

The Focus

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The Monday Poem: ‘The Burning of the Books’ by Bertolt Brecht

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

The Burning of the Books by Bertolt Brecht

When the Regime commanded that books with harmful knowledge
Should be publicly burned and on all sides
Oxen were forced to drag cartloads of books
To the bonfires, a banished
Writer, one of the best, scanning the list of the Burned, was shocked to find that his
Books had been passed over. He rushed to his desk
On wings of wrath, and wrote a letter to those in power ,
Burn me! he wrote with flying pen, burn me! Haven't my books
Always reported the truth ? And here you are
Treating me like a liar! I command you!
Burn me!



AsAmNews article: Head Start Teacher Discovers the Value of Cultural Relevancy

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“With four million children entering kindergarten each year in the United States, the field of early childhood education (ECE) is rapidly expanding, stretching to accommodate the increased demand for quality childcare.” Check out this story of how one Asian-American male is making a difference in a field whose workforce consists of over 95% women.

Link to full article:

<http://www.asamnews.com/2015/10/30/head-start-teacher-discovers-the-value-of-cultural-relevancy/>

Binghamton University and SUNY Broome to announce details of Presidents Cup hockey game

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Binghamton University and SUNY Broome will make a special announcement about the Second Annual Presidents Cup ice hockey game at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the SUNY Broome Ice Center.

Binghamton University President Harvey Stenger and SUNY Broome President Kevin Drumm will discuss details of the event, including a special announcement regarding admission, giveaways and more. Players from both teams will also be in attendance.

The Second Annual Presidents Cup game between SUNY Broome and Binghamton University's Ice Hockey Club will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, at the SUNY Broome Ice Center.



SUNY Conference on Instruction and Technology Call for Presentations

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SUNY Conference on Instruction and Technology (CIT 2016)

Call for Presentations!

Proposals are due by December 31, 2015

CIT is SUNY's largest and most prominent event on instructional technology, providing a forum for faculty, instructional support professionals, and policymakers to present, discuss, and explore innovative avenues for integrating technology into the teaching and learning environment.

Theme: Students at the Center: Creating and Sharing Learning

- Open Educational Resources: Strategies, Advantages, and Savings for Students and Faculty in Practice
- Engaging Students: Tools and Strategies
- Inquiry: Scholarship, Discovery, and Innovation
- Student and Faculty Support: Access and Accessibility
- Going Mobile

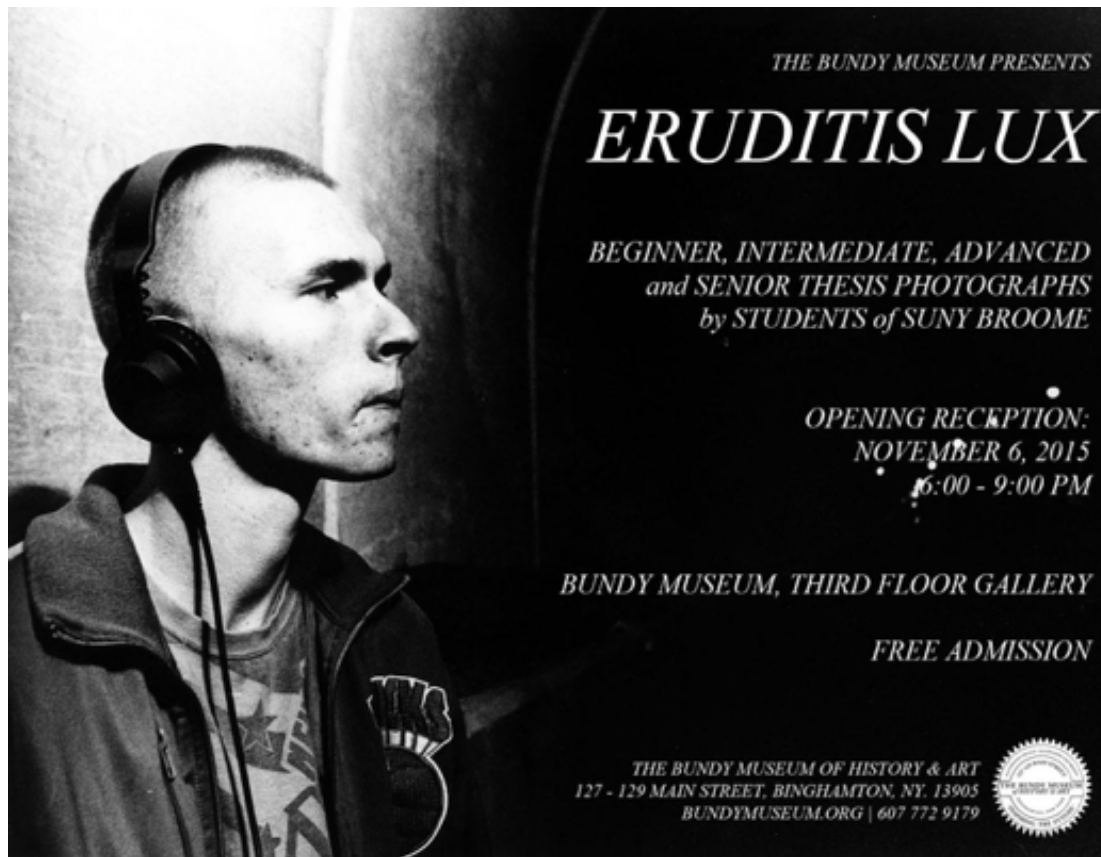
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SUNY Broome students to showcase work at First Friday

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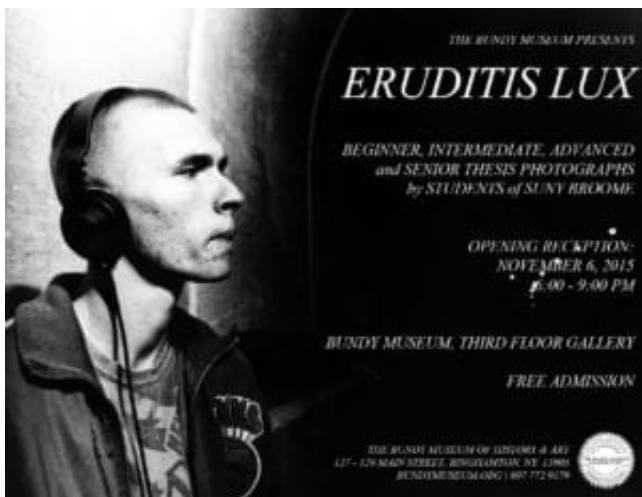
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SUNY Broome Photography students will showcase their work in the Bundy Museum's third floor gallery this First Friday.

An opening reception for "Eruditis Lux" will run from 6 to 9 p.m. November 6. Admission is free.

The reception will feature artwork from all levels of the SUNY Broome Photography Program. The Bundy Museum of History and Art is located at 127-129 Main Street, Binghamton.



Women's Soccer Team Captures NJCAA Region III Championship

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SUNY Broome met Finger Lakes Community College in Herkimer this weekend to vie for the NJCAA Region III Championship and a ticket to the NJCAA National Tournament. The Hornets walked away with a 5-0 victory.

The scoring was started by [Nicole Harmer](#) (Oneonta, NY/Oneonta) in the 18th minute when she was fed a back pass by [Mikaela Mazerolle](#) (Maryland, NY/Oneonta) and finished it in the upper end of the goal. The Hornets followed up 15 minutes later when [Margaret Edwards](#) (Brooklyn, NY/Leon M. Goldstein HS for the Sciences) received a drop pass from [Kaelyn Michitti](#) (Binghamton, NY/Seton Catholic) and slammed it home for a 2-0 half time lead. The second half was all Hornets when, with the wind at their back, they hammered home three more goals for a final of 5-0.

Goals by [Shelby Brassard](#) (Spring Grove, PA/Home School), [Rosemary Zelenyak](#) (Binghamton, NY/Susquehanna Valley) and Michitti rounded out the scoring. This was the Hornets 13th shutout of the season behind the defensive effort of [Emily Caslin](#) (Vestal, NY/Vestal), [Emily Gibson](#) (Johnson City, NY/Seton Catholic) and [Brittany Campbell](#) (Johnson City, NY/Johnson City). The shutout was preserved by a great breakaway save by goalkeeper [Erinn Catlin](#) (VanEtten, NY/Spencer-VanEtten). The Hornets offense amassed 24 shots to the Laker's 1.

The Hornets were honored at the end of the match with Tournament MVP Zelenyak All-Tournament selections Caslin, Harmer and Mazerolle. Next stop for the team is Toms River, NJ, for the NJCAA National Tournament from November 12 through 15.



Grab that coffee: SUNY Broome's 24 Hours of Giving starts at midnight, Dec. 1

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Could you stay up for 24 hours straight?

Some volunteers will be doing just that for SUNY Broome's first annual 24 Hours of Giving, which kicks off at midnight on December 1. The long hours go to support a good cause: the Broome Community College Foundation and the scholarships that allow so many students to further their education.

"The increasing energy surrounding our first-ever Giving Day is contagious," said Foundation Executive Director Cathy Williams. "We are very impressed at how many people are stepping forward to help us and participate in our inaugural Giving Day challenge on Tuesday, December 1."

Giving Tuesday is a national initiative that kicked off in 2012 and has raised millions for nonprofits around the globe.

At SUNY Broome, volunteers will be taking gifts and pledges **around the clock** – so if you feel the need to donate at 2 a.m., go for it! We'll also be hitting the airwaves on social media with fun photos, videos and more, using the hashtag #Broome24. Plus, there will be challenges, prizes and just plain fun.

Generosity builds connection – and the 24 Hours of Giving celebrates the SUNY Broome community. Wherever you are, you'll be able to tune into the real-time excitement at www.sunybroome.edu/broome24 and on social media, and engage with one another. Alumni are invited to connect with the campus and give a shout out to a favorite faculty member or former schoolmate. Students and alumni alike are invited to post "Selfless Selfies" (don't forget the #Broome24 hashtag!) to show the power of giving and their Hornet spirit.

Two generous donors have already stepped forward with Challenge gifts for the campaign – to inspire others to give. Details about these gifts will be shared during the 24-Hour Challenge. If you would like to help us by offering up a challenge gift, please contact Andrea Roma, Director of Development at (607) 778-5179 or romaal@sunybroome.edu.

"I'm excited for Giving Day because I feel like one of the most important things to do is give back, especially to our college community, where you can see the changes happening," said Stella Safari, a SUNY Broome student and Presidential Honors Scholar who is volunteering for the effort. "Nothing's better than being able

to communicate with alumni and others who are willing to help SUNY Broome. No matter how big or small, donations truly make a difference here, and for that I'm thankful."

Want to help? We're looking for volunteers! Consider becoming a social media ambassador, sharing stories and updates throughout the day. Donate treats to the bake sale. Answer those crucial phone calls, and much more.

Won't be in town, or just want to get ahead of the game? You can make a donation at any time – even now.

Visit www.sunybroome.edu/broome24 to volunteer, donate or just to learn more. And bookmark the site; there will be new and exclusive content on the event day itself.

Happy Giving!



Helping Hand: Hornet headed to Haiti, thanks to Endwell Rotary scholarship

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Nosa Akol has made only one international trip in her life – as a small child, when she and her family emigrated from South Sudan.

This winter, that will change. She and 19 other students will board an airplane bound for Haiti as part of SUNY Broome’s 2016 global service learning course there.

Nosa’s participation was made possible by a \$1,500 scholarship, awarded by the Endwell Rotary and Rotary International.

Endwell Rotary President Jeff Smith recently made the trip to campus to award the scholarship, now in its second year. SUNY Broome’s Health for Haiti program is a good fit for the club’s charitable endeavors, which include efforts to eradicate polio worldwide, a pipeline to bring water to a rural village in Uganda, and a clean water project for a village in Haiti.

A graduate of Binghamton High School, Nosa has been heavily involved in CITIZEN U, a civic engagement program through 4-H and the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County. She won this year’s 4-H Youth in Action Award and served as a delegate at the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute, as well as interned as a biological science aide at the Robert W. Holley Center for Agriculture and Health at Cornell University, attended the Norman Borlaug Symposium as a panelist, and served as keynote speaker at the 4-H Career Explorations at Cornell University.

