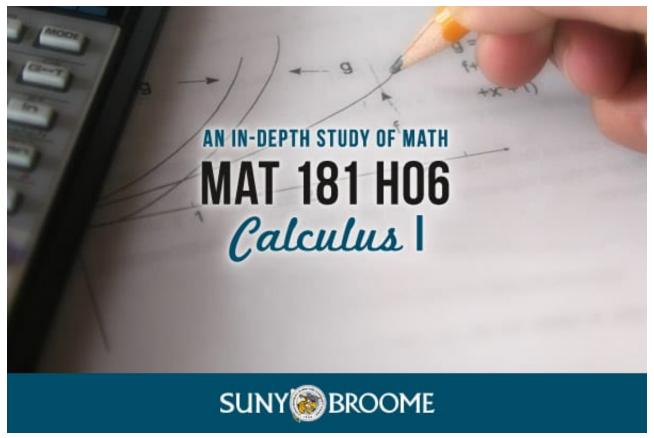
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An in-depth study of math: Calculus I in SUNY Broome's Honors Program

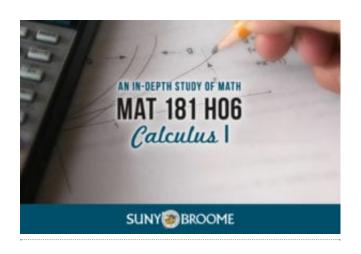
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Explore the deeper aspects of math in Calculus I, offered through SUNY Broome's new and challenging Honors Program! Go beyond equations with guided projects in MAT 181H06, which fulfills course requirements for several fields of study.

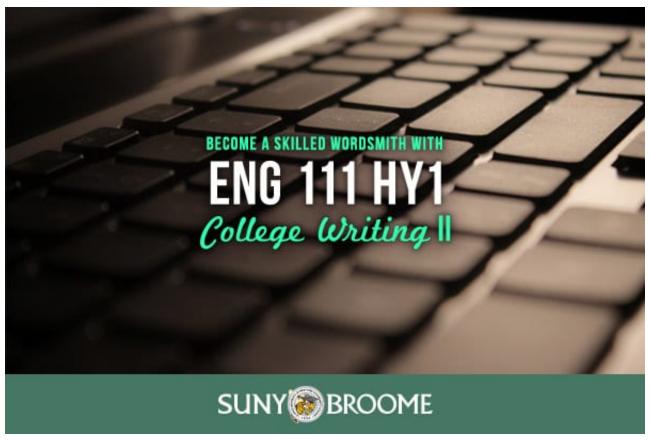
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The art of changing minds: College Writing II in SUNY Broome's Honors Program

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Become a skilled wordsmith with College Writing II, part of SUNY Broome's new and challenging Honors Program! ENG 111HY1 will teach you how to write persuasively, exploring such controversial topics as evolution, climate change, vaccination and how to make friends and influence people – with science.

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Article: First Female NBA Head Coach – and it's paying dividends!

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"Becky Hammon is a model for women in business and is no stranger to breaking through glass ceilings. She has had a long and distinguished career as a female athlete, but her new job is only her latest achievement in a sport often associated primarily with men.

In a month when a woman's teamset the record for the largest television audience for an American soccer game, a woman can win an NBA league title. This has been an immense month for women's sports."

For full article: http://www.theguardian.com/sport/blog/2015/jul/20/shes-the-coach-and-we-listen-becky-hammon-beats-up-the-nba-summer-league



Success in STEM: Alumna rises to the top of her field

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Diane Howard has a longstanding love for math and science, one that led to a successful career in the engineering field.

You can call it a family tradition of sorts. Her father, John Ozovek, went to college on the G.I. Bill and worked for General Electric in a technical job. As a firm believer in education, perhaps it's not surprising that his children followed suit.

Diane, twin sister Debra Perkins and older brother Jerry Ozovek all graduated from SUNY Broome – then called Broome Community College — with engineering degrees, finishing their bachelor's at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and their master's at Syracuse University.

"We all had an aptitude for (math and science)," remembered Howard, now Vice President of Operations for Northrop Grumman's Cyber Division just outside Washington, D.C. With five kids in the family, it wasn't easy to afford an education. BCC saved the day."

A graduate of Binghamton Central High School, Howard worked her way through the ranks quickly. After graduated from RPI, she worked in computer engineering for IBM at Glendale. After a series of engineer positions, she moved into management at the age of 24, spending 10 years in engineering for process development.

"It was great, being the engineer and learning management and leadership skills early on. I had a lot of Ph.D.s working for me and we did a lot of fun things," she said.

After a decade at Glendale, she moved down to IBM Owego – now Lockheed Martin – to work with programs for government customers. In 2001, she transferred to a director position at Lockheed Martin in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Remaining in the defense industry, she was then recruited as vice president of radio communications for Thales Communications and then by Northrop Grumman, where she remains today.

As Vice President of Operations for the Cyber Division, she deals with tactical communications known as C4ISR, short for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance.

Now three decades into her career, Howard is surprised by the low numbers of women in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). STEM careers can be highly rewarding, and degrees in the field can open doors in many areas.

"I always tell young women and young men, if you get a degree in engineering, that's just a springboard to do so many things. I'm really passionate about it. It's a great foundation to have," she said. Opportunities needn't be solely technical in nature, either, and can include business, law school and even medicine, she added.

