

The Focus

faculty / staff e-newsletter

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Update: Remediation work in the Student Services Building

December 23, 2015

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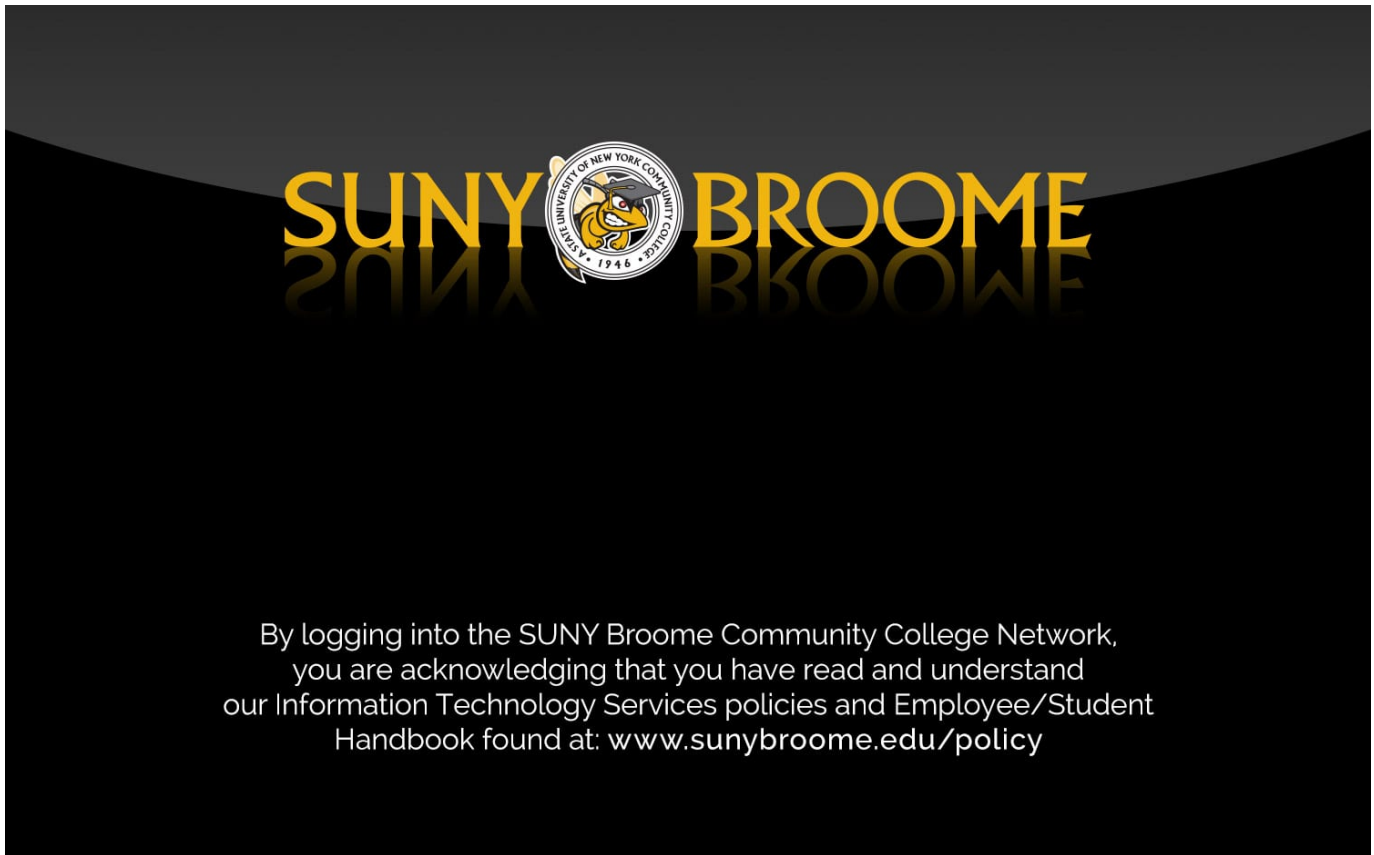
Good news: Results have come back from air sampling tests in the Student Services Building, which were **negative** for asbestos.

As a result, the building **will not** be shut down over curtailment, and will remain available for use. We will continue working with our Health and Safety office, our consultants and the Department of Labor to determine what future work needs to be done.

Approval to implement background screen change

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Based on a recommendation from our auditors and approved by executive council, ITS will be implementing a change to our campus Windows background screen. The image is attached. This background will be implemented in early January, when we return from curtailment, for all users. It is only visible at the time of login and will not affect usage in any way.



Finance, Financial Aid get festive for Ugly Sweater Day

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And what to my wondering eyes should appear? The Finance and Financial Aid offices were decked out in their holiday best for their first annual Ugly Sweater Day!



Video: Season's Greetings from SUNY Broome


December 22, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



What are you grateful for this holiday season? SUNY Broome students share their thanks in this special message.

Being Grateful this Holiday Season...

 <https://youtube.com/watch?v=YDYUqjZeW74>



Buzz Photos: Video Game & Card Game Competition

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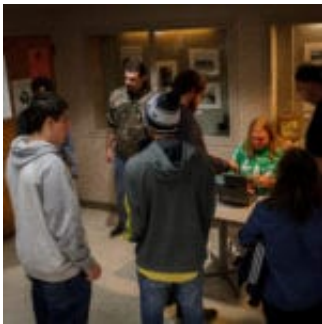
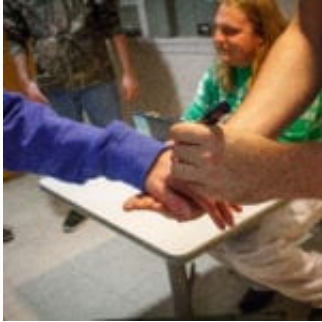


Dec. 18 was the night to geek out in Titchener Hall! That's when the Japanese Culture and Animation Club and the Communication Club co-hosted a card game and video game competition, which included prizes.

Enjoy these photos by Buzz student photographer Smithshell Julien:

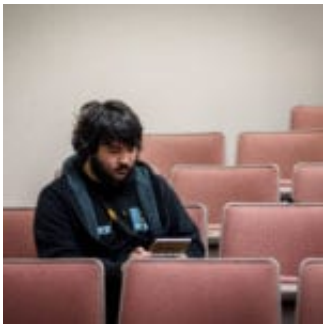


December 2015 Video Game & Card Game tournament. Photos by Smithshell Julien













Save the Date: January Teaching Conference 2016

December 21, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

The President's Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion would like to invite the SUNY Broome community to an interactive conference. Topics explored will include:

- Why is diversity important to the future of higher education?
- What are the specific implications of diversity for SUNY Broome?
- How does unconscious bias affect our interactions with students and colleagues?
- How can we deepen our understanding of the complexity of diversity?

Date: Thursday, January 14, 2016

Location: Decker 201

Schedule of Events:

- 8:30 am – 9:30 am – Coffee/tea and pastries
- 9:30 am -12:00 pm – Keynote Address
- 12:00 pm -1:00 pm – Complimentary Lunch
- 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm – Interactive afternoon session

Please see the attached document for further details.

To register, please complete the [Conference Registration Form](#). We hope to see you there!



Employee Handbook 2015-16

December 21, 2015

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The Employee Information Booklet is an annual publication that has been developed to fulfill required State and Federal obligations. These legal mandates stipulate that employees have a right to information about campus safety and campus policies, procedures and services regarding health, safety, and overall operations. Included in the handbook are two updated policies/procedures

- The Non-Discrimination Statement

- The Discrimination Complaint Procedure

All information should be reviewed by employees each year, for example:

- Nepotism Policy

- Sexual Harassment/Title IX

- Work-Related Injury

- Workplace Violence Prevention Procedure

- Smoke Free Facility

- Information Technology Services

The updated Employee Information Booklet is attached, it is also available on line when you log into MyCollege, click on the Employee tab, and scroll down to Employee Handbook(listed under forms and documents).

