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Digital signs down for maintenance

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The digital signs on campus are currently undergoing maintenance. You may see digital signs that are blank or outdated. It is our intention to have these fixed by early next week.

Students learn about STEM careers, meet employers at Engineering Technology Expo

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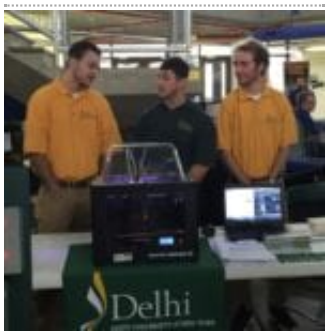
Students learned about STEM career options at Thursday's Engineering Technology Career Opportunity Expo, held in the Applied Technology atrium.

The event featured a wide variety of employers, as well as presentations from Ametek and the state Department of Transportation. In addition to learning about internship and career opportunities, SUNY Broome students also saw cool gadgets, including a 3-D printer.

Participants included: Advance Testing, Ametek Aerospace, Amphenol Aerospace, BAE, Broome County Personnel, CME Associates, Delta Engineering, the state Department of Transportation, GE Power & Water, Greenman-Pederson, Inc., Lockheed Martin, Milton CAT, Raymond Corporation, Vulcraft of New York, SUNY Delhi, SUNY ESF and SUNY Polytechnic Institute.

Future events of interest include Transfer Day from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. November 5 in the Baldwin Gym, and Engineering Technology Mock Interviews from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. December 10 in DH 117.

The 2015 Engineering Technology Career Opportunity Expo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Student Village residents give back – by giving blood

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Needles and blood aren't exactly what most people would consider a "good time." However, it was all smiles and good spirits at SUNY Broome's recent blood drive, held in the first floor Student Village classroom. There was a large turnout as students — both eager and nervous — were ready to be a part of something that could save another's life.

Every 2 seconds, someone in the United States needs blood, according to the American Red Cross. More than 41,000 blood donations are needed every day. The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately three pints. With one pint of blood, you can save up to three lives!

I was lucky enough to meet many of the brave individuals who decided to give blood and find out what led to their decision to do so. Makayla Eaton, a SUNY Broome student

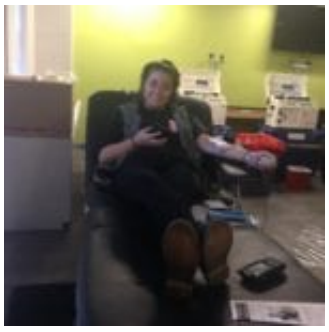
and Student Village resident, has donated blood multiple times.

“When my grandmother was alive, she had to get multiple transfusions,” she explained. “Those people who donated blood helped save her life, and I want to do that for someone else.”

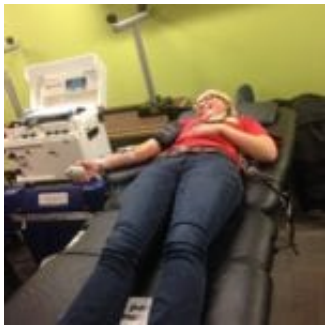
Another resident gave a reason for donating: “I want to help others. To know what I have in my body can actually give someone a second chance is very fulfilling.”

The donors – who gave blood voluntarily, out of the kindness of their hearts — were amazing.

Writer Samantha Figueroa is a SUNY Broome student.



Student Village residents donate blood.



Phi Theta Kappa and student leaders attend NOVA pre-screening

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The chapter president and faculty adviser of Phi Theta Kappa invited two senators from Student Assembly to join them at a NOVA pre-screening on Friday October 23, 2015, at the local public television station, WSKG.

Four regional scientists lead two panel discussions of the science around the pending NOVA series, *The Making of North America*. A good deal of the earth's geologic history, along with unique features of the United States and North America, were detailed in the five videos that were screened.

Chapter president and SA Vice President for Financial Concerns Heather Coggin had posted notice of this pre-screening at the Phi Theta Kappa website.

"A Friday night spent at WSKG, for a free and educational event, is well worth the time

and energy," she said. "I enjoyed asking the panel (who included two SUNY Broome professors, Jason Smith and Bruce Oldfield) questions about the documentaries, and being able to listen to the audiences' questions. NOVA airs Wednesday nights at 9 p.m. on most PBS stations. I hope to be in attendance for more events like this at WSKG."

"The screening at WSKG was very educational and interesting, as we learned about how many different types of surfaces the earth had over the millions of years to form the continent that it is now," said Student Assembly Senator Juwin Jumpp. "Throughout this time period, the process of erosion and other factors such as rivers and storms shaped the landscape that we see each day."

Student Assembly Senator Farhan Sanyoto added that, "'A picture is worth a thousand words.' Now imagine how many words five NOVA videos are worth. The incredible amount of knowledge I received from the Nova screening on 'Making North America' had me stand still in amazement. Not only was it thought-provoking, it was undoubtedly the most entertaining video screening I've ever seen in my entire life; the fact that it was a pre-TV airing made me feel special. The food and beverages were out of this world and the Q & A session definitely clarified all of my curiosity. Overall, it was one of the best places to spend my Friday night in, I can't wait to see more!"

Juwin, Heather, and Farhan looking curious before the NOVA screening started.

Exhibit showcases SUNY Broome Photography Program through Nov. 2

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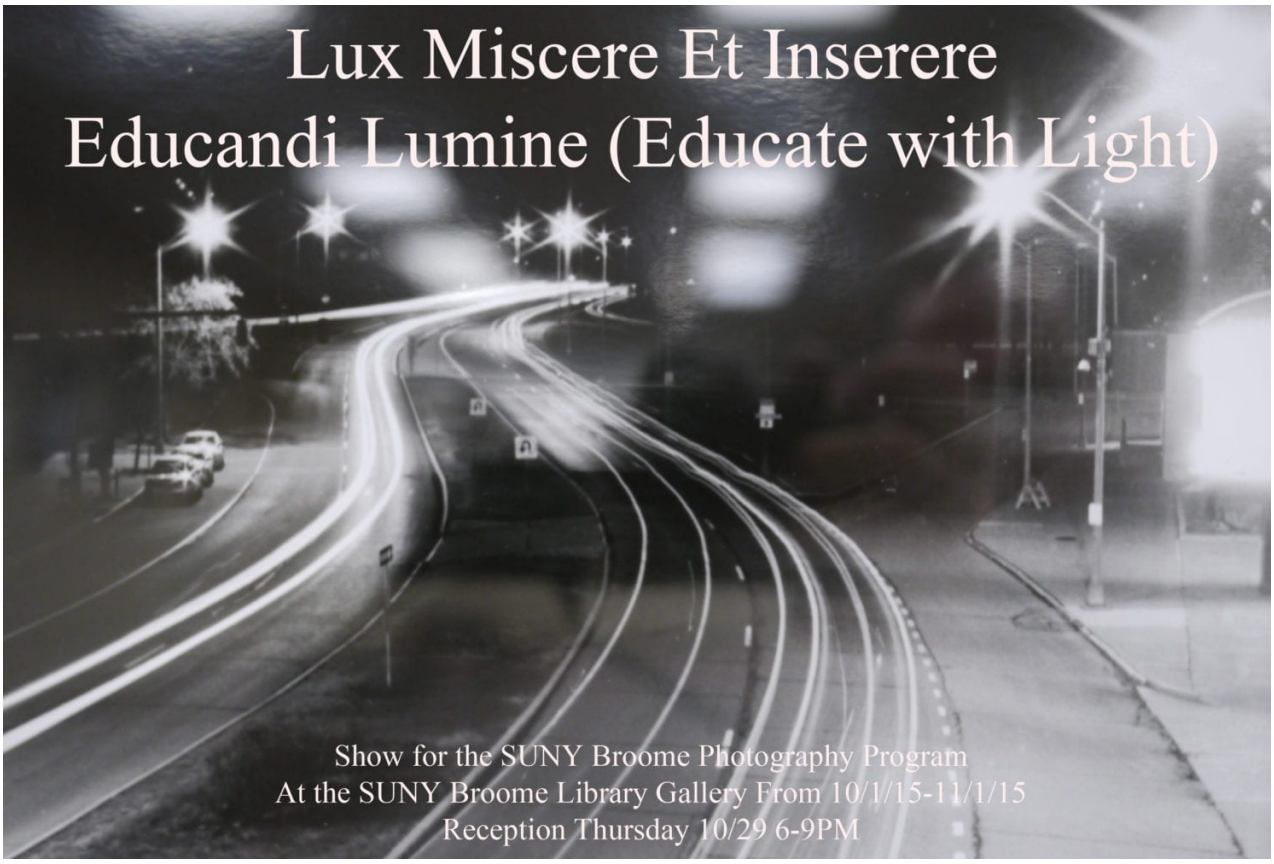

See the work of SUNY Broome's Photography program in "Lux Miscere Et Inserere — Educandi Lumine (Educate With Light)."

Now on display, the exhibit runs through Nov. 2 at the Gallery @ SUNY Broome, located on the first floor of the Library.

Lux Miscere Et Inserere
Educandi Lumine (Educate with Light)

Kingsman: The Public Service Club to meet

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Interested in making a difference? Kingsman: The Public Service Club needs you!

The club will hold its first meeting from 2 to 2:50 p.m. Wednesday, November 4, in Titchener Hall Room 104.

This student organization is devoted to spreading happiness and kindness in a meaningful way through community service, leadership and fellowship.

“We strongly believe that through fun and selfless activities, we can make the world a better place and foster students to become involved leaders of SUNY Broome Community College,” said organizer Farhan Sanyoto.

To learn more, contact **BCCkingsman@gmail.com**.

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Entrepreneurship Goes Global at SUNY Broome

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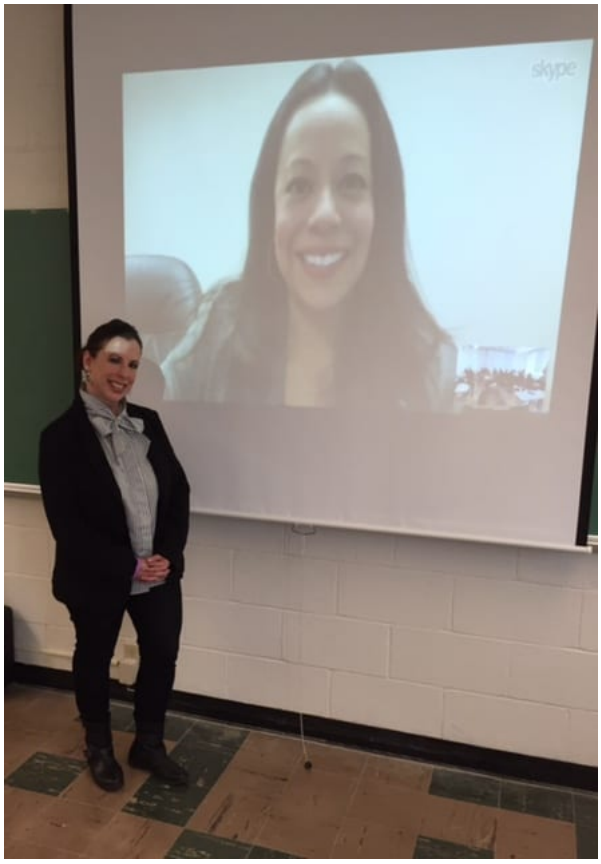


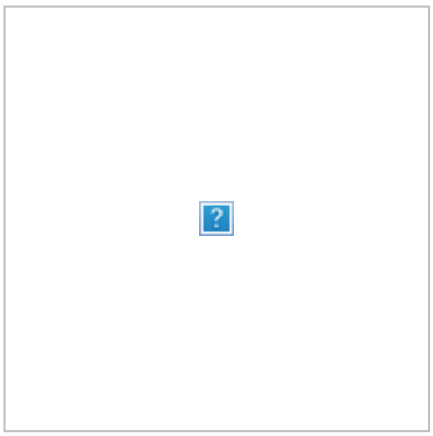
An eclectic fusion occurred last week in ESL 114, an English as a Second Language Listening and Speaking class.

Instead of class being taught by the usual professor, Myriam Stanton, a video call was made to Chihuahua, México. Claudia Ortega, a professor of Entrepreneurship at Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey, spoke to the ESL class from the Chihuahua campus.

Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) has brought together a class of Mexican students in an Entrepreneurship class and an ESL class of students representing 11 different countries. Together, students in both Mexico and here at SUNY Broome will be developing entrepreneurial strategies to identify a need or problem. Through collaborative teamwork and research in the SUNY Broome students' own communities, students will determine if the same need exists in varying environments. The goal is to create a solution to the need or problem that will be

effective in a number of diverse settings.

The ESL students raved about the deviation from the norm. Being able to listen to and ask questions of a professor in another country made the COIL project all that much more meaningful to the students. Real-time international interaction in the classroom can powerfully emphasize to students how closely connected we all really are, and how much we need each other to improve our own lives and communities, whether we live in the same state or in two different countries.



Myriam Stanton's class teleconferenced with a professor in Mexico.

First Annual Health for Haiti Bowling Tournament Fundraiser

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SUNY Broome's **Health for Haiti** program invites faculty, staff, administrators, students, family and friends to a one-day bowling tournament **fundraiser.**

Four-person teams will compete throughout three games, and bowling shoes and a buffet-style meal are included. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and an opportunity to bid on awesome prize baskets!

Proceeds will be donated to the **Health for Haiti'**s continuing class projects taking place in Grande Saline and Cite Soleil. Teams interested in participating are asked to provide their team name and contribution to Diane Kelly. Submission of team names will lock you in for the December 5 date.

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Diving In: Winter Term is a chance to explore topics in depth

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Now in its fifth year, Winter Term continues to draw student interest – both at SUNY Broome and outside the college.

It's easy to see why. The session runs from January 4 through 22, condensing a full semester into four weeks. While courses are challenging, they also offer students a chance to get ahead, refine their skills or follow their interests.

"It's a great opportunity to have an in-depth study of one topic," said Professor Kennie Leet, who is teaching PHS 123: Natural Disasters during Winter Term.

While some courses are offered on campus, others are taught either partly or completely online. As a result, Winter Term courses also have a strong appeal for non-

matriculated students, **some of whom are enrolled at other colleges or universities and off on winter break.**

Looking to escape the upstate winter? Other courses take place far away from the SUNY Broome campus in warmer climes – both in the United States and beyond. In **BIO 200: The Everglades**, students head down to Florida to learn about this fascinating ecosystem firsthand.

Health for Haiti gives students the opportunity to truly make a difference by providing simple heath education and medical services at clinics, as well as participate in projects that bring clean water, bathroom facilities, computer literacy training and solar power to the island nation. **The Mathematics of Sustainability** also takes place during winter, bringing students to Celaya, Mexico, where they will use math to explore, understand and document real-life phenomena.

Winter term has courses in a variety of subjects, from accounting, business and criminal justice to health sciences, hospitality, math, science and the Liberal Arts. Read on to learn about a few of our exciting course offerings.

Public Relations and Animation

Ever wonder how to create buzz for an event? Fascinated by animation? SUNY Broome's Communications and Media Arts program is offering two intriguing courses – COM 285: Public Relations Practicum and COM 286: The Art of Animated Film – this Winter Term.

More than just theory, the PR Practicum has students put their public relations savvy to work on actual projects. They will again host the Clash of the Soup'er Heroes, which

invites participants to vote for the best soup in the area while benefiting Mom's House NY, a nonprofit that provides free daycare for single parents who are continuing their education. This year, they'll also be working on a second event: promoting a 5K for the City of Binghamton's July Fest.

Love movies or anime? Consider the Art of Animated Film, an introduction to the different forms of animation and techniques used in cinematography today.

Medical Terminology

HIT 106: Medical Terminology may not have the same excitement factor as a trip to the Everglades, but it's a popular Winter Term option. The course is heavy on memorization, but for good reason: by learning the different elements of medical language now, future professionals will be able to piece together meaning and context in the field.

"It's the language of the health profession," explained Professor Jane Hlopko. "And you don't have to be a Health Sciences student to take it."

About half of students hail from SUNY Broome; the other half come from other colleges, medical institutions or the community. Knowing the language of healthcare isn't just valuable to the medical transcriptionists and nurses of the world; previous students have included legal professionals who wanted to have a more in-depth understanding

of medical terminology when working on lawsuits and claims, as well as a Venezuelan doctor who needed to master the English language.

Medical Terminology was one of the first courses to be offered in Winter Term five years ago, and also one of the first to go online in 2002.

“It’s been a course that has stood the test of time,” Hlopko said.

Like other Winter Term courses, Medical Terminology’s course material is in no way truncated or changed, noted Instructional Designer Jamie Heron-Starr, who teaches the online winter course.

“They need to work for 8 hours a day in order to pass, and they do,” she said. “It’s a 15-week course condensed into three weeks. It makes it intense, but they learn a lot.”

Natural Disasters

Hurricanes, tsunamis, the historic floods that wracked the Southern Tier: nature shapes our world in sometimes devastating ways.

PHS 123: Natural Disasters gives students the opportunity to explore a wide range of geologic and meteorological disasters, in two different formats: a completely online course, and a blended course that combines on-campus classes with online work.

“The main goal is the science, but we get to approach it from the human side, how it

impacts people," explained Professor Kennie Leet. After all, it is the intersection between the environment and human culture that turns a natural event into a disaster, she noted.

Lab sessions give students the chance to go deeper into the science behind earthquakes, tsunamis, tornadoes and more. While the course is intensive and involves daily assignments, students get a better grasp on the science – and become more educated citizens when it comes to buying homes and other realities related to the potential for natural disasters.