A Liberal Arts – Science major, she plans to transfer to Cornell after finishing her year At SUNY Broome. She’s developed a passion for agriculture, and hopes to help women and children in the developing world to create sustainable agriculture-based microbusinesses.

“I’m really excited and nervous at the same time. The last time I traveled abroad was when I was five,” she said, adding with a smile: “My mom will probably start crying.”

Nosa’s interest in agriculture fits in with this year’s Health for Haiti trip, which will include a community garden component.

“I was really impressed with her application. Nosa has already been active in global service,” said Professor Jennifer Musa, who created the Health for Haiti program with Professor Maureen Hankin.

Choosing between talented applicants is tough, Musa conceded.

“We had really great applicants this year. I wish we could have brought everyone!” she said. “We are fortunate to have so many students who are willing to devote their time and talent to our global service projects in Haiti.”

Health for Haiti runs during the 2016 winter term. The major focus of the global service learning course is to organize student and faculty efforts to provide practical assistance to the people of Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. By partnering with local, experienced volunteers, students can use their training to provide simple health education and medical services at clinics, and can participate in projects aimed at providing clean water, solar power and basic computer literacy skills.

For more on Health for Haiti, visit www.healthforhaiti.wordpress.com.



Connecting SUNY Broome with Mexico, Colombia and the Dominican Republic

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SUNY Broome's Toastmasters Club, the Speakers of the House, hosted a successful teleconference on October 30 with our partners in Celaya, Mexico, and Cartagena, Colombia, as well as alumnus Yoel Soriano Cano in the Dominican Republic. With the help of SUNY's Broome's IT Department, speakers in all four locations participated and watched the PowerPoint presentations in a program entitled *Climb Every Mountain*.

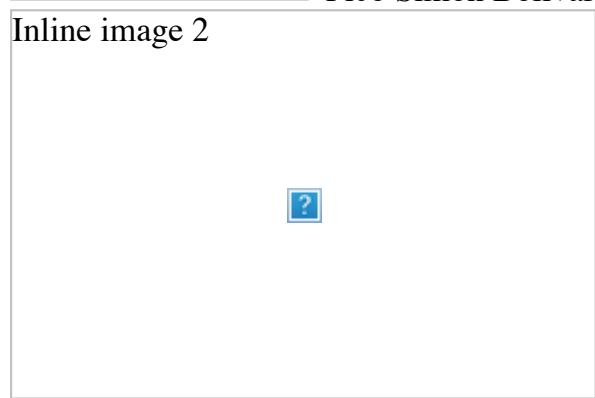
Jennifer Woltjen spoke about climbing Mount Whitney in California, the highest peak in the lower 48 states. Student Ernesto Colon spoke about climbing Mount Marcy, the highest peak in New York State. The speakers answered questions in both Spanish and English.

Claudia Beebe invited members and guests to speak about Pico de Orizaba in Veracruz, Mexico, and about Pico Simon Bolivar in Colombia. David Alan Shrum, an ESL professor in Celaya, helped draw links between the physical climbing of a mountain and the confidence that climbing generates about our ability to conquer other challenges.

Yoel Soriano, a SEED student who graduated in 2015, selected climb, or *escalar*, as the word of the day. The teleconference was part of an ongoing commitment to give our students, faculty, and staff, the opportunity to connect with their peers around the world.



Pico Simon Bolivar (Colombia)



Pico de Orizaba (Mexico)



Third annual Talent Show auditions Nov. 16-19

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SUNY Broome's Black Student Union is looking for talented students to participate in the third annual Talent Show.

Positions are open for contestants, acts, hosts, opening act dancers and volunteers. Auditions will be held in the Old Science Building (Room 105) at 4 p.m. Monday, November 16; 3 p.m. Wednesday, November 18; and 2 p.m. Friday November 19.

To apply for an audition, email bsunion1968@gmail.com. All are welcome to come!

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Buzz Photos: Oct 30 Drag Show in the Little Theatre

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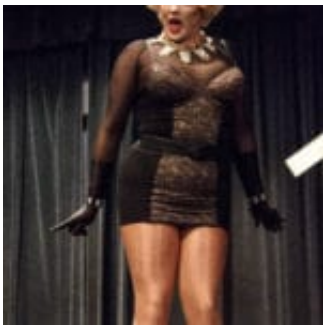


SUNY Broome's first-ever drag show and competition drew a crowd on October 30 to the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre. The event benefited the BC Center.

Check out these photos by Buzz photographer Smithshell Julien:



Oct. 30, 2015, Drag Show in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre









Buzz Report: Halloween in the Student Village

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Halloween is a festive time of year, when everyone gets together and dresses up in their favorite costumes. People dress up as zombies, witches and mummies. Here in the Student Village this Halloween, we had costumes of every type.

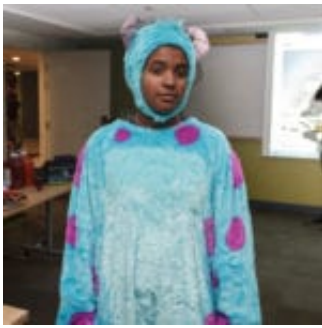
Although the Student Village has only been open for three semesters, the community that it has created within itself is continuously flourishing. This was seen during this Halloween's program, Rock the Halloween Runway, hosted by Resident Assistants Kim Payano and Justin Virkus.

With over thirty participants, Rock the Halloween Runway successfully brought many students together to celebrate Halloween. At this event, students showed off their best Halloween costumes and had the opportunity to socialize over candy and pizza.

"I wanted to do this program to help build the confidence of students in a positive atmosphere," Payano said. "I believe having these programs in the residence hall really helps create a sense of community."

Overall, Halloween at the Student Village was a blast. Many students came out displaying their fun, festive costumes and joined together to make this year's Halloween one to remember!

Buzz writer James Swisher and photographer Smithshell Julien are SUNY Broome students.



Student Village Halloween 2015



Nov. 11 Doctoral Colloquium to feature Vice President Battisti

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Doctoral Colloquium Presentations

“A father’s response to having a child who is overweight:

A grounded theory study.”

Doctoral candidates writing a dissertation will have the opportunity to present to the campus community their dissertation topics and research methodologies. The discussions primarily are intended to assist those doctoral candidates preparing their dissertation defenses as well as those individuals in the initial stages of making a dissertation proposal or those who are in the process of writing the dissertation. This opportunity also is available to those who already have completed their doctorate and wish to present and discuss their research.

When: Wednesday, November 11th

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Where: TRC Conference Room

Presenter: Dr. Francis Battisti

Register: [Register Here](#)

Binghamton University and SUNY Broome ice hockey clubs to face off in second annual Presidents Cup

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The Binghamton University Ice Hockey Club will face off against SUNY Broome once again in the 2015-2016 Presidents Cup ice hockey game, taking place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, at the SUNY Broome Ice Center. The presidents are covering the tab for this year's game, so admission is free.

The Presidents Cup pits ice hockey clubs from both schools against one another. Binghamton University and SUNY Broome have been ice hockey rivals since 1975.

"The first Presidents Cup was a thrilling event for players and fans alike, and we're excited to bring it back for another year," said Binghamton University President Harvey Stenger. "Binghamton University and SUNY Broome are long-time rivals, so expect an intense game."

"We are proud to work together in many ways with our big sister, Binghamton University, on the ice and in the classroom. This friendly rivalry on ice reminds us that many of our Hornets eventually become Bearcats when transferring to Binghamton," said SUNY Broome President Kevin Drumm. "This year we've even further partnered to make the Presidents Cup Hockey Match free for all — students and community members alike. We invite everyone to join us for what's sure to be a great night on the ice and in the stands!"

The winner of the game will take home the Presidents Cup trophy, which was taken home by Binghamton University back in February.

The first 100 people through the door will receive a free Presidents Cup T-shirt.



Rivals on the ice: More on the Presidents' Cup game

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Flanked by Stinger and Baxter the Bearcat, the presidents of SUNY Broome and Binghamton University held the silver Presidents Cup aloft.

“Should we fight over it?” BU President Harvey Stenger joked in front of a line of television cameras. He tugged one of the silver handles as President Drumm began to chuckle.

SUNY Broome and Binghamton University are frequent collaborators when it comes to research, projects such as the Southern Tier High-Tech Incubator and more. Many Hornets eventually become Bearcats when they transfer to BU. In fact, SUNY Broome sends more students to BU than any other college, President Drumm points out.

But when it comes to the ice, all bets are off: the schools’ hockey teams have been rivals since 1975.

The two presidents met Tuesday at the SUNY Broome Ice Center to announce the second annual Presidents Cup hockey game on Thursday, November 5 — and to exchange hats. This year, the president of the losing team’s institution will wear the winning team’s hat for a week. Last year, the presidents exchanged sweatshirts, and Dr. Drumm wore BU green in defeat.

“Ultimately, that’s a plus because it helps both teams develop into excellent players,” Dr. Drumm said. “The Bearcats may have one last year, but it was a close game!”

How close? The Hornets led in the first quarter, were tied by the Bearcats in the second corner and were finally defeated by a single goal in the last six minutes of the game. Even the winning Bearcats sustained bruises and were exhausted by game’s end, noted Stenger, an ardent hockey fan.

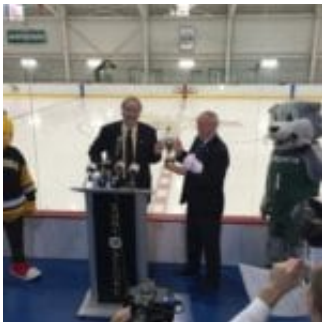
Just because the competition is friendly doesn’t mean it won’t be fierce.

“I expect it will be a very fast-paced game with a lot of physical contact out there,” Stenger said.

This year, the game’s on the presidents — and absolutely free to the community. While play starts at 7 p.m., plan on getting there a little early. The stands fill up and the first 100 people through the door will receive a free T-shirt.



November 4 press conference for the Presidents Cup game





Welcome: Heather Darrow, Staff Associate for Student Retention

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Colleagues,

Please join me in welcoming Heather Darrow who is now serving as the Academic Affairs Staff Associate to for Student Retention at SUNY Broome Community College, effective 9/30/15. In her new role as Staff Associate for Student Retention, Heather will be working with the campus community to promote and enhance student-focused retention activities. She will serve as a key support staff to students in traditional and online programs in the areas of: enrollment, retention, service navigation, and academic service coordination.

Heather has a background in student-centered support and retention, having served in that capacity for over seven years. Her interest in Higher Education was influenced by her own experience as an adult learner. She joined SUNY Broome in 2013, as a Learning Specialist & Early Alert Coordinator with the Carl C. Perkins Grant.

Having been an active member of the SUNY Broome's Starfish Implementation team, Heather has contributed to the design and implementation of Starfish Retention Solutions software to help enhance our ability to impact student retention and success.

Over the past month, Heather has already begun to work on student retention initiatives, so please support her efforts in any way that you can.

Thank you,

Francis L. Battisti, Ph.D.

Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

SUNY Distinguished Service Professor

SUNY Broome Community College

Focus on international education: Admissions heads to China

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Susan Wellington, SUNY Broome's Assistant Director of Admissions/International Student Studies, recently attended the China Annual Conference for International Education in Beijing.

Prior to leaving for China, she set up a focus group with some of SUNY Broome's Chinese students to see what drew them to the college. The students created a flyer detailing what attracted them to campus and why they like it.

A delegate with the American Association for Community Colleges, Wellington participated in a forum on "Best Practices of the U.S. Community Colleges: Mutual Learning and Exchange for Win-Win Cooperation." She joined panelists from Davidson County Community College in Lexington, NC; College of Lake County in Grayslake, IL; and the Community Colleges of Spokane, a partnership between Spokane Community College and Spokane Falls Community College.

"I spoke about internationalization strategies on our campus and what we are doing (and would like to do) about becoming more globally known," she explained.

Her topics included the SUNY system, COIL, the International Student Organization, LingoNet, International Toastmasters and a future project, "Broome Buddies," that would connect international students with domestic families and/or campus friends. She also met with officials from the U.S. Embassy and discussed ways to promote community colleges in China.

From Beijing, Wellington flew to Chengdu, where she attended the China Education Expo, B2B. The CEE put on a four-city college fair to promote education in China; Chengdu was the second stop. She learned from the Embassy that SUNY Broome was the only community college to attend any of the fairs' venues.

"The overall experience was one that I will not soon forget," she said.