If you have trouble accessing the document please contact Human Resources at X5319.

Thank you.

Paige Sedlacek

[Employee Handbook 2015-2016](#)

2016 Payroll Schedule

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To provide the widest distribution this letter is being sent via campus wide e-mail and can be found in the Banner Self Service portal (**MYCOLLEGE.SUNYBROOME.EDU**) area under the employee tab. There will be 9 checks in Spring 2016, starting with the paycheck of 2/5/16 and ending 5/27/16. For Fall 2016 the academic calendar will have a pre – Labor Day start, the payroll implications for adjuncts and overload should be noted and anticipated. The Fall 2016 pay will be distributed over 9 paychecks. Adjunct and overload pay will begin 9/16/16 and end 1/6/17. The last pay of the Fall Semester will be in January 2017. There will be no adjunct/overload pay on 9/2/16. This is due to the fact that the 9/2/16 payday is for the last pay period in the old budget year (8/15/16 – 8/28/16).

FICA

The Social Security taxes will remain at 6.2% for 2016. Medicare will remain at 1.45% for 2016. The Social Security maximum taxable wage base will remain at \$118,500. The Medicare portion continues on all earnings with no limit. Individuals with earned income of more than \$200,000 (\$250,000 married filing jointly) pay an additional 0.9 percent in Medicare taxes.

FEDERAL/STATE TAX

The income limits for all Federal tax rate brackets and all filers are adjusted for inflation. The NYS tax rate schedules have been adjusted to reflect the cost of living adjustment.

Those employees with a change in their exemption status or income in the past year are reminded to file new W-4 and IT-2104 forms with payroll if necessary.

W-2'S

SUNY Broome employees will receive their 2015 W-2 Wage and Tax statement by mail at the address on file in the Banner system. Please review your address for correctness on either your check/direct deposit remittance, or on the employee tab in Banner Self Service (**MYCOLLEGE.SUNYBROOME.EDU**). Changes to your address may be made by completing the Personal Information Change form. This form is available online in the Banner Self Service employee tab and also in the Human Resources Office. Union dues and 414H contributions will be shown again, if applicable on the W-2. The Dependent Care Spending Account will again show in Box 10. This information will help you complete your tax returns. Your total health insurance cost will be listed on your W-2.

DEDUCTIONS

Deductions for all health plans, retirements, annuities, union dues, charitable contributions, etc. will reflect new or existing rates, enrollment selections, or voluntary deductions on file as of January 1, 2016. This includes the tax shelter Health Care Flexible Spending Accounts and Dependent Care Spending Accounts which display on the pay stub as HCS and DCS, respectively.

On the reverse side is a schedule of the key 2016 payroll dates including payroll number, pay period covered, pay date, when monthly sick and vacation accruals are added, and due dates for sick and vacation reports. A deduction schedule key to help determine which deductions do or do not occur on a given pay date is included. Holiday information appears as well. This schedule may also be accessed in the Banner Self Service (**MYCOLLEGE.SUNYBROOME.EDU**) area under the employee tab.

[2016 Payroll Schedule \(1\)](#)

Call for Presentations: Art of Teaching Conference 2016

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Calling all presenters for the:

Connecting, Collaborating, and Celebrating

The Art of Teaching Conference

Friday, April 22nd, 2016

@ TC3's Coltivare Center, Ithaca

SUNY Broome is a part of a consortium of NYS community colleges committed to promoting excellence in teaching. The Art of Teaching Conference, formerly known as the Successful Teaching Conference (STC), is an opportunity to give yourself the gift of time spent with colleagues to connect, collaborate, and celebrate our vital work improving learning for our students and ourselves.

We are seeking four individuals or groups to represent SUNY Broome at the upcoming conference on 4/22/2016.

- Share your teaching successes, innovative teaching practices, service learning projects, etc. with your SUNY peers.
- Presentations can be individual or team presentations.
- Sessions are either 30 or 60 minutes in length.

Submit your presentation abstract by Monday, February 1, 2016 by completing the [Art of Teaching Proposal Form](#).

The CCAT Conference is sponsored by Cayuga Community College, Corning Community College, Finger Lakes Community College, Onondaga Community College, Mohawk Valley Community College, SUNY Broome Community College, and Tompkins Cortland Community College

The Monday Poem: 'Head, Heart' by Lydia Davis

December 20, 2015

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

Head, Heart

Lydia Davis

Heart weeps.

Head tries to help heart.

Head tells heart how it is, again:

You will lose the ones you love. They will all go. But even the earth will go, someday.

Heart feels better, then.

But the words of head do not remain long in the ears of heart.

Heart is so new to this.

I want them back, says heart.

Head is all heart has.

Help, head. Help heart.



Remediation work in the Student Services building

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A general air quality assessment was requested by the directors in the Student Services building. Several recommendations came back regarding the elimination of air fresheners, candles etc. to improve conditions. In addition, it was also noted that the window caulk and pipes below the flooring do contain asbestos. In accordance with regulations, these materials need to be addressed.

To ensure compliance and with the health and safety of our campus community as the priority, the College has retained professional environmental consultant Jennings Environmental Management, Inc.

Quality Control/Quality Assurance (QA/QC) air sampling/testing began last night and will continue tonight. Upon receipt of the air test results, Jennings Environmental will conduct clean-up remediation activities. No access to the building will be allowed.

Remediation work activities at the ground and second floors are anticipated to begin **December 23 and be completed by January 3**. It is important to note this is an interim measure until future capital improvement projects begin.

Monitoring of asbestos contractor activities will be performed by Jennings Environmental, and final QA/QC sampling/testing will be conducted subsequent to all clean-up work activities. At the conclusion of all remediation work, windows will not be able to be opened, but heating and cooling systems will be operable.

This remediation work is required by regulations to minimize or eliminate suspect environmental concerns. The College will continue to move forward to improve environmental conditions, meet regulations, and ensure the safety and health of campus personnel.

If you have any questions or would like further details please contact Joe O'Connor, Chief of Health and Safety, at 778-5379.

We are appreciative of your patience and considerations associated with the temporary closing of the Student Services Building.

Art goes local: Finding the region's history and themselves

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The graceful arch of a bridge over the Chenango River, and the twin triumphal arches that proclaim Endicott and Johnson City to be “Home of the Square Deal.” The turn-of-the-century architecture of the old Johnson City High School and the Kilmer Mansion. Scenic roadways winding through hill and valley.

These are among the many images created by Professor Hall Groat’s art students, who produced a series of oil paintings and postage stamp designs highlighting the Southern Tier’s long and innovative history. They hang alongside large-format reproductions from the Ed Aswad Carriage House Collection that depict the region’s iconic scenes, as well as Professor Groat’s own work as a professional artist.

“Parlor City: Good Old Days” will be on display through the end of January in the Gallery @ SUNY Broome, located on the Library’s first floor. (The exhibit is on a brief hiatus to accommodate a Dec. 21 art show by Professor David Zeggert’s art students, but will return by Dec. 22.)

“You try to find the unique in the ordinary,” said SUNY Broome student artist Lucy Loo Wales, whose painting depicts the Square Deal arch near her Endicott home. “Local history is really world history.”

Students not only honed their skill with computer graphics or oil painting, but learned the history behind the monuments and images, from George J. Johnson’s Square Deal version of welfare capitalism to the varied movements influencing local architecture. Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti noted that the exhibit crosses the academic disciplines, from history, architecture, art and even entrepreneurship, as students spoke with local media to promote their work.

One student, Kerstin Towndrow of Guilford, even made a sale. She painted the Red Robin Diner in Johnson City, which she also visited (“I had a delicious breakfast,” she remembered). Once there, she told the owners about the exhibit and invited them to the opening.

They came – and plan to purchase her painting and display it in the diner.