Fostering interest in STEM fields – particularly for under-represented populations — needs to start early in both the home and school. With that in mind, companies such as Northrup Grumman work with local schools and universities to show what's possible and encourage students interested in STEM careers. Howard herself enjoys speaking with women interested in STEM

Howard also participates in outreach, and spoke at Syracuse University in 2013 on Engineering Meets Business 101.

"The secret of my success? Some of it was not thinking that no, or not doing it, was an option," she reflected. "The gender doesn't matter. You do the best you can and just charge the hill. I raised my hand and did the hard assignments."

Howard remembers long nights of study in the library, alongside her sister and other engineering students. She was grateful for the challenge, which more than prepared her – and her engineering peers – for their future degrees and careers.

"The professors at Broome were by far the best in terms of caring for students, the accessibility, making things fun," she said.

To continue the Hornet tradition, her late parents have left an endowment to the college: the John and Marie Ozovek Scholarship.

"We've been a Broome family," Howard said. "We're all advocates for STEM."



Diane Howard

Social Media Campaigns: Targeting and Analytics in SUNY Broome's Honors Program

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Tags: Business and Professional Studies Division



Take your marketing skills to the next level with BIT 143 Social Media Campaigns: Targeting and Analytics – now part of SUNY Broome's new and challenging Honors Program! You'll learn the latest tools and techniques for getting your brand out there and targeting your audience.

Students with a GPA of at least 3.2 or high school students with an overall average of 90 are eligible to register. Click here for more information:



Human behavior: Intro to Sociology in SUNY Broome's Honors Program

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Mystified by human behavior? In SOC 110H20: Introduction to Sociology, you'll learn how social conditions shape human nature — in an intellectual environment that will encourage you to think and research deeply. This section is part of SUNY Broome's Honors Program; students with a GPA of at least 3.2 or high school students with an overall average of 90 are eligible to register.

Click here for more information: www.sunybroome.edu/honorsprogram.



Rise of the West: Western Civilization II in SUNY Broome's Honors Program

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Understand where we came from in HIS 104: Western Civilization II, now part of SUNY Broome's new Honors Program! Follow the course of history from the 18th century to the present, in an academically challenging environment that will broaden your horizons.

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A keen eye for data: Statistics I in SUNY Broome's Honors Program

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Math shapes your world – and you can learn precisely how in Statistics I! Fully online and a key course for several fields, MAT 124HY2 is being offered for the first time through SUNY Broome's new and challenging Honors Program. The class includes two projects — including one that will have you collect data and analyze a real-world problem – to deepen your skills.

Students with a GPA of at least 3.2 or high school students with an overall average of 90 are eligible to register. **Click here for more information.**



New York Times article: More Men Enter Fields Dominated by Women

July 20, 2015

Categories: Buzz

Economists have long tried to figure out how to encourage more integration in the work force. Now, it seems to be happening of its own accord.

Click here to read the article.



Meet Dr. Adanu: Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Enrollment Planning

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This year, SUNY Broome welcomed Dr. Sesime Adanu as the new Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Enrollment Planning.

Originally from Ghana in West Africa, Adanu earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Ghana in Geography and Resource Development, followed by a master's in in Geography/Geographic Information Systems from The University of Akron in Ohio. He earned his Ph.D. at the same school, with a specialty in in Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation.

Prior to his position at SUNY Broome, he worked as director of Institutional Effectiveness and Research at Cheyney University of Pennsylvania and, before that, as a research analyst at Grand Rapids Community College in Michigan.

Dr. Adanu said his background includes skills in areas such as Institutional Effectiveness and Research, outcomes assessment, accreditation, strategic planning, and data analysis and reporting.

That's a good fit for SUNY Broome, where he aims to strengthen the college's culture of assessment, eliminate bottlenecks in the student enrollment process and ensure that the college maintains its accreditation, as well as support strategic planning efforts and enhance data-informed decision-making by streamlining the data gathering and reporting process.

Prior to taking the job at SUNY Broome, Dr. Adanu had learned that the college was a good place from an acquaintance who once worked in the SUNY system.

"I share in the mission of the college aimed at providing quality education to a diverse population at reasonable cost," he added.

Dr. Adanu fills a position previously held by Jason Zbock, who left SUNY Broome last year to become executive director of Morrisville State College's Norwich campus.



Minor water leak in Decker Building

July 17, 2015

Categories: Buzz



Due to a minor water leak, the water has been turned off to the Decker Dental Clinic, Dental Clinic restrooms and locker rooms, as well as D-201 restrooms. It is expected to be repaired Monday and then turned back on.

Scott Schuhert: Your new Dean of Students

July 17, 2015

Categories: Featured News



By John Miller

When I learned Scott Schuhert was hired as SUNY Broome's Dean of Students, we exchanged emails about his new title, what it means to him and what it means to you as a SUNY Broome student.

Schuhert was originally hired as interim dean, and you may have met him at campus events such as Spring Fling and Doughnuts with the Dean. During Spring Fling, he gamely agreed to get hit in the face with a pie to benefit student scholarships.

John: What is your new position and what do you hope to accomplish?

Scott Schuhert: Hello, and thank you for inviting me to share some thoughts with you today. I serve SUNY Broome as the new Dean of Students. This is a position that oversees much of the Campus Life areas on campus. Specifically, I oversee the Office of Housing, Student Activities, Student Conduct, and Athletics. I also serve as a Deputy Title IX Coordinator where I assist students, faculty, and staff when they have needs relating sexual and/or interpersonal violence.