Susan Wellington from Admissions heads to China.



Rod Serling & Gore Vidal Plays Featured in ‘Alien Invasions’

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Maple Street, U.S.A. Late summer. A tree-lined little world of front porch gliders, barbecues, the laughter of children and the bell of an ice cream vendor. This is Maple Street on a late Saturday afternoon. Maple Street — in the last calm and reflective moment — before the monsters came. — Rod Serling

This semester’s theater production is out of this world! “Alien Invasions: Rod Serling’s ‘The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street’ and Gore Vidal’s ‘Visit to a Small Planet’” will be coming to the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre on November 19, 20 and 21. “The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street” was rated one of the top ten “Twilight Zone” episodes of all time by Time Magazine.

Beginning on November 10, you can call 778-5191 for reservations.



SUNY Broome to hold ribbon-cutting for new X-ray equipment

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SUNY Broome students studying radiologic technology now have hands-on access to the most up-to-date equipment in their field. The college recently installed the Carestream Digital X-Ray Ascend system in the Decker Health Sciences Center. The ceiling-mounted unit replaces equipment that dates back to the 1970s.

SUNY Broome will host a ribbon-cutting and open house for the new equipment from 12 to 1 p.m. November 12 in Decker Health Sciences Room 315. Students will be on hand to demonstrate the use of the equipment.

November 8 through 14 is National Radiologic Technology Week, in honor of the discovery of X-rays on November 8, 1895.

Students in the program will now be able to train on all forms of radiology equipment they may encounter in their careers: film screen systems, computed radiography (CR) and now digital radiography (DR). While CR takes 45 seconds to produce an image, DR technology creates images instantaneously.

Medical facilities, including all of the area's hospitals, are also increasingly switching to DR technology. The new technology has other advantages, too: newer versions are wireless and can be moved from wall to table units.

"Medical imaging is such a rapidly changing field that our students and faculty are continually learning new skills. We are grateful for the funding and donations provided to allow us to acquire Carestream's DRX-Ascend system," said Colleen Donahue, Chair of the Radiologic Technology Program. "With digital imaging today, we have to become fluent with the physics and radiation safety required around this kind of technology. Our students will now be able to yield improved image quality and provide enhanced patient care as the Radiologic Technologists do at all of our clinical affiliations."

The purchase and installation of the Ascend system cost \$207,602. Of that, \$150,000 came from Regional Council Capital Funds through Empire State Development and \$57,602 from the Dr. G. Clifford & Florence B. Decker Foundation, with additional support from SUNY Broome's 2014-15 Perkins IV Career & Technology Education Grant award.

"The Decker Foundation's focus is on healthcare and education. When deciding on a grant, we focus on the quality of the organization and the quality of the program. SUNY Broome exemplifies both," said Gerald E. Putman, Executive Director of the Dr. G. Clifford & Florence B. Decker Foundation.

By honing their skills on the most modern equipment, students in SUNY Broome Radiologic Technology program can continue to provide quality healthcare to their future patients. "It's important that SUNY Broome students have the latest technology to work on," Putman added.

"Technology has become an integral part of the teaching-learning environment, especially in areas where hands-on experience is critical to a student's understanding. The new Digital Radiography unit will allow students to learn on state-of-the-art technology similar to that being used on real patients within the health care industry today," said Dr. Kelli Ligiekis, SUNY Broome associate vice president, dean of STEM and acting dean of Health Sciences. "We are very thankful for the funding and donation that made this equipment purchase possible, and also very excited to offer this opportunity to our students as they prepare for careers as

radiologic technologists.”

Wall of Inspiration: Artists install ‘The SUNY Broome Experience’

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Walk into SUNY Broome’s Dining Hall and the scarlet side wall immediately grabs your attention.

It’s not just the vibrant hue, although that’s part of it. Images depict the variety of campus life: laboratories and classrooms, sports and the art gallery, ending in the avalanche of balloons at Commencement. Interspersed are quotations that, like the photographs, literally pop out of the wall. “The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why,” Mark Twain proclaims at the start of the panels, on the wall’s left-hand side.

More than 9 feet tall and 45 feet wide, “The SUNY Broome Experience” is the largest public artwork on campus. The goal: to inspire the students to embrace their college experience, and ultimately enact that final picture – graduation – themselves.

The three-dimensional work is the first of its kind by creators Jack Braunstein and Gene Czebiniak, who initially met via SUNY Broome music instructor Peter Sicilian. While Braunstein took all but two photographs and compiled the quotations that Czebiniak used for his design, there was an ongoing exchange of ideas between the two that influenced each other’s work. Together, the artists crafted 13 photographic panels and the four acrylic panels with quotations, and installed them over the summer.

“This work really explodes with color, life and vitality, and shows what the campus is becoming,” said Czebiniak, a local graphic artist and stage set designer.

The inspiration for the artwork originated when Braunstein, a former art and English teacher with a strong background in painting, presented his slide show that highlighted his visits to 12 colleges and universities, including SUNY Broome, to President Kevin E. Drumm and administrators Debbie Morello and Jesse Wells.

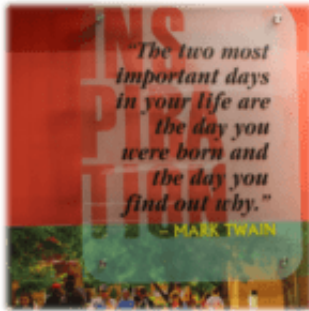
“I focused on how visual design elements such as greenery, signage, meeting areas, displays, wall colors, and works of art engage us to feel welcomed, intellectually stimulated, and integral members of the campus community,” said Braunstein. “After all, students feel more inclined to participate in activities and learn in an environment that feels less institutional and more humane.”

While Braunstein and Czebiniak hope this project leads to others, they already feel rewarded knowing they have reached their audience. During the installation process, the artists recalled two groups of students seeing the artwork in progress and expressing both excitement and gratitude upon seeing how wonderfully

their dining hall was being transformed.

“Being a small college, SUNY Broome is ahead of the game,” said Braunstein. “Not only does it have many inviting areas to socialize and study, but it also is beautifully nestled by rolling hills. So the purpose of our work is to enhance the already warm atmosphere of the campus.”

To set the tone towards this goal, the artists placed their favorite quotation last, right above the two graduation scenes: “Never believe that a few caring people can’t change the world,” said Margaret Mead, the famous anthropologist. “For, indeed, that’s all who ever have.”



PTA students to present ‘Cultural Competence in Healthcare’ on Nov. 9

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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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SPK 110 students speak to peers in Mexico

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Why consider connecting classes internationally via Collaborative Online International Learning? Here's an inside look:

SUNY Broome students in Effective Speaking with Kathleen McKenna met with Biomedical Engineering students in Celaya, Mexico, during their English class on November 4, 2015. They enjoyed hearing a Mexican student's modern-day rendition of Little Red Riding Hood, complete with a message about Internet safety for kids, and hearing the story of Dia de los Muertos. They had fun sharing their stories about how one student broke his dad's nose by accident while playing baseball, and about another student's adoption from Lithuania at age 10. They also enjoyed hearing in Spanish (with translation by a classmate) the Mexican legend La Llorona, with the haunting line, "*Ay mis hijos....*," a story told to them on Tuesday by one of the Mexican students here at Broome on a [Becalos scholarship](#). It's a Mexican tale of loss, tragedy, death and the eternal seeking of missing children — perfect for Halloween.

Here's what the English professor in [Celaya](#), had to say the next day about the collaboration:

Some students and a teacher were waiting for me this morning when I got here. They really enjoyed it too, and asked if we could do it again as well. I also think that it is a great opportunity for your students to practice speaking, like Sean and his baseball story. It was also awesome to hear the adoption story. Very moving. This is really beneficial for my students, too. First, they got really excited when they saw some students were from here. Secondly, it is a great opportunity for them to hear English spoken well and how it is really spoken in the States. And, lastly, for them to start to lose the fear of public speaking and more so public speaking in English.



Photos: Speaking to classmates and to Mexican guests, and fielding questions from Mexico.

Experience Art: Art and Design Student Art Exhibition Nov. 9 through 30

November 6, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



Experience Art, the Art and Design Student Art Exhibition, runs from November 9 through 30 at the Gallery @ SUNY Broome, located on the first floor of the library. An opening reception will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, November 19.

The Visual Communication Arts A.S. program will feature a cross-section of student fine art and design in this diverse exhibition. The local community is invited.

Artwork ranges from oil on canvas paintings and drawings to thought-provoking two- and three-dimensional designs and sculptures. A selection of elegant ceramic vessels will also be on exhibit.





Buzz Report: Student Village establishes Residence Hall Association

November 6, 2015

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Just recently the Student Village established a Residence Hall Association (RHA). The housing staff feels that it is extremely important for all of the residents to feel that they have a voice, so the Resident Hall Association is now an outlet for the residents to get more involved in the residence hall.

The main purpose of the RHA is to ensure that the residents feel empowered in the community that they reside in. It gives the residents a chance to create programs that they want to see occurring in the residence hall, along with helping bring the community together. The RHA holds meetings on a weekly basis to address any problems that the residents wish to see resolved and these meetings also give the students a chance to brainstorm program ideas.

Voting for the RHA took place from October 5 through 14. There were many positions to be filled, but the final polls stated that Katherine Lozano-Thoby was president with Mulique Lawrence-Jolly as vice president, Brandon Lake as treasurer, and Kayla Figuera as secretary.

Other responsibilities were delegated as well. Each floor was given a representative: David Marvel currently represents the first floor, Samantha Smith represents the second floor, Michael Ruland represents the third floor, and Amanda Soto is the fourth floor representative. The Social/Media Chairman position was filled by Javon Bookman. Leila Dodson serves as the event coordinator, Lynecia Parkinson is the resource manager, and Elizabeth Saviou and Angel Perez serve together as the Advertising Committee.

In total, the council currently has 13 dedicated members working hard to make the Student Village experience the best that it can possibly be.

Writer Victoria Estell is a SUNY Broome student.

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The Monday Poem: ‘Different Dogs’ by Douglas Goetsch

November 8, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

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



Different Dogs by Douglas Goetsch

I'm sitting here with this bony little Doberman
atop a stinky knoll in back of the Oklahoma
City Animal Shelter. I make sure to walk
the wretched ones. The others barked
raucously as she ambled out of her cage
into the noose of my leash, which hung slack
as we shuffled past the monsters in the segregated pen—
some, the workers say, are just born bad.

This dog trembles in the fall chill as we watch
a mist drift over the downtown skyline.

Somewhere in that fog is Krystal, the woman
I met Saturday night, who seemed to know

everybody in the bar but kept circling back
to me, even after she let some crazy asshole
lick her eyeball. At closing time she gave me
her number, and I figured, doing the math,
her younger age and good breasts plus nice face
minus the acne scars, which didn't matter
to me, but probably did to her, equaled
my first Oklahoma girl. But when I called
she talked only about herself, her careers,
her degrees, her deep spirituality, her power
to literally make the sun come out whenever
she felt like it. I thought she was just
misusing the word "literally," as often happens,
but no, she meant it, and if I were younger
I'd have challenged her, but instead I just got
depressed, more depressed after the sex.

Better to be here with this miserable bitch
watching the clouds roll in. She's leaning
against me now, and I can't help but pat her
grubby shoulder, rest my chin on her head.

When dogs gaze out in the same direction
as you, sniffing the wind, they seem to know
the future. They don't tell you, when you're
a volunteer, which ones got destroyed,
which got adopted. You just show up
and find different dogs in the cages.

Nov. 11 Doctoral Colloquium to feature Vice President Battisti

November 8, 2015

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti will be the presenter at the Nov. 11 [Doctoral Colloquium](#), which runs from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the TRC. He will present on “A father’s response to having a child who is overweight: A grounded theory study.”

BC Center November newsletter

November 9, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

Want to know what's going on at the BC Center? Click below for the November newsletter, which includes information about Thanksgiving break, events, recipes and more.

[Nov. 2015 Newsletter](#)

The Passing of Paul Chambers

November 9, 2015

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Paul Chambers, a long-time member of the SUNY Broome campus, passed away on Saturday, November 6.

For 45 years, Chambers taught Philosophy and Effective Speaking at SUNY Broome, for which he received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. He also served as Dean of Students, chaired the former Humanities Department, and previously taught Latin and English at Windsor Central School.