“I love the fact that it’s a mom and pop restaurant. It’s classic, and my aunt used to work there,” said Towndrow, a first-year student who had studied at Pratt Institute and plans on transferring there at some point. “It represents small town America.”

The images on the exhibit walls reminded SUNY Broome Kevin E. Drumm – a transplant to the region – of

Binghamton's long history of innovation and hard work. Once home to the nation's second-largest cigar manufacturer, Broome County was also known as a major shoe manufacturer – courtesy of Endicott-Johnson – and was the birthplace of many technological innovations, from the Edwin Link's early flight simulators and Marconi's wireless communications system in 1913 to the many inventions of IBM.

For Battisti, a SUNY Broome alumnus and a native of the region, “Parlor City” represents home at its best.

“You look at this exhibit, and you see places that you drive by every day,” said Dr. Battisti, whose father, an Italian immigrant, had worked at EJ.

Aaron Rodriguez, a native of Binghamton's West Side, completed two designs of the Kilmer Mansion as a postage stamp, in both Bauhaus and Swiss styles. The mansion is now home to Temple Concord, and the student artist plans to donate the images to the synagogue as a belated Hanukkah gift.

“I have so many memories of the Kilmer Mansion as a kid,” said Rodriguez, who wants to pursue a career as a graphic designer.

Finding themselves in art

With her octopus headband and bright yellow boots, Lucy Loo Wales is the very picture of an artist. She's been creating art ever since she could hold a pencil, she said. After a teacher handed her a graphic novel during her freshman year of high school, she knew exactly what she wanted to do with her life: become a graphic novelist, telling intricate stories in a visual medium. Her dream job is to work for comic book publisher Dark Horse.

“I don't know what I would be without art. I am art,” said the Union-Endicott graduate, who is transferring to the Maine College of Art in Portland, where she will major in editorial design and minor in creative writing.

Wales' mother is a proud SUNY Broome graduate, although Lucy primarily chose to attend the college for financial reasons. Professors made sure to keep her challenged and engaged, and encouraged her creativity, she said.

While Hannah Penfield shares a class with Wales, her path took a different turn. She spent her freshman year at a large university, majoring in nursing – but found the financial burden onerous. That led her to SUNY Broome, where she is majoring in Individual Studies in Science and Medical Assisting in pursuit of a medical career.

“The courses have been exactly what I wanted. It's given me the ability to think through things clearly and concisely,” she said of her experiences at SUNY Broome.

While her majors rely heavily on math and the sciences, Professor Groat's painting course — the first art class Penfield has ever taken – required an entirely different skillset, and a surprising realization.

“I found out that I'm actually incredibly creative,” said Penfield, whose painting of the Broome County Courthouse was the first she completed as a college student.

She has since explored the therapeutic potential of art, a plus for someone in a high-stress field such as healthcare. And, most importantly, she found new aspects of herself.

“When I began, I found a whole new part of me. You never know what could be open to you until you try,” she said.

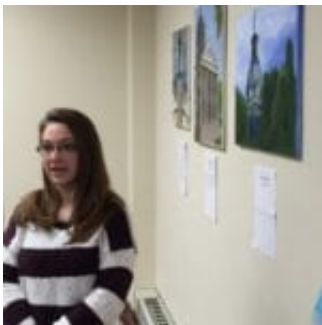
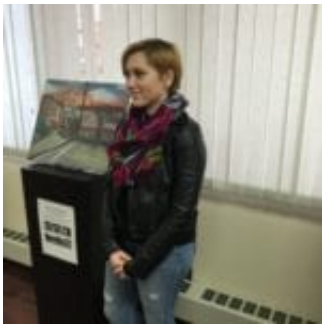


Opening of “Parlor City: The Good Old Days” at the Gallery @ SUNY Broome









Payroll Office Construction begins Dec. 21

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Beginning Monday, December 21, the Payroll Office staff will be temporarily displaced during the construction of their new office space.

During this time, staff will be at various locations within the Finance Office – SS113. Payroll staff may be contacted via voicemail and email as well.

2016 Mileage Rate

December 18, 2015

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Please note: The IRS standard mileage rate to be reimbursed effective 1/1/16 will be reduced to \$.54 per mile.

COIL Orientation sessions begin Jan. 11, Feb. 29

December 17, 2015

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The SUNY COIL Center (Collaborative Online International Learning) is offering its online COIL Orientation in two different 5-week sessions, one beginning on January 11, and the other beginning on February 29.

This course is the first step toward developing an international collaboration, and is a pre-requisite for the COIL Academy, in which international partners work together to plan a COIL course.

See the attached flyer for more information.

[Flyer COIL CCOs January and February 2016 no registration link](#)

Friday Toastmaster's meeting to feature SEED graduate

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Diego Xirum, a SEED student from the class of 2013 will be an honored guest at this week's Toastmasters meeting at 3:10 p.m. Friday in Wales 203B.

Diego began as an interpreter and is now a Team Coordinator for Mission Guatemala. He is traveling in the U.S. for work and stopped back at his alma mater.



Last Call for Medical Supplies for Haiti

December 17, 2015

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Thank you for the overwhelming campus support and the donations of over-the-counter medical supplies. We have collected the majority of the supplies needed, but still need a few more items to support the medical and dental clinics that are part of the 2016 Global Service Learning course, Health for Haiti.

We are in need of the following items:

- Multi-Vitamins (Adult, Child and Pre-natal)
- Iron Tablets
- Antifungal Ointments
- OTC reading glasses

Donations may be dropped off in Decker 217 until December 24.

Thank you for supporting the SUNY Broome students and the people of Haiti.



Poinsettia Sale now until Dec. 24

December 17, 2015

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Need a lovely last-minute holiday gift? The SUNY Broome Garden Club has several poinsettia plants available.

The plants stand approximately 24" tall, are in full bloom, and come in red, pink, or sparkle. The price is \$14 and they can be purchased in AT-120 by cash or check until December 24.



“Weihnachtsstern – groß” by André Karwath aka Aka – Own work. Licensed under CC BY-SA 2.5 via Wikimedia Commons

Seeking Student Conduct Appeals Hearing Board Members

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The Dean of Students is looking to expand the pool of Student Conduct Appeals Hearing Board members.

If you have an interest in helping SUNY Broome address poor student behavior in an educational process that promotes both student and community growth, this may be the option for you. Members of the Student Conduct Appeals Hearing Board are asked to serve as impartial representatives of the college who will determine responsibility for students charged with violating the SUNY Broome Code of Student Conduct. These hearings are predominately heard on Friday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon, but alterations to that schedule may occur as needed.

If you have interest in, or any questions about, this opportunity, please contact Scott Schuhert at 607-778-5681 or by emailing dos@sunybroome.edu



Two Hornet soccer players named to All-America Teams

December 17, 2015

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Congratulations! Hornets [Rosemary Zelenyak](#) of Binghamton, a Susquehanna Valley High School grad, and [Emily Caslin](#) of Vestal, a Vestal High School grad, were selected by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America to the 2015 NSCAA All-America Teams for Junior Colleges for their accomplishments on the field.

Zelenyak, a 1st Team selection, led SUNY Broome to a 17-2-2 record and played in all of the Hornets 21 games. The sophomore netted 15 balls and had a team-leading 13 assists.



Rosemary

Caslin, a 2nd Team selection, anchored a stingy defense that had 14 shutouts and allowed just 8 goals all year. Caslin also played in all 21 of the Hornets contests.



Emily

SUNY Broome finished the season ranked 3rd in the NJCAA Division III Women's Soccer Poll. Brookdale (NJ) took the top spot and Oxford Emory (GA) came in at the 2nd spot while Region III rival Herkimer College finished 4th in the rankings.

Great job, ladies!



Cafeteria hours, options during winter term

December 16, 2015

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Monday, December 21, will be the last day for regular hours in the café. We will be closed until ***Monday, January 4***, at which point we will open our Sauté & Sizzle Grill station from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday until January 20. The cafeteria will reopen for regular hours (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) on ***Monday, January 25***.