In time, I hope to accomplish a great many things here at SUNY Broome. First and foremost I hope to show students that I am their advocate and that my office is a safe place for students to come and get advice, no matter the issue. I also want to continue to enhance the level of student empowerment on campus. Students taking ownership for their experiences is key to the Shared Governance model already in place.



Dean of Students Scott Schuhert, center, attends an event in the Student Village.

What kind of relationship do you want to develop with students?

This is a very important part of my role that I deeply value. In addition to having them see me as an advocate, I want students to see me as someone who respects them and their opinions. Students should know that although I am a campus administrator, I am also the person who will come to events, dance the Cupid Shuffle (horribly), and will take a pie in the face to help fundraise for different clubs and organizations.



Scott Schuhert takes a pie in the face during Spring Fling.

How do you want to change campus?

I hope to utilize my role to help further the awareness that there is help on campus for those in need. There are some fantastic resources available for students, such as the food pantry, and I wish more students knew they could take advantage of it.

Also, I want to increase the level and quality of bystander behavior as it relates to addressing inappropriate interpersonal behavior. If we can come together as members of the SUNY Broome community to address inappropriate behavior, either personally or by calling for help, we will all enjoy a safer and more comfortable place to live, study, and work.

Thank you again for allowing me a few moments to share my thoughts. If any student would like to talk more about these or any other topics they should contact me at **DOS@sunybroome.edu** or stop by my office in the Science Building, Room 108.

Writer John Miller is a SUNY Broome student.

Getting ahead: Why do students take Summer Term courses?

July 16, 2015

Categories: Featured News



By John Miller

Many students have spent their summer taking classes at SUNY Broome. I went out and spoke to several of these students to find out a bit more about their experiences.

Caroline Bracken has been taking both online and on campus classes. In order to graduate on time, she took a fitness class in the Student Center and writing and astronomy classes online. Caroline recommended the shorter session and "heavier workload" to any student who wants to get ahead or catch up to their peers.

John Osjecki has been taking a calculus class on campus for the last month. With a few more weeks to go, John has found summer classes to be an excellent way to get ahead.

He said that the faster pace of the class has taught him more than he would have learned in a regular semester.

Mark Dedek said something similar: "They pack the work in and it makes it much more challenging, but it's worth it." Dedek is taking a calculous and a marketing class. He'll use these credits to get ahead in the **Excelsior College partnership**, which allows students to complete their bachelor's degrees by taking courses **at SUNY Broome and online**.

Jessie Smeltzer is taking a math class to catch up in her program. She says it will give her an opportunity to take different classes this coming fall.

Based on my personal experience, I completely agree with all of these students. I took a math class on campus and a spreadsheets class online last summer. The faster pace and more intense workload allowed me to catch up in my recently changed major.

Writer John Miller is a SUNY Broome student.



Never too young to learn: College for Little Kids is a success

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When you're a kid, worms, watercolors and the outdoors are part of the recipe for summer fun.

Children had the opportunity to experience these and more at the third annual College for Little Kids at the BC Center. The two-week program is a fundraiser for the center, which provides affordable childcare to SUNY Broome students and the community.

Geared toward 4 to 6-year-olds, the program runs at the same time as the popular College for Kids, which serves children ages 7 to 9 in one session and ages 10 to 13 in another. Many College for Little Kids participants have older siblings in College for Kids, and end up "graduating" into the other program as they get older, Center Dirctor Nancy Seliga noted.

"We draw people from the campus and people we've never met before," she said of participants' families.

The College for Little Kids curriculum was developed by Teacher Education/Early Childhood Department Professor Christine Duffy-Webb, and taught by experienced staff members Heather Montross and Kelly Page.

"I donated my time and built the curriculum to include high-quality, creative and cognitive hands-on activities to support the themes," said Duffy-Webb, adding that her daughter also attended the program.

"I have never seen anyone work as hard as these ladies! They are amazing," she added. "It was my honor to be a part of the experience and to watch this really grow over time, to be really successful for the great folks over at the BC Center."

Week one included "The Science Detective," which had youngsters perform experiments with mysterious mixtures, fizzes and goo, and "Jump Into a Good Book," involving literature-related activities. During week two, students enjoyed some outside time with "Nature Gone Wild." They also studied major artists and created their own masterpieces in "Adventures with Art."

The program typically raises about \$3,000 to \$4,000 for the Center, which is open during the Fall and Spring semesters into the first part of Summer Term. Twenty-eight children enrolled this year's College for Little Kids, which is in line with enrollment from previous years, Seliga said.

"They had a blast this week and last week," said Seliga, as the laughter of children echoed through the BC Center.



SUNY Broome's third annual College for Little Kids











Odds in your favor: Spotlight on Casino Management

July 15, 2015

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Tags: Business and Professional Studies Division



With practiced hands, dealers spread the cards into a fan. Nearby, the roulette wheel spins as players lean forward with smiles and excitement, waiting to see where the ball lands.

Casinos are far more than just games; they're economic engines that support a wide range of jobs – in New York State, nationally and across the globe.

Employment in gaming services jobs are expected to grow by 10 percent from 2012 to 2022, according to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Careers can include a wide range of fields, involving hospitality, the high-tech security systems that catch cheaters, and even the wide range of laws governing the industry.