[Click here for the obituary.](#)

The family will receive friends at the J.A. McCormack Sons Funeral Home, 141 Main St, Binghamton, from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday. A funeral Mass will be offered at St. James Church, Main Street, Johnson City, at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in Paul's name may be made to SUNY Broome student scholarships at the BCC Foundation, c/o Cathy Williams, PO Box 1017, Binghamton, NY 13902.

Buzz Report: Transfer Day brought students together with more than 60 colleges

November 9, 2015

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On each side of the Baldwin Gym, two people counted how many students walked through the door. When asked how many people were expected to show up, one believed about 400.

Thursday, November 5, was Transfer Day, which brought 63 colleges together with future students. Just 30 minutes into the event, the gym was packed.

Representatives from each college spoke energetically to each student who wanted information. Lisa Folson from Cazenovia College said that this is her second or third time going to a transfer event, but her first time at Broome. Some representatives took notes or phone call, but were sure to keep their expression friendly in case a student wanted to ask them a few questions.

On the way out, I asked Laura Maurer, one of the people counting how many people have come in, a few questions. The most requested colleges were Binghamton University and SUNY Cortland, she said.

When asked what her favorite thing about transfer day was, she replied, “I’ve been doing this for 25 years, and my favorite thing has always been interacting with the students.”

Writer Lillie Wheaton is a SUNY Broome student.



SUNY Broome to offer drone training program

November 9, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

The next wave of technology primed to sweep the nation and expand workplace opportunity is the small unmanned aerial system (SUAS). A unique and comprehensive Broome County Continuing Education training course prepares operators to ride the wave toward myriad future uses and careers.

Join us at 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 17, in Decker Health Sciences Room 201 for a press conference announcing the program, as well as a demonstration of the aerial equipment.

The course, offered through SUNY Broome's Continuing Education Department in collaboration with Canandaigua-based SkyOp, LLC, provides novices and experienced operators with a comprehensive understanding of small unmanned aircraft and the emerging industry.

"It's the next transformative technology that's going to change our lives," Brian Pitre, co-founder of SkyOp, LLC said. "It's that big."

The Introduction to Small Unmanned Aerial Systems course covers different types of flight systems and their capabilities, safe and legal flying practices, commercial applications for the technology, and emerging career opportunities. Participants practice their skills on a Syma X5C Quadcopter and an AeroSIM flight simulator, which are included in the course fee.

The course is designed to meet all the expected Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidelines on operator certification, once legislated.

The estimated economic impact runs in the billions of dollars by 2025, according to the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International. More than 100,000 new jobs nationally will be created in the next 10 years, with nearly 3,400 of them created in New York alone, the organization predicted.

"We see the countless business applications and future workforce impacts," said Janet Hertzog, Director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development. "It fits our program profile perfectly. We're ahead of the curve."

"These are the best data collection systems I've ever seen," Pitre said. "That's what takes me back to my computer roots, understanding the applications and post-processing the data. You can do such amazing things with it."

Current FAA rules and regulations plus operational risk and safety issues will be addressed. Each participant will receive a training certificate of completion.

Class will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. three consecutive Saturdays — December 5, 12 and 19, 2015, at SUNY Broome. People can register for the course online at www.sunybroome.edu/ce or by phone by calling 607-778-5012. The cost of the course is \$1,499.

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Photos: Second annual President's Cup

November 9, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



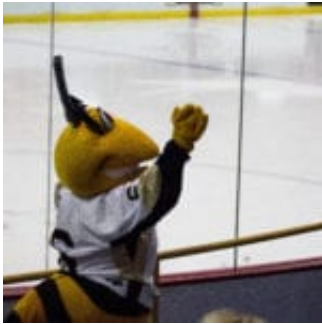
Binghamton University bested SUNY Broome 2-1 on Thursday, November 5, for the second annual Presidents Cup. It was a close, hard-fought game — even though it means that SUNY Broome President Kevin Drumm needs to wear a Bearcats ballcap all week.

Check out some photos from the event:



Photos by Smithshell Julien



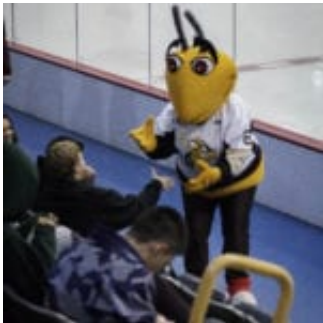
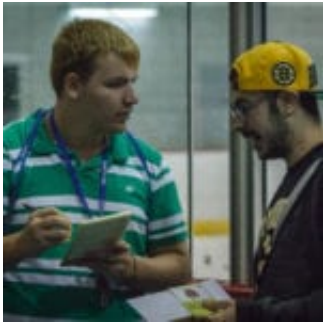






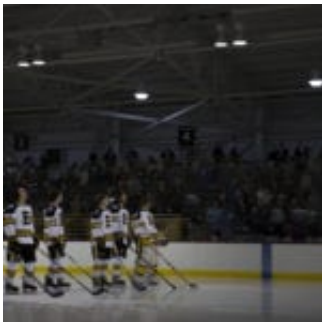








Photos by Silvia Briga



















Shine a green light for veterans

November 10, 2015

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Help shine a light on America's veterans this Veterans Day — literally.

A national initiative, Greenlight A Vet, asks you to change one light to green in a visible location, and keep it glowing every day as a symbol of appreciation and support for our veterans. Then, share your support by taking a picture of your green light and posting it using the hashtag #greenlightavet.

SUNY Broome's Student Activities and Veterans & Military Affairs offices are teaming up to support this effort and will be handing out a green lightbulbs after the campus' Veterans Day ceremony at 10 a.m. November 11.

Our veterans are some of the most hardworking people in our country — but they're not always visible once they return home. The simple action of changing one light to green is intended to spark a national conversation regarding the recognition of veterans, and 'greenlight' them as valued members of our communities.

GREEN LIGHT A VET



SUNY Bingham is proud to report that Student Activities and the Veterans & Military Affairs Office will participate in a national initiative to honor the country's veterans. The program - Green Light A Vet - aims to illuminate the country with green lights to honor the millions of active military and veterans across the U.S. Student Activities and Veterans & Military Affairs are teaming up to support this effort and will be handing out a number of Green Light Bulbs (while supplies last) on Veterans Day, after the Veterans Day Ceremony.

WHAT IS GREENLIGHT A VET?

America's veterans are some of our nation's bravest, hardest-working men and women. However, it's hard to show them the appreciation they deserve when, back home and out of uniform, they're more camouflaged than ever. Greenlight A Vet is a campaign to establish visible national support for our veterans by changing one light to green.

CHANGE ONE LIGHT TO GREEN

Change one light to green in a visible location-on your porch, in your home, or at your office-and keep it glowing every day as a symbol of appreciation and support for our veterans. Then, share your support by taking a picture of your green light and posting it using the hashtag #greenlightavet.

WWW.GREENLIGHTAVET.COM

SUNY Broome to commemorate Veterans Day with Nov. 11 ceremony

November 10, 2015

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Join SUNY Broome for the campus' annual Commemoration of Veterans Day at 10 a.m. November 11, at the Veterans Monument in front of the Student Services Building.



Buzz Report: A Q&A with SUNY Broome's Housing Director and RD

November 10, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



The student village is officially in its second year. What better way to celebrate than to have a new, amazing housing dream team! This team consists of Housing Director Amy Zieziula and Resident Director Calvin McKinney. As a Resident Assistant, I've gotten to know both of these individuals very well and work them closely. They are definitely the dynamic duo!

What made you come to work at SUNY Broome?

Calvin: I have always wanted to live in and travel to New York. I had always had a passion for writing, entertainment and television production, and before moving here I even worked as a local TV producer in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. I knew there were tons of opportunities in the city for my passion, so I was doing everything in my power to move as close as I could to New York City. Along the way, I found this job and relied heavily on my previous years of experience as a Resident Assistant and Resident Director at my own alma mater, Middle Tennessee State University. I remembered how much I loved working in Housing there, so I thought, "Why not?" Everything seemed to fall right into place.

Amy: SUNY Broome is a beautiful campus with a diverse student population. And I was excited by the opportunity to work at a campus with such growth and potential. Overseeing a Residence Hall that is only in its second year is fun and exciting! I am enjoying the opportunity to create new programs and opportunities for our students in the Student Village.

What do you love most about your job?

Calvin: Definitely the people. Housing is one of the most unique work fields there is. I've been in college

before, I have been an RA before, so I know a bit of what the residents are going through: feeling lost, stressed, overwhelmed, wanting to have fun but feeling restricted (almost like you can do everything and nothing all at the same time). I know how frustrating that is, and I have my share of college stories that I'm not too proud of myself. However, had I not had an RA or an RD look out for me like they did back then, there's no telling where I would be now.

College was THE most pivotal time in my life. I learned so much about myself, I became a better version of myself and I don't think that would have happened if it weren't for the people who worked there on campus. By them getting on my back to follow the rules, showing that they cared, and getting on my nerves every step of the way (and I'm sure I got on theirs), it truly made a difference. In just about every resident here, I see a little bit of myself — so if I can help them get to where they want to be or better, that makes it all worthwhile.

Amy: I love everyone that I work with! The Resident Assistants, Resident Director, our Dean of Students Scott Schuhert, and I could go on and on! Everyone is so welcoming and fun to work with! I also enjoy meeting with students. I get excited hearing students explain to me what they hope to achieve here at SUNY Broome, and I love hearing students talk about their long term career goals!

What do you want to achieve while working here?

Calvin: I want to leave an impact, just like my RD when I was in college did for me. I want the students to be empowered, encouraged and make good decisions and grades. I want them to know that anything is possible and that they have the ability to change the world. As corny as it sounds, I truly believe that and I want them to believe it as well. It does not matter where you come from or what barrier separates you from the rest; your voice, your dreams and your hard work matters. How hard you work now in college MATTERS and it sets the tone for the rest of your adult life so take it seriously and make something of because it's possible!

Amy: I hope to continue to develop the Student Village into our student's "home away from home"! We are doing a lot of fun initiatives for our students in the Residence Hall, and I look forward to expanding on those opportunities and further connecting our students to resources and events on campus and in the greater community.

Buzz writer Samantha Figueroa is a SUNY Broome student.



SUNY Broome's Resident Assistants do fire safety training with Housing Director Amy Zieziula and Resident Director Calvin McKinney

Theater Production to host Rod Serling expert for talkback after the show

November 10, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



SUNY Broome theater is pleased to have a special guest to conduct a Q&A session about Rod Serling for this semester's theater production. The performances of "Alien Invasions: Rod Serling's 'The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street' and Gore Vidal's 'Visit to a Small Planet'" are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 19, 20, and 21.

Our guest, Larry Kassan, is the Coordinator of Theatre for the Rod Serling School of the Arts at Binghamton City Schools and founded the Rod Serling Video Festival. He presents on Rod Serling's legacy in such venues as the The Museum of Television and Radio in New York City and National Public Radio.

Larry will be with us on Friday evening, November 20. The show begins at 7 p.m. with the Q&A to follow. Reservations can be made by calling 778-5191.



SUNY Broome's Dr. Altman reappointed as liaison to the National Institute for the Teaching of Psychology

November 10, 2015

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

SUNY Broome Professor Bill Altman (Psychology & Human Services Department) has been reappointed to a second three-year term as the official liaison between the Society for the Teaching of Psychology (a division of the American Psychological Association) and the National Institute for the Teaching of Psychology (NITOP). In this position, Dr. Altman will continue to develop STP-sponsored programs for NITOP.

You can learn more about STP at <http://www.teachpsych.org/index.php> and about NITOP at <http://www.nitop.org/>

Honoring Veterans: SUNY Broome holds Veterans Day ceremony

November 11, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



Bearing flags, the Color Guard marched down the Quad path, their passage punctuated by staccato commands and the percussive sound of their feet marching in time. Gathered in front of SUNY Broome's Veterans monument, the campus community watched in respectful silence.

SUNY Broome honored veterans with its annual Veterans Day ceremony on November 11, which included the procession from the Broome County Veterans Memorial Association. Local firefighters flew a giant flag at the college's South Entrance, and the U.S. Army Reserves' 698th Quartermaster Unit from Nichols brought a military Humvee to the Quad for display. Voice major Kristen McPeak sang the national anthem under the gray skies as veterans and military members held a salute.