As we near the holiday break, we must take steps to reduce our inventory and use up available products. Certain menu items may become unavailable, and our daily features may not follow the normal cycle menu. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday!



SUNY Broome Coffee Shop to close for winter term

December 16, 2015

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The Coffee Shop will close for the winter break at 1 p.m. Monday, December 21. It will reopen at 7 a.m. Monday, January 25.

As we near the holiday break, we must take steps to reduce our inventory. Certain menu items may become unavailable as the last day of classes approaches. We apologize for any inconvenience.

The main cafeteria will be open, with limited offerings, starting ***Monday, January 4***, from ***10 a.m. to 2 o.m.*** ***Monday through Friday until January 20.***

Have a safe and Happy Holiday!



Academic Coffee House this Thursday

December 16, 2015

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Collaboration Initiatives at SUNY Broome Part Deux

A key component of a dynamic educational institution is the productive collaborations it has with community and international partners. Join this month's Academic Coffeehouse as we continue the discussion on collaborations that will enrich the mission of our college and provide enhanced academic opportunities. **All are welcome**, including those who were unable to make the first discussion.

When: Thursday, December 17th

Time: 11:00 am –11:50 am

Where: Wales 107 Conference Room

Presenter: Dr. Francis Battisti

Register: [Register Here](#)

‘In the Lyme Light’ documentary by students to be shown Dec. 17

December 15, 2015

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Missed the Dec. 15 screening? You have another chance to see “In the Lyme Light,” an original documentary created by students from SUNY Broome’s [AA1 Program](#).

The film, which focuses on Lyme disease in Broome County, will run from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, December 17, in T-101.



BU Master of Student Affairs Administration Information Sessions

December 15, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

Do you want to make a difference in someone's life while they are trying to pursue their academic goals? Do you have a passion for working with students? Learn about Binghamton University's Masters in Student Affairs Administration at the following information sessions:

Thursday December 17

4:45 p.m. University Downtown Center Room 301

6 p.m. University Downtown Center Room 301

**If you are interested in hearing more about the program but cannot attend, please email Brianna King at bking@binghamton.edu or call 607-777-2719.

Buzz report: The Black Student Union Talent Show

December 15, 2015

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SUNY Broome's Black Student Union held on their third annual Talent Show on Friday night. Sam Lee, the BSU Chair of Activities, was responsible for putting this night together, including the theme of "90s in NYC." The four judges for the evening decided who they thought were the best based on three areas: creativity, organization and crowd appeal.

The night was kicked off with a five-minute beatboxing routine, followed by some very talented singers, some of whom were performing their own songs. After the first few acts, there was an intermission with food, a round of "Name That Tune" and some bad jokes. The second half of the evening had some more interesting talents, including rappers, singers and a performance by the SUNY Broome Step Team.

In the end, the judges announced a tie between Andreas Nartey for his dance routine and Ema Sera, who performed a song in Italian. This led to the crowd's applause deciding the winner. While Sera had a nice response from the audience, Nartey received more support and was declared the winner.

Nartey, who goes by the name "Dreas, aka DJ AntiZero," said his performance was not rehearsed very much. "I don't have a name for it; I just freestyled once I started going," he said after being crowned the winner.

While he said the first place prize of a \$100 gift card was nice, that was not the motivation for his eventual victory. "I didn't do it for the prize. The real prize was having a good time dancing and seeing everybody enjoy themselves," he said.

Nartey was also a part of the Step Team performance, and is the President of the Diverse Cultural Xcellence organization at SUNY Broome.

Sera, who officially came in second place, surprised most in attendance with her Italian rendition of a song translated as “Time to Say Goodbye.” Despite not being Italian, she said something about the song that caught her attention. “You know when you hear a song for the first time and it speaks to you? Even though I don’t speak the language, I really liked the song,” she said. Once she leaves Broome, Sera will be looking to transfer for a degree in Meteorology.

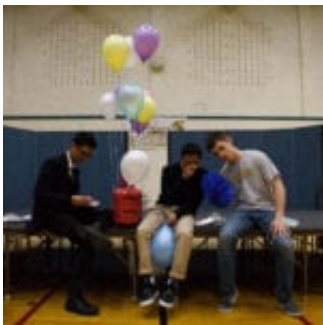
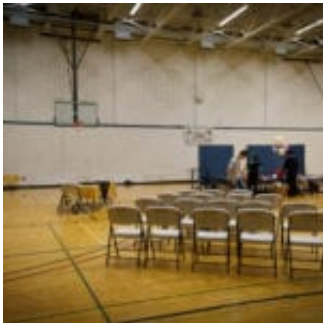
Going forward, the BSU has plenty of events to look forward to. They constantly are putting on bake sales to raise money for events such the Talent Show. They also announced a fashion show that will be coming to campus next semester. The club, which is open to all members of the SUNY Broome community, meets every Wednesday between 3 to 4 p.m. in Old Science Building Room 105.

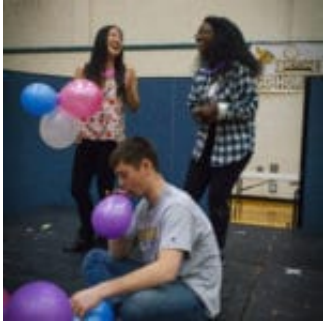
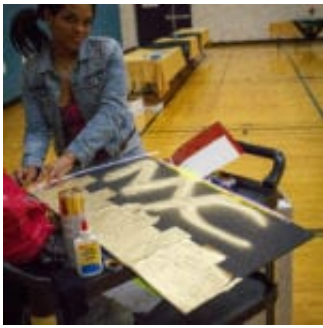
Buzz writer Justin Berglund and Buzz photographer Smithshell Julien are SUNY Broome students.



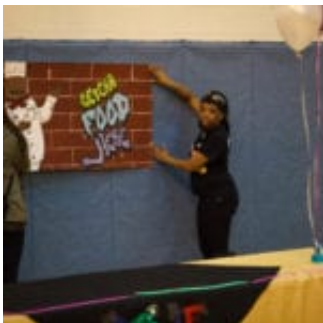
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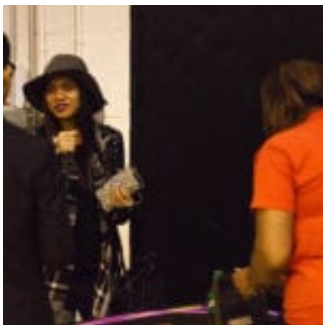


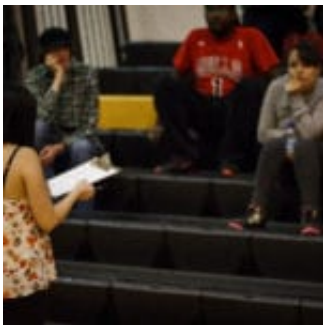




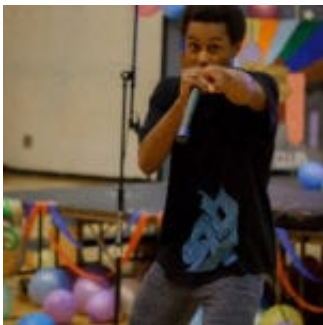






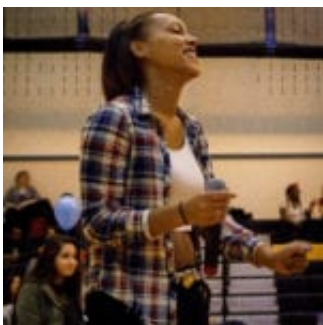
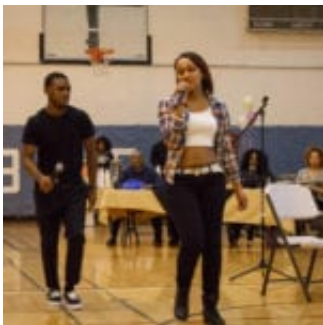