With job opportunities in mind, SUNY Broome is offering two new degree programs in Hospitality: Casino Management, A.A.S., and Event Management, A.O.S. The college also offers certificate programs in both fields. The two degrees are, in essence, connected.

"Casinos do all of these things: trade shows, expositions, conventions, even weddings," explained Rey Wojdat, chair of the Hospitality Programs Department.

The college's Casino Management program comes at an opportune time. The industry has recently been bolstered by state plans to expand in upstate New York. Locally, Tioga Downs in Nichols is seeking a state license to expand into a full casino – an effort that would add an estimated 560 full-time jobs and bolster the local economy, according to recent news reports.

Event planners are also seeing good odds in the job market; the profession was listed by the U.S. Department of Labor as one of the ten fastest-growing occupations in the country from 2010 to 2020. New York State's Department of Labor considered the employment outlook "very favorable," with an average annual opening of 530 jobs.

Event management opportunities are found all over the world, noted instructor Maria Montemagno, a certified wedding and event planner who teaches in the program. Students with this career can work in casinos, hotels, resorts, conference centers, banquet facilities, amusement parks, zoos, colleges or any organization that holds events.

"I find it to be an exciting field. It's growing so much in this area," said Bernadette Quaglia, who teaches in the casino program and is an industry professional. "In the gaming business, there's a lot of room for advancement."



Hands-on learning

Both degrees include popular, hands-on classes, such as wedding planning, bartending and casino games. There's even a math course that uses casino games to teach arithmetic, algebra, probability and statistics.

Classrooms include the college's very own Casino Vespa, which features the games and amenities future casino workers will be expected to know intimately, from a 14-foot craps table, Blackjack table and roulette, to an overhead security system, a security monitoring room, a working bar and more. New this year is a state-of-the-art sound system that will be used to create the sounds and ambiance of a working casino and bar, Wojdat said.

Wojdat further explained that while earning their degree, students are also expected to complete an internship involving a paying job that makes them accountable to an employer. Opportunities range from positions at Tioga Downs, Traditions, and Maines Paper and Food Service to the Forum Theatre and more.

Both programs feature top-notch instructors that have years of experience in their fields. Quaglia worked for Carnival cruise line's casino department, working her way up from the floor to management. Montemagno started All Occasions by Maria, a successful wedding and event planning business based in Binghamton. Wojdat is a SUNY Chancellor's Award winning professor with more than 30 years of professional teaching and industry experience.

James Baburchak of Kirkwood took the casino dealing class in the hope of getting a job in the industry and working his way up. He was originally looking at courses in the Niagara County area, and was pleased to find one at SUNY Broome instead.

"Bernie was awesome. She could give you a lot of firsthand accounts of what working in a casino was like," he said.

Excelsior Partnership: Your bachelor's degree is closer than you think

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Your Bachelors degree is closer than you think!

Stephanie Jump, a **SUNY Broome/Excelsior Partnership** student, transferred 90 Broome credits and is now completing her bachelor's degree in Psychology online through Excelsior College. Stephanie spoke to prospective and current partnership students about her transfer experience at a recent **Student to Student information meeting**.

If you are wondering if the Partnership program may be right for you, please join us at the next information meeting on Tuesday, September 29, in T-105 or contact the Partnership Office at (607) 778-5364.





Identities.Mic article: 5 Women Share The Moment They Decided to Pursue Engineering

July 14, 2015

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"Plenty of female scientists, engineers and mathematicians . . . didn't just enter their fields to contribute to a better overall statistic of representation — they did so for personal reasons, and they are reaping the benefits." Check out this article's refreshing profiles of just a few women engineers, their positive experiences, and their reasons for going into Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers — and their advice for girls and women looking to do the same.

Link to full article:

http://mic.com/articles/121418/5-women-share-the-moment-they-decided-to-pursue-engineering



Art students sell work at July Fest

July 13, 2015

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Seven SUNY Broome students displayed and sold their artwork recently during Binghamton's annual July Fest: Caroline Bracken, Maria DeRosa, Emily Jachimowicz, Hailee Knadle, Rachel O'Neill, Jessica Petrylak and **Tess Zizak**.

Most of the students were in Professor David Zeggert's Spring semester painting class.

Click here to read more.



Construction scheduled for the week of July 13

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- Business Building HVAC work
- The paving of Lot 1
- The installation of display case for the Angelo Zuccolo bust in the Student Center
- Ceiling tile replacement and light fixtures in Wales 203B on July 15, 16 and 17
- Repair of Titchener Hall's east entrance exterior steps

Please be careful in areas where work is being done.



Announcing our new SUNY Broome mobile app!

July 10, 2015

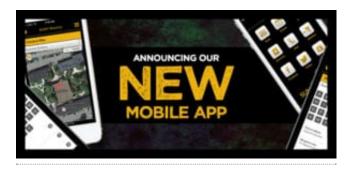
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We are pleased to announce the release our new mobile app, which is now available in the App Store for iOS and Google Play for Android. Look up a faculty member's phone number, view a map of the campus, catch up on campus news and events or watch a SUNY Broome video all from one place on your smartphone. Exciting new features are being developed for future releases! Download the app now and receive new features as they are released, automatically delivered to your phone.

iOS – https://itunes.apple.com/app/id996970376

Android - https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.kryptosmobile.SBCC



Heart for the Arts: Campus job opens up new opportunities

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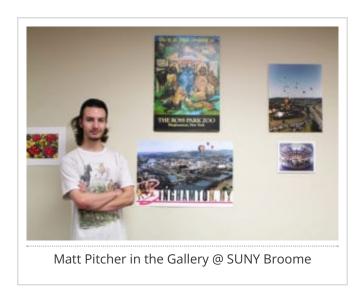
On a Thursday afternoon, Matt Pitcher gingerly carried a large painting into the Darwin R. Wales Center, with SUNY Broome archivist and art curator Robin Valashinas following closely behind.