"No matter when you served – whether yesterday or decades ago – the SUNY Broome community is deeply, deeply appreciative of your service," said President Kevin E. Drumm, whose father served as a minesweeper in the Navy during World War II.

Originally called Armistice Day, the "11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" was first commemorated in 1919 to remember the end of World War I. It became a federal holiday in 1938 and was renamed Veterans Day in 1954, following World War II and the Korean War, President Drumm recounted.

Veterans have profoundly shaped the nation – including the existence of the nation's community college system. Prior to World War II and the G.I. Bill, higher education was largely limited to the wealthy. After the end of the war, New York State developed five Institutes of Applied Arts and Sciences for returning veterans eager to retrain – including the school now known as SUNY Broome.

"We still have many student who attend class thanks to the G.I. Bill and veterans are an integral part of our campus community," Dr. Drumm said.

Last year, the campus unveiled its new Veterans Resource Center in the Student Services Building, as the result of a partnership with Broome County.

The center is just one of the initiatives the county has undertaken to support veterans, said Broome County Executive and SUNY Broome alumna Debbie Preston. Others include an expanded veterans discount program, a new veterans family area at Greater Binghamton Airport, the expansion of the War Memorial at

the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena, and the purchase of a van to help veterans get to their medical appointments.

“It’s just one small way to say thank you,” she said.

For SUNY Broome student Matthew Gurney, the day isn’t about all the free stuff that veterans receive, or the parades. And he should know.

Gurney joined the U.S. Marines on Sept. 4, 2001 – a week before the 9/11 attacks. He moved up the ranks to sergeant, and experienced deployments in Okinawa, Djibouti and Kuwait. In 2011, he became part of the Army Reserves, completing a deployment in Kuwait. He’s expecting to ship out again in January, said Student Activities Director Jason Boring.

“What it’s really about is just honoring them,” said Gurney, who became a SUNY Broome student in Spring 2012. “It’s really difficult to leave your family and go overseas, and come back months or even years later.”

Having undergone repeated deployments, he noted that support systems can make all the difference. Veterans can also head to the Broome County Veterans Services Agency on Hawley Street to learn what services are available to them.

“You are not forgotten,” Gurney told fellow veterans. “Someone cares. I care.”



SUNY Broome Veterans Day 2015













Nov. 19 Success Seminar: ‘Plan to Finish Well’

November 12, 2015

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The EOP program will hold a discussion on “Plan to Finish Well” from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, Nov. 19, in Wales 203B.

Future Success Seminars include:

- 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

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Photos: ISO's Multicultural Luncheon

November 12, 2015

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2015 Multicultural Luncheon





Chancellor's Award Nominees

November 13, 2015

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

We are honored and pleased to announce our exceptional colleagues who are our nominees this year for SUNY Chancellor's Awards:

Excellence in Classified Service

Deena Price

Excellence in Faculty Service

Erin O'Hara-Leslie

Excellence in Professional Service

Scot Beekman

Jamie Heron-Starr

Excellence in Teaching

Melissa Glenn

Mary Whittaker

Please take the opportunity to congratulate these individuals, and consider writing a letter of support for them to include in their packets. Packets are due in February, so please forward your letters of support directly to the nominees by January 15.

We would also like to acknowledge the following colleague who respectfully declined the nomination: Philip Testa.

SUNY Broome Community College is fortunate to have so many individuals who go the extra mile to serve our students and other members of both the College and community.

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Buzz Photos: Fast Forward's annual Professional Development event

November 13, 2015

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

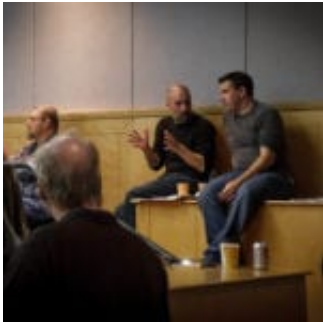


Fast Forward held its annual Professional Development event for Fast Forward instructors on November 10. The program began with networking among the 100 participants from 20 high schools and numerous SUNY Broome faculty and staff, followed by a presentation by a NACEP Board Emeritus member. Chairs and Fast Forward Coordinators then met with instructors via discipline specific breakout sessions.

These ongoing collegial interactions address course content and delivery, assessment, evaluation, and research and development in the field. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to promoting an equivalent, rigorous, and quality concurrent enrollment program.



Fast Forward Professional Development event 2015. Photos by Smithshell Julien.







Need to update your emergency contact info? Student Assembly will help

November 13, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



Members of the Student Assembly will be set up from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, November 19, in Titchener Hall, the Student Center and Applied Technology to help students update their contact information. This includes contact information for the Rave Emergency Alert System, which the campus uses to notify students, faculty and staff of weather closings and emergencies.

As an incentive, there will be free pizza.

Also, Public Safety will discuss how to respond when an active shooter is in your vicinity.



The Monday Poem: 'Student' by Ted Kooser

November 15, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

The Monday poem has been brought to you by Jim Gormley of the English Department. Enjoy!

Student

Ted Kooser

The green shell of his backpack makes him lean
into wave after wave of responsibility,
and he swings his stiff arms and cupped hands,

paddling ahead. He has extended his neck
to its full length, and his chin, hard as a beak,
breaks the surf. He's got his baseball cap on

backward as up he crawls, out of the froth
of a hangover and onto the sand of the future,
and lumbers, heavy with hope, into the library.



The Mighty Seven: Meet this year's AA1 students ****updated with photos****

November 16, 2015

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Gathered together at a set of tables, the group of seven students fell on a spectrum of difference.

Stella Safari and Taylor Thomas both graduated from local high schools, although the former was born in Rwanda and moved to Johnson City after her family “won the green card lottery.” Taylor is an alumna of Chenango Forks. Noah Thayne was homeschooled in Newark Valley, while Eni Vaghy attended an all-online charter school across the border in Pennsylvania.

Others came from further afield: Nia Been hails from Staten Island, Jon Wilken from Long Island and Nikki Putnam from northern Texas near the Oklahoma border, a 1,500-mile drive she made by herself at the start of the semester.

Their dreams, too, are different: attorney and scientist, communications professional, FBI agent.

But other things bring them together: the desire to excel academically, small and challenging classes, the chance to work together on in-depth projects.

Meet this year's [AA1 students](#). [They are only the second class to go through the program](#), which allows them to earn their Associate in Arts degree in a single year and ultimately transfer to top-flight schools.

“We’re the only community college in New York with an AA1 program and one of the few in the country,” SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm told the students, their mentors and their families during a recent reception. “You’re more unique and special than students in Harvard. There are only seven of you.”

The program is classical and well-rounded, giving students an introduction to an array of topics while honing their intellectual skills. It’s also not open to everyone. Students who rank in the top 2 percent of their graduating class at the time of their application are automatically accepted; those in the top 3 to 10 percent or have a minimum GPA of 95 are encouraged to apply and are reviewed by a selection committee.

Classes encourage the development of critical thinking which is something that Nia and Jon said they appreciated.

“The critical thinking part of it really helps me and my classmates to improve,” Jon said.

The program began with a class of five students last year, and is growing increasing interest, noted Dean of Liberal Arts Michael Kinney.

“I thought it was a good deal to get two years done in one,” said Nikki, who learned about the college while researching Binghamton University.

Like Nikki, several members of this year’s class are considering Binghamton University as a next step, although Stella is aiming for Cornell and Noah considering SUNY Oswego or the University of Buffalo. Graduate degrees also beckon, accompanying a wide range of career goals: Noah and Eni imagine careers in communications, while Nia plans to become an attorney, Jon a biochemist, Taylor an FBI agent. Stella hopes to found a nonprofit to help African children living in poverty. Nikki isn’t quite sure yet, but appreciates the opportunity to explore.

Many of them also entered the program with college credit they earned while in high school. Taylor and Stella are also [Presidential Honors Scholars](#).

The AA1 scholars work together on large-scale projects. This year, they’re creating a documentary on [Lyme disease](#) for their class in “The Art of Science.” They have compiled hours of footage, from collecting ticks in the field as part of ongoing research to interviewing patients, medical personnel and researchers, noted Professor Tracy Curtis. They learned to set up lighting to get the best shots and to edit.

Noah and Eny, who are both considering communications careers, are particularly fond of the editing process. When he was small, Noah used to record himself and make his own radio shows, he admitted. But all of the students are exploring their potential and developing skillsets, Eny was quick to point out. Nikki, as it turns out, is a pro at finding royalty-free music.

“We’re finding out things about ourselves that we didn’t know before,” Nikki said. “It’s great.”

The project and their classes also bring the students together. They have become a close group, observed Donna Rehak, staff associate of to the Dean of Liberal Arts, who has seen the group in action.

Dr. Curtis expects the documentary will be completed at the end of the semester, and plans to stage several showings.

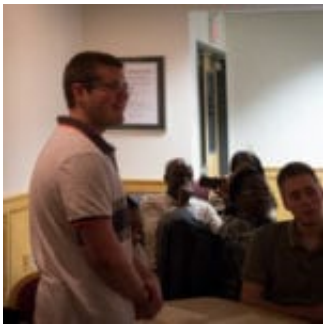
Professors, administrators and mentors alike are optimistic about what the future will hold for this talented crew.

‘From here, you really will be able to go anywhere and do anything,’ President Drumm said. “We are really looking at seven future great leaders of this country.”

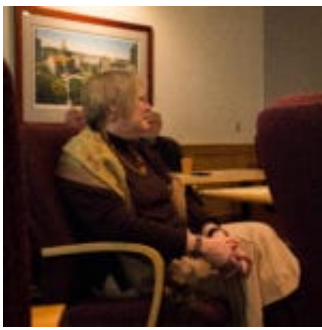


The 2015 AA! reception; photos by Smithshell Julien





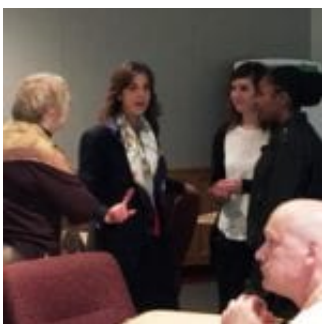




The 2015 AA! reception; photos by Smithshell Julien



The 2015 AA1 reception





SUNY Broome instructor forms new theater company

November 16, 2015

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

SUNY Broome Adjunct Professor James Michalec has formed a new theater company dedicated to raising difficult social issues.

Face It! Theatre Company's first play, *A State Of Denial*, explores the impact of racism on relationships and the consequent power struggles between students, parents and police. Written by Michalec, *A State Of Denial* offers no easy answers to solving the race problem; rather, it is designed to stimulate community discussion, a guiding purpose in creating Face It! Theatre. The production is free to the public.

The cast includes SUNY Broome and Binghamton University students, BU faculty, local high school students and residents of the greater Binghamton community.

A State Of Denial will be performed at 7 p.m. November 20 and 21 at Tri-Cities Opera (315 Clinton St., Binghamton). No tickets are required, although donations are appreciated.

[brochure for faceittheatre](#)

Cutting Edge Tech: SUNY Broome unveils new digital X-Ray equipment

November 16, 2015

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As a freshman, Kristen Chamberlain never worked with SUNY Broome's old X-Ray equipment, but she's chatted with other Radiologic Technology students who have.

"I heard it was called the dinosaur," she said of the equipment, which dated back to the 1970s.

The dinosaur has since been replaced with the Carestream Digital X-Ray Ascend system, a high-tech ceiling-mounted unit that is becoming increasingly prominent in hospitals. It's not the only upgrade SUNY Broome's Rad Tech program has undergone. Other new additions in the last year include a Hovercam and portable X-ray unit purchased through Perkins Grant funds, as well as laptops for virtual radiography and a whole-body phantom.

On November 12, the college held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new X-Ray equipment, as well as an open house where students demonstrated its use. The event occurred, fittingly enough, during National Radiologic Technology Week, which commemorated the discovery of X-Rays 120 years ago by German physicist Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen.

"It's so important for our students to be experienced with everything that's out there," said President Kevin E. Drumm, adding that SUNY Broome has the largest Health Sciences division among SUNY's community colleges.

As with so many initiatives, partnerships helped make the acquisition of this new equipment possible, he noted.