The course can also help them understand current events, Leet acknowledged.

"We live in a changing climate," she said.

Bartending and Beverage Management

Trips to wineries and breweries, a lab that includes a working bar — **BHM 123: Bartending and Beverage Management** is truly a one-of-a-kind course.

"I don't know anyone anywhere who has a learning facility for this course set up quite the way we do," said Professor Rey Wojdat, chair of SUNY Broome's Hospitality Programs. "They get real-life experience behind dry and wet bars."

The first five sessions are dedicated to TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures) Alcohol Training, which is designed to prevent underage drinking, intoxication and drunk driving. TIPS training can make a prospective employee more marketable, as businesses often receive insurance discounts and other benefits.

The class heads to the Finger Lakes for an all-day tour of Hazlitt 1852 Vineyards, led by a master vintner. More than what typical visitors see, the tour covers all aspects of the wine business, from creation and bottling to marketing. Then it's off to the **Wagner Valley Brewing Company**, for a similarly in-depth look at all that goes into creating and selling a brew. Another in-depth tours will take students to **Finger Lakes Distilling**, which produces whisky, vodka, gin, liqueurs and more.

Students get hands-on experience at SUNY Broome's **Casino Vespa**, a lab space with facilities that include a working bar. There, they learn all aspects of mixology, from drink preparation and service to attitude and proper attire. They also receive a firm theoretical background in the field, and the course includes textbook readings and modules.

While students often find BHM 123 to be interesting and fun, it's still challenging – especially in winter. Like other Winter Term courses, it has the same requirements and demands as the full-semester course. To succeed, students must be willing to immerse themselves in the subject, Wojdat said. If they're looking for a job in the hospitality field, however, it's well worth the effort.

"They're still not polished bartenders, but they have a 100 percent great start," he said.

Community Corrections

Are there alternatives to incarceration for those convicted of some crimes? CRJ 240: Community Corrections explores the many sides of this complex topic, which is currently a focus of national debate.

This is the first year that **CRJ 240** will be offered during the Winter Term. Typically offered during the fall, this provides another opportunity for Criminal Justice majors to take a needed course.

Professor Darin Schmidt, who spent 12 years as a corrections officer, draws on his own experience in teaching the course. The program also has access to other SUNY Broome instructors, including Senior Assistant District Attorney Carole Cassidy, who is involved in Binghamton's Drug Court.

Topics will include the punishment of offenders, corrections at a local level, probation and intermediate sanctions, probation supervision, re-entry into the community and the future of corrections. Also covered is the increasing role of technology in corrections, including GPS systems and electronic monitoring.

"Re-entry is big – and how to rehabilitate them so the rates of recidivism aren't so bad," said Schmidt, reflecting on some of the class' topics

As a blended course, the class meets both on campus and online, and may travel to some of the alternative courts they discuss.

Interested in these or other Winter Term courses? Visit **http://mycollege.sunybroome.edu/web/events/winter** and apply today.

Love STEM? Engineering Technology Career Expo is Oct. 29

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Interested in STEM careers? Stop by the Engineering Technology Career Opportunity Expo, which runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, October 29, in the Applied Technologies atrium. The event is open to all majors.

Learn about career and internship opportunities, and meet with representatives from: Advance Testing, Ametek Aerospace, Amphenol Aerospace, Broome County Personnel, CME Associates, Delta Engineering, the state Department of Transportation, GE Power & Water, Greenman-Pederson, Inc., Lockheed Martin, Milton CAT, Raymond Corporation, Vulcraft of New York, SUNY Delhi, SUNY ESF and SUNY Polytechnic Institute.

The event also features two presentations from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Greg Shepherd, a test equipment engineer with Ametek, will discuss “Finishing the Course: Past Academics” in AT 119. Karen Archer and staff from the state DOT will discuss “Employment Opportunities with the Department of Transporation” in AT 200.

Future events of interest include Transfer Day from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. November 5 in

the Baldwin Gym, and Engineering Technology Mock Interviews from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. December 10 in DH 117.

For more information, contact Laura Knochen-Davis of the Perkins Career & Technical Education Program at knochendavislj@sunybroome.edu or 607-778-5304.

Garden Club ‘Health for Haiti’ sale: Deadline is Nov. 2

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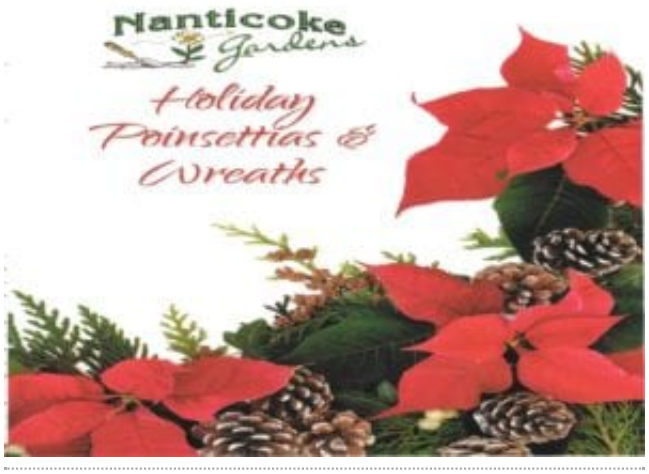
The SUNY Broome Garden Club is holding a Poinsettia and Wreath sale in support of the Health for Haiti program. Five dollars from each sale will go directly to the Health for Haiti community garden and clean water efforts in Grande Saline, Haiti.

Poinsettias come in 6.5-inch pots and are available in red, white, pink or red glitter for $14. Evergreen wreaths with pinecones and a large bow come in two sizes: 12 inches for $23 and 16 inches for $29.

Please place your order by November 2; orders will be filled and delivered to campus during the first week of December. If you have questions or would like to place an order, just email: **broomegarden@gmail.com**.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Speakers of the House November Meetings

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Speakers of the House, Toastmasters International at SUNY Broome, will meet Fridays November 6, 13, and 20. All meetings begin at 3:10 p.m. in Wales 203B. There is no meeting on November 27.

Learn how to:

• Communicate with confidence

• Become a better speaker and presenter

• Listen effectively

• Develop your leadership skills

• Help others reach their goals

Visitors welcome! Our club is open to all. For more information go to **http://speakersofthehouse.toastmastersclubs.org/** or find us on Facebook: Speakers of the House

Laura Hodel has been named SUNY Broome's Director of Financial Aid

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Laura Hodel has recently been appointed SUNY Broome's permanent Director of Financial Aid.

Named acting director at the end of August, she formerly served as assistant director of Financial Aid Operations and was originally hired as a staff assistant in 2006.

As director of Financial Aid, Hodel is responsible for the overall operation of SUNY Broome's student financial aid program. The director coordinates the implementation of financial aid regulations, policies and procedures related to individual departments and the campus as a whole; ensures compliance with all laws and regulations through accurate reporting and auditing, and resolves any issues related to the auditors' findings; counsels students and parents in regards to financial eligibility and methods of payment; and serves as liaison with federal, state and local agencies on issues related to

financial aid.

Congratulations, Laura!

Laura Hodel

Last Day for ‘W’ Grade is Nov. 11

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Please note that the last day to drop a full-term class and receive a “W” grade is November 11.

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BECA Pumpkin Carving Contest CANCELLED

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UPDATE: The Broome Educators of Children Association (BECA) has canceled the 2015 Pumpkin Carving Contest.

Oktoberfest: Broome celebrates Halloween early!

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Saturday, October 24, marked SUNY Broome's first annual Oktoberfest. Even the crisp fall weather couldn't stop professors, Student Village residents and students alike from coming — Not to mention some of the cutest ghouls, goblins and little princesses Binghamton has to offer!

Organized by SUNY Broome's Event Management students, the festival included pumpkin painting, face painting, a haunted house and some yummy fall treats for all those who came. It was definitely a nice, family-oriented affair.

To end the festival, there was a Halloween costume contest where three adorable children won prizes for cutest costume, most creative costume and scariest costume.

Writer Samantha Figueroa is a SUNY Broome student.

Speakers of the House announces special guests for Oct. 30 event

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Speakers of the House (Toastmasters International) will be joined by **Yoel Soriano**, a club member and SUNY Broome SEED alumnus (now in the Dominican Republic) at the fall open House: **Climb Every Mountain**! Also attending the meeting are students and instructors at the F**undacion Universiteria Tecnologico Comfenalco in Cartagena**, Colombia and la **Universidad de Celaya** in Mexico.

Please join us at 3: p.m. in Titchener 101 for this inspirational international event.

Yoel Soriano

SUNY Broome enrollment bucks national trend

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At a time when community colleges nationwide are facing declining enrollment, SUNY Broome is bucking the trend.

Enrollment is up nearly 5 percent, at 7,239 students – an increase of 315 over the previous year. By comparison, according to the latest report by the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, overall college enrollment is down 0.8 percent compared to a year ago, and community colleges are seeing a 2.7 percent average enrollment decline.

“We are bucking the trend in enrollment decline primarily due to our solid partnerships in the region,” said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm, “and of course our emphasis on academic quality. Our biggest partners include 20 Southern Tier high schools, Binghamton University and our College Foundation. All have helped us grow in the face of shrinking local demographics, which are negatively impacting enrollments everywhere but especially across the Northeast.”

SUNY Broome's high quality academic programs draw students not only locally, but from around the Northeast and the world. New academic programs – including a challenging Honors Program – keep pace with both student and workforce needs, preparing graduates both for a successful transition to colleges and universities, or the pursuit of a career.

This year, the college has seen substantial increases in its Fast Forward Program at over 30% with local high schools and in its Binghamton Advantage program with Binghamton University, as well as in online education. Fully online students are up by nearly 30 percent, according to the college's enrollment data.

Fast Forward allows students in their last two years of high school to take college-level courses while simultaneously meeting their high school graduation requirements. This year, the Fast Forward program has drawn 1,329 students, an increase in 37 percent over last year. The number of full-time Fast Forward students also has risen by nearly 33 percent.

For the first time in the College's history, Fast Forward courses are being offered through the Oneonta school district while enrollment has risen in the Whitney Point, Susquehanna Valley, Chenango Valley and Binghamton districts, as well as Broome-Tioga BOCES and Ross Corners Christian Academy. The top five districts for Fast Forward enrollment are Binghamton, Broome-Tioga BOCES, Chenango Valley, Chenango Forks and Johnson City. Courses are also offered in the Walton, Sidney, Maine-Endwell, Harpursville, Greene, Deposit, Bainbridge-Guilford, Windsor and Union-Endicott districts, as well as Seton Catholic Central High School.

While Fast Forward offerings have largely been in the area of Liberal Arts, the college has seen tremendous growth recently in Business Information Technology and Business course offerings, particularly at Binghamton High School and Broome-Tioga BOCES, said Associate Vice President and Dean of STEM Kelli Ligeikis, the Fast Forward team leader.

"I am impressed with the interest exhibited by our local school districts to offer a more rigorous curriculum to their student bodies, in some cases growing from zero students to over 280 students enrolled in Fast Forward courses, as is the case at Binghamton

High School," she said.

Now in its fifth year, the Binghamton Advantage Program or BAP, the result of a partnership between SUNY Broome and Binghamton University, continues to draw record numbers of students. Students live on the BU campus while taking classes at SUNY Broome and participate in student life at both campuses. Once they complete their studies at SUNY Broome, they automatically transfer to BU to complete their bachelor degrees.

Enrollment in the program – which has tracks in engineering science, computer science and liberal arts – has skyrocketed. The program, which began with 40 students 3 years ago, drew 220 last year – and a record 232 students this year.

"We draw top students from our local high schools, many while they're still in high school," President Drumm said. "Our graduates also comprise Binghamton University's largest transfer cohort and some move on to the Ivy League or other top universities. We have students who take courses and even complete degrees entirely online, without setting a foot on campus. If students will commit to partnering with us, they know we mean it when we tell them: You can go anywhere from here! And save a lot of tuition dollars by doing so."

Oct. 28 Common Hour: Binghamton Philharmonic Conductor Returns

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Jose-Luis Novo, conductor of the Binghamton Philharmonic, will return for a special Common Hour event at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theater.

Maestro Novo will discuss Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique, which will be featured during the Philharmonic's Oct. 31 concert at the Forum.

Join SUNY Broome Theater in another dimension for ‘Alien Invasions’

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SUNY Broome Theater will present “Alien Invasions: Rod Serling’s ‘The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street’ and Gore Vidal’s ‘Visit to a Small Planet’” at 7 p.m. Nov. 19, 20 and 21 in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theater. This will be the first time the program has presented a piece penned by our area’s most famous writer.

SUNY Broome. actors, crew and director are currently rehearsing the two plays, both of which involve alien invaders.

The photo is of cast members, from left to right standing: Kayla Heath, Matthew Waskie, Christian Webb, Dallas Elwood, Ulric Henry, Allyson Kacmar, Jawuan DeJesus, Gabriella Arshi and Megan Voss. Sitting in front are Madison Donaldson and Elizabeth Youket.

Blueline Cafe will be open on Saturdays

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SUNY Broome's Blueline Cafe, located in the Ice Center, is now open on Saturdays!

The cafe will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. Offerings include pizza, burgers and more, and include gluten-free and vegan options.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month: A Survivor's Story

October 26, 2015

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In case you didn't know, domestic violence is properly defined as "violent or aggressive behavior within the home, typically involving the violent abuse of a spouse or partner," according to the dictionary definition. This violence can be physical, emotional and/or sexual and may include stalking. It is a very dark and scary situation that affects the abused, those who witness and bystanders alike.

The only way we can put an end to domestic violence is by speaking up and getting help. Whether you yourself are a victim or a witness, you should never stay quiet.

Domestic Violence Statistics/Facts:

- Every 9 seconds in the U.S., a woman is assaulted or beaten.[1]

- On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men.[2]
- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been victims of physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime.[2]
- 1 in 5 women and 1 in 7 men have been victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.[2]
- 1 in 7 women and 1 in 18 men have been stalked by an intimate partner during their lifetime to the point in which they felt very fearful or believed that they or someone close to them would be harmed or killed.[2]
- On a typical day, there are more than 20,000 phone calls placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide.[3]
- Women between the ages of 18 and 24 are most commonly abused by an intimate partner.[1]
- 19% of domestic violence involves a weapon.[1]
- Domestic victimization is correlated with a higher rate of depression and suicidal behavior.[1]
- Only 34% of people who are injured by intimate partners receive medical care for their injuries.[1]
- 1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence. [4]

Domestic Violence Tips:

- Call the police.
- Get outside support, whether from family, friends, or professionals who deal with this.
- Find a safe haven.
- Get medical help if needed.

- Create a safety plan.

Where to get help:

- Right here on campus! Head to Student Services Building Room 210, where counseling services are located. Their number is 607-778-5210.
- The police. Calling 911 should always be your first option.
- Domestic Violence hotline: (866) 813-2598 – available 24/7
    - National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233 available 24/7
    - loveisrepsect hotline: 1-866-331-8453 available 24/7

- Websites:
    - **http://www.ncadv.org/**
    - **http://www.domesticviolence.org/**
    - **http://www.crisistextline.org/**
    - **https://www.plannedparenthood.org**
    - **http://www.thehotline.org/**

Lastly, I was fortunate enough to get some words of wisdom from a domestic violence survivor, whom shall remain anonymous.

I'm so thankful for having the amount of support I did during that time period. You don't always realize at first that it's really happening to you and that you're a member of a domestic violence relationship. This is the person you love, and now suddenly they're hurting you. It's hard to fully process at first.

My partner would manipulate me into thinking it was out of love or my fault, and that's what they do, you know. They're master manipulators. Regardless of what is said, their actions will always overpower that, and that's when you realize: okay, this is not okay and it's not going to stop. I realized you can't help somebody who doesn't want it and if I'm being honest, for a while, I didn't want it. I had that much hope in that person that it would stop and things would change.

It wasn't until I tried to get some distance that the violence transferred from me to threats to my family. Then boom! That was the moment it all clicked for me. For me it was like wow, this person is hurting me and now trying to hurt the ones I love. I tried to get away and the person burned all the photo albums of my mother. It was scary; they were erasing people out my life figuratively, which mentally messed with me. However, I had an amazing loving family who showed me that I must always love myself first. Love is not pain.

There are people out there who love you in ways that do not and will not ever hurt. It takes a strong person to get up and walk away from domestic violence. You just have to understand you are stronger than them, and part of that is reaching out to others to help you out of it. My life has been amazing since. Looking back on it now, women and men alike have all the strength and willpower in the world. You just have to realize it.

Writer Samantha Figueroa is a SUNY Broome student.

Oct. 29 Common Hour: ’30 percent by 2020′

October 26, 2015

Categories: Buzz

Millennials will constitute 30 percent of the eligible voting public by 2020. Join county legislator Jason Garnar for a discussion of why Millennials must become engaged citizens.

The event starts at 11 a.m. Thursday, October 29, in Titchener 102.

Earn your Bachelor's degree online: Learn more Oct. 27!

October 26, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Stinger will attend the Student to Student session scheduled for 5 p.m. October 27 in Titchener 105.

Join your favorite Hornet and hear what current **Excelsior** students think about their experience with this fully accredited, online college. SUNY Broome and **Excelsior College** have a partnership that allows students who have earned an Associates Degree the opportunity to take more Broome classes and then complete their **Bachelor's Degree** requirements online.

The meeting, which runs until 5:50 p.m., is open to all students. Join us!