Art thrives at SUNY Broome, and not just in the classroom or the gallery. Paintings and other artwork grace the halls of many campus buildings, featuring both local and prominent artists. Walk outside, and you can also see sculptures glinting in the sun – the most prominent being *Quatrain* by Edward Haugevik and Linda Spirit, a lightning-bolt shaped piece commemorating the college's fortieth anniversary.

Careers in art, however, can involve more than wielding a paintbrush – something that Pitcher is learning firsthand. In his campus work-study job, he helps curate SUNY Broome's art collection – exposing him to a potential career choice and life's path.

During the course of a day, you can find him working on the campus art catalog, installing tableaus in the Applied Technology Building, or working on new exhibits for the Gallery @ SUNY Broome.

"The Flood exhibit will feature Ed Aswad's aerials," he said of an ongoing project – an exhibit of the local photographer's work, donated to the college. "I made the PowerPoint. The exhibit will run through August and September in the Gallery at the library."



Drawn to the arts

When Matt Pitcher first enrolled in SUNY Broome, the arts and the campus' extensive art collection weren't on his radar. The Union-Endicott graduate first majored in Business Administration, but found it a poor fit for his interests.

A switch to Liberal Arts helped him raise his GPA from 2.0 to a solid 3.7. In Professor Mark William's course on Modern Art, Matt really hit his stride.

"I loved it," he said of the art history course, during which he researched fantasy landscape artist Roger Dean. "When I came here, I didn't initially think anything about art."

Matt, who draws as a form of relaxation, learned about the Art Club through Williamson's class. The Art Club led him to Valashinas, and ultimately to his work-study

job.

"I first met Matt last semester when he volunteered to help with the work we were doing in the Decker building. His interest in the Arts on campus led him to volunteer for several other projects," said Valashinas, who is SUNY Broome alumna.

"When we saw his dedication and interest in our department, he was hired as a work-study," she continued. "Matt has become an invaluable asset to the work we are doing to enhance the beauty of our campus. As we work with the art and resources available, his initiative and intelligence have proven him to be one of a kind. Matt is a gem!"

Pitcher's exposure to the visual arts has expanded beyond his work-study job and classes. He's been visiting different museums, including the Johnson Art Museum at Cornell, the Roberson Museum and Science Center, and the Bundy Museum. He has plans to visit the acclaimed Maxfield Parrish exhibit in Cooperstown this summer and recently had the opportunity to meet artist Daniel Mosner, whose paintings are featured on campus and include "County Fair Tilt-A-Whirl" on the first floor of the Wales Center. That last opportunity came through Valashinas, who wanted Pitcher to experience a working artist's studio firsthand.

He also discovered a new favorite place: the dark vault on the third floor of the library where the college's art collection resides when it's not in rotation.

When he's not working as campus curator or taking classes, Pitcher works at Consol's for much of the week, and spends his leisure time drawing.

He's looking into art programs at Binghamton University and Cornell, although he's not entirely decided on his future path. In the meantime, he is grateful for his SUNY Broome experience and confident that it will make a good impression on a future resume or college transfer application.

"I feel like since doing this work study, I've been drawn more toward the arts. We're doing different things every day here," he said. "It's given me so many opportunities."

The Bridge to Success Summer 2015 Expansion

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Since its inception during the summer of 2012, the Bridge to Success, SUNY Broome's first accelerated content literacy workshop, has served more than 150 students. The brainchild of a *Thinktank* initiative, the Bridge rewrote traditional developmental and remedial literacy objectives with the understanding that its students were underprepared for college, not developmentally delayed.

Reasons for underpreparedness vary widely and include, among other factors, inadequate academic preparation (a "soft" senior year, for example, that doesn't include an adequate math or science course), insufficient monetary resources, unfamiliarity with college culture, or widely held academic misconceptions ("it won't matter if I turn this paper in three weeks late...").

The key to the Bridge's success is "frontloading," a variety of comprehension, critical thinking and communication strategies students generally use in foundations courses. Student performance is then analyzed on an individual basis, in conjunction with high school transcripts, career objectives and departmental advisors. Recommendations are based on student need, and individuals are connected with resources and support

services before the semester even begins.

Added benefits include the opportunity to meet faculty and staff, as well as familiarize oneself with offices and resources campus-wide. Completed in advance of the semester, students are better prepared to find the resources they need, when they need them – and to ultimately be successful.

The Bridge has now expanded to include both an English Writing Bridge and an MAT 096 component. Please call Mrs. Robinson, the Bridge to Success Enrollment Specialist, at (607) 778 -5038 for more information regarding both the Literacy and English Bridges. For Math, please contact Professor Melanie Williams for more information at (607) 778 -5126.



Students may pre-register here. An informational brochure can be found here.