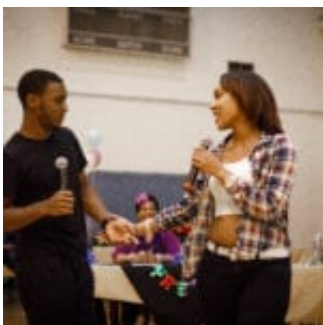
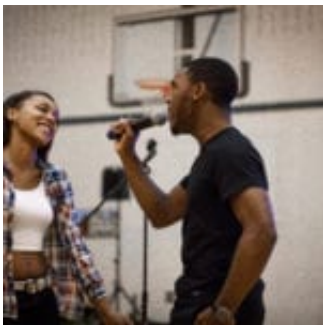
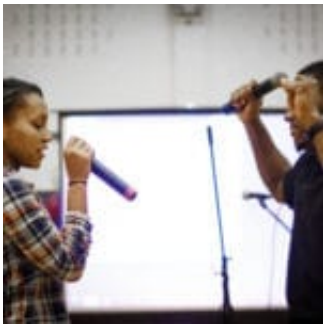


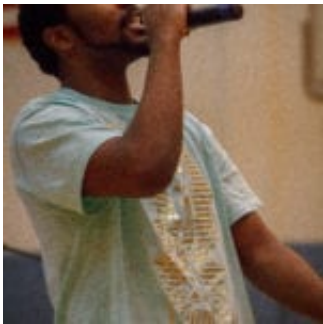




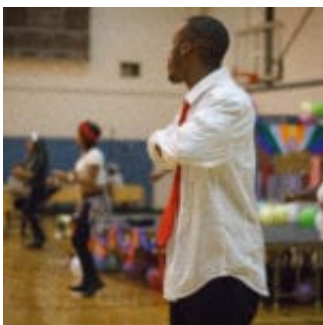


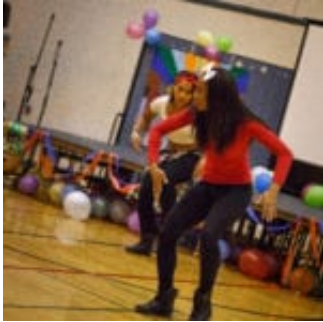


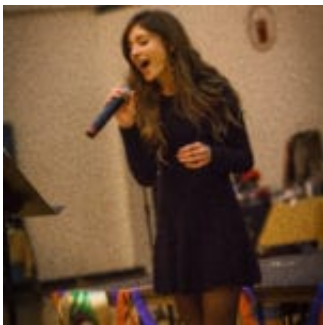






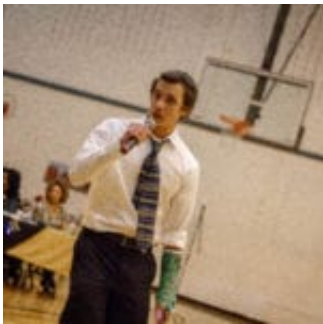


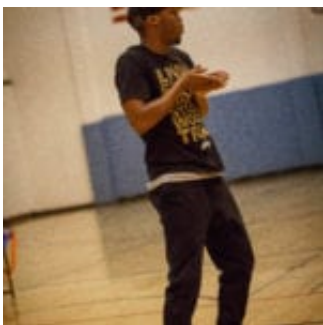
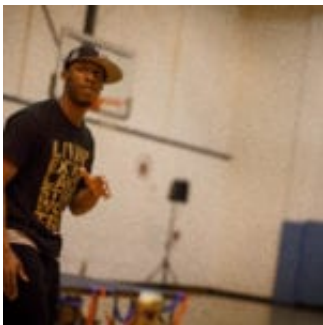






















Buzz report: The RHA is Currently Selling Candygrams

December 15, 2015

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This past week, the Residence Hall Association has been selling Candygrams to the residents at the Student Village. For just 50 cents, the residents could purchase a candy cane with a note attached to send to their friends around the Student Village.

This was a great way for friends to surprise one another with a short, thoughtful note. Holiday spirit is being shown in many ways through this event.

Since this is the time of giving, the Residence Hall Association thought that this would be a great way to give back to the community as well. All of the proceeds that they made went to the Southern Tier's Adopt an Angel Program. This program helps give toys to children in need during the holiday season. Needless to say, this program was a success and there will be more smiles this holiday season thanks to the RHA.

Buzz reporter Victoria Estell is a SUNY Broome student.



Candy canes in a jar

Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Webinar on Dec. 17

December 15, 2015

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Join us for a webinar on Dec 17, 2015 at 11:00 AM EST. **Register now!**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2689984155906200834>

The tragic events throughout the past year have frequently reminded us of the need to be prepared for extreme acts of violence in the workplace. As a result, our annual Workplace Violence training this year has focused on active shooter awareness. Several sessions have been offered at Council and Division meetings. If you missed the presentation, please sign up for this webinar to learn about ways to protect yourself and fulfill our annual obligation for this required training.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Mark Your Calendar: Faculty Staff Assembly will be on Jan. 21

December 15, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

Mark your calendar: The Spring 2016 Faculty/Staff Assembly will be held on Thursday, January 21, in the Student Center Dining Hall.

That represents a change from last year, when the assembly was held on a Friday.

Refreshments will be available at 8 a.m. and the Faculty/Staff Assembly will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Farewell party for Kim Lamar Shelton, Laura Knochen-Davis

December 15, 2015

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Please plan to attend a reception for Kim Lamar Shelton, Staff Associate to the Associate Vice President and Dean of Liberal Arts, as she embarks on her new position at Mansfield University as TRiO Project Director; and for Laura Knochen-Davis, Technology Career Coach, Perkins Student Success Initiative, as she embarks on her new position of Executive Director for the Broome County Arts Council.

Please join us from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, December 18, in the Gallery@SUNY Broome, L104, for a piece of cake and punch as we wish both Laura and Kim well! There is a farewell card to sign at the Library Circulation Desk.

'Parlor City: The Good Old Days' Gifts Available: Notecards, Prints and Postcards

December 15, 2015

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Please stop by the Gallery @ SUNY Broome and enjoy the Exhibit: "Parlor City: The Good Old Days" from December 9 through 17 and January 12 through 27.

The exhibit includes large-format reproductions of historical reproductions and illustrations from the Ed Aswad Carriage House Collection, along with contemporary student paintings, drawings and graphic designs exploring iconic "Parlor City" subjects.

In addition we have notecards, prints and antique postcards from the Ed Aswad Collection on sale. Click the flier for more information.

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Students in Professor Groat's ART 116:
Beginning Painting course

Posting Final Grades – Fall 2015

December 15, 2015

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If you are teaching any full term classes this fall, please read the following message.

- The last day of the semester is Monday, December 21, 2015.
- Final grades for the 2015 fall semester are due at 5 PM on Wednesday, December 23, 2015.
- Students will be able to view their grades on their MyCollege account starting on Thursday, December 24 at 8 AM.

It is extremely important that grades are submitted by the deadline due date. A delay in turning in grades can result in the following:

- A greater number of students will be academically dismissed from the College.
- A greater number of students will be put on academic probation and financial aid warning.
- Delaying the students graduation certification.
- Delaying the processing of the students transcript for transfer and employment opportunities.
- Grades that are not submitted are not counted while conducting academic action.