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Speakers of the House presents ‘Climb Every Mountain’ on Oct. 30

October 25, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Speakers of the House, SUNY Broome’s chapter of Toastmasters International, will present “Climb Every Mountain” at its Fall Open House. The event will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, October 30, in Paul F. Titchener Hall Room 101.

Come and get inspired! Fellow Toastmasters will speak about how they conquered mountains this fall. Jennifer Woltjen will speak about her recent expedition to successfully climb Mount Whitney, the highest point in the contiguous U.S., and Ernesto Colon will speak about his recent summit climb of Mount Marcy, the highest peak in New York State.

SUNY Broome to host ‘A Night of Drag’ on Oct. 30

October 25, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Help us welcome Cher and Marilyn Monroe to the SUNY Broome campus!

A Night of Drag, SUNY Broome’s first drag show and competition, will be held October 30 at the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre. Please join us for a fun-filled, adult-themed night of entertainment and good times. The event is a fundraiser for the BC Center.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Admission is $10 for students and $15 for community members, faculty and staff. Tickets are available in advance through Melissa Martin in SS 210 or Mary Whittaker in TH 210, or at the door the night of the event.

Students who are interested in participating in the competition should contact Melissa Martin in Counseling Services SS 210, **martinmm2@sunybroome.edu** or 778-5210.

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Student Success Squad: 'Who Are You – Myers Briggs Type Indicator' on Oct. 29

October 25, 2015

Categories: Featured News

The Student Success Squad will hold a workshop on "Who Are You – Myers Briggs Type Indicator" from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, in the Library 005 classroom, located on the ground level.

Future workshops include:

- 11/5 Who Are You – True Colors
- 11/12 Stretching Every Dollar – Financial Literacy
- 11/19 Tips to Studying and Test-Taking
- 12/3 Managing Stress
- 12/10 Getting Ready For Finals
- 12/17 Study Break

Criminal Justice Advisement Days for Spring 2016

October 25, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Tags: Business and Professional Studies Division

Criminal Justice Advisement Days have been scheduled for Wednesday, October 28; Tuesday, November 3; and Friday, November 13. Registration begins Monday, October 26.

Schedule your appointment today! Stop by BB 104.

The Monday Poem: ‘The Courtship’ by Josh Lewis

October 25, 2015

Categories: Buzz

Tags: The Monday Poem

The Monday poem is brought to you by Jim Gormley in the SUNY Broome English Department. Enjoy!

The Courtship by Josh Lewis

Your handwriting juxtaposed with mine –

an elegant sea contrasted with chaos

barely contained by the margins.

Your cursive is different from mine

in every way except the alphabet we use.

Even then your words spell out stories

that I'm not privy to. Secrets

that can hardly whisper their own names

except when you're around. My words

tend to reflect who I really am,

a mess of characters that don't seem

to come together except at the last moment,

something that I've come to accept.

Acceptance is something that comes with age.

I accept, and appreciate, your language.

Your statements show me what's possible

within the eloquence of execution.

I hope my poetry inspires you

despite its rough-hewn edges,

its inability to stay within the lines.

This juxtaposition only serves to remind me

of how language builds upon itself,

reveling in its self-discoveries

and marveling in how words speak

regardless of their shape and appearance.

Debate Team to meet on Mondays

October 23, 2015

Categories: Buzz

The Debate Team will meet in Mechanical Building Room 208 on Mondays from 2 to 4 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Kollar at 607-778-5648 or **kollarmk@sunybroome.edu**

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Wanted: SUNY Broome Student Ambassadors!

October 23, 2015

Categories: Featured News

SUNY Broome is looking for dynamic, outgoing students to serve as representatives of the college as **Student Ambassadors**!

Student Ambassadors are tour guides who assist with campus visits, student panels and college-wide events.

Student Ambassadors are students who love SUNY Broome and are:

- Articulate and comfortable speaking in front of a group.
- Encouraging and willing to share portions of their college experience with prospective students and their families.
- Active on campus. (Or want to be!)
- Familiar with campus events and activities.

Student Ambassadors are needed for weekly “Walk in Wednesday” campus tours at 4 p.m. and for special events on an on-call basis. Student Ambassadors are paid $10/hour for their assistance.

If you are interested, please email Elisabeth Costanzo Stewart to schedule an interview at **costanzoes@sunybroome.edu**

Apply for the New Century, Coca Cola scholarship programs by Nov. 20

October 23, 2015
Categories: Buzz

The Coca Cola Scholars Foundation, sponsor of the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team, is accepting applications for its New Century Scholars program through Nov. 20.

Fifty students will be named Gold Scholars, each receiving a $1,500 scholarship. Another 50 students will be named Silver Scholars, receiving $1,250 scholarships, while 50 Bronze Scholars will receive $1,000 scholarships. All scholars will also receive special medallions.

The top scoring student in each of the fifty states will be named a New Century Scholar and will receive a $2,000 scholarship. In addition, one student from a Phi Theta Kappa chapter in Alberta, Canada, and one student from a chapter in a sovereign nation where Phi Theta Kappa chapters exist will be awarded. New Century Scholars will be presented at the AACC Annual Convention.

Phi Theta Kappa sponsors 38 **All-State Community College Academic Team** recognition ceremonies, during which scholarships and special recognitions are presented to All-State community College Academic Team winners. Phi Theta Kappa administers both recognition programs.

Students log in to the application through the link **https://my.ptk.org**. Phi Theta Kappa members may log in using their Phi Theta Kappa username (which is their email address used at the time of accepting membership) and password. If they have forgotten their log-in, they can click ***"Forgot Password"*** on the login page and follow the prompts to change the password. If a student is a non-member, they will click **"Register"** on the upper right side of the toolbar and follow the prompts to create an account. Once the account has been created, they will be able to access the Fall Scholarship Application.

Once the student has logged in, he or she should select the link in the center of the page that says ***"2015 Fall Scholarship Application."*** They should follow the instructions to begin completing the eligibility quiz and application. The application is comprised of many scholarships. Phi Theta Kappa members may apply for separate scholarships designated exclusively for members such as the Guistwhite, GEICO Pathway to Completion Bachelor's Degree, Hites Transfer and/or Calhoun Transfer Scholarships at the same time as applying for the All-USA/Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team and New Century Scholar Programs.

November 20 will be the cut-off date for all SUNY Broome applications.

Questions? Email Brenda Artman at artmanbk@sunybroome.edu.

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Close to home: The Face of Human Trafficking

October 22, 2015

Categories: Featured News

When it comes to human trafficking, most people believe the problem to be *over there* – across oceans and continents, in a place far away from the neighborhood.

That's what educator, activist and author Carol Metzker found when she gave a presentation to local groups in her hometown of West Chester Pennsylvania. Hop 11,000 miles to Nepal, where she gave a talk to a group of businessmen. Their reaction was the same.

"You don't mean it was here in Katmandu?" one asked. "We know it's a problem in the West."

Human trafficking is a worldwide problem – including our local communities, said Metzker, during an Oct. 19 presentation on "The Face of Human Trafficking" held at SUNY Broome. The author of *The World's Dirtiest Secret: From Revelation to Action, a Journey to Help Survivors of Child Slavery* and Facing *the Monster: How One Person Can*

Fight Child Slavery, she is an expert on the subject. She is also a well-known blogger on Free the Slaves, a platform for dialogue about how slavery affects communities around the world, and the recipient of Rotary International's highest distinction, the Service Above Self Award.

In short, human trafficking is modern slavery. Through force, fraud or coercion, victims are made to work against their own will. Sometimes, this involves the sale of sex. Other times, it's unpaid labor: working in factories or on fishing boats, in fields, nail salons or homes.

"This is not an easy subject to face," Metzker acknowledged. "It's really a very hopeful subject because there is so much every single one of us can do."

Modern slavery

Hot zones include India, Nepal, Thailand, the Philippines and parts of Africa. North America, however, is not immune. A map of calls made to the human trafficking hotline showed hotspots in many major metropolitan areas – including the Southern Tier, due to its proximity to transportation systems.

In the United States, youth are particularly vulnerable to trafficking. Vulnerable girls often enter prostitution at the age of 13 or 14, Metzker noted. Victims are often kept on the move to keep them from making connections and reaching out for help.

New York had 141 cases of possible human trafficking reported to the national hotline this year, with 80 percent involved in sex work, 13 percent in labor, from domestic servants to nail salons, and 5 percent to both.

Metzker showed images of real victims of human trafficking whom she has encountered both close to home and in her travels around the world. Mahabala, an orphaned boy, was forced to work in a hotel from sunup to the wee hours of the morning. A failed runaway attempt led to a severe beating from his holder, but the boy managed to escape to police during a second try.

Huro, whom Metzker met in 2004, was a slave in a carpet factory in India, initially abducted at the age of 6. After he was freed as a teen, he went to school and is now working as a teacher. Kalika, enslaved as a domestic servant in Nepal, is now a college sophomore studying journalism, as well as a trekking guide.

A survivor named Ann Marie was held by her pimp for 10 years, living in an abandoned building she called the "abandominium."

"When you're controlled, when he says the sky is purple, you believe him," she told Metzker. "Even though you know it's blue, you believe it's purple."

She is now finishing her GED, and working as a peer counselor for women who find themselves in similar circumstances.

Sadly, not all victims escape. In one photo, a woman stood silent and barefoot against a wall, in a milieu littered with human waste and discarded syringes. Her pimp was nearby and she dared not reach out for help. A photo progression showed two young women who were repeatedly arrested for prostitution – and who perished before they could leave that life.

"You could potentially run into human trafficking even if you don't know it," Metzker said.

How you can help

There are steps each of us can take to stem the tide of human trafficking.

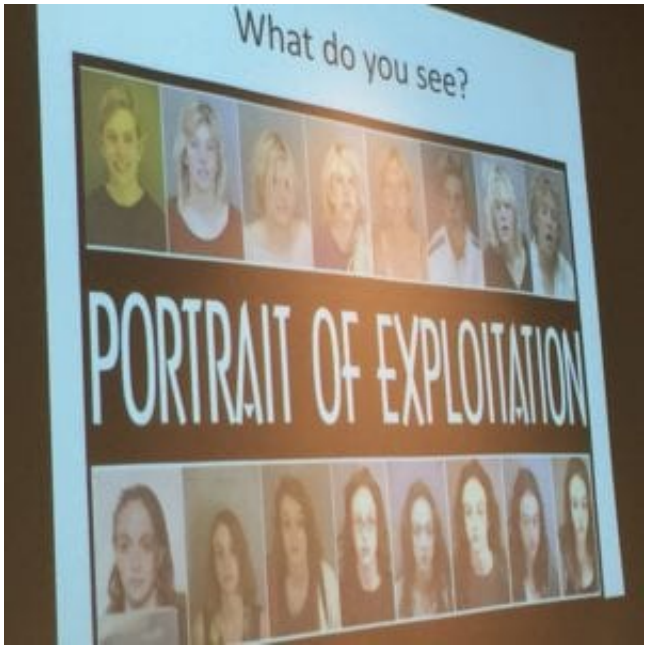
First, know what to look for, Metzker advises. Victims may appear to be controlled by someone else or fearful of authority. Most likely, they will not identify as victims because of a factor caused trauma bonding, which links them to their holder, or threats to themselves or their loved ones. Another possible sign: oversexualized teen girls, often with an older boyfriend who may give them expensive gifts.

In cases of imminent danger, especially to a child, call 911. In cases of suspected human trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-3737-888 or text BeFree (233733). When reporting suspected incidents, be a good witness – providing visual details, times and locations – but don't put yourself in danger.

Switch your mindset, and view those subject to human trafficking as victims rather than criminals. Use the power of your wallet, and buy products labeled as Fair Trade, which are not made by slave labor. Many people don't realize that the mica in makeup is mined by child slaves, and that cocoa beans used in chocolate can be harvested by child labor. To see the intersection of lifestyle choices to slave labor, visit slaveryfootprint.org and take the survey.

Be willing to have a very uncomfortable conversation with your loved ones: why it's never okay to pay for sex. Prostitution and human trafficking are heavily linked. And lastly, know your own state's treatment of trafficking and lobby for change.

"New York has great laws against human trafficking, but not a lot of funding sources for people who are rescued," Metzker said.



Mug shots of two victims of human trafficking, taken before their deaths.

Medical Assistants team up with the Tioga County Health Department

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Categories: Featured News

SUNY Broome Medical Assisting Students and MA faculty teamed up on October 21 with Tioga County Health Department (TCHD) at Waverly High School to participate in a Emergency Preparedness Drill.

Susan Haskett, Bio-terrorism Coordinator at TCHD, created this drill to help the community prepare for an event in which the entire county would need to be provided with emergency medication.

Medical Assistants had excellent guidance from the TCHD staff. MA students were able to provide all the patient intake and Ebola screening, and helped to manage some medical priorities.

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Engineering Technology Career Opportunity Expo to be held Oct. 29

October 22, 2015

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Explore careers, internships and transfer opportunities at the Engineering Technology Career Opportunity Expo, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, October 29, in the Applied Technology Building atrium.

The event is open to all majors, and will feature around 20 employers as well as a half dozen educational institutions. Local high school students will also be visiting from 12 to 2 p.m.

Employer presentations will run from 11 to 11:50 a.m. in AT 200, AT 118 and AT 119.

For More Information Contact:

Laura Knochen-Davis, Perkins Career & Technical Education Student Success Initiative (knochendavislj@sunybroome.edu, 778-5304)

Summer DeLisle, Engineering Technologies Department (delislesd@sunybroome.edu, 607-778-5010)

Upcoming events: Don’t forget Transfer Day from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. November 5 in the Baldwin Gym, and sign up for Engineering Technology Mock Interviews from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, December 10, in DH 117.

BECA Scholastic Book Fair this week in Titchener **Extended through Oct. 27**

October 22, 2015

Categories: Featured News

The Broome Educators of Children Association (BECA) will be holding their biannual Scholastic Book Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. October 19 through 23 in the Titchener Hall lobby.

The fair has now been extended through Tuesday, October 27.

The proceeds from the book fair help support the fundraising efforts and community outreach initiatives of the club. Think about the sharing the gift of literacy or pick up something for yourself!

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Math meets art: Fractal Party on Nov. 6

October 21, 2015

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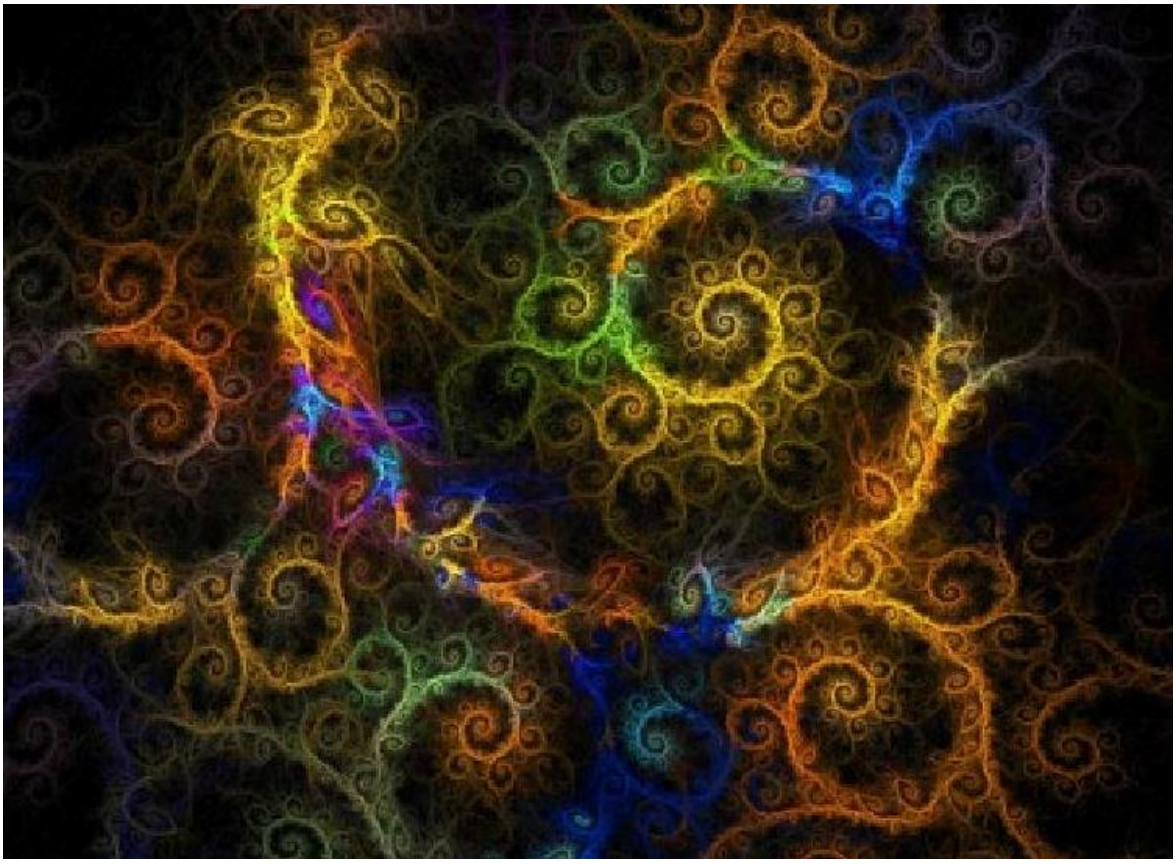
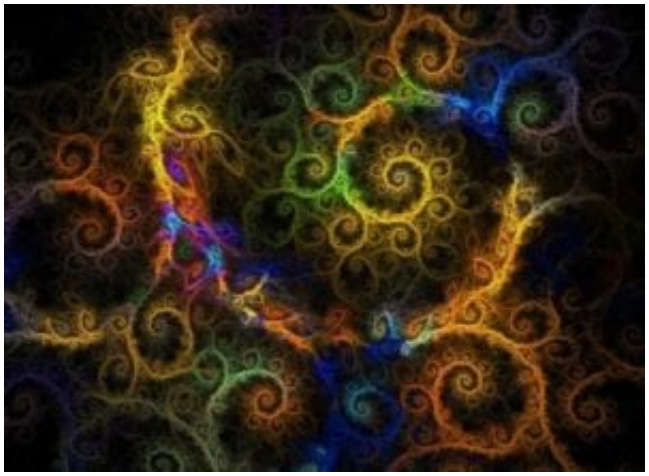


The Math Department and Campus Art club are hosting a Fractal Party from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, November 6, in the Applied Technologies atrium.

Enjoy the wonder and beauty of fractals, which will be displayed the big screen! And learn about this equation: Math + Art = Fractal.

Pizza and soda will be served. For further information, contact Robin at 778-5512



Focus on International Education: Connections with Celaya, Mexico

October 21, 2015

Categories: Featured News

SUNY Broome has increased its international scope with a variety of new programs that draw students from abroad. This is the last in a weekly series of articles on the new programs. ***For the first installment, on the CBYX Program, click here.*** *For the second installment, on the partnership with* ***La Fundación Universitaria Tecnológico Comfenalco, click here.*** *For the third installment, on the* ***SEP – Becalos – Santander Universidades Program, click here****. For the fourth installment, on a program with* ***Novosibirsk State University in Russia, click here****.*

SUNY Broome's relationship with Celaya, Mexico, doesn't just go in one direction.

SUNY Broome students head to the city for a winter term course on the Mathematics of Sustainability. Using the concept of sustainability as it relates to social, economic and environmental capitol, students investigate relevant using arithmetic, algebra, geometry and statistics. **Click here to learn about the course, which runs from Jan. 11 to 23.**

La Universidad de Celaya also sends students to SUNY Broome, via a dual-degree agreement. Students, who are majoring in business, spend a semester here to take courses, hone their English skills and experience American life before returning home to finish their degree.

Typically, the degree program draws a student or two during the fall semester. While there are none this year, SUNY Broome's Office of International Education is working to draw more in the future, said Coordinator Claudia Beebe.

Learn about law enforcement with the Citizen Police Academy

October 20, 2015

Categories: Buzz

Tags: Business and Professional Studies Division

Learn about law enforcement at the 2015 Fall Citizen Police Academy offered by the Binghamton Police Department and Binghamton Housing Authority.

This is an excellent way for citizens — including faculty, staff and students — to get an inside look at the Binghamton Police and better understand the community.

Each week, an officer will highlight a different unit within the BPD, including patrol, detectives, crime scene investigation, K-9, SWAT, firearms training, crime prevention and more.

The class runs at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays from October 21 through December 16 at the BPD Classroom at 38 Hawley Street in Binghamton. To register, contact coordinators Lt. Michael Whalen at 772-7093 or Officer Carl Smith at cesmith@cityofbinghamton.com.

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FitSpace: PTA students help make Rec Park accessible to all

October 20, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Parks provide opportunities to exercise, explore and simply be in the great outdoors. And ideally, they're for everyone: young and old, fitness buff and wheelchair-bound.

Students in SUNY Broome's Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program are aiding in the transformation of one popular local spot into a space that's truly accessible for all. This fall, the City of Binghamton gave the green light to the **OurSpace project,** which will revitalize Recreation Park with interactive PlaySpaces, as well as quiet spaces for reflection.

The plan includes FitSpace, a series of exercise stations along the walking trail. Accessible to people of all ability levels, the equipment includes both aerobic and strength exercises geared toward various parts of the body.

OurSpace chair Jennifer O'Brien wanted to create an area where older children and adults could exercise, explained SUNY Broome's Denise Abrams, chair of the PTA program.

SUNY Broome students rose to the task, guided by Professor Julianne Klepfer. Students had to decide which equipment would be most beneficial for the project, in terms of accessibility and physical fitness. They met with vendors, worked with a budget and decided where to install the stations. For the last, they walked the park in the coldest depths of winter.

"For our students, it was huge. They haven't done anything like that before," Abrams said.

This spring, the students will roll up their sleeves and put FitSpace together. The build period is expected to last much of April, with an opening date in May.

About 52 PTA students, both freshmen and seniors, are involved, as well as 10 who graduated last year, Abrams said.

"They're learning so much about picking out equipment that's suitable for everybody, as well as what goes into planning something like this," she said.

SUNY Broome PTA students involved with FitSpace

Vice President Debbie Morello, Jen O'Brien, Executive Vice President Francis Battisti

Denise Abrams, chair PTA Program; Professor Julianne Klepfer, supervisor of our portion of project; Executive Vice President Francis Battisti; Jen O'Brien, OurSpace Build Coordinator

Blood drive in the Student Village on Oct. 26

October 20, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Save a life — donate blood. The Student Village will host a blood drive from 5 to 9 p.m. October 26. Walk-ins are welcome.

Need help with APA Style? Get help during Common Hour

October 20, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Need help writing in APA style? Drop in Library classroom L-102E at 11 a.m. Thursday to learn how to format your paper and citations.

APA workshops will be offered every Thursday during that time slot, so drop by when you need help!

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It’s not too late to join the SUNY Broome Debate Team!

October 20, 2015

Categories: Featured News

The SUNY Broome debate team held its first interest meeting and is beginning to prepare for an upcoming tournament in Rochester. If you are interested in joining, it’s not too late!

Member Gwendowlyn Davis is very excited about the program and shared her experience and advice for those who are considering joining:

“I wanted to join the debate team because I used to be in debate in high school and that was four years ago. It was the best time of my life. It helped me increase my communication and speaking skills as well as my people skills. I used to be scared to speak in front of crowds, but thanks to debate I have conquered that fear. I hope others will take this opportunity to do so as well!”

To learn more about joining, contact Maureen Kollar at **kollarmk@sunybroome.edu**.

Muslim Student Organization to meet this week

October 20, 2015

Categories: Buzz

MSO, the Muslim Student Organization, will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday, October 21, and Thursday, October 22, in Student Services Room 114. Join us!

SUNY Broome's first annual Oktoberfest is Oct. 24

October 20, 2015

Categories: Buzz

Are you ready for a spooktacular time? Bring your friends and family to SUNY Broome's first annual Oktober Fest from 12 to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 24, on the Quad.

Get lost in our creative hay maze, and don't scream too loud when you walk through our haunted house! Then make your way over to our food, treats, and hot drinks, or dance along with Crew Country Line Dancing. For our younger witches and wizards, brewing up some crafts and fun is all a part of the day. Don't forget to dust off those costumes for our costume contest and our trunk or treating event!

Tickets for activities are available for purchase at the event, which is rain or shine. For more information, contact Maria Montemagno at (607) 760-0613 or montemagnomk@sunybroome.edu.

Hornets Women's Tennis team headed to nationals

October 19, 2015

Categories: Featured News

The SUNY Broome women's tennis team won their seventh Region III title over the weekend and will advance to the National Championships in Peachtree City, Georgia, from October 22 through 24.

The Hornets finished on top with 22 points, while Hudson Valley Community College placed second with 13 points and Mohawk Valley Community College placed third with 11 points.

More information on their current successes can be found at **http://www.bcchornets.com/sports/wten/2015-16/releases/20151015h93do1**

Want to attend BU? Instant Decision Day is Oct. 22

October 19, 2015

Categories: Featured News

SUNY Broome students applying to Binghamton University's arts and sciences or human development programs for Spring 2016 can take advantage of Instant Decision Day from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Oct. 22.

Applicants must have completed 45 credits; a GPA of 3.0 or higher is preferred.Follow these three steps to prepare:

- See Laura Maurer by Monday, Oct. 19, in the Counseling Services Office at Student Services 210 to make an appointment.
- Complete and submit the SUNY Application or the Common Application online by Monday, Oct. 19.
- Keep your appointment on Instant Decision Day. Bring your official transcripts from all previous colleges in official sealed envelope to the Counseling Services Office. SUNY Broome will provide your current transcript. Come prepared to speak with a BU transfer admission counselor about your application and receive an instant admission decision.

Questions? Email transfer@binghamton.edu.**Instant Decision Day 2015**

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The Power of Purpose: What makes you come alive?

October 19, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Students in Professor Jan McCauley's COL 105 course have dreams, some more defined than others. Careers in law, communications, sports medicine. Working with special-needs children. A budding sign language translator.

Many, though, don't really know yet — and that's okay.

"I'm not sure what I want to do, but I thought that experiencing different classes would help," a first-semester student told Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti.

Battisti, a SUNY Broome alumnus himself, visited two Academic Planning seminars on October 19 to spread "the power of purpose." He shared some of his own story. An Endicott native whose father emigrated from Italy by himself at the age of 14, he

received his first degrees in finance and landed a job in new York City — only to discover that he hated the field. He headed back to school for a degree in psychology, and became a college professor, psychotherapist and motivational speaker.

Career paths aren't always straightforward, he noted.

"If you see someone who enjoys what they're doing, ask them how they got there," he advised students.

Battisti listened to students' concerns, and asked them about their aspirations and hometowns. He then led students in an introspective exercise, asking them to think about their passions, their innate strengths and skills, and how they will measure their life's accomplishments.

What makes you come alive? That's a question many students — and former students — may want to visit at various points in their lives, he noted. For now, students' focus remained firmly on getting good grades and keeping their GPA up. They also reflected on their strengths: patience, organization, self-motivation.

New people and new ideas are what McCauley remembers most about her college days.

"Having grown up here in Endwell, it was a kind of coming alive," she said.

Executive Vice President Francis Battisti visits Professor Jan McCauley's Academic Success seminar.

Finish strong! Save Your Semester on Oct. 21

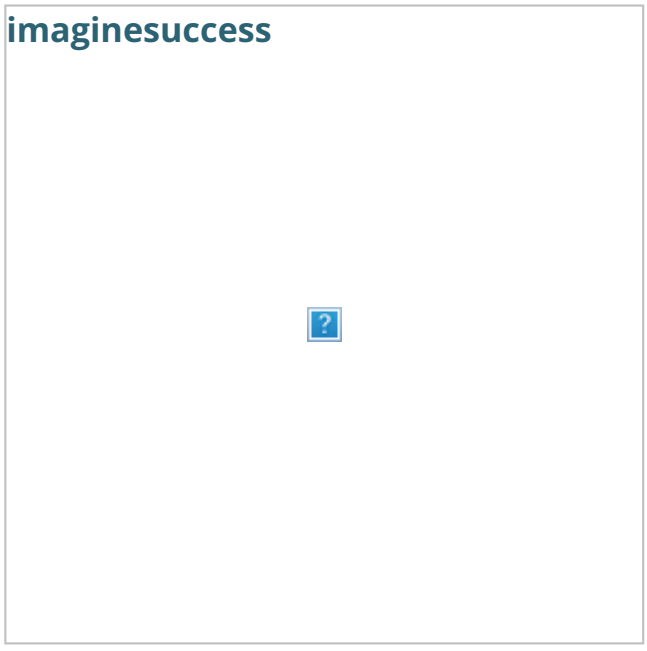
October 19, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Save Your Semester: Head to the Student Center Lobby Wednesday, Oct. 21!

Learn more about the people and services on campus that can help you finish your semester strong. Your finish line is in sight, and we're here to help you get there. Join us in celebrating your journey and recommitting to completing your certificate or degree degree.

The event runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us in the theater at noon for added inspiration. See you there!



Common Hour: Watch ‘Cyber Seniors’ in Decker 201

October 19, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Come watch the humorous and heartwarming feature documentary “Cyber Seniors” from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, October 22, in Decker 201.

This documentary follows senior citizens who participate in a mentor program with young adults, allowing them to expand their knowledge of the digital world and all the possibilities of the Internet.

You will also have a chance to learn about getting involved in service learning and applied learning projects yourself. Stop by!

Students teach computer literacy courses for BDDP.

Oct. 22 Public Deliberation: The Changing World of Work

October 19, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Join faculty presenter Doug Garnar for a two-hour public deliberation on “The Changing World of Work.” The discussion will focus on how colleges should respond to a dynamic work world.

The event runs from 3 to 5 p.m. October 22 in Decker Health Sciences Room 201, and pizza will be served.

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Oct. 22 Common Hour: People and Their Pups

October 19, 2015

Categories: Buzz

Common Hour is going to the dogs on October 22 with a presentation of “People and Their Pups: An Evolutionary Love Story” at 11 a.m. in Titchener 102.

Faculty presenter Lynda Carroll will explore our 20,000 year relationship with man’s best friend, *Canis lupus familiaris.*

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Two-day Campus Shop Sale Oct. 20 and 21

October 19, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Grab some deals during a two-day sale at the Campus Shop on Tuesday, October 20, and Wednesday, October 21.

Sale items include clothing, gifts, backpacks and more. Stop in and check out the sale today!

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TNT Step Team to host Oct. 23 bake sale

October 19, 2015

Categories: Buzz

TNT Step Team is having a Breast Cancer/Domestic Violence Awareness-themed Bake Sale from 12 to 3 p.m. October 23 in the Student Center. Come out and show your support!

Oct. 22 Common Hour: Healthy Relationships Part 2

October 18, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Counseling Services, along with Crime Victims Assistance Center, is hosting a two-part series on Healthy Relationships. October is National Domestic Violence Prevention Month.

Find out how to keep your interpersonal relationships healthy and safe with this interactive presentation, which runs from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, in T-101.

Save a life: Blood drive on Oct. 21 and 22

October 18, 2015

Categories: Buzz

There will be a blood drive in the atrium of the Applied Technology Building from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, October 21, and Thursday, October 22, brought to you by Medical Assisting and Clinical Lab Tech students.

Walk-ins are welcome during the blood drive. Please give blood!

Student Success Squad: 'Who Are You – Multiple Intelligences Inventory' on Oct. 22

October 18, 2015

Categories: Featured News

The Student Success Squad will hold a workshop on "Who Are You – Multiple Intelligences Inventory" from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, in the Library 005 classroom, located on the ground level.

Future workshops include:

- 10/29 Who Are You – Myers Briggs Type Indicator
- 11/5 Who Are You – True Colors
- 11/12 Stretching Every Dollar – Financial Literacy
- 11/19 Tips to Studying and Test-Taking
- 12/3 Managing Stress
- 12/10 Getting Ready For Finals
- 12/17 Study Break

The Monday Poem: ‘Thirty’ by Lauren Alleyne

October 18, 2015
Categories: Buzz
Tags: The Monday Poem

The Monday poem is brought to you by Jim Gormley in the SUNY Broome English Department. Enjoy!

Thirty by Lauren Alleyne

This morning, you start from a dream
seasoned with Bourbon. Last night roils in your stomach,
funks your breath, aches. A message
lights your phone, asking, Did you get home safe?
And as you answer, Yes, you wonder
if this is all it means to grow up: you don’t
learn sense. You still find yourself swirling
in a strange city in your reckless boots,

the hum and shudder of liquor driving your feet.
Still, your heart parades its glitter for would-be lovers,
dissolves as they install themselves
in other women's arms. What you learn
is how to exit with grace. Despite the dark,
the sputtering streetlamp that is your only moon,
you learn to believe the streets will unfold
in the right direction if you just start walking.

3D Lunch and Learn: Traumatic Brain Injury on Oct. 21

October 16, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Traumatic Brain Injuries are the result of a blow to the head, and 15-19 year olds, males and those 65 or older are the most likely to sustain one. Physical, sensory, neurobehavioral and cognitive-communication can be effected and make learning very challenging. Join us for a talk on Traumatic Brain Injury and hear one student's experience on the road to recovery as part of this week's 3D (Dine Discuss Diversity) Lunch and Learn Series sponsored by the President's Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion.

The event runs from 12 to 1 p.m. October 21 in Wales 203B. Bring your lunch and engage in some thought-provoking discussion.

Family fun: Oct. 30 Halloween Hike in our nature preserve

October 16, 2015

Categories: Buzz

Join us Friday, October 30, for a Halloween nature hike in the **SUNY Broome Nature Preserve**! “Trick or Treat” while you learn about the spooky sounds of nature.

This family event is geared for those with children ages 12 and under. Tours start at 4:30, 5, 5:30 and 6 p.m. and meet in the Ice Center parking lot. The cost is $3 per child or $10 per family; accompanying adults are free.

The event is brought to you by the SUNY Broome Ecology Club. Please RSVP Victor Lamoureux at **lamoureuxvs@sunybroome.edu** by October 29.

Sweet music: Renovated space, new practice booths have the Music Program humming

October 16, 2015

Categories: Featured News

The sweet melody of Antonio Caldara's "Sebben, crudele" wafted down the bright hallways of the Campus Services (CS) building. Piano instructor Margaret "Pej" Reitz led a classroom of piano students in exercises, as an aspiring drummer settled down onto the throne in the band room. Nearby, students chatted with each other in the lounge, sprawled on couches that give CS a homey feel.

For SUNY Broome's Music Program, Campus Services is home – the first true home they've had in years. Prior to the 2014-2015 school year, the Music Program was split, with some courses offered in CS and others in the Arts Annex basement. Yes, a basement – windowless and located in the same secure building that houses Public Safety. That posed problems when it came to access and practice space.