Advisors may find the following useful:

CRN's (course identification numbers)

Session	Literacy	English	Math	
July 27 - August 7	8091	8093	8089	

The *Bridge* Team would like to thank you for your continued support!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Professor Chandler

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July 2015 Health for Haiti Update

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Professor Jen Musa posted this update recently on the Health for Haiti blog:

It has been an eventful week and there are many Health for Haiti updates to share! A small summer Health for Haiti team spent a few days in Haiti this week to work on our existing projects and start some new ones. I was fortunate to travel and work with Jesse Campbell (a Chemical Engineer from Pall), Marcia Blackburn (Department of Communications and Media Art and Department of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences at SUNY Broome), my sister, Jean Rodgers (Johnson City Middle School), my dad, Tom Collart, and super 2015 Health for Haiti student Rachel Liddic. Rachel was already waiting for us in Haiti as part of a group of 6 (!) former Health for Haiti students who spent last week working in Haiti with Gina Curcio.

We planned to spend two days in Grande Saline to work on the water system, including some on the job training of our three Haitian water system operators, and to provide some programs for the children in the community. We were very excited to bring along uniform shirts for the children in the computer school, 100 beautiful dresses made by the ladies at Most Holy Rosary church, and the USB drives with the PowerPoint presentations made by the students at George F. Johnson Elementary School in

Endicott, over 30 soccer and basketballs and many other donated items. In addition, Marcia had organized some art projects for the kids and we had some new computer literacy training to provide. So...we had a lot to do! Because it takes four hours to travel from Port au Prince to Grande Saline (and it is a rough four hours), we decided to spend one night in Saint Marc. This takes about two hours off of our trip. After our days in Grande Saline we spent a day in Port au Prince where we volunteered at Mother Teresa's Children's Hospital. visited Dr. Ken and Andrea at their amazing new clinic and community center, spent some time at Pastor Vincent's school in Cite Soleil and shared a wonderful afternoon with Pastor Vincent and the kids at their home.

We also expanded our Bridge to Haiti computer program and managed to get another 17 laptops to Haiti. We have now delivered more than 60 laptops to our computer literacy programs in Haiti!

Below are some pictures from the two days that we spent working with the kids in the church building in Grande Saline. On each day we had a few stations for the kids to visit. On the first day, the children worked on some art projects with Marcia, learned how to use their new USB drives to look at the PowerPoints made by the kids at GFJ, and received their new uniform shirt. It was very (very) hot but the kids immediately put on their shirts over their other clothes and when we arrived on day 2 they were waiting in the church in their new uniform. The uniform shirts have a logo designed by SUNY Broome Art of Science student Michele Wallen.







































































































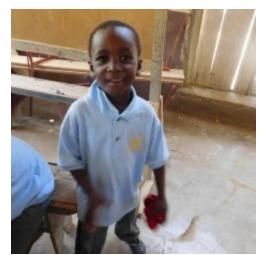


























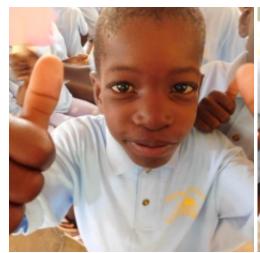




























While some of us worked in the school, there was a lot going on at the water system. Jesse inspected the system and established a remote connection with the Pall team in Cortland. The team was able to monitor the system from their offices. There were some issues that needed to be fixed and Jesse walked the operators through the "clean in place" procedure. Tom designed a new intake valve to cut down on the amount of mud coming in with the water from the river. Jesse also brought Pall shirts and hats for the operators and they were very happy with their new uniforms. It was really amazing to

see the people coming for water. People just kept coming all day!





























































We also spent some time in CIte Soleil. We brought five more laptops to Pastor VIncent's school in Cite Soleil, bringing the total number at that site to 20. The computer lab is a busy place, even in the summer. We all enjoyed spending time with Pastor Vincent and the kids. After our time at the school, we went to Pastor Vincent's house to spend some time with the kids. Marcia had some art projects for the kids to work on and we all had a great time.



















It was a very busy and productive three days! We also made some plans for a few new projects. We hope to build a few bathrooms for the community. At this time, there are no bathrooms here at all, and now that there is clean water, we would like to improve sanitation. We have plans to build a couple of two room bathrooms. Each room will have two toilets so that parents can go in with their children. We will help to fund construction, but all of the materials will be purchased in Haiti and we will hire workers from the community. Members of the community will also work to maintain and clean the bathrooms.

We also hope to provide a dedicated classroom for the children. At this time the kids meet in the church, but the computers cannot stay there and the time that the space is available for classes is limited. If plans go well, we hope to have these things accomplished in time for our 2016 Health for Haiti class. The class can provide education programs on bathroom hygiene and help to finish the new classroom.

Finally, we have a longer term goal to install solar power to run the water filtration

system. This is a very big undertaking because the system requires a great deal of power. We are working with Jeff Smith from the Endwell Rotary to apply for a Rotary International Grant. To do this, we need to establish a partnership with a Rotary Club in Haiti. While in Saint Marc, Dr. Robinson and I met with Miss Pierre, president of the Saint March Rotary. We had a great meeting and we are taking the initial steps to establish our partnership.