The purchase and installation of the Ascend system cost \$207,602. Of that, \$150,000 came from Regional Council Capital Funds through Empire State Development. The project was in line with the council's five-year strategic plan, noted Robin Alpaugh of Empire State Development, a SUNY Broome alumnus.

The Dr. G. Clifford & Florence B. Decker Foundation gave \$57,602 toward the project cost, and SUNY Broome received additional support from a 2014-2015 Perkins IV Career & Technology Education Grant Award.

"Dr. Decker had a passion for excellence and quality. What better place than SUNY Broome to have that

exemplified?” said Gerald E. Putman, the Decker Foundation’s executive director. He noted that more than 90 percent of SUNY Broome Rad-Tech graduates are employed immediately after receiving their degrees, and virtually all of them pass their certification exam.

“Dr. Decker would be so proud that his foundation is supporting such a great program,” Putman added.

Radiologic technicians are the third largest group of healthcare professionals in the United States today, exceeded in number only by physicians and nurses, said Colleen Donahue, Chair of the Radiologic Technology Program.

“This equipment allows our students to have training on the state-of-the-art digital system that our clinical affiliations have,” she said. “Experience with this type of system on campus will provide our students with increased knowledge on the importance that medical imaging plays in patient care and health care safety, along with the skills sets students will need to enter service-learning.”

Students in the program train on all forms of radiology equipment they may counter in their careers: the older, film-screen systems, computed radiography (CR) and now digital radiography (DR). Many medical facilities, including all of the area’s hospitals, are increasingly switching to DR technology, which can produce images instantaneously. There are other advantages, too; newer versions are wireless and can be moved from wall to table units.

“With the advent of computerized radiology, we can now clean up the image a little bit and it takes seconds – 10 seconds versus the 90 seconds or more with the analog,” freshman Doug Yarrington explained to visitors at the ribbon-cutting. “And it’s a lot less radiation for the patient.”

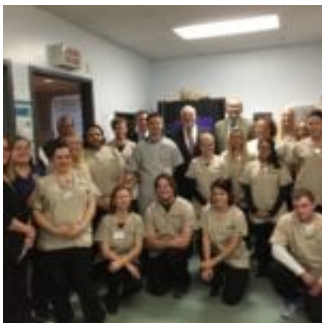
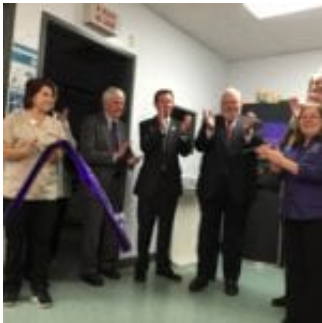
Students demonstrated the use of lab equipment to curious onlookers, carefully positioning the patients on the table and donning protective gear. The latter is especially important for the portable X-ray unit, which technologists would use when responding to disasters in the field. Across the hall, students carefully positioned the new full-body phantom – an anatomically correct manikin dubbed “Trixie” that contains organs and a skeleton under her sculpted skin – on the X-Ray table, as if she were a real patient.

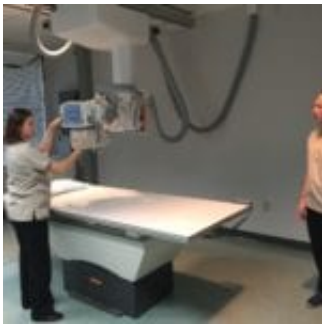
Student Jessi McNeilly said she appreciated the chance to learn on the new equipment.

“It’s what we’ll be working with in the hospital,” Kristen added.



2015 Ribbon-cutting for the new Digital X-Ray equipment





Making a Difference: Student groups donate \$4K to BC Center

November 17, 2015

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With bright smiles, students from the Broome Educators of Children Association (BECA) and the Social Wellness Advocacy Group (SWAG) unfurled a large printed check.

The clubs raised \$4,000 for the BC Center, SUNY Broome's on-campus childcare center, through an [Oct. 5 pottery sale](#) and an [Oct. 30 drag show and competition in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre](#).

The funds will go toward scholarships for SUNY Broome students, said BC Center Director Nancy Seliga.

"These groups understand that it's educating two generations," said Professor Lisa Strahley. "This is high-quality learning for the children as well."

For many parents, quality childcare is essential when it comes to pursuing an education. However, childcare is often expensive and may seem out of reach for many parents.

"There are many students who wouldn't have graduated if it weren't for programs like this," said Willie Murray, a communications and media arts major involved with SWAG.

Established in 1975, the licensed childcare center accepts children ages 6 weeks to 5 years, primarily of SUNY Broome students and staff. Established in 1975, the BC Center enrolls approximately 45 to 60 children per semester. Typically, 12 parents a year graduate from the college. Through the years, the center has helped more than 3,000 parents graduate.

Fees for services are based on family income and size, and subsidies are available for eligible families. There is, however, a wait list, particularly for infants, Seliga acknowledged.

One of the students on the list is Ashley Marsh, a member of SWAG majoring in the college's chemical dependency program. She's expecting twins, and also used the service years ago when her son was small.

"I remember it being a relief because he was here on campus," she said. "As a parent, you want your kids close."

The donation was deeply appreciated by BC Center and its staff.

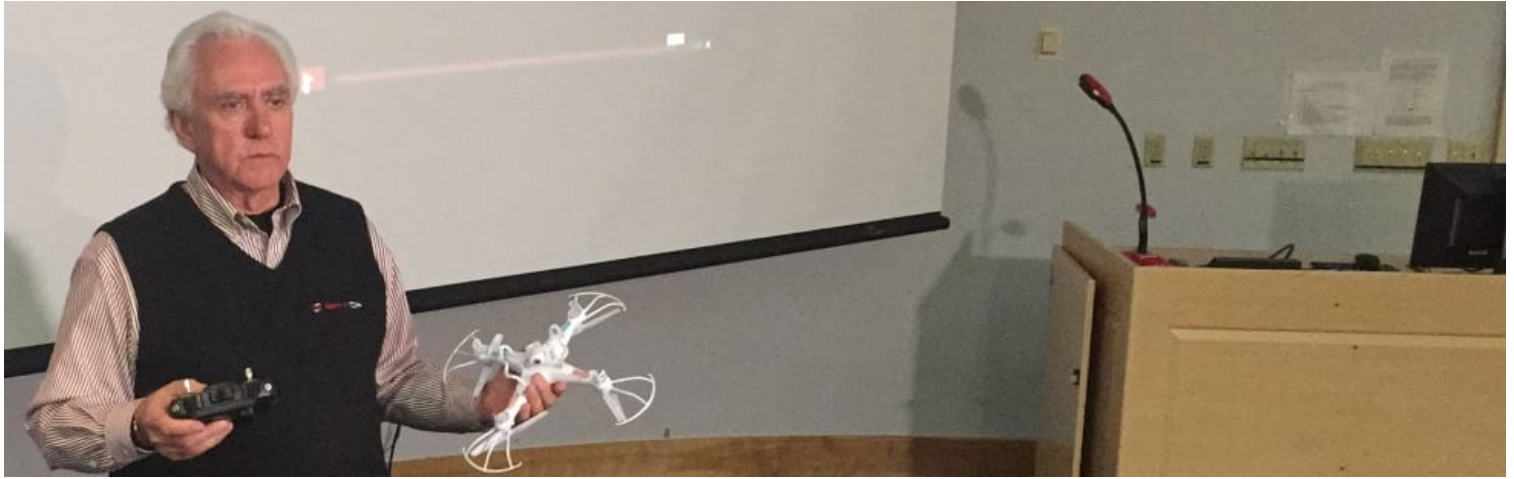
“On this campus, everyone helps each other,” Seliga said. “It’s really been wonderful.”



Future tech: SUNY Broome offers drone training program

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Transformative technologies have a way of sneaking up on us. Decades ago, few could have imagined that computers would be in every home, and the Internet would become a driving force of commerce and global culture.

The next wave of transformative technology will be personal robotics and particularly flight robotics, said Brian Pitre, who spent more than 40 years in the computer industry and co-founded Canandaigua-based SkyOp, LLC.

“It’s going to change our lives with the same impact,” he said of small unmanned aerial systems (SUAS), commonly called drones. “There are thousands of applications these devices will be used for.”

A unique and comprehensive SUNY Broome Continuing Education training course will prepare operators to use this technology. Offered in collaboration with SKyOp, “Introduction to Small Unmanned Aerial Systems” will provide novices and experienced operators with a comprehensive understanding of drones and the emerging industry.

Now offered at five colleges, the course typically draws a wide range of students – teens to septuagenarians, hobbyists to experienced pilots, business professionals and the merely curious, Pitre said.

The course covers different types of flight systems and their capabilities, safe and legal flying practices, commercial applications and emerging career opportunities. Participants practice their skills on a Syma X5C Quadcopter and an AeroSIM flight simulator, which are included in the course fee.

Impact on the economy

Drones are expected to create more than 100,000 new jobs nationally in the next 10 years, nearly 3,400 of them in New York, according to the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International. Overall, their economic impact is expected to run in the billions of dollars by the year 2025.

“We know that unmanned aerial systems will have a lot of impact on businesses in our area,” said Janet Hertzog, Director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development.

Like computers and the Internet, drones were first used by the government. They have since made their way

into homes, although a 2007 decision by the Federal Aviation Administration has prohibited their commercial use. That's about to change; the FAA is reviewing new commercial regulations and is expected to release them in 2016, Pitre said. The course, he noted, would help students prepare for future certification through the FAA.

Drones have been used in the military, in police work and increasingly in business – from engineering firms that use them to get an up-close view of rooftops, to the photographer looking for the perfect shot, SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm noted. He noted that his son has one, which he flies around the house.

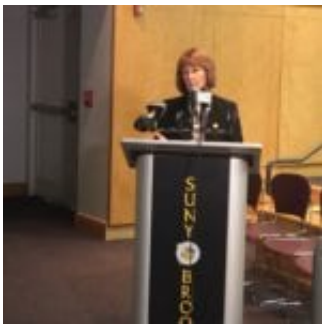
Dr. Drumm was intrigued by the future uses of the technology, which range from retail to healthcare.

“I’m looking forward to seeing how the big retailers are looking into this for deliveries,” he said.

Class will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on three consecutive Saturdays – December 5, 12 and 19 – at SUNY Broome. Register for the course online at www.sunybroome.edu/ce or by calling (607) 778-5012. The cost of the course is \$1,499.



Announcing the “Introduction to Small Unmanned Aerial Systems” course





LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER: First annual Health for Haiti Bowling Tournament

November 17, 2015

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It's almost time for the first annual Health for Haiti bowling fundraiser! Register your team soon and enjoy some holiday cheer.

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.

Team names and team membership rosters are due by November 20. A contribution of \$35 per person is due November 27.

Contact: Diane Kelly

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Where in the world is Professor Stanton?

November 18, 2015

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Where in the world is Myriam Stanton, Adjunct Professor of ESL and Spanish? She's traveling with the Collaborative Online International Learning program.

A world map awaits the person who comes closest with your guess. (You are disqualified if you already know.)

Send your best guess to mckennakm@sunybroome.edu.



SUNY Broome connects with Colombia via teleconference

November 19, 2015

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



SUNY Broome's Office of International Programs began hosting a three-day teleconference on November 18 with the Fundacion Centro Colombiano de Estudios Profesionales, based in Cali Colombia, on "The Internationalization of Higher Education."

Speakers from SUNY Broome will include:

Alberto Miller

Claudia Beebe

Susan Wellington

Maria Basualdo

Jan McCauley

Kathleen McKenna

Topics covered will include, among others, study abroad, hosting international students and connecting via Collaborative Online International Learning.



New clues: Where in the World is Professor Stanton?

November 19, 2015

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Professor Myriam Stanton, Adjunct Instructor of ESL and Spanish is traveling with the SUNY Collaborative Online International Learning Initiative. Where is she? A world map awaits the person with the closest guess! Email mckennakm@sunybroome.edu.





Lending a hand: Why Steve Gardner is pitching in for #Broome24

November 19, 2015

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Steve Gardner is gearing up for SUNY Broome's 24 Hours of Giving.

This proud Hornet has his SUNY Broome Alumnus t-shirt at the ready for December 1. While he won't be awake for the entire 24 hours, he plans to put in a long day helping the Broome Community College Foundation.

"I will be here a good 8 to 12 hours," vowed Gardner, a 1973 graduate and Dickinson resident. "I look forward to being here on December 1. It will be fun to be back!"