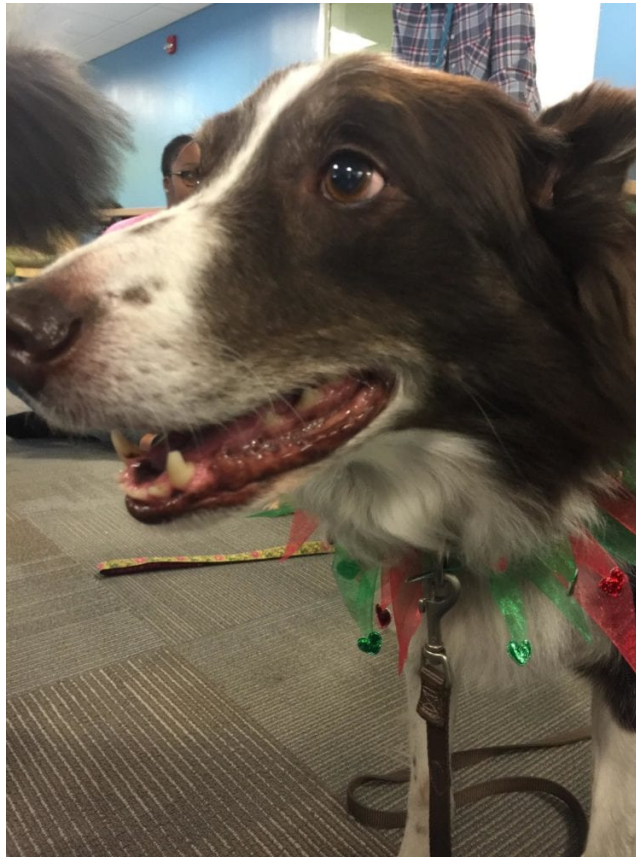
Once again we will be posting grades online using MyCollege.

Please remember to select Fall Semester 2015 for the term. If you encounter the incorrect grading mode, e.g. A-F, rather than S/U, please contact the Registrar's office.

Buzz Report: Therapy Dogs Visit the Student Village

December 15, 2015

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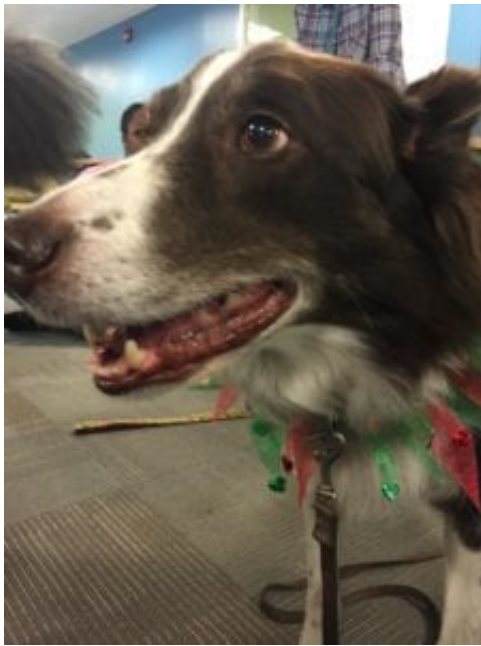
Student Village residents took a break from studying for their finals on Saturday, December 12, to see therapy dogs in the classroom. Seven well-trained and adorable dogs came to visit, and their owners demonstrated their many tricks.

At one point, Indie, a white long-haired greyhound, was jumping into his owner's arms while Smudge, a black poodle, was shaking hands with her owner. Students cuddled and petted all of the dogs, as they watched others do tricks or beg for treats.

Looking around, you could tell that finals were the last thing on any student's mind at the time. It was hard to think about exams when you looked at Wiley's wide smile as he soaked up all the attention. Wiley was a little puggle mix.

This program helped students take a little break from studying to enjoy the company of dogs and one another.

Buzz reporter Victoria Estell is a SUNY Broome student.



Notice to Campus on Responding to Surveys

December 14, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

Dear Campus Community,

The Institutional Effectiveness Office has received increased requests for Institutional Review Board (IRB) applications centered on a wide range of research and studies. These may include undergraduate research, master's thesis and doctoral dissertations. The approval of some of these proposals implies that applicants administer surveys on the campus to collect data to help complete their studies.

While it is greatly encouraged to support the educational pursuit of the IRB applicants by responding to their surveys, focus group discussions or any other means available to them to collect data, please note that responding to these surveys is voluntary. You are, however, greatly encouraged to support the IRB applicants by responding.

Sincerely,

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Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Enrollment Planning

Early Payday and Time Submission

December 14, 2015

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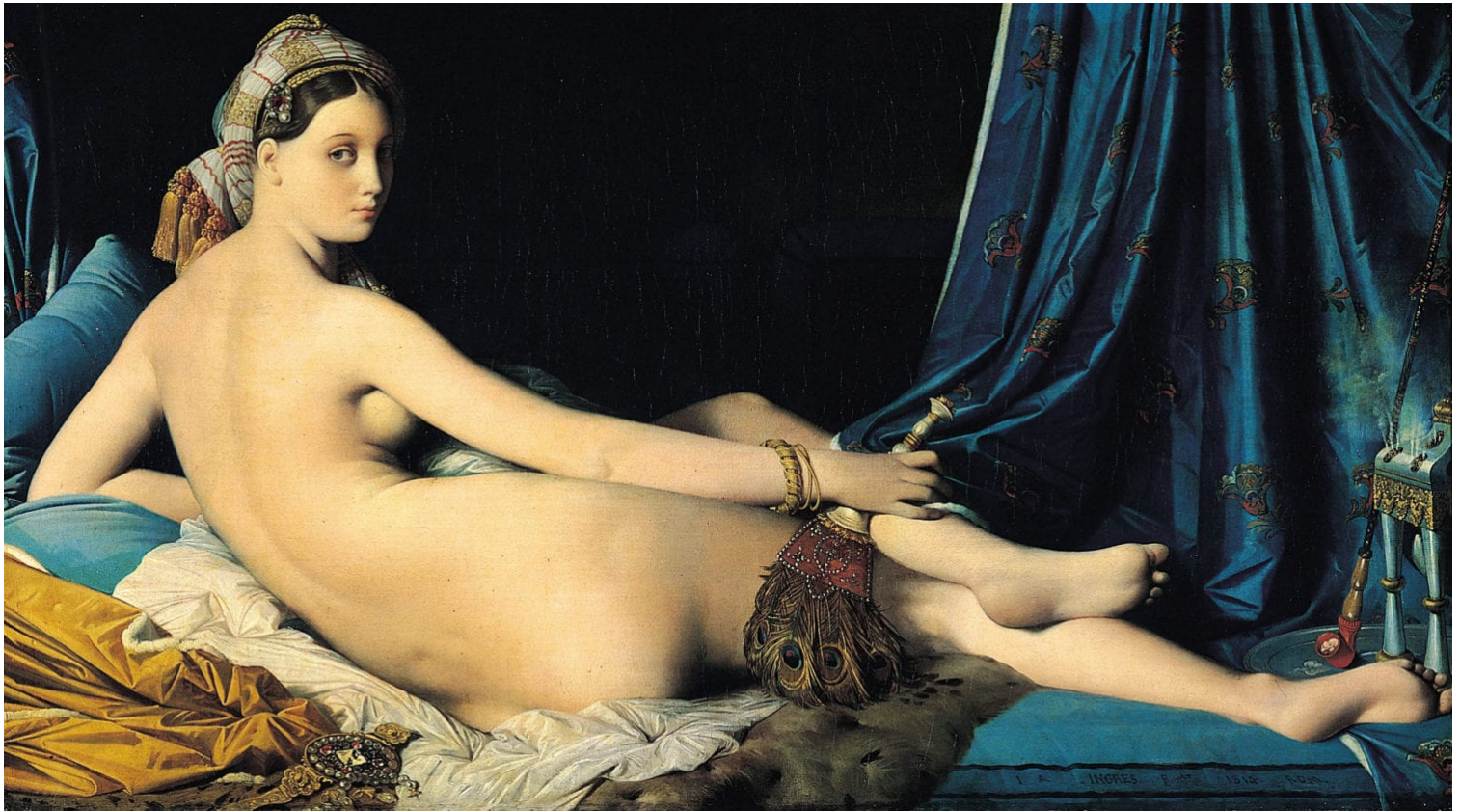
Due to the early payday on Wednesday, December 23, 2015, paper time sheets are due in the Payroll Office on Tuesday, December 15th. Web time entry must be submitted by 9 pm on Wednesday, December 16th. Time must be approved by 12 pm on Thursday, December 17th.