"It's definitely a vast improvement. Spatially, it offers a lot more than the Annex did. The

Annex was dingy and dusty," said Calya Perricelli, who first began taking courses at SUNY Broome three years ago. Now in her first semester as a full-time music student, she is majoring in sound engineering and looking forward to a career as a working musician. The singer already has regular gigs with two other musicians, performing regional favorites and Motown covers.

Calya Perricelli works with sound engineering software in the Campus Services building's lab.

Renovations at Campus Services highlight the importance of base aid and state investment on campus. More than just paying the light bills, such funds are critical when it comes to creating program-appropriate classroom space, complete with needed equipment and software. Such investment also keeps programs in line with the latest developments, making them more attractive to the next generation of students.

For SUNY Broome's approximately 90 music students, such amenities include high-tech

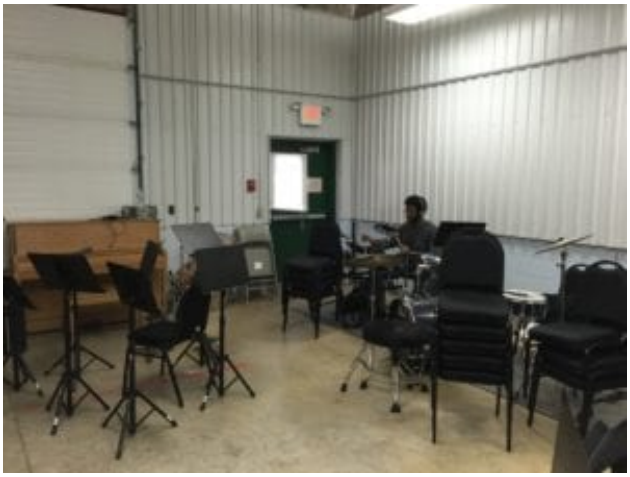
computer labs for the popular sound engineering program. In the near future, they will also include soundproof practice booths, which will enable students to practice even the loudest instruments without disturbing fellow students.

“So I can play without disturbing teachers,” explained Gia Huy Le, a second-year piano major who intends to transfer to SUNY Potsdam’s Crane School of Music to major in composition.

Gia Huy Le is a piano major and plans to transfer to the Crane School of Music.

The lack of soundproof booths has proved a significant obstacle to students such as Le, who has had his practice sessions cut short by classroom instructors. Why? To demonstrate, Music Coordinator Brenda Dawe ducked into Campus Services’ band room – a repurposed loading dock with a concrete floor, a piano and stacked chairs where many of the campus’ bands and ensembles practice.

In one corner, a drummer enthusiastically jams on an electric drum kit, earphones perched on his head. While the electric kit cut down on the sound, it couldn’t eliminate it entirely. The tapping of Alex’s sticks against the electronic pads echoed throughout the cavernous band room – and up along the ductwork in the building’s high ceilings.



Practice makes perfect in the band room. New practice booths will make practice time less noisy.

In the classroom next door, the tap-tap-tapping remained surprisingly loud – even with the door firmly closed.

“It’s like they’re right next to me, even when I’m in my office,” said Dawe. Her office is down the hall.

As a professor, she encourages her students to practice often. As an opera singer, she knows firsthand the importance of constant practice in honing one’s art. It always pricks professors’ hearts when they have to ask students to stop, so their music doesn’t interfere with classes taking place.

“You never want to tell a student not to practice,” Dawe said.

For students such as Perricelli, home isn’t always an option when it comes to practice time. With a full-time job, her only opportunity to practice guitar is when she’s on campus.

Knowing that fellow students can hear every mistake can also be inhibiting, Perricelli noted. There’s a difference between a practice session – one that allows you to try new techniques and build on skills – and a concert.

Students and professors alike are looking forward to their first soundproof practice booths, currently being manufactured and scheduled for installation during winter

break. Booths will include a drum kit – a real one – and an upright piano for students to use.

An upright, however, isn't the same as a grand piano, and that's something the department is still lacking. Piano students are currently consigned to practicing on digital keyboards or one of the building's uprights. They're not equivalent instruments, noted Le. The weight of the keys is different, as are the pedals and the sound dynamics – all of which a young performer needs to keep in mind.

"I had a lot of trouble practicing my piano piece last semester because we don't have a grand piano here to practice on," said Le, whose piece was by Russian composer Sergei Vasilievich Rachmaninoff and required the use of the sostenuto pedal.

In the future, the Music Program will look at replacing the pianos as well as addressing other equipment needs. In the meantime, faculty and students are both looking forward to the practice booths and grateful for the renovations that have already taken place.

"I think there's no stopping this music program. We're getting talent like this " – Dawe said, nodding to Le and Perricelli – "and we have the professors. We just need the facilities."

Focus on International Education: SUNY Broome's Siberian outpost

October 16, 2015

Categories: Featured News

SUNY Broome has increased its international scope with a variety of new programs that draw students from abroad. This is the fourth in a weekly series of articles on the new programs. ***For the first installment, on the CBYX Program, click here.*** *For the second installment, on the partnership with* ***La Fundación Universitaria Tecnológico Comfenalco, click here.*** *For the third installment, on the* ***SEP – Becalos – Santander Universidades Program, click here****.*

Fun fact: SUNY Broome has 40 students in Siberia. Yes, you've read that correctly.

The students are part of a dual degree program in Business, a partnership between the college and Novosibirsk State University in Russia – southwestern Siberia, to be exact.

"They're taking all online courses," said SUNY Broome's International Coordinator

Claudia Beebe.

Students in the course not only gain knowledge pertinent to the business field, but enjoy the opportunity to practice and improve their English language skills.

The college has been working with the university for more than five years. Eventually, Beebe hopes that there will be opportunities to visit Russia.

Orientation at Novosibirsk State University

Honors Program Bake Sale on Oct. 22

October 16, 2015

Categories: Buzz

The Honors Program will hold a bake sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday October 22, on the second floor of the Decker Health Sciences Building. Stop by for some delicious treats and support the Honors Program!

New home for Dean of Students, Housing, Student Activities

October 16, 2015

Categories: Buzz

The new home of the Dean of Students, Housing and Student Activities offices is the second floor of the Old Science Building.

- Dean of Students-Room 227
- Student Activities-Room 227
- Housing Office- Room 223

Dining Hall to close at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16

October 15, 2015

Categories: Buzz

The Dining Hall will be closing at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, due to a special event. Students with a meal plan will be able to get two meals at the same time because of the special circumstances.

What is a Meal Plan?
1 Entree
1 Side
1 Beverage
Hours of Operation
Monday - Friday
Breakfast
7:00-10:00 am
Lunch
10:00am-3:00pm
Dinner
3:00- 7:00pm

Join SUNY Broome's Debate Team

October 15, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Would you like to learn more about the art of debate while improving your research, critical thinking and communication skills? Come to an informational meeting and learn more about being involved in SUNY Broome's Debate Team.

The meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, October 19, in Business Building Room 044. If you cannot make the meeting but are interested or have questions, please contact Maureen Kollar at 607-778-5648 or **kollarmk@sunybroome.edu**.

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Measured Mile walk on Tuesdays at noon

October 15, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Looking to get more steps in your day? Join the Steward of the Campus Natural Areas Victor Lamoureux for a weekly walk in the **Campus Natural Areas**. We will walk the newly placed Measured Mile. The elevation change will work those leg muscles and give a good work out!

We will meet on Tuesdays at 12:00 near the Visitor's dugout of the SUNY Broome baseball field starting October 20.

For questions and to RSVP, contact Victor at **lamoureuxvs@sunybroome.edu**.

A new mile-long walking path gives access to the campus' Nature Preserve

Dean of Students, Housing and Student Activities moving through Oct. 16 afternoon

October 15, 2015

Categories: Buzz

The Dean of Students, Housing and Student Activities offices are currently moving. While the moves should be complete by Friday afternoon, you may temporarily experience response time delays from office staff while systems are reconnected.

Level Playing Field: Used Sporting Goods Wanted

October 15, 2015

Categories: Buzz

Mary Gilbert's son is collecting gently used bats, mitts, rackets, sticks, and balls for DoSomething.org The equipment is donated to youth in need so that everyone has a chance to play. Please consider donating. Contact Mary at **gilbertma@sunybroome.edu**.

LEVEL PLAYING FIELD

ESPN is teaming up with DoSomething.org to collect sports equipment to donate to youth in need so that everyone has a chance to play.

WHEN AND WHERE

OCTOBER 19 - OCTOBER 28, 2015

Will pick up locally: Call Alex at 607-727-2931
or email: gilbertma@sunybroome.edu

Drop off your equipment from 6-8 any day
6 Jerome Avenue Binghamton

WHAT TO BRING

Oct. 21 CJES Presentation: Everything You Wanted to Know About the DA's Office, But Didn't Know to Ask

October 15, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Tags: Business and Professional Studies Division

Curious about the Broome County District Attorney's Office? The Criminal Justice & Emergency Services Department has the presentation for you!

Professors Kerry Weber and Darin Schmidt will present "Everything You Wanted to Know About the Broome County District Attorney's Office, But Did Not Know to Ask" during two sessions on Wednesday, October 21, in Applied Technology 200. Sessions run from 1 to 1:50 p.m. and 2 to 2:50 p.m.

The following questions will be answered by the Broome County District Attorney's Office:

- What is the most effective way of combating the prescription drug, heroin and methamphetamine problem in this area?
- What are the positives and negatives of raising the age of proposal to 18 for juveniles? How will this impact your office?
- Pertaining to the designated felony act, what is the criteria for waiving a juvenile into adult court in NY? What factors are taken into consideration?
- What is the procedure within your office for contacting the crime victims and connecting with the crime victim's advocates?

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Honors Program: Spring 2016 Applications Now Being Accepted

October 15, 2015
Categories: Featured News

Are you looking for classes that challenge you to think more deeply and insightfully? If so, the SUNY Broome Honors Program is for you!

Our Honors classes are smaller than average college classes, so you will learn in a more intimate environment. They are also taught by some of our most respected and creative faculty, and will encourage you to see the world in new ways.

Applications for the Spring 2016 semester are now being accepted. You can learn more and apply online at: **https://mycollege.sunybroome.edu/web/honors-program/home**

- Courses offered in Spring 2016 include:
- CLT 208 H02: Pathogenic Microbiology
- CLT 209L H12: Pathogenic Microbiology Laboratory
- HON 107 H01: Honors Seminar, Frontiers in Science
- ENG 111 H17: College Writing II (Honors — Writing about Science)
- BIT 143 HB1: Social Media Campaigns: Targeting and Analytics
- ECO 110 WH1: Micro-Economics
- HIS 117 H01: World History II

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BSU to hold Oct. 30 bake sale

October 14, 2015

Categories: Buzz

The Black Student Union will be holding a Halloween Bake Sale from 12 to 3 p.m. October 30 in the Student Center Lobby. Come by and get delicious sweet treats for a low price. Support your fellow students!

Facing fear: Expert tips from a professor on confronting college fright

October 14, 2015

Categories: Featured News

CollegeFears

College can seem costly and intimidating. Many first generation college students feel especially lost and afraid — mostly because they have no one with prior experience to tell them what to expect in college.

With that in mind, I asked my peers some about their common fears and worries. These

are the results:

- “Not graduating in time and my parents having to pay more money because of it.”
- “Getting lazy with just doing the bare minimum instead of working to my full potential.”
- “Studying this major and finding out that it’s not what I want to do for the rest of my life.”
- “Failing.”
- “Having all this college debt with no job.”
- “Not being able to find a job once I graduate.”
- “Not living up to my parents’ expectations.”

Now, none of these fears seem far-fetched. I decided to go to Dr. William Altman, a psychology professor here at SUNY Broome, for a more professional opinion on how to deal with these common fears.

I ended up getting a lot more than I bargained for! Not only did he answer my questions on how to deal with these fears, he also imparted some very valuable life lessons. He began by saying, “The best way to deal with your fears is face them.” As obvious as that seems, most people don’t do this. Dr. Altman, however, gave some practical advice in facing college fears.

Do your research

The best way to succeed in college is doing your research and gathering beneficial resources, he advised. One great resource he mentioned was ONETonline.org, a website where you can find a career based on your interests and the most current data relating to that career such as the employment rate, how to find jobs in that field, the average pay, the years of college or experience needed and where you can get both. Another great website is Grants.gov, which shows all different types of grants available. Worried about paying off those loans? There’s a public service and teacher fellowship

loan forgiveness programs, which pay off your student loans after a certain number of years on the job. Not many people know about these things, but there are hundreds of resources out there to help us prosper on our road to success.

'Do what you love – in a way that makes sense'

When talking about pleasing others versus choosing a career path or major you truly want, Dr. Altman shared several important statements.

First, "Do what you love in ways that make sense." He followed this with a story of an old acquaintance, a painter who also worked in a pizza shop. He'd save and save and save until he had enough money to stop working for a few years, devote that time to his paintings and then go back to work once the money was gone. While unconventional, he made everything work for him. Having a financial security blanket so you can truly do what you love is always an option. People should never think that they can't do what they love and make money from it, because it's entirely possible.

Second, "Failure is not an option; failure is a requirement. Fear is useful. Fear alerts us and makes us consider things. Too much fear can paralyze you." For a different perspective on fear and rejection, Dr. Altman discussed cognitive therapy. He explained the process as taking something you believe to be true – such as a particular fear — and testing it like a hypothesis. Once it is proven wrong, you no longer need to accept your doubt or fear as truth. Amazing right? It's that simple. So is channeling your fear as motivation rather than a hindrance. To avoid being paralyzed, ask yourself, "What am I going to do with this fear?"

These types of fears don't change overnight; they take time and determination to work through. These words of wisdom from Dr.Altman definitely helped me and will hopefully help you on your college journey. One last tip: writing out your goals and having them on your wall somewhere visible gives you a greater chance at achieving them. They're in your face every day, a constant reminder of what you want to do and can easily achieve if you truly want it.

Writer Samantha Figueroa is a SUNY Broome student.

Alien Invasions: Rod Serling's 'The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street' and Gore Vidal's 'Visit to a Small Planet'

October 14, 2015

Categories: Featured News

SUNY Broome Theater, for the first time ever, will be performing a Rod Serling "Twilight Zone" episode as a part of its fall production. The director, cast and crew are currently rehearsing for "Alien Invasions: Rod Serling's Twilight Zone and Gore Vidal's Visit to a Small Planet."

The two early television plays about outer space invaders are set to perform Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 19, 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. Gore Vidal's "Visit to a Small Planet" is a satirical look at American social and political mores. The Twilight Zone episode we are presenting is the famous "The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street."

All involved are delighted to be able to bring the work of our area's most distinguished artist to the stage.

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Poinsettia sale to benefit Health for Haiti

October 14, 2015

Categories: Featured News

The SUNY Broome Garden Club is taking orders for holiday wreaths and poinsettias through the month of October.

The wreaths and poinsettias will be delivered from Nanticoke Gardens during the first week of December. Five dollars from each sale will help to support the Health for Haiti clean water and community garden initiatives.

To order, please email: **broomegarden@gmail.com**

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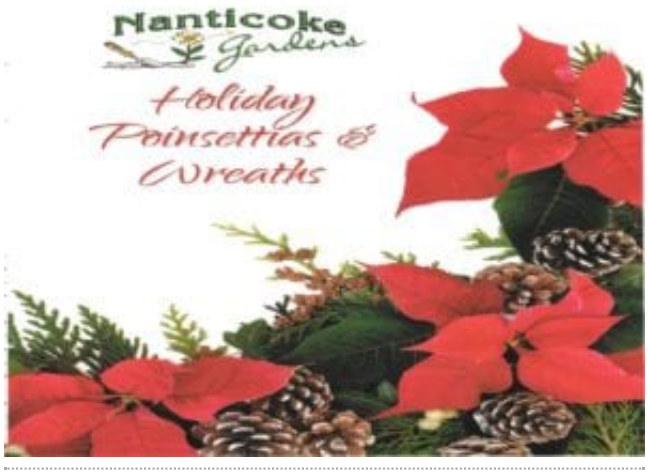
Nanticoke
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Donations needed: Coat Drive extended to Nov. 5

October 14, 2015

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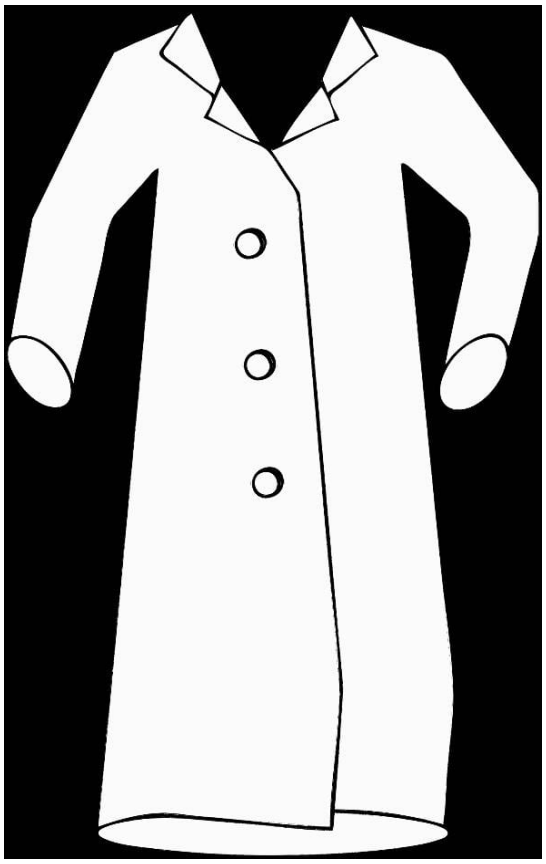

Help campus stay warm this winter! Student Assembly will hold a coat drive on Nov. 5, in the Student Center lobby from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., while coats last.

Please consider donating a coat before the event so that the Student Assembly can get an initial inventory. Coats will be distributed on Nov. 5. Drop off donations in the box outside of Science Building 107 until the day of the coat drive.

Donate a coat to a student in need, donate a coat and take a coat yourself, or simply take a coat of your choice while supplies last. (There is a limit of one coat per student.)

All donations should be clean and presentable. Thank you for your time and efforts to help students!

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Recruiting for SUNY Broome Drag Show

October 13, 2015

Categories: Featured News

SUNY Broome will be hosting a Drag Show on October 30 and we want you to join our five local celebrity Drag Queens, who will be here to entertain and raise money for the BC Center. We are looking for students who are interested in participating in this entertaining event and worthy cause.

Put on your best flare and some fabulous hair. Top contestants will be awarded prizes!!

If you are interested in showing off your talent, you must first register. Contact Melissa Martin in Counseling Services SS-210 or 778-5210 or via email at **martinmm2@sunybroome.edu**. Spots are limited.

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Learn about Healthy Relationships at an Oct. 15 discussion

October 13, 2015

Categories: Featured News

October is Domestic Violence Prevention Awareness Month. Counseling Services, along with Crime Victims Assistance Center is hosting a two part series on Healthy Relationships and Healthy Dating.

Please join us for this interactive discussion from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, October 15, in Titchener 101.

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Oct. 15 Common Hour: Liberals and Conservatives

October 13, 2015

Categories: Buzz

Faculty presenters Lee Whitted and Rey Wojdat will lead the Oct. 15 Common Hour discussion “Politics 101: Liberals and Conservatives” at 11 a.m. in T-102.

The current divide between liberals and conservatives defines the political landscape of our day. Yet. do we really know what distinguishes these political heavyweights who will decide our future?

What changes in the federal financial aid process mean for you

October 13, 2015
Categories: Featured News

Starting with the 2017-2018 school year, students will be able to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) earlier and more easily, easing the college application process.

President Barack Obama recently announced the change, which will allow tax information from two years prior to enrollment, known as prior-prior year (PPY), rather than one year. That means that students no longer have to wait until January 1 – or until they have filed their taxes, usually in the spring – to complete the FAFSA.

Under the new system, students will be able to complete the FAFSA in October 2016 for the 2017-2018 school year, using information from the income tax return completed two years prior.

It will also be easier to submit a FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT), which allows automatic population of a student's form with tax return data. DRT will be available to millions more students and families nationwide under PPY, since tax data from two-years prior would be readily available upon application.

With students submitting their FAFSA sooner, SUNY Broome's Financial Aid office will be able to collect required verification information more quickly, too – making sure students have their financial aid awards in place well before they graduate from high school or finish the spring semester. The longer timeframe also allows our staff to be able to work with students who need it the most, ironing out problems.

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International speaker on human trafficking and child slavery to visit SUNY Broome on October 19

October 13, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Educator, activist and author Carol Metzker will discuss human trafficking and child slavery during a visit to SUNY Broome on October 19.

The presentation and Q & A session will run from 3 to 4:30 p.m. October 19 in Decker Health Sciences Building Room 201.

Metzker is an expert on the legal, social, and ethical problem of human trafficking in many countries, as well as in the U.S. She is the author of The World's Dirtiest Secret: From Revelation to Action, a Journey to Help Survivors of Child Slavery and Facing the Monster: How One Person Can Fight Child Slavery. She is a well-known blogger on Free the Slaves, a platform for dialogue about how slavery affects communities around the world and what can be done about it. Mezker is also the recipient of Rotary International's highest distinction, the Service Above Self Award.

A glimpse into the topic of her presentation here at SUNY Broome:

An invisible, growing monster roams the streets, preying on millions of innocent victims in the United States and overseas. This monster is child slavery, and it is woven into the very fabric of our daily lives. Because it touches every aspect of our lives, however, it can be addressed and solved. Author Carol Hart Metzker calls attention to the plight of the world's children who live a life of modern slavery. An unexpected encounter with an eleven-year-old girl led her into the dark world of human trafficking, forced sex trade, and child slavery. Metzker's quest to find hope, to help end slavery, and to aid survivors took her as far as children's shelters in remote villages in India and as close as a special home just miles from her front door in Pennsylvania. Metzker will share the stories of rescued child slaves and paint a poignant picture of the plight of hidden victims worldwide. Metzker's inspiring chronicle will reveal the monstrous truths about child slavery, provide an action plan to become an agent of change, and present solutions to end it.

This event promises to be an informative and inspiring conversation. Please join us.

Black Student Union General Body Meetings

October 13, 2015

Categories: Buzz

SUNY Broome's Black Student Union will hold its general body meetings from 3 to 4 p.m. every Wednesday in Old Science Building Room 105.

Meetings will include hot topics of discussion. Come and be a part of the conversation!

Needed: Volunteers and performers for BSU talent show

October 13, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Its that time of year again! The SUNY Broome Black Student Union will be hosting their third annual talent show.If you are interested a being a participant or volunteering, email **bsunion1968@gmail.com**. Audition dates will be announced soon.

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Martin Luther Scholarship Pasta Dinner on Oct. 16

October 13, 2015

Categories: Featured News

The Martin Luther Scholarship Pasta Dinner will run from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, in the SUNY Broome Dining Hall.

Tickets are $5 and include dinner and entertainment. For tickets, contact Debbie Morello at (607) 778-5199 or Naomi Branch at (607) 723-2361.

Student Village Red Cross Blood Drive on Oct. 26

October 13, 2015

Categories: Buzz

Save a life: donate blood at the Red Cross blood drive from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday, October 26, in the Student Village. To sign up, please visit **redcrossblood.org** and use sponsor code SUNYVillage.

Regular flu shot schedule resumes Thursday

October 13, 2015

Categories: Buzz

Flu shots will be given in the Student Village from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, October 14, and in the Student Health Services Office from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

We resume our regular flu shot schedule on Thursday, October 15, in the Student Health Services Office, Science Building Room 102:

Monday, Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 3 pm

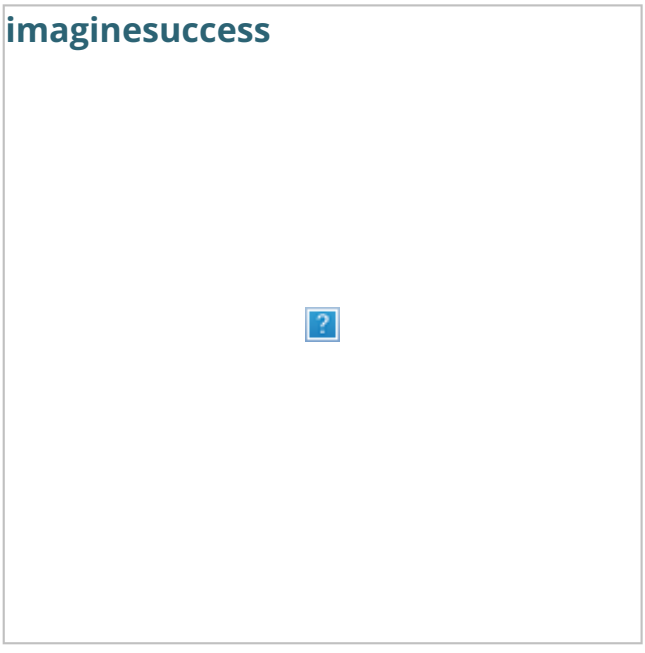
Oct. 15 Success Seminar: How is it going in college so far?

October 12, 2015

Categories: Featured News

The EOP program will hold a Midterms group activity and “How is it going in college so far?” discussion from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, October 15, in Wales 203B.

Future Success Seminars include:

- “Plan to Finish Well” from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, November 19, in Wales 203B
- The EOP Meet and Greet from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, February 11, at a location to be announced
- “How to Turn Obstacles into Triumphs” from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 11, at a location to be announced
- “How to Keep Your Eyes on the Prize” from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 7, at a location to be announced
- 

Student Success Squad: ‘Reading Strategy in 5 Simple Steps’ on Oct. 15

October 11, 2015

Categories: Featured News

The Student Success Squad will hold a workshop on “Reading Strategy in 5 Simple Steps” from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, in the Library 005 classroom, located on the ground level.

Future workshops include:

- 10/22 Who Are You – Multiple Intelligences Inventory
- 10/29 Who Are You – Myers Briggs Type Indicator
- 11/5 Who Are You – True Colors
- 11/12 Stretching Every Dollar – Financial Literacy
- 11/19 Tips to Studying and Test-Taking
- 12/3 Managing Stress
- 12/10 Getting Ready For Finals
- 12/17 Study Break

Focus on Academic Services

Save a life: Sign up for the campus blood drive from Oct. 14-16

October 11, 2015

Categories: Buzz

There will be a blood drive in the atrium of the Applied Technology Building from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, October 21, and Thursday, October 22, brought to you by Medical Assisting and Clinical Lab Tech students.

Sign ups for the blood drive will take place in the lobbies of the Student Center and Titchener buildings Wednesday through Friday from October 14 through 16. Walk-ins are also welcome during the blood drive. Please give blood!

BLOOD DRIVE

The Monday Poem: ‘Everything Happens Twice’ by Eve Robillard

October 11, 2015
Categories: Buzz
Tags: The Monday Poem

The Monday poem is brought to you by Jim Gormley in the SUNY Broome English Department. Enjoy!

Everything Happens Twice by Eve Robillard

That bird sitting dazed on the railing
has flown into your window before.

The dead-end street you’ve turned onto-
You did that just last month. The boss

calling you into his office

has nothing new to say.

There are only so many scripts.
Everything happens twice.

The friend who borrows your raincoat
will borrow your raincoat tomorrow. The parent

who never loved you enough
is doing it from the grave. You are writing

the very same poem
over & over again they are playing

that old, old song but it's never
the very last dance. So smile at the guy

who drinks too much-
the one with forget-me-not eyes. Sleep

with the one who calls you
by another woman's name.

The
Monday
Poem

Overcoming obstacles: SUNY Broome, Sheriff's Office create the Confidence Course

October 9, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Tags: Business and Professional Studies Division

Without missing a beat, the runners reached up for the rungs and swung effortlessly on the monkey bars. Another sprint, and then they leaped on platforms, bypassed the stairs with a quick jump in the gravel and then lumbered through a dual row of tires.

The trial didn't end there. They teetered precariously on logs over a pit of murky water and then sprinted uphill, leaping a wall and then clambering through plastic pipes. Then, they ran again through the woods, before one final sprint.

Law enforcement officers never know what they'll face on patrol – a foot race, a clamber over a fence, a race across uncertain terrain. The new Confidence Course, a partnership between SUNY Broome and the Broome County Sheriff's Office, will help them prepare for the physical challenges of the job.

“These are things officers when they are on patrol chasing somebody will come across,” Broome County Sheriff David Harder said Oct. 8, during the course’s grand opening. “We designed the course that way.”

The course is built on college property, adjacent to both the sheriff’s office and the college’s nature preserve. Many local businesses contributed to the course’s creation.

The project came about organically, said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. Graduates from SUNY Broome’s Criminal Justice program who were accepted into the Law Enforcement Academy found that they were prepared academically – but fell short on some of the physical requirements, he noted.

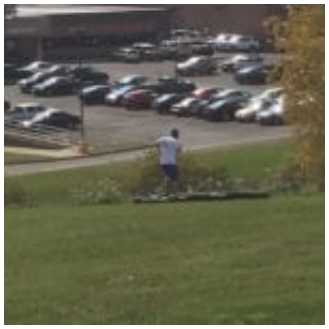
The Criminal Justice program recently held a **Mock Physical Fitness Screening Test** to help them prepare for what they’ll face in the academy, and started a department Fitness Club to boost awareness.

Criminal Justice students will use the Confidence Course for training, in addition to academy recruits – a move that will help them prepare for their future careers.

“Building partnerships has been a high priority for the college,” President Drumm said.

Both Academy recruits and Criminal Justice students ran the course Thursday for viewers. While many were in excellent shape, they were visibly challenged by the constant need to run, jump, climb and crawl.

“We’ve got some work to do,” Broome County Sheriff’s Deputy Sgt. Sam Davis told two young recruits as they crossed the finish line.



SUNY Broome and the

Broome County Sheriff's Office unveil the new Confidence Course to train future law enforcement officers

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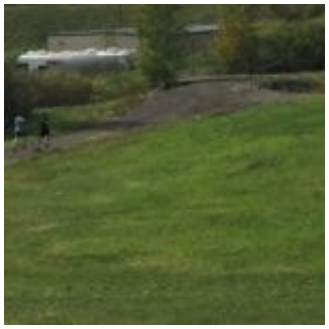


SUNY Broome welcomes a record number of Presidential Honors Scholars

October 9, 2015

Categories: Featured News

The grand stairway in Decker Health Sciences seemed a bit crowded on Oct. 7, as recipients of this year's Presidential Honors Scholarship gathered for photos.

And with good reason. This year, the Broome Community College Foundation awarded the full-tuition scholarships to 16 students – a record number. The foundation had received nearly 70 applicants from high schools in Broome, Chenango, Delaware and Tioga counties.

"It's our attempt to help keep our best and brightest in Broome County," said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm.

The bar is high for applicants. To qualify, they needed to graduate in the top 10 percent of their class. Like their predecessors, this year's Scholars completed a rigorous

academic curriculum in high school that included AP, Honors, and college coursework. They were also active in their school and community in other ways, ranging from part-time employment, community service and academic clubs to mentoring programs and athletics.

“It feels amazing because it shows our hard work really pays off,” said Ashlyn Decker, a graduate of Bainbridge-Guilford High School now majoring in dental hygiene. She plans to go on to dental school someday, she said.

Stella Safari, a Johnson City High School graduate, plans to major in business administration and eventually start a nonprofit “to help people in need.” Her family had moved to Broome County from Rwanda when she was five.

Being able to earn a degree without going into debt is a huge relief, she noted.

“I feel that the donors are a huge part of it, the fact that they’re donating money to people’s education,” she said.

This year’s recipients are:	***High School***
Ishaq Ahmad	*Binghamton High School*
Ellen Armstrong	*Vestal High School*
Ashlyn Decker	*Bainbridge-Guilford High School*
Mariah Fredenburg	*Central Baptist Christian Academy*
Scott Gardner	*Owego Free Academy*
Emily Gibson	*Seton Catholic Central High School*
Zane Johnson	*Spencer Van-Etten High School*
Jared Leonard	*Deposit High School*

Ryan McMahon	*Harpursville High School*
Megan Pessarchick	*Windsor High School*
Jacob Rossie	*Chenango Valley High School*
Stella Safari	*Johnson City High School*
Tanner Schunk	*Sidney High School*
Taylor Thomas	*Chenango Forks High School*
Kathryn Wills	*Binghamton High School*
Bryan Ziegler	*Maine-Endwell High School*

‘Separate yourself from the pack’

While the scholarship undoubtedly changes the lives of recipients, it also helps shape Broome County’s future. By recruiting top area high school graduates with leadership skills, the college – and the region – is able to retain top talent who might otherwise leave, said President Drumm.

And while the college does attract students from across the state and even across the globe, its local mission remains exceptionally strong. Nearly two-thirds of the college’s nearly 50,000 alumni have remained in the area, becoming professionals and leaders in all manner of fields, from business to politics. Their ranks include five of the seven Broome County executives, he noted.

Among those success graduates is former PHS recipient Nathan Dean, who graduated from SUNY Broome last May with a degree in Communications and Media Arts. A graduate of Newark Valley High School in 2012, Dean has found work in his field at

Owego-based radio station WEBO. He began as a news reporter and has since been promoted to news director, he told students.

“I didn’t go to Harvard. I didn’t go to Yale. But here I am, working in my field,” he told students. “I’m loving what I’m doing each and every day.”

He advised students to make the most of their time at SUNY Broome: join clubs and organization, become tutors, become acquainted with the college’s many services and staff members. Forge connections and network with each other as fellow high achievers.

“Always look for ways to separate yourself from the pack,” he advised.

A commitment to community

The scholarship began in the fall of 2007, funded initially by the Conrad and Virginia Klee Foundation and an anonymous donor, and developed by former SUNY Broome President Lawrence Spraggs and former BCC Foundation executive director Judy Siggins.

While Conrad Klee passed away in 1962, he would certainly have approved of scholarships. An insurance man, he and his wife Virginia never had children of their own. But both believed strongly in higher education, and privately paid for the education of friends and family members, said Judith Peckham, executive director of the Klee Foundation.

The Presidential Honors Scholarships were created to give recognition to the region’s high achievers, and not just students in need, Peckham noted.

“We need you to help build that healthy community,” she told students.

Donors also received recognition and praise during the event, and had a chance to offer their congratulations in turn. The community is proud of the students, who are all future leaders, said Jeff Lake, the regional president of NBT Bank, of the scholarship’s

donors.