The first annual 24 Hours of Giving – known as #Broome24 on social media — kicks off at midnight December 1 and supports the Foundation, which provides scholarships to many SUNY Broome students. It's part of Giving Tuesday, a national initiative that kicked off in 2012 and has raised millions of dollars for nonprofits around the globe.

Volunteers – including Steve Gardner – will be taking pledges around the clock. The day also will feature challenges, prizes and just plain fun, both on campus and in the virtual world via social media and a dedicated webpage at www.sunybroome.edu/broome24.

For alumni such as Gardner, the event represents a chance to reconnect with their alma mater, and share memories about their Broome Tech, BCC or SUNY Broome days. (Fun fact: the College has sported five different names during the course of its nearly 70-year history. They are: the State Institute of Arts and Sciences at Binghamton, Broome County Technical Institute, Broome Technical Community College, Broome Community College and, now, SUNY Broome.)

Gardner first enrolled in 1968 after graduating from Binghamton North High School. Back then – BTCC days, he remembers – the campus only had five buildings. He then went on active duty in the Navy and returned a few years later. In his absence, the Cecil C Tyrrell Library was built and "Tech" disappeared from the College's name.

His wife, the former Linda Vescio, is also a SUNY Broome alumna; she graduated in 1972. The two married during Gardner's second year at the school, where he majored in accounting.

"We have fond memories of BCC. It's always had non-traditional students," he said. "We had a lot of fun. It

was a great place to go to school.”

He remembers a sign in the Admissions office: “Attend Notre Dame for half price,” a reference to the important role community college has in making education affordable. Then, as now, SUNY Broome proved to be a stepping stone to greater things.

“It prepared you to go to any university,” he said.

Gardner went on to finish a bachelor’s degree in economics at Binghamton University, then called SUNY Binghamton, and spent his career working for banks and credit unions. He spent 19 years as CEO of GHS Federal Credit Union and then eight years as Vice President of National Accounts for Security Mutual Life of New York, before retiring in 2015.

During his career, he and his colleagues took classes at SUNY Broome to keep their skills sharp. They were dubbed “lifelong learners,” he remembered.

In addition to his contributions to the work world, Gardner gave back to his community – and the college. A Town of Dickinson Councilman, he served on the board of the BCC Foundation from 2002 to 2008. When he was CEO, GHS established a scholarship for a continuing Business student that is still awarded today.

He and his wife are also proud donors, and encourage other Hornet alumni to consider pitching in.

“For the past 23 years, Linda and I have contributed to the Foundation and I hope that if you’re in a position to contribute to it, you will,” he said.

Steve Gardner also issued a special challenge to his classmates for the 24 Hours of Giving.

“If you’re a member of the class of 1973, I challenge you to make a donation! I want everyone to donate, but especially the class of 1973.”

How to help

We need you to make the 24 Hours of Giving a success! Visit www.sunybroome.edu/broome24 to make a gift at any time; you don’t need to wait for midnight on December 1! Give \$1, \$10, \$1,000 – all amounts are accepted and appreciated.

While you’re on the #Broome24 page, consider becoming a volunteer! Consider becoming a social media ambassador, sharing stories and updates throughout the day. Donate treats to the bake sale. Answer those crucial phone calls, and much more. Sign up by clicking the blue “Volunteer” button on the right side of the page.



Updated: SUNY Broome celebrates Homecoming

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SUNY Broome recently had its first-ever [homecoming](#)! Organized by the RHA staff of Student Village, Homecoming was held on Saturday, November 14.

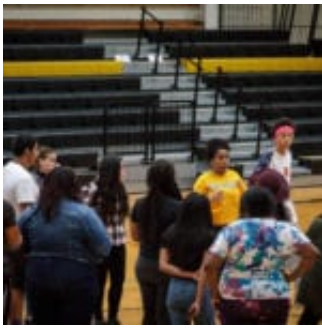
The day featured multiple events for both residential and commuter students in the Baldwin Gym. Events included a basketball tournament, a performance by the very talented step team, an intense game of musical chairs and much more. Refreshments and hotdogs were also given out for free to all Broome students.

I couldn't be more proud of the RHA for organizing this event. It was a perfect day of fun, taking our stress away from the midterm blues we've all been going through. It's great to relax every once in a while and feel like a kid again. However, I must say musical chairs is not a game that should be taken lightly!

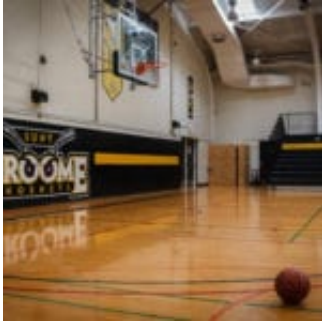
I am looking forward to more big events like this that bridge the divide between commuters and people who live on campus. In the end, we're all just a bunch of college kids.

Buzz reporter Samantha Figueroa is a SUNY Broome student.

Check out these photos from Buzz photographer Smithshell Julien:



2015 Student Village Homecoming. Photos by Smithshell Julien.

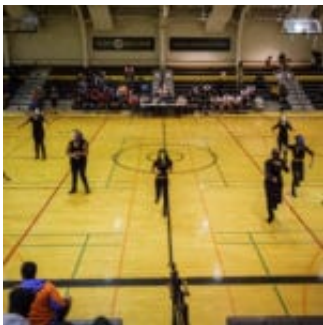
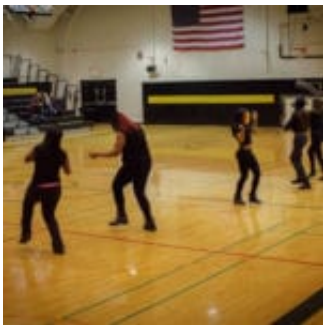
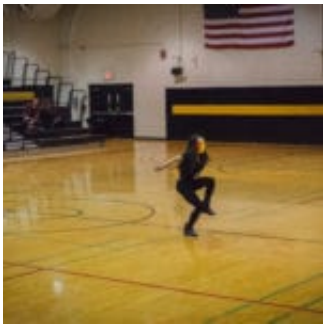


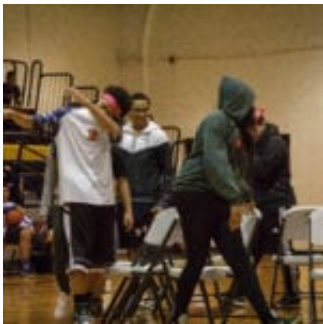
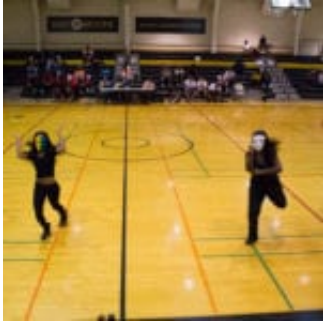














Buzz Photos: Excelsior College open house

November 20, 2015

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The [SUNY Broome/Excelsior College Partnership](#) recently held an open house on campus. Visitors met representatives from Admissions, Financial Aid, Veteran Education Benefits and Outreach offices from [Excelsior College](#), and learned more about [Excelsior](#) through panel presentations, a Q&A and more.

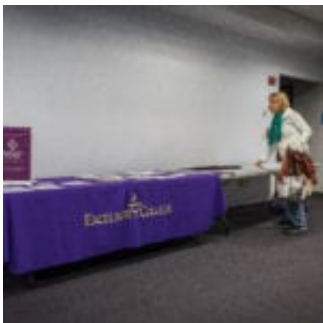
Students in the SUNY Broome and Excelsior College partnership program take most of their coursework toward their bachelor's degree at SUNY Broome and then transfer to Excelsior to complete the degree. Excelsior College is an accredited, nonprofit institution dedicated to adult learners.

Enjoy these photos from Buzz student photographer Smithshell Julien:



2015 Excelsior College Open House. Photos by Smithshell Julien.





Buzz photos: Kingsman's Wheel of Fortune fundraiser

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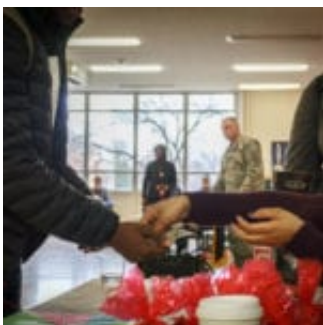
Kingsman: The Public Service Club recently held a Wheel of Fortune fundraiser to benefit the YMCA and YWCA. The club is organizing weekly Fundraising for a Cause events.

Check out these photos by Buzz student photographer Smithshell Julien. He also includes shots of the Student Assembly's drive to have students update their emergency contact information, which occurred at the same time.



Kingsman's Wheel of Fortune fundraiser. Photos by Smithshell Julien.









The Monday Poem: ‘Wednesdays’ by Sue Ellen Thompson

November 22, 2015

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The Monday Poem has been brought to you by Jim Gormley of the English Department. Enjoy!

Wednesdays

Sue Ellen Thompson

Along with his two surviving sisters, the five of us divided up the week, so that one of us would call my father every night at dinnertime. My night was Wednesday, and after we discussed the weather, and he expressed amazement that New Hampshire could have record-breaking rains while Maryland clung stubbornly to drought, he'd ask if I had spoken with my daughter lately. I'd say No, that it had been a month, or that I'd left a message and she hadn't called me back, and he'd say what a shame that was, he didn't understand how silence could descend between a parent and a child. With that, he'd reach across the kitchen table with his knotted fingers for her latest postcard, then for his magnifying glass. I marveled at the torrent of her sentences, when her communications with me were so sere and brief. When he was done, I'd say, "I'll talk to you again next week," to which he responded cheerfully, right up until the end, "I hope so."



Solved: Where is Professor Stanton

November 22, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



Where *was* Prof. Myriam Stanton. Adjunct Instructor of ESL and Spanish?

Ask her to tell you about Collaborative Online International Learning and about Chihuahua, Mexico!





Student Assembly helps students update their contact information

November 23, 2015

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Members of the Student Assembly recently held a drive in Titchener Hall, the Student Center and Applied Technology to help students update their contact information. This includes contact information for the Rave Emergency Alert System, which the campus uses to notify students, faculty and staff of weather closings and emergencies.

Student Assembly helped more than 100 students update their contact information, said Heather Coggins, Vice President for Financial Concerns.

Couldn't make the drive? 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>



Changing the World: Nosa Akol takes aim at global hunger

November 23, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



She may call Binghamton home, but Nosa Akol's desire to make a difference transcends national boundaries.

Her vehicle of transformation: agriculture, a field she developed a passion for through her involvement with 4-H and the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Broome County.

"I can do so much more in the agricultural field. Providing food is so essential," said Akol, a native of South Sudan whose family emigrated to Binghamton when she was five. "It's something that can change somebody's life for the better."

A graduate of Binghamton High School, Nosa has been heavily involved in CITIZEN U, a civic engagement program through 4-H and CCE. She won the 2015 4-H Youth in Action Award and served as a delegate at the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute, as well as interned as a biological science aide at the Robert W. Holley Center for Agriculture and Health at Cornell University, attended the Norman Borlaug Symposium as a panelist, and served as keynote speaker at the 4-H Career Explorations at Cornell University.

A Liberal Arts – Science major, she plans to transfer to Cornell after finishing her year at SUNY Broome. Ultimately, she hopes to help women and children in the developing world create sustainable agriculture-based microbusinesses.

"Women in developing countries are the ones giving back," she said, noting that microbusinesses would help bring income to their families. "I really like agriculture and I also like business. Why not combine the two?"

She'll get a chance to put her passion to work in January, when she and 19 other students will board an airplane bound for Haiti [as part of SUNY Broome's 2016 global service learning course](#) there. Nosa's participation was made possible by a [\\$1,500 scholarship](#), awarded by the Endwell Rotary and Rotary International.

Nosa's interest in agriculture fits in with this year's Health for Haiti trip, which will include a community garden component. The program has acquired land in the village it serves, and residents have already planted corn, melons and beans.

Professor Jennifer Musa, who created the Health for Haiti program with Maureen Hankin, reached out to Nosa for her expertise.

“I do not have a lot of gardening experience, so this is new to me! Once we started talking about doing it, I’ve never had a project move this quickly before,” Professor Musa said of the garden project. “I’m thrilled to have Nosa here, especially with her interest in agriculture. The timing was perfect.”