Dec. 17 Common Hour: Do Women Have to be Naked to Get Into the Museum?

December 14, 2015

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The odalisque, or reclining female nude, is a common subject in art. The Dec. 17 Common Hour Talk, “Do Women Have to Be Naked to Get Into the Museum? The Odalisque and ‘Othering’ in Art, Ads and Popular Culture” will reveal the reasons why this type became all the rage, from its roots in the new technology of the oil painting and the slave trade of the Renaissance, to the persistence of the form in our modern advertising. Warning: Explicit but “artful” images will be shown.

Faculty Presenter Marcia Blackburn will begin the discussion at 11 a.m. in T-102.



Grande Odalisque painted by Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres (1814), via Wikimedia Commons

SUNY Broome National Society of Leadership and Success Induction

December 14, 2015

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



The induction for SUNY Broome's chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success was held Friday, December 11. Twenty-seven students worked hard this semester and reached induction status within the society. This required hours of training, goal-setting and meeting with other students to develop their leadership skills.

Family and friends came to support and celebrate these students and their achievement. The keynote speaker was one of SUNY Broome's alumni, Tom Mastro, now president of the SUNY Student Assembly. Tom talked about his personal leadership journey and how he uses leadership skills as the SUNY Assembly President.



Music Students Bring Holiday Tunes to the Community

December 14, 2015

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Music students from the Performing Arts Department have been busy sharing their talents this holiday season.

Besides their end of semester campus recitals and concerts, they took some time to entertain the community. The Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Professor Tony Godoy, performed at the Oakdale Mall on December 2. The Chamber Singers, directed by Professor Fitzroy Stewart, visited and sang for the residents of St. Louise Manor on December 3.



Call for Presentations: Art of Teaching Conference 2016

December 14, 2015

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Calling all presenters for the:

Connecting, Collaborating, and Celebrating

The Art of Teaching Conference

Friday, April 22nd, 2016

@ TC3's Coltivare Center, Ithaca

SUNY Broome is a part of a consortium of NYS community colleges committed to promoting excellence in teaching. The Art of Teaching Conference, formerly known as the Successful Teaching Conference (STC), is an opportunity to give yourself the gift of time spent with colleagues to connect, collaborate, and celebrate our vital work improving learning for our students and ourselves.

We are seeking four individuals or groups to represent SUNY Broome at the upcoming conference on 4/22/2016.

- Share your teaching successes, innovative teaching practices, service learning projects, etc. with your SUNY peers.
- Presentations can be individual or team presentations.
- Sessions are either 30 or 60 minutes in length.

Submit your presentation abstract by Monday, February 1, 2016 by completing the [Art of Teaching Proposal Form](#).

The CCAT Conference is sponsored by Cayuga Community College, Corning Community College, Finger Lakes Community College, Onondaga Community College, Mohawk Valley Community College, SUNY Broome Community College, and Tompkins Cortland Community College

Spring 2016 Brochure of Lectures, Film Screenings and Discussions

December 14, 2015

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The Spring 2016 Brochure of Lectures, Film Screenings and Discussions is now available online! This brochure and the events detailed in it are sponsored by the Liberal Arts Division.

To view the online version of the brochure, go to the following: <http://www.sunybroome.edu/freeevents>

Attention Teaching Faculty: A hard copy of this brochure is being sent your way via campus mail to make it easy to plan to invite students to participate in these events as you plan your Spring 2016 courses.

For additional hard copies of the brochure, contact the Liberal Arts office at 778-5021.

Thanks to the following colleagues for their support and expertise regarding this effort: Dean/AVP Michael Kinney, Cheryl Heath, Carine Surdey, Cheryl Sullivan, Jesse Wells, Joe O'Connor, John Ruck, Howard Nickerson, Mark Ferrell, and Sandy Springstead.

Kudos to the Following Faculty and Guest Presenters for Offering Common Hour/Extra-Curricular Events:

Professor Kathleen McKenna

Professor Gian Roma

Professor Christopher Origer

Professor Rob Woods

Professor Timmy Bremer

Professor Giovanni Scaringi

Foundation Administrator Andrea Roma

Professor John Sterlacci

Professor Major Barnett

Professor Bill Altman

Professor Rey Wojdat

Professor Joyce Prindle

Professor Lee Whitted

Professor Scott Corley

Professor Carla Michalak

Professor Paul Sweeny

Professor Mary Donnelly

Professor Bruce Oldfield

Commissioner of Jurors, Christopher Esworthy

Founder of KidswithVision, Faizan Siddiqi

Student Leaders from Phi Theta Kappa Student, Toastmasters International and the Women's Discussion Group, including, Heather Coggin, Richard Connolly and Steven Burnette

For further information, contact

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Common Hour Logo



The Monday Poem: ‘Those Winter Sundays’ by Robert Hayden

December 13, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

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

‘Those Winter Sundays’ by Robert Hayden

Sundays too my father got up early
and put his clothes on in the blueblack cold,
then with cracked hands that ached
from labor in the weekday weather made
banked fires blaze. No one ever thanked him.

I’d wake and hear the cold splintering, breaking.
When the rooms were warm, he’d call,
and slowly I would rise and dress,
fearing the chronic angers of that house,

Speaking indifferently to him,
who had driven out the cold
and polished my good shoes as well.
What did I know, what did I know
of love’s austere and lonely offices?



Student Success Squad: ‘Study Break’ on Dec. 17

December 13, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

The Student Success Squad will hold a workshop on “Study Break” from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, in the Library 005 classroom, located on the ground level.



Focus on Wellness: Riverwalk Athletic Club December Special

December 11, 2015

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

The Riverwalk Athletic Club in Binghamton is offering a deal on its Convenience Pay Membership for SUNY Broome employees, as well as their friends and family.

Sign up by Dec. 21 and all enrollment fees are waived. Pay only \$39 at sign-up.

Click the flier for details.

[December 2015 Special](#)

Photos: Annual Holiday Reception

December 11, 2015

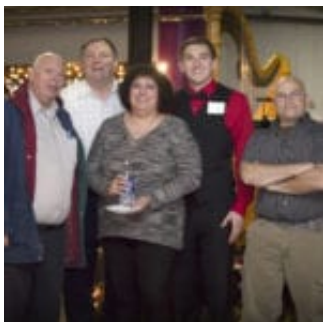
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SUNY Broome was awash in holiday cheer at the annual Holiday Reception! The Applied Technology atrium was filled with dazzling lights, screens of a blazing Yule log and delectable treats by American Dining Services, as well as the holiday tunes plucked by a harpist.

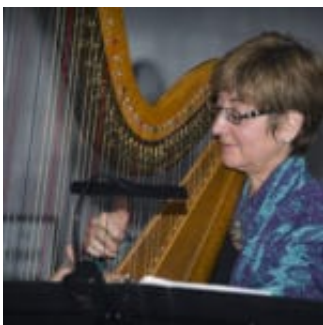
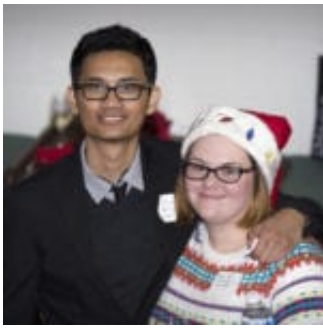


Enjoy the following photos by Marcom's Silvia Briga:



2015 Holiday Reception. Photos by Silvia Briga











Upstate Revitalization: SUNY Broome is an integral partner in the region's economic development

December 11, 2015

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SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm is thrilled to announce that the Southern Tier's Regional Economic Development Council was one of three winners of the state's Upstate Revitalization Initiative (URI), which will bring \$500 million of state investment to the region over the next five years.

