## Convocation 2015 is a Success!

April 14, 2015

Thanks to our 83 Convocation Faculty Scholars from our teaching faculty, and the active involvement of student leaders, Convocation Day 2015 was a smash!

Our Convocation Faculty Scholars provided students with scholarly activities and projects around the themes of Convocation Day which included healthcare, civic engagement and mountain climbing.

Dr. Geoff Tabin, our Convocation speaker, gave an inspiring speech that earned him a standing ovation from the standing-room-only crowd in the Baldwin Gym. Many students and faculty attended the 16 morning workshops offered by our teaching faculty as well as student poster sessions and breakout sessions from STEM and SEED students, offered with teaching faculty oversight.

The Obstacle Course in the West Gym, sponsored by the Student Assembly, generated lots of interest and proved a great way to celebrate the arrival of Spring and raise money for the Himalayan Cataract Project.

Over 85 attendees listened as students posed questions of Dr. Tabin during the afternoon discussion session. Many questions focused on finding your career passion, serving others in a meaningful way and the thrills of mountain climbing.

Many participants enjoyed the Student Assembly-sponsored Bake Sale in the morning and the cookout run by the Hospitality Club in the afternoon. Student attendees at many of the day's events were eligible for prizes such as Kindles, gift cards, and jackets.

The afternoon documentary film screening was previewed by a brief presentation from Kids with Vision. The film focused on Dr. Tabin and Dr. Ruit's dramatic contributions to curing preventable blindness from neglected corners of the world.

Many thanks to the SUNY Broome campus community for their participation in Convocation Day activities and for showing some interest and compassion in the healthcare issues Dr. Tabin is heroically addressing.

Who Are the Members of SUNY Broome's Convocation Committee?

(SUNY Broome's Convocation Committee is a cross-divisional campuseffort with student representation)

Professor Rachel Hagerman, Health Sciences Division
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Professor Irene Byrnes (Chair)

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