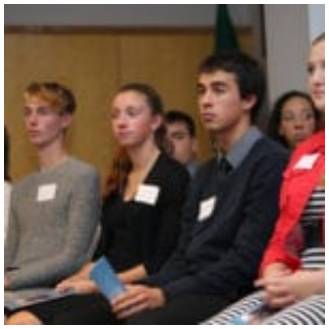
Start-up funding and on-going support for the Presidential Honors Scholarship Program is provided by the Conrad and Virginia Klee Foundation and other donors to the BCC Foundation; Estate of Emil Calice, Dr. G. Clifford & Florence B. Decker Foundation, Delta Engineers, William H. Lane, Inc., Lockheed Martin (MS2), M&T Bank, Matco Electric Corporation, Mirabito Holdings, Inc., NBT Bank and NBT-Mang Insurance have also made leadership level commitments to provide full-tuition scholarship support to PHS students. Other supporters include Chemung Canal Trust Company, Community Bank, N.A., and LeChase Construction Services.

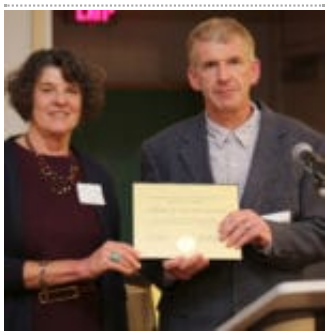
The reception was a proud moment for Stella Safari's father and sister, who watched her receive the certificate from Wilson and Drumm.

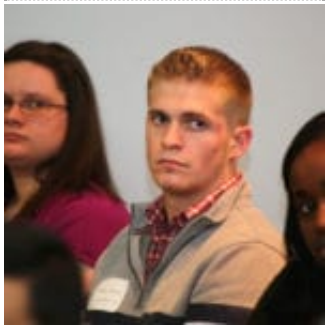
"She has been so great in high school all along," said her father, Richard Safari. "It is gratifying to see her earn this scholarship."

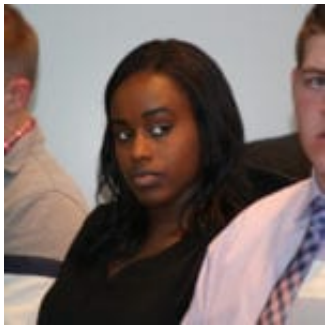
If you are a Broome or Tioga County high school senior interested in applying for the next round of Presidential Honors Scholarships or for more information on the program, please contact SUNY Broome's Admissions Office at (607) 778-5001 or the BCC Foundation at (607) 778-5047.

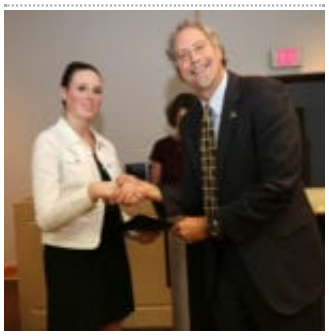
The 2015 Presidential Honors Scholarship reception

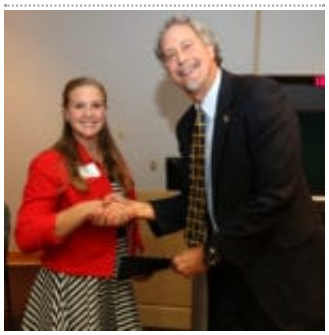












Make a difference: Join the Dean of Students Team

October 9, 2015

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Want to make a difference? Join the club!

No, literally, join the club: the SUNY Broome Dean of Students Team!

The Dean of Students Team is a volunteer organization open to all SUNY Broome students. Dean of Students Team volunteers host activities and events on behalf of the Dean of Students Office and other campus life departments. Volunteering as a Dean of Students Team member will allow you to develop your leadership skills, connect you with other students on campus, and will enhance your experience at SUNY Broome.

The team meets from 11 to 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday in old Science Building Room 106. Look for the table with candy, and check us out **on the SWARM!**

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New edition of Broome Magazine now available

October 9, 2015

Categories: Buzz

We are pleased to share with you the brand new edition of our SUNY Broome Alumni Magazine, Broome.

Click here to read the magazine:

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Save the Date: PTA students to present ‘Cultural Competence in Healthcare’ on Nov. 9

October 8, 2015

Categories: Featured News

SUNY Broome’s senior Physical Therapy Assistant students invite you to their annual presentations on Cultural Competence in Healthcare.

The event runs from 9:30 to 11 a.m. November 9 in the Decker Health Sciences atrium.

Come and explore various cultures and their healthcare practices, and learn some valuable information regarding the provision of more culturally competent healthcare.

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Dr. Jesse Boring Publishes Randomized Control Trial in Prestigious Academic Journal

October 8, 2015

Categories: Buzz

Assistant Professor Dr. Jesse Boring (Psychology & Human Services) has published a research paper in the October issue of the Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology (JCCP). JCCP is one of the most influential journals in the field of Clinical Psychology.

Dr. Boring's paper details his randomized trial of CoD-CoD, an online program for children of divorce. The trial showed that CoD-CoD reduced mental health problems, improved coping and provided the greatest benefits for youth at greatest risk. For every 11 participants, CoD-CoD prevented one clinically significant mental health problem. Thus, if the program were broadly used it's likely that thousands of mental health disorder could be prevented.

Dr. Boring is currently offering the CoD-CoD program at **www.cod-cod.com**.

Beauty around us: SUNY Broome's Nature Preserve

October 8, 2015

Categories: Featured News

A slight breeze shifted the changing leaves on the hillside as a flicker darted over the trail, its bobbing flight marking it as a member of the woodpecker family.

While the summer had been dry, some of the wetlands were still filled with murky water and ringed with reeds. Frogs plopped into the water as footsteps approached, too quickly to be caught by a camera.

SUNY Broome's Nature Preserve is a little-known campus asset. A new mile-long nature trail, however, makes this a fine time to get acquainted.

"We're hoping to have more student involvement," said Biology Professor Victor Lamoureux, who is also the Steward of the Campus Natural Areas. "We'd like to see more interdisciplinary work."

The campus owns approximately 125 acres in an odd-shaped lot that reaches around the Broome County Sheriff's Office to the surrounding hillside. The newly built nature trail represents the first phase of the natural areas project, which will eventually give access to other parts of the parcel as well.

The mile-long trail begins behind the baseball field, near Campus Services. Community members can park along Lt. Van Winkle Drive, across from BAGSAI, and walk over.

On a gray late September day, a half-dozen monarch butterflies drifted from flower to flower on the hillside as Lamoureux led a trek. He pointed out the new amenities, including information kiosks, a bridge, a gazebo and six new wetlands built by the Upper Susquehanna Coalition. Some of them are fenced, to show the difference between ecosystems with and without deer access.

Phase B of the project is expected to take shape next year. But there are challenges, namely a 4-foot deep gorge. Engineering students will be working on a bridge to cross it, Lamoureux said.

Biology students already use the nature preserve, as do students collecting ticks for Lyme disease research. But Lamoureux hopes to see more, whether art students seeking to paint a beautiful landscape or budding poets seeking to describe nature in verse.

He plans to begin offering nature hikes through the preserve every Tuesday. If you're interested in exploring the campus' natural beauty with a knowledgeable guide, you may want to consider lacing up your boots to join him.

"We can use this," he said of the preserve. "We can walk through here."

A mile-long walking path gives access to the campus' Nature Preserve

Focus on International Education: Drawing top STEM students from Mexico

October 8, 2015

Categories: Featured News

SUNY Broome has increased its international scope with a variety of new programs that draw students from abroad. This is the second in a weekly series of articles on the new programs. ***For the first installment, on the CBYX Program, click here.*** *For the second installment, on the partnership with* ***La Fundación Universitaria Tecnológico Comfenalco, click here.***

Careers in STEM — science, technology, engineering and math – have a global appeal in an increasingly technological world. For one group of STEM students, prospects of working in a high-tech field have led them across international boundaries – and to the SUNY Broome campus.

The SEP – Becalos – Santander Universidades Program has drawn 10 students from five different technical universities in Mexico: Universidad Tecnológica de Saltillo,

Universidad Tecnológica de Chihuahua, Universidad Tecnológica El Retoño, Universidad Politécnica de Cuautitlán Izcalli, and Universidad Politécnica de Santa Rosa Jáuregui

Applicants are among the best 300 students in Mexican technological and polytechnic universities. They spend one semester abroad, immersing themselves culturally and academically at an American college. In their home countries, the students are majoring in fields that include energy, metrology, industrial engineering, the industrial process, mechatronics and solar energy.

This is the program's first year at SUNY Broome, and plans are under way to expand it in the future. Dr. Alberto Miller, director of SUNY Broome's Department of International Education and Study Abroad programs, plans to visit each of the universities in Mexico to further develop ties.

The students – seven male and three female – are living in local apartments, said SUNY Broome's International Coordinator Claudia Beebe.

"This is the first time they have left home, and they're learning how to live," she explained.

It's an experience shared by many college students, regardless of nationality: fending for yourself, making your own food and doing your own laundry, as well as balancing studies with social interaction.

The students have already joined the International Student Organization and Lingonet, and also volunteer.

"They love to dance," Beebe said. "They have a great time together."

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Dance Team Bake Sale on October 15

October 8, 2015

Categories: Buzz

Support the Dance Team and get a sweet treat during a bake sale from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. October 15 in the Student Center, outside the Cafe and Bookstore.

SUNY Broome to host ‘A Night of Drag’ on Oct. 30 **updated**

October 8, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Help us welcome Cher and Marilyn Monroe to the SUNY Broome campus!

A Night of Drag, SUNY Broome’s first drag show and competition, will be held October 30 at the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre. Please join us for a fun-filled, adult-themed night of entertainment and good times. The event is a fundraiser for the BC Center.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Admission is $10 for students and $15 for community members, faculty and staff. Tickets are available in advance through Melissa Martin in SS 210 or Mary Whittaker in TH 210, or at the door the night of the event.

Students who are interested in participating in the competition should contact Melissa Martin in Counseling Services SS 210, **martinmm2@sunybroome.edu** or 778-5210.

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National Moment of Silence for Umpqua Community College

October 7, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Many thanks to all those in the campus community who signed the banner of support for **Umpqua Community College**. We will be sharing images of the banner on Umpqua Community College's social media sites.

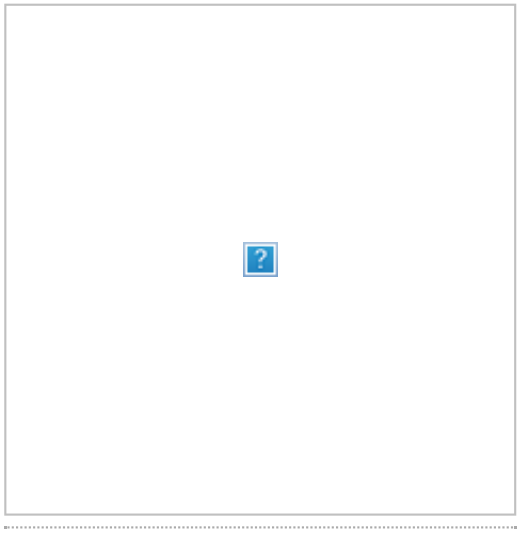
We invite you to participate in a National Moment of Silence for Umpqua at 2 p.m. EST on Thursday, October 8.

Student workers must submit their time by Oct. 8

October 6, 2015

Categories: Buzz

With the upcoming Columbus Day Holiday, staff and student workers must submit their time by 9 p.m. on Thursday, October 8. Time must be approved by 12 p.m. on Friday, October 9.



SUNY Broome shares messages of support with Umpqua Community College

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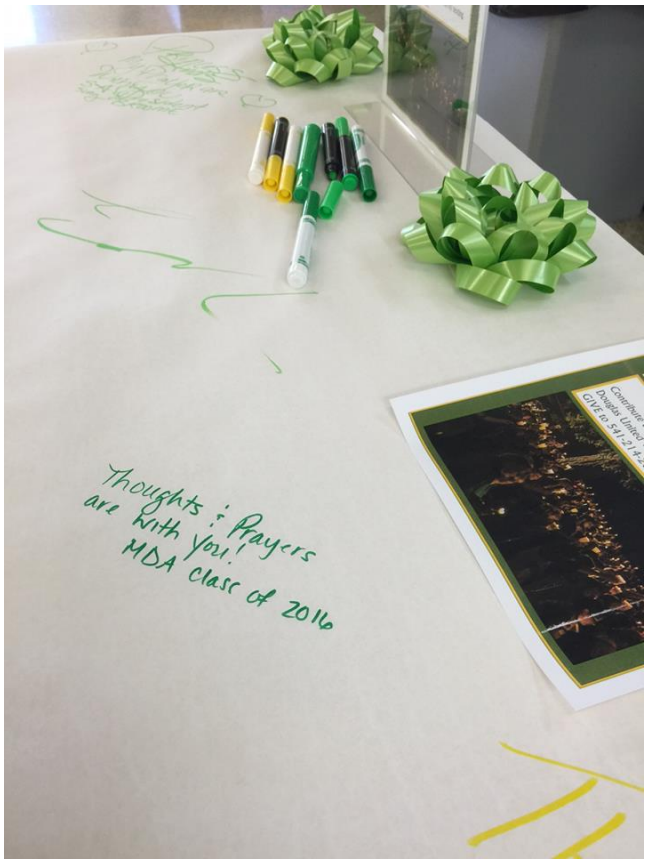
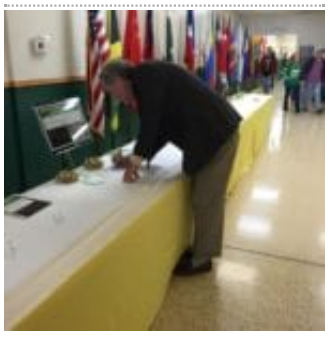


The SUNY Broome community shared its messages of support and solidarity with Umpqua Community College.

As an expression of our sympathies and our solidarity among community college academic communities nationwide, the campus observed a 5-minute moment of silence Monday morning between classes at 10:50 a.m. The campus community was also encouraged to wear green and gold, Umpqua school colors, in memory of those who were killed so senselessly.

Students, faculty and staff — including SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm — also penned messages of support on a banner in the Student Center. The banner will be sent to the Umpqua community.



BCC Foundation to host reception honoring recipients of Presidential Honors Scholarship

October 6, 2015

Categories: Buzz

SUNY Broome President Dr. Kevin Drumm announced the College will host a reception honoring sixteen new recipients of the Presidential Honors Scholarship at **5 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2015, in the Klee Center of the Decker Building.**

A record number of 16 recipients were selected and demonstrate great potential to excel both inside and outside of the classroom, become engaged in campus-related activities, and emerge as student leaders. SUNY Broome has become their first choice, as these students are among the best and brightest in the area.

The new recipients are:	***High School***
Ishaq Ahmad	*Binghamton High School*
Ellen Armstrong	*Vestal High School*
Ashlyn Decker	*Bainbridge-Guilford High School*
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There were nearly 70 applicants from Broome, Chenango, Delaware, and Tioga County high schools. The current recipient scholars had completed a rigorous academic curriculum in high school which included AP, Honors, and college coursework.

In addition to graduating in the top 10% of their class, the PHS Scholars, like their predecessors, are very active members in their high schools, and on campus and in their community endeavors (part-time employment, community service, academic clubs, National Honor Society, mentoring/tutoring programs, athletics, etc.).

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If you are a Broome or Tioga County high school senior interested in applying for the next round of Presidential Honors Scholarships or for more information on the program, please contact SUNY Broome's Admissions Office at (607) 778-5001 or the BCC Foundation at (607) 778-5047.

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Oct. 8 Common Hour: The Political Internship

October 6, 2015

Categories: Featured News

Join faculty presenters Doug Garnar and Carla Michalak at 11 a.m. Oct. 8 in Titchener 101 for a Common Hour discussion of “The Political Internship.”

Local officials and political party representatives will talk about opportunities to work for candidates and a political party of their choice. Find out how POS 210 can award you with academic credits for political work.

A big thank you to SUNY Broome's tutors

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It's National Tutoring Week, and SUNY Broome would like to offer its deepest thanks to the campus' tutors and SI leaders for the tremendous job that they do supporting our students.

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Speakers of the House presents ‘Climb Every Mountain’ on Oct. 30

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Speakers of the House, SUNY Broome’s chapter of Toastmasters International, will present “Climb Every Mountain” at its Fall Open House. The event will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, October 30, in Paul F. Titchener Hall Room 101.

Come and get inspired! Fellow Toastmasters will speak about how they conquered mountains this fall. Jennifer Woltjen will speak about her recent expedition to successfully climb Mount Whitney, the highest point in the contiguous U.S., and Ernesto Colon will speak about his recent summit climb of Mount Marcy, the highest peak in New York State.

Brooks BBQ on Sunday, Oct. 11

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Brooks BBQ is coming to campus from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, on the corner near the Student Village.

For $10.50, you can get a dinner of a half-chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll and butter, and a cookie.

The BBQ benefits the Binghamton Amateur Radio Association (BARA). Founded in 1919, BARA is an organization of local Amateur Radio operators, also known as HAMS. The club meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Kopernik Observatory and Science Center in Vestal.

For more information about BARA or the Kopernik Observatory, visit: **www.w2ow.org**, OR **www.kopernik.org**. Also, check out the national amateur radio club at **http://www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio.**

See you there!

Wanted: Books for students in Cameroon

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Local medical doctors and the group **www.villagetovillage.org** are collecting books for high school students in Cameroon as they begin to learn English. A new clinic is also being built.

Please bring your donated books to the Writing Center. The deadline for drop-offs is Nov. 1.