"For nearly 70 years, SUNY Broome has helped address the region's workforce needs," President Drumm said. "Over the years, inevitably, those needs have changed. The URI will help our area adapt to those changes, and position our region for a vibrant economic future."

The extensive state investment will transform the Southern Tier and SUNY Broome will play an important role in many areas, from advanced manufacturing to agriculture and healthcare. The college is involved in a number of economic development proposals that are part of the plan. Initiatives ready to be implemented during year one include:

- The construction of a \$1,020,000 state-of-the-art manufacturing training facility, The Simulator, on campus that will house technology simulation systems, equipment and other options geared toward the needs of local employers. Overall, the program will increase SUNY Broome's capacity to train workers in advanced manufacturing areas such as HVAC, robotics, transportation and energy.
- \$77,000 for the Specialized Technical Training Opportunities Program (ST²OP!), which targets high-growth, high-wage "technician" sectors. The program will address local workforce needs, as well as eliminate common barriers faced by hard-to-place workers and unemployed or underemployed adults, especially those who have failed in prior college experiences. Training will cover basic computer applications Excel, technical report writing, communications skills, hand tools, shop floor math, quality overview, assembly drawing interpretation and more.

Proposals for future years include:

- The Southern Tier High-Technology Incubator, slated to open next year. The \$19 million project includes \$6 million in NYSUNY 2020 funding allocated to SUNY Broome for the creation of the SUNY Bridge to Entrepreneurial Excellence (SUNY-BEE), which will nurture a vibrant start-up community for student-led ventures. A proposed entrepreneur-in-residence program under URI will enhance the SUNY-BEE initiative.

- The Binghamton Food and Beverage Business Incubator, a proposed nonprofit partnership with the City of Binghamton, Binghamton Local Development Corp., Broome County, SUNY Broome, Binghamton University, Cornell University and the Salvation Army. In the five years, the incubator will include mixing, packaging, vegetable processing, baking and beverage processing operations.

SUNY Broome will also be working with Cornell and other institutions in the Southern Tier Food and Agriculture Initiative, including:

- Designing and implementing specialized entrepreneurial assistance programs and other technical assistance programs for entrepreneurs
- Working with investors to rest-market and develop plans for new food offerings
- Creating Associate's Degree programs in agri-business and food technology, as well as expanding non-credit training programs that respond directly to the workforce needs of the local food and beverage industry.

Drawing on the college's long experience offering high-quality training in healthcare fields, SUNY Broome also is looking to offer specialized technician training for the future Johnson City Health Science Park. These would include programs targeting for high-growth, high-wage occupations such as Pharmacy Technicians, which complement and offer entry into the more advanced educational opportunities proposed for the facility.

Going forward, SUNY Broome is exploring future programs that will address local workforce needs, such as training for commercial drivers and supply chain career advancement, as well as a Center for English for a Second Language to further cement the region's global connections.

The college also has submitted letters of support for proposed projects at the Goodwill Theatre and the Roberson Museum and Science Center, both of which host programs with SUNY Broome Continuing Education.

"We deeply appreciate the state's commitment to the region with this important initiative," President Drumm said. "Above all, our region's plan draws on the strength of multiple partnerships among many organizations and institutions, both public and private. Working together, we can build a better future for the Binghamton area, the Southern Tier and upstate New York."



Giving Back: SUNY Broome pitches in for Giving of the Toys

December 10, 2015

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Athletes twirled basketballs and muscled an oversized bear to the stage, while Criminal Justice & Emergency Students pushed their giant box across the freshly waxed gym floor. Mary McCarthy of the Counseling Center spun in on a child-sized set of wheels, while the pint-sized children in the BC Center reversed the normal flow of Christmas spirit and happily gave their own gifts to Santa.

Finance snuck in early to deliver their gifts, and then returned to their office to play a different kind of Santa – getting paychecks out to SUNY Broome employees.

19th Annual Giving of the Toys | SUNY Broome



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=HTf0UwabWRY>



A holiday tradition for more than 19 years, SUNY Broome's annual Giving of the Toys kicked off the

Christmas season in style. A long list of offices, departments, athletic teams and campus organizations donated a wide variety of goodies to the Big Guy from the North Pole, who then forwarded them to the Toys for Tots campaign.

The donations were sorely needed. Toys for Tots organizers have seen an uptick in requests and feared they would run out of gifts for needy children, noted Student Activities Director Jason Boring, the event emcee.

“Christmas is such a special time to give back to the community,” said sophomore Samantha Lee, a Student Assembly member who served as one of Santa’s helpers. The event “brings the school together,” she said.

Many programs gave themed gifts appropriate to their areas, as well as contemporary favorites. BECA – Broome Educators of Children Association – donated toys geared toward learning, while the Ecology Club gave science-themed gifts. The Hospitality Club went all out, donated a massive number of toys all connected with the industry, from the Barbie Bakery to toy kitchen sets.

“We wanted to have it relate to what we’re all about,” explained Carmella Seely, a dual major in Event Management and Hotel and Restaurant Management.

The club spent around \$1,800, which it had raised through a variety of fundraisers. Around 10 students then went on a shopping spree on Dec. 9 at the local Toys R Us, before being treated to Red Lobster by Professor Rey Wojdat.

“Last night, we had eight carts,” said Event Management Prof. Maria Montemagno.

Student Assembly spent around \$200 on toys, everything from balls to LEGOs and musical instruments; they raised the money through fundraisers. Students in the Dental Hygiene program, on the other hand, pooled their money to purchase gifts, which included toy trucks and My Little Ponies.

Dental Hygiene students Lindsay Smith and Ryan Shaffer, who both have young children of their own, said they both could appreciate the importance of playing Santa.

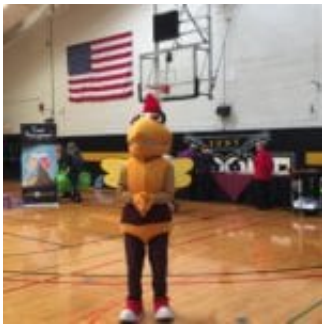
“It’s nice to be able to give back to the community,” Shaffer said.

While giving back was the ultimate theme, the cheer factor was also high. The college Chorale sang Christmas tunes, while revelers enjoyed doughnuts and hot chocolate. During the event, Jason Boring also offered his gratitude to his predecessor, former Student Activities Director David Maslar, who ran the event for nearly two decades.

“This defines what we should be about,” Boring said. “This is a feather in the cap of SUNY Broome.”

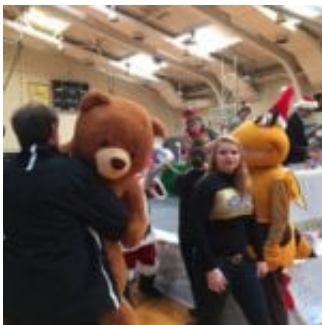
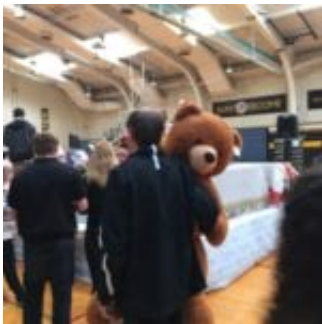


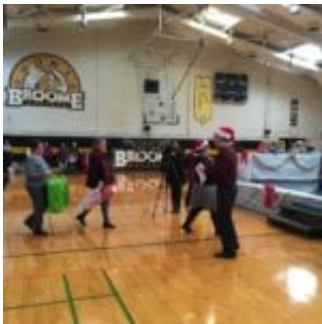
2015 Giving of the Toys. Photos by Jennifer Micale



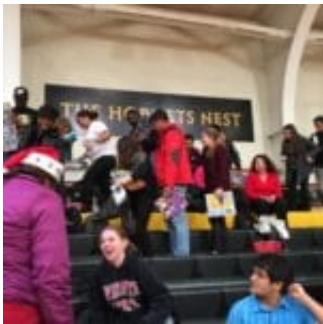