Thank you to everyone who donated items for our trip. Thank you to Jesse, Tom, Marcia, Jean and Rachel for your amazing efforts, for bouncing on a hard crowded bench in the hot dusty truck for hours and hours, and for strengthening our clean water and education projects. Thanks to JJ for driving, keeping us safe, and translating for us. Thanks to Kenny and Schneider for your help with translation and to Jude and Barbara for your hospitality at our home in Haiti.

We are now accepting applications for the 2016 class! Please consider joining our efforts in Haiti. Orevwa!

Dick's Sporting Goods Greater Binghamton Marathon on Sept. 20

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Grab your running shoes! The Dick's Sporting Goods Greater Binghamton Marathon is scheduled for the fall, the absolute best time of year to run in Central New York to see all the colorful foliage. The course is mostly flat and runs alongside the Susquehanna River. This Marathon will be USATF certified and also a Boston qualifier.

Not a marathoner? We're asking the community to come together to cheer on the runners along the course! Want to help in a more meaningful way? We are looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks. Submit your info via the website!

The race begins at 7:30 a.m. September 20 from Vestal. To be eligible to race, participants must be at least 18 years old on race day.

Find out more at http://www.binghamtonmarathon.com

Follow on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/pages/Binghamton-marathon/1545270369051044



WIRED article: Yes ladies, STEM fields really do need you!

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Categories: Buzz



"By 2020, 1.4 million computer specialist jobs will be available in the U.S., and yet we're only on pace to filling 29 percent of them with specialized graduates—a mere 3 percent of which will be women, even less of which are women of color. Women make up a smaller percentage of STEM degrees than they did nearly three decades ago. . . . Girls should learn to code, program, design and engineer because this is where opportunities will be ample, financially viable, and impactful to modern society—and we simply can't allow girls to be left behind."

Link to full article:

https://girlswhocode.com/opinion-why-women-who-code-can-close-the-wage-equality-gap-2/



SUNY Broome faces found in Savoyard cast

July 7, 2015

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The Summer Savoyards, who have been bringing Gilbert and Sullivan to the Binghamton area since 1961, are returning to their debut show this summer. Their cast for G&S's most popular operetta, *The Mikado*, is headed by recent Tri-Cities Opera Resident Artist Rebecca Heath and also features John Carroll, Nikolas Arden, Cole Tornberg and Lauren Bass in leading roles.

In *The Mikado*, Sullivan's classic melodies combine with satirical humor as Gilbert mocks British politics and institutions (and the Savoyards offer some topical zingers of their own.) The production is directed by Wm. Clark Snyder, and the full orchestra and chorus will be led by Kim Tyler. The technical director is SUNY Broome Professor Mary E. Donnelly.

Other cast members with past or present affiliation to SUNY Broome are Franklin Krongold, Kristen McPeak, Sharilyn Mitchell, Dylan Ruffo, David Sissenstein, Jackie

Sissenstein and Danel (Walburger) Vaglica

Performances will be at 8 p.m. July 17 and 3 p.m. July 19 in the Chamber Hall of Binghamton University's Anderson Center for the Performing Arts. Reserved seats are \$20 (seniors 60 and over, \$18; under 12, \$10). Tickets are now on sale at 607-777-ARTS (777-2787) and at www.binghamton.edu/anderson-center.

Women Chorus: Sharilyn Mitchell, Katrine Baxter, Christine Ryder, Gianna Chen, Sarah Chen, Jinkyung Kim, Brianna Walburger, Maureen Dancesia, Kristen McPeak, Megan Barrett, Brianna Hawkins, Julia Adams, Kristen Carter, Greta Volkova and Maria Carroll

Men Chorus: Dave Sissenstein, Franklin Krongold, Rick Barton, Bob Tyler, Rob Lacey, Carter McGriff

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BASIC PLOT LINE:

Prince Nanki-Poo has fled the court of this father, the Mikado, to escape an arranged marriage to the elderly Katisha. Disguised as a wandering minstrel, Nanki-Poo travels to Titipu, where he falls in love with the scrumptious Yum-Yum, the Lord High Executioner's intended wife. The couple's fate becomes entangled with that of Ko-Ko, the Lord High Executioner, and his cronies, Pooh-Bah and Pish-Tush.

This witty tale of tangled law and love is a thinly veiled commentary on Victorian England, set in Japan to connect with the trendiness of all things Japanese in London in the mid-1880s. Musical highlights include "A Wand'ring Minstrel I," "As Some Day It May Happen" (aka "I've got a little list"), "Three Little Maids from School Are We," "The Sun, Whose Rays Are all Ablaze," "Mi-ya Sa-ma" and "Willow, Tit-Willow."

CAST LIST:

Yum-Yum: Rebecca Heath

Peep-Bo: Katrin Baxter
Pitti-Sing: Danel Vaglica
Katisha: Lauren Bass

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Nanki-Poo: Cole Tornberg

Ko-Ko: John Carroll

Pish-Tush: Craig Hawkins

Mikado: Nikolas Arden Pooh-Bah: Dylan Ruffo



Binghamton UPK Openings at The BC Center

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The BC Center, located on the SUNY Broome campus, is now offering a Universal Pre-Kindergarten program through the Binghamton School District. There are a few openings left for the Fall 2015 semester. The program is free for residents of the Binghamton City School District.

To qualify, your child must be 4 years old by December 1. The hours are 9 a.m. to 11:30 am. The BC Center also offers wrap-around care for the remainder of the day. Please call the center for more information at 778-5437.