When she entered high school, agriculture never crossed Nosa’s mind. The eldest of six children, she had been considering a career in law enforcement – perhaps as an FBI agent – as a way to protect others. During her freshmen year of high school, she joined CITIZEN U, with the hope that it would nurture her career goals.

Instead, she found her interests changing and expanding in scope.

“CITIZEN U got me out of my comfort zone,” she explained.

Through the program, she improved her local community, planting trees and flowers in a local park and spearheading the Great Pothole Solution Project, which used GIS and GPS to map potholes throughout Binghamton; CITIZEN U teen leaders then presented their remediation plan to city officials.

She served as Broome County’s delegate to 4-H Capitol Days in Albany, where she met state legislators. She helped design and carry out two health and wellness projects at Binghamton’s Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School, where more than 57 percent of students are at risk of childhood obesity.

Research internships through Cornell, meeting with international leaders during World Food Day, serving on a Hunger Task Force through CCE and The United Way – Nosa Akol has a long list of accomplishments, and remains heavily involved in CITIZEN U.

“All of these experiences and honors have focused Nosa’s resolve to find solutions to ending global poverty and supporting the human rights on underserved women and children, especially in her native country of South Sudan,” CCE-Broome’s Dr. June Mead, State Project Director for Children, Youth and Families, wrote in a recent letter of recommendation.

Nosa chose SUNY Broome because it’s close to home, and offered a wide variety of interesting programs.

“I can take advantage of a lot of SUNY programs, too, that travel,” she said.

At Cornell, Nosa plans to major in international agricultural and rural development – and dedicate her life to making a difference.

“As a native of South Sudan, I am acutely aware of the lack of opportunities and injustices faced by young women living in poverty in a war-torn country,” she wrote in her Health for Haiti application. “But regardless of where my education and career goals lead me, I want to help others and fight global hunger.”



SUNY Broome's Dr. Amory presents paper at Dante and Music conference

November 24, 2015

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

Dr. Carolyn T. Amory, an adjunct instructor in English at SUNY Broome, presented at the Dante and Music conference on November 5 and 6 at the University of Pennsylvania (UPenn) in Philadelphia, held in honor of Dante Alighieri's 750th birthday.

The conference was well attended by Dante scholars as well as musicologists, primarily from Ivy League schools, state universities and European institutions. Dr. Amory was the only participant from a two-year school, getting welcome notice for SUNY Broome. Her paper, "*Vita Nuova* and Operatic Form," discussed Dante's *Vita Nuova* and how its pattern of description and poem was adopted into the pattern of recitative and aria used in the first opera. That pattern is still used in opera, as well as in modern musical theater and song forms so familiar that we assume them always to have been there.

The paper was very well-received. Several scholars expressed interest in previously ignored points that it brought up, and which will prompt additional opportunities for study. "*Vita Nuova* and Operatic Form" will be published by UPenn in *Conference Proceedings*.

Carolyn Timmsen Amory holds her B.A. in music, M.A. in Italian Letters and Literature, and Ph.D. in Comparative Literatures, all earned at Binghamton University. She was associated with Tri-Cities Opera for 33 years as student, chorister, props master, translations coordinator and translator. She has taught voice for many years, as well as Italian, Comparative Literatures, and English.

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The passing of Mary McCarthy's mother

November 24, 2015

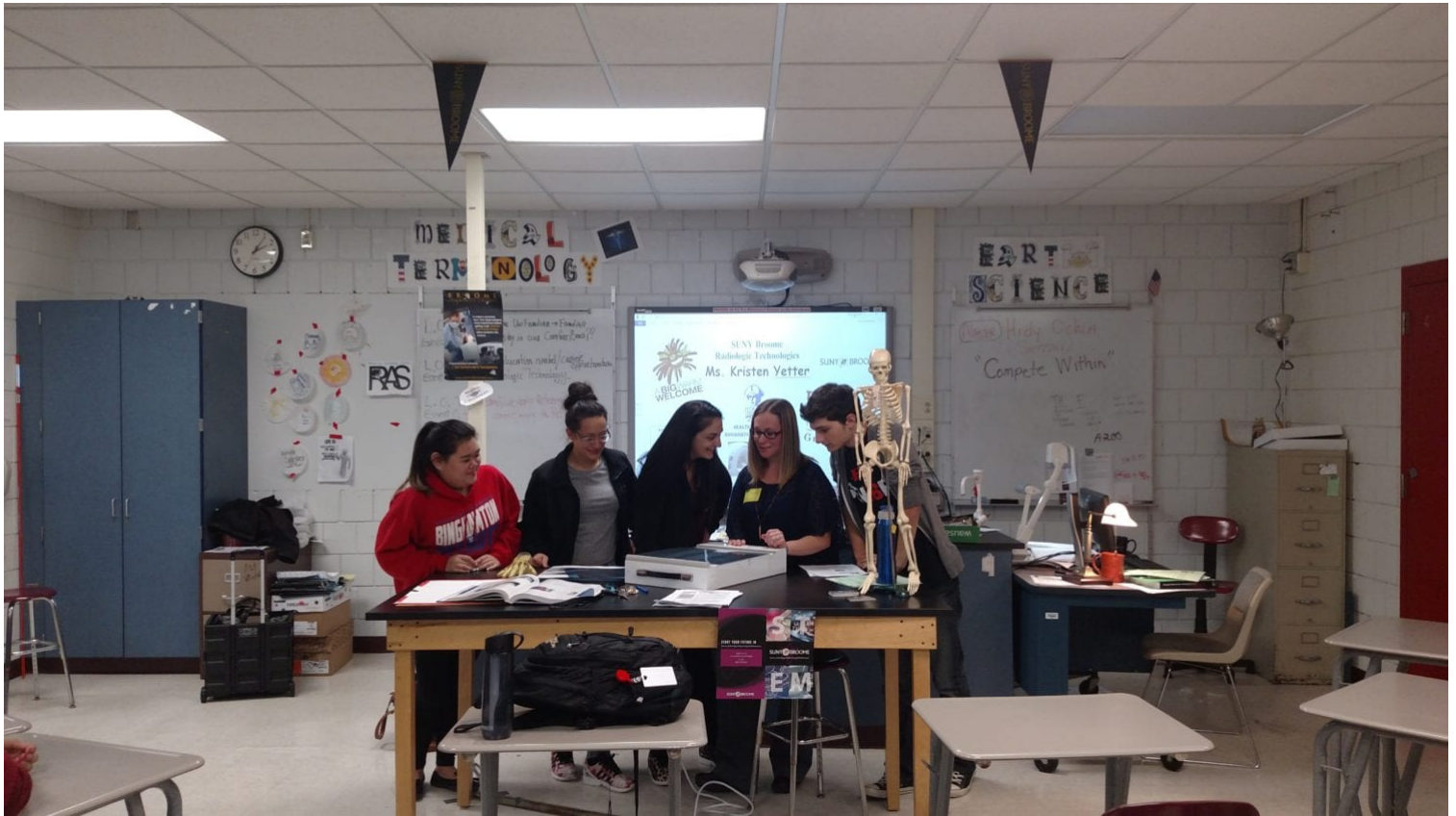
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Counseling Services is saddened to announce the passing of Mary McCarthy's mother, Virginia McCarthy, this past Sunday. Calling hours will be at the Chopyak-Scheider Funeral Home, Saturday, Nov. 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that a contribution be sent to CHOW c/o Broome County Council of Churches, 3 Otsenigo Street, Binghamton, NY 13903.

Radiologic Technologies presents to high school

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Professor and Clinical Coordinator of Radiologic Technologies Kristen Yetter presented to Binghamton High School's Medical Terminology and Anatomy and Physiology course. Students learned what a Radiologic Technician does, entrance requirements and transfer opportunities within the field of digital imaging. Professor Yetter brought in actual X-ray images for students to view and talked about the history of her field.

The students and faculty were excited to learn more about opportunities at Broome related to their class. As you can tell from the picture, Professor Yetter definitely helped inspire some future SUNY Broome alumni!

If you are interested in presenting to our local high schools on your academic area, please contact Maureen Kollar at kollarmk@sunybroome.edu or 607-778-5648.



New book by SUNY Broome's Dr. Romano explores community college finances

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Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

SUNY Broome Professor Emeritus Richard M. Romano has co-authored a book on community college finance that was released this month by Rowman & Littlefield.

Written with Illinois State's James C. Palmer, *Financing Community Colleges: Where We Are, Where We're Going* reviews 30 years of research, highlights current trends and makes projections for the future.

The two long-time scholars foresee a troubled future, unless funding is increased. Supported by research, the authors find no salvation in the free tuition movement, declare that the debt problem is really a repayment problem, and discover that community college students may not be borrowing enough to complete their education. Topics range from college quality, affordability, access, productivity and outcomes to the community college mission itself.

Dr. Romano will also hold an on-campus presentation on *Financing Community Colleges* from 11 to 11:50 a.m. March 17 in the TRC Conference Room in the library. He directs SUNY Broome's Institute for Community College Research and is a Research Fellow at the Cornell Higher Education Research Institute at Cornell University.

Part of a series commissioned by the Association of Community College Trustees, *Financing Community Colleges* is available on Amazon.

Faculty and staff who wish to receive a 30 percent discount on the cost can stop by Jennifer Micale's office in Wales 205 for an order form.

For more information, contact Dr. Romano at rmr46@cornell.edu or (607) 648-6920.



Farewell Party for Ryan Snyder on Dec. 4

November 25, 2015

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A farewell party for the bookstore's Ryan Snyder will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, in the Campus Shop. Cake will be served.

Buzz Photos: ‘Alien Invasions’ at the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre

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This semester’s theater production, ‘[Alien Invasions](#)’: Rod Serling’s ‘The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street’ and Gore Vidal’s ‘Visit to a Small Planet,’” was an out-of-this-world success!

Enjoy these photos from Buzz student photographer Smithshell Julien, who was there Nov. 20. The after-show special guest was Rod Serling expert Larry Kassan, who conducted a Q&A with the audience.



Fall 2015 Theater production, “Alien Invasions.” Photos by Smithshell Julien.





The Monday Poem: 'No Time' by Billy Collins

November 29, 2015

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The Monday Poem is brought to you by Jim Gormley of the English Department. Enjoy!

No Time

Billy Collins

In a rush this weekday morning,
I tap the horn as I speed past the cemetery
where my parents are buried
side by side beneath a slab of smooth granite.

Then, all day, I think of him rising up
to give me that look
of knowing disapproval
while my mother calmly tells him to lie back down.



Dec. 17 Jazz Ensemble concert to feature Andrew Williams

November 30, 2015

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The SUNY Broome Jazz Ensemble will be performing at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 17, in SUNY Broome's Angelo Zuccolo Little Theater. The ensemble will be welcoming and sharing the stage with Andrew Williams as a guest jazz artist.

Williams is a trombonist, bassist and recording engineer based out of Upstate New York. With a professional career spanning more than 30 years, he has appeared with countless jazz stars including Freddie Hubbard, Slide Hampton, Jimmy Heath, Wynton Marsalis, Frank Foster, Billy Mitchell, Jon Hendricks and Milt Jackson.

Having an early interest in Classical and Symphonic music, he studied with Edwin Anderson of the Cleveland Orchestra, George Osborn of the Rochester Philharmonic and Per Brevig of the Metropolitan Opera. Currently, he is nearly as busy performing orchestral and concert music as jazz, appearing with the Syracuse Symphony, Binghamton Philharmonic and Tri Cities Opera. In addition, he has been busy of late playing on national television commercials and programs as well as feature films. The Andrew Williams Quartet can be heard every Friday evening at Moxie in Conklin.

As the former owner of the Sir Pent Studio for Recording in Manhattan, Williams has engineered more than a hundred jazz recording sessions during that time and since, as well as work in the field of location recording for acoustic music, design in electronics for audio, and acoustics. Technology and performance do cross over and he has appeared on many CDs as performer as well, most notably with Andy Farber (Double A), Slide Hampton (Inclusion), The New Jazz Composers Octet (First Steps Into Reality) and Anne Hampton Callaway (To Ella With Love).

The SUNY Broome Jazz Ensemble, along with Williams, will present a mix of freshly arranged Christmas and holiday tunes, as well as contemporary pop, rock and funk. This show is certain to get you jazzed about the holiday season!