Criminal Justice Advisement Days for Spring 2016

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Tags: Business and Professional Studies Division

Criminal Justice Advisement Days have been scheduled for Wednesday, October 28; Tuesday, November 3; and Friday, November 13. Registration begins Monday, October 26.

Schedule your appointment today! Stop by BB 104.

Comm Club Breast Cancer Awareness Bake Sale on Oct. 9 **updated**

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Stop by the Titchener Lobby from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, October 9, where the Communications Club will be selling baked goods, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Breast Cancer Awareness.

Student Success Squad: ‘Note-Taking Made Easy’ on Oct. 8

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The Student Success Squad will hold a workshop on “Note-taking Made Easy” from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, in the Library 005 classroom, located on the ground level.

Future workshops include:

- 10/15 Reading Strategy in 5 Simple Steps
- 10/22 Who Are You – Multiple Intelligences Inventory
- 10/29 Who Are You – Myers Briggs Type Indicator
- 11/5 Who Are You – True Colors
- 11/12 Stretching Every Dollar – Financial Literacy
- 11/19 Tips to Studying and Test-Taking
- 12/3 Managing Stress
- 12/10 Getting Ready For Finals
- 12/17 Study Break

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National Depression Screening Day Event on Oct. 8

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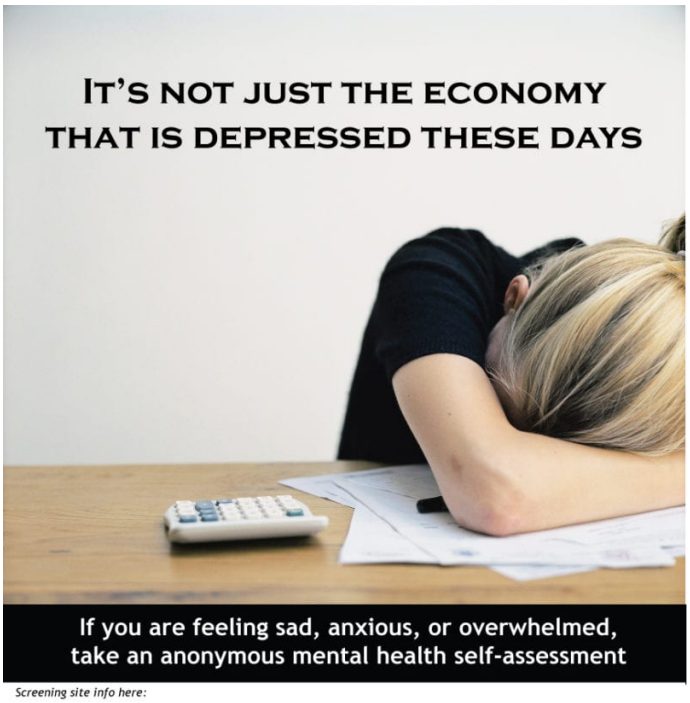

Worried about a mood that just doesn't want to leave and is causing you distress? Come for a free and confidential depression screening from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. October 8 in the Baldwin Gym.

The event, hosted by Counseling Services, is part of National Depression Screening Day.

screening site info here

National Depression Screening Day®

The Monday Poem: ‘Let Me Tell You What a Poem Brings’ by Juan Felipe Herrera

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Tags: The Monday Poem

The Monday poem is brought to you by the SUNY Broome English Department. Enjoy!

Let Me Tell You What a Poem Brings by Juan Felipe Herrera

for Charles Fishman

Before you go further,
let me tell you what a poem brings,
first, you must know the secret, there is no poem
to speak of, it is a way to attain a life without boundaries,
yes, it is that easy, a poem, imagine me telling you this,
instead of going day by day against the razors, well,

the judgments, all the tick-tock bronze, a leather jacket
sizing you up, the fashion mall, for example, from
the outside you think you are being entertained,
when you enter, things change, you get caught by surprise,
your mouth goes sour, you get thirsty, your legs grow cold
standing still in the middle of a storm, a poem, of course,
is always open for business too, except, as you can see,
it isn't exactly business that pulls your spirit into
the alarming waters, there you can bathe, you can play,
you can even join in on the gossip—the mist, that is,
the mist becomes central to your existence.

TheMondayPoem

Oct. 15 Success Seminar: How is it going in college so far?

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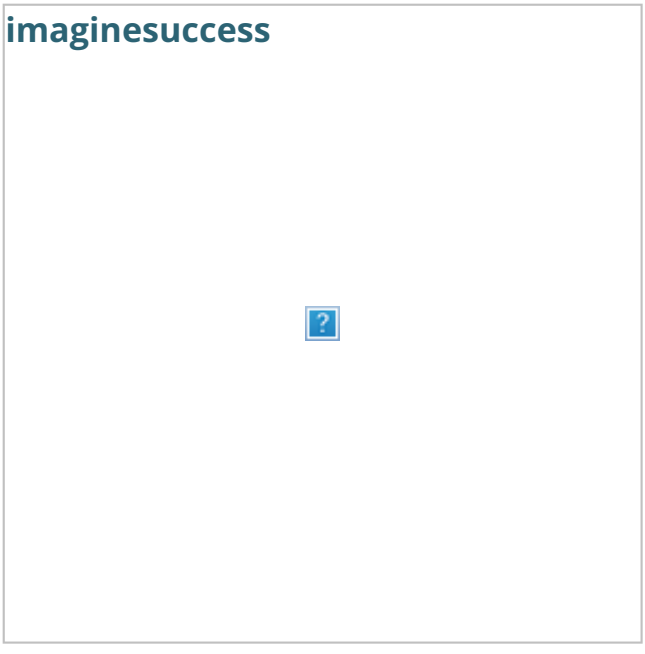
The EOP program will hold a Midterms group activity and “How is it going in college so far?” discussion from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, October 15, in Wales 203B.

Future Success Seminars include:

- “Plan to Finish Well” from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, November 19, in Wales 203B
- The EOP Meet and Greet from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, February 11, at a location to be announced
- “How to Turn Obstacles into Triumphs” from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 11, at a location to be announced
- “How to Keep Your Eyes on the Prize” from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 7, at a location to be announced
- 

Update your information in the Rave Alert system

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SUNY Broome has adopted a new emergency alert system Called Rave Alert, which will be used by the college in place of our former system, NY Alert. Any updates you made to your contact information in NY Alert may not be reflected in Rave Alert.

You can update your RAVE ALERT Contact information by logging into the mycollege.sunybroome.edu portal and selecting the Rave Alert icon from the Quicklaunch menu.

For more information, please visit: **http://www.sunybroome.edu/rave-alert**

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Engineering Technology Career Opportunity Expo to be held Oct. 29

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Explore careers, internships and transfer opportunities at the Engineering Technology Career Opportunity Expo, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, October 29, in the Applied Technology Building atrium.

The event is open to all majors, and will feature around 20 employers as well as a half dozen educational institutions. Local high school students will also be visiting from 12 to 2 p.m.

Employer presentations will run from 11 to 11:50 a.m. in AT 200, AT 118 and AT 119.

For More Information Contact:

Laura Knochen-Davis, Perkins Career & Technical Education Student Success Initiative (knochendavislj@sunybroome.edu, 778-5304)

Summer DeLisle, Engineering Technologies Department (delislesd@sunybroome.edu, 607-778-5010)

Upcoming events: Don’t forget Transfer Day from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. November 5 in the Baldwin Gym, and sign up for Engineering Technology Mock Interviews from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, December 10, in DH 117.

Annual Public Safety report

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Campus security and safety are critical to post-secondary education. Faculty, staff and students require a safe environment in which to work and learn. In 1990, the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act, or Clery Act, was established to improve security and safety on college campuses and provide students and families, as higher education consumers, with information on the progress of U.S. institutions in achieving this goal. SUNY Broome Office of Public Safety is committed to compliance with the Clery Act and to safety and security. This report describes the procedures and policies established by SUNY BROOME to ensure our success. It also provides annual crime statistics as required by the Act.

You can access the report directly at **https://mycollege.sunybroome.edu/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=494af4cd-a5ff-45e9-b33d-0f36f016f8b1&groupId=39972**

You cal also find the report here: **https://www.sunybroome.edu/policiesreport**

Supportive counseling available in the wake of yesterday's tragic events

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The SUNY Broome community offered its deepest condolences to those affected by the shooting at an Oregon community college.

"Our hearts are with Oregon's Umpqua Community College at this tragic time," said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. "It is always shocking when an act of violence occurs, and even more so when it's an institution of learning. We offer our prayers and hopes for the healing of the Umpqua community – which is our community, too. America's community colleges are among the nation's most open and accessible institutions by our very mission."

Students and other members of the campus community who would like to receive supportive counseling can contact Counseling Services, which is located in Student Services Room 210. Students can stop in to make an appointment or call 778-5210.

Employee Assistance Program staff are available to provide support to faculty and staff; they can be reached at (800) 327-2255.

Unlike many community colleges, SUNY Broome's Office of Public Safety is staffed 24 hours a day by trained, armed police officers. The campus also has a close relationship with the Broome County Sheriff's Office, located immediately adjacent to campus. The campus also uses the RAVE Alert system to communicate with the campus community via text message, phone and email in case of emergencies.

Campus Peace Officers also discuss response to active shooter situations and other emergencies in the Freshman Experience course, which is taken by first-year students. The college also conducts a disaster preparedness exercise every year. But the most important aspect of campus safety, or safety anywhere today, is a vigilant community keeping an eye out for potentially threatening individuals. It is the reality of the world we live in today.

SANS – OUCH! Oct. 2015: Password Managers

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For National Cyber Security Awareness Month, we are excited to announce the October issue of OUCH! This month, led by Guest Editor Lenny Zeltser, we focus on password managers. Passwords managers address one of the most common problems people face today, how to securely store and handle all of their passwords. We encourage you to share this OUCH! with your family, friends and coworkers.

Overview: One of the most important steps you can take to protect yourself online is to use a unique, strong password for each of your accounts. Unfortunately, most of us have so many accounts that it's almost impossible to remember all of our passwords. A simple solution is to use a password manager, sometimes called a password vault. Read More:

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CJES Career Expo features wide variety of participants, robot

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SUNY Broome's annual Criminal Justice & Emergency Services Career Preparedness Expo drew a wide variety of participants — including the Endicott Police Department's bomb-fighting robot.

Held Sept. 30, the annual event was open to all majors, and included the American Red Cross, Binghamton Police Department, Binghamton Fire Department, Broome County Office of Emergency Services, Broome County Office of Personnel, Broome County Probation, Broome County Government Security, Broome County Sheriff's Office, Crime Victims Assistance Center, Endicott Police Department, Levine, Goulden & Thompson LLP, Lourdes Hospital Security, New York State Court Police, New York State Homeland Security, New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control, New York State Police, U.S. Marine Corps and Volunteers of America.

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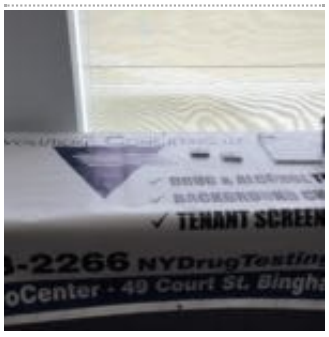
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Making the grade: Hornets test themselves in the Mock Physical Fitness Screening Test

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There are many ways to build up your abs: planks and crunches, weight machines and sit-ups. But if you're taking the physical fitness screening exam required for law enforcement officers, there is only one way that counts.

Keep your hands laced behind your head; if they slip off, it doesn't count. Go all the way up, either touching or passing your knees; if you don't reach your knees, it doesn't count. Rest only in the upright position and not on the floor.

"If I have to do it, you have to do it," Broome County Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Sam Davis told approximately 70 SUNY Broome students who took part in Criminal Justice & Emergency Services' Mock Physical Fitness Screening Test on Sept. 29. Davis knows the requirements firsthand: not only does he have to meet the standards himself, he

administers the exam for the Broome County Sheriff's Office, noted Assistant Professor Trevor Peachey.

Students tested their mettle during the event, which included push-ups, sit-ups and a 1.5-mile run. The event was essentially the same as the New York State Physical Fitness Screening Test that all law enforcement officers need to pass. Many students – although not all – were Criminal Justice or Emergency Services majors.

The event was being offered in conjunction with the new Criminal Justice & Emergency Services Fitness Club, which will be hosting student-led fitness activities throughout the semester as a way to boost awareness about overall physical health and wellness.

Like sit-ups, push-ups also have a technique: straight arms on top and lowering all the way to the floor, hitting either your partner's fist or an electronic counter. Once you start, you can't lift your arms off the floor, and you can only rest in the up position.

"There's a lot of people who miss the push-ups or the sit-ups by one," Davis told students, stressing the importance of form.

Male and female students split up during the test. The women completed their run first, while the men paired up for the push-up and sit-up portion, breathing hard as the test got under way.

As a steady drizzle pounded the pavement, Chelsea Clark finished strong.

Looking up from his clipboard, Criminal Justice Professor Trevor Peachey announced her time in the mile and a half run: 14:06. Clark responded with a tired smile.

"Are you in the Criminal Justice program?" Peachey asked as Chelsea caught up with her friend Kiley Kingma in the rain.

"Nope," the Health Sciences major responded.

"You should be," he responded.

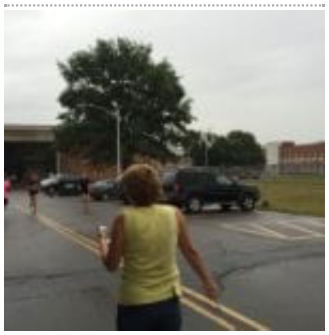
Kiley, on the other hand, wants to become a law enforcement officer.

“I’m not that good about working out,” she admitted, adding that this is something she hopes to change.

In fact, the best way to ace the test is to work out every day – doing push-ups, sit-ups and running every day, Davis noted. Between the testing periods, a few students groused – with a smile – about the difficulty of the exam.

“I have three kids,” one woman said.

“I have three boys,” Davis replied with a smile. “You should be doing this every day anyway!”



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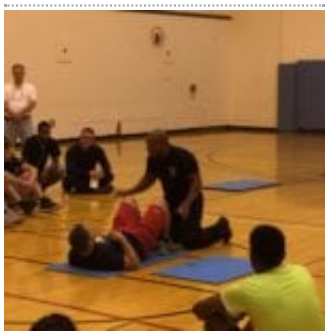

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Having a bad day every day? Get screened for depression on Oct. 8

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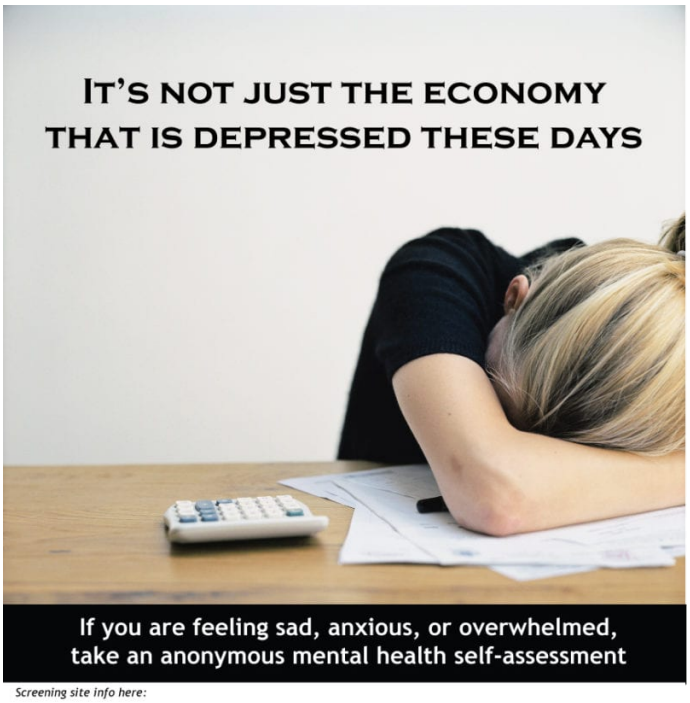

Having a bad day every day? ***Your so-called "negative attitude" could be an underlying mood disorder.***

Learn more at SUNY Broome's National Depression Screening Day event on Thursday, October 8, from 10:30 – 12:30 in the Baldwin Gym .

Sometimes, on bad days, it's inevitable. Negative thoughts just pour out of you: "There's no point in trying." "Can't anything go right in my life?" "It probably won't work out."

For many people, pessimism can be a source of sardonic humor and even a coping mechanism. Individuals that fall into this category may feel that they are actually avoiding disappointments by preparing for the worst. But if your Double Downer

attitude interferes with everyday activities and interpersonal relationships, it may mean more than just a temperamental trait. Having a negative outlook on life can be a sign of depression or can increase the chances of becoming depressed.

If you can't remember the last time you felt optimistic or hopeful, take advantage of SUNY Broome's National Depression Screening Day event on ***Thursday, October 8, from 10:30 – 12:30 in the Baldwin Gym.*** As part of the program you will have the opportunity to complete a brief, written questionnaire; learn about the symptoms of depression, and how to help a friend or family member who may be at risk. You will also have the option of talking to a health care professional about any concerns you may have.

Some symptoms of depression include:

- Persistent sad, anxious or empty mood
- Feelings of guilt, worthlessness or helplessness
- Loss of interest or pleasure in ordinary activities
- Difficulty concentrating or making decisions
- Restlessness or irritability
- Inability to sleep or oversleeping
- Changes in appetite or weight
- Unexplained aches and pains

Worried you might be depressed? Come see us. Worried about someone else? Come by and we'll help.

screening site info here

National Depression Screening Day®