SANS OUCH! July 2015 - Social Media

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Social media sites, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn, are amazing resources, allowing you to meet, interact and share with people around the world. However, all this power also brings risk for you, your family, friends and employer. In this newsletter, we explain what these dangers are and how to use these sites securely and safely.

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Summer Clearance Event at the Campus Shop

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Hit the Campus Shop through July 26 for a Summer Clearance Event!

To make room for the Fall assortment, the store is taking an additional 30% off clearance items in store and online at **www.sunybroomeshop.com**.



Construction scheduled for the week of July 6

July 6, 2015

Categories: Buzz



The following construction/maintenance projects will be taking place on campus the week of July 6:

- Business Building HVAC work
- The paving of Lot 1
- Exterior canopy repairs to the Student Center's northeast lobby entrance
- The installation of display case for the Angelo Zuccolo bust in the Student Center.

Please be careful in areas where work is being done.



SUNY Broome student makes finals in U.S. Cyber Challenge

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A SUNY Broome student recently participated in an elite cybersecurity program in Arlington, Virginia.

Hornet **Gary Dewey** was a finalist in the annual U.S. Cyber Challenge Eastern Regional Cyber Camp's spring competition, earning him a spot at the June 26 Capture-the Flag event. Participants demonstrated their cybersecurity skills for a chance to win one of a limited number of (ISC)2 scholarships.

"A primary responsibility of the (ISC)2 Foundation is to develop our country's cybersecurity workforce and to help attract entrants of all ages to the field," says (ISC)² Director of Government Affairs Dan Waddell, National Capital Region.

This new competition was created by cybersecurity professionals Doug Logan, Alex Rams and Mike McGinty with the goal of administering a free-form testing environment for camp participants to demonstrate their cybersecurity skills. The award ceremony following the competition included addresses from Randy Marchany, Chief Information Security Officer, Virginia Tech; Doug Logan, CEO, Cyber Ninjas; Frank Shinault, Representative, (ISC)2; Karen S. Evans, National Director, U.S. Cyber Challenge; and a video message from Governor Terry McAuliffe.

Participants of Eastern Regional Cyber Camp were selected based in part on their scores

from Cyber Quests, an online competition offered through USCC in April that drew more than 1,300 registrants from over 600 schools nationwide. The 2015 Summer Cyber Camp Series features two national camps and two statewide camps that have the goal to expand the cybersecurity workforce in the United States as we face a severe shortage in the industry.

For more information about the Cyber Camp program and each of the specific camps, visit USCC online at **www.uscyberchallenge.org**.



The End of Life: What should we do for the dying?

July 6, 2015

Categories: Buzz



SUNY Broome's Center for Civic Engagement will run a newly revised National Issues Forum focusing on end of life choices.

This forum is a revised version of an earlier NIF deliberation run in the local area some seven years ago with great success at various senior citizen centers and churches. NIFI has asked the college to "field test" the newly revised forum during July for feedback.

The forum explores three options:

- Option 1: Preserve life no matter what the condition
- Option 2: Maintain the quality of life, which could include hospice as a final strategy
- Option 3: My choice, my freedom

The forums will be held on the following dates/times at the following Senior Centers:

- July 6: Good Shepherd Village, 9 to 11 a.m.
- July 8: Broome West Senior Center, 10:30 a.m. to noon

• July 27: Johnson City Senior Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Come participate in this deliberation and weigh the options. There are no right or wrong answers, only choices. A six-page handout is now available for free each of the locations. Doug Garnar will moderate each of the deliberations and any questions can be directed to him at 778-5094 or email **garnardc@sunybroome.edu**

Later this fall, the Center will offer two new NIF deliberations on the following topics at Good Shepherd Village, and the Broome West and Johnson City senior citizen centers:

- Health Care: How can we reduce costs and still get the care we want?
- Social Security: How can we afford it?

The Center will continue to offer more NIF deliberations on major public policy issues at an increasing number of venues (e.g. public libraries, SUNY Broome and churches). There is no cost to participate. Come and experience a different type of political discussion that can lead to a more robust citizen-based democracy. As Abraham Lincoln noted, "With public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed."



'The Traffickers' now available on YouTube

July 6, 2015

Categories: Buzz



"The Traffickers," a film featuring the late Professor Angelo Zuccolo's last performance, is now available for viewing on **YouTube**.

"We produced "The Traffickers" to test what we could accomplish; to see if we could, indeed, create a feature motion picture," said co-producers Christopher Keeler and Jacqueline Sissenstein, who thanked the film's actors, crew, location managers and supporters.

While the original 68-minute version was shown recently at SUNY Broome, the film has grown to 80 minutes and sustained additional edits. "The Traffickers" was shot in Binghamton, Johnson City, Endicott and Endwell for \$7,000. The cast is all local and includes Christopher Keeler, Talia Saraceno, James Gormley, Tony Yajko, and the late great Angelo Zuccolo.

The movie is located at: https://youtu.be/1lCJPYHHIhA

Keeler and Sissenstein are currently working on starting an online funding campaign for "The Dark Web." Check out the company web page at www.chenangoentertainment.com.



Speakers of the House July 10th Heath & Wellness theme

July 2, 2015

Categories: Buzz



Speakers of the House (Toastmasters International) will have a meeting with a health and wellness theme on Friday, July 10, 2015. Please join us at 3:10 PM in Wales Center, Room 203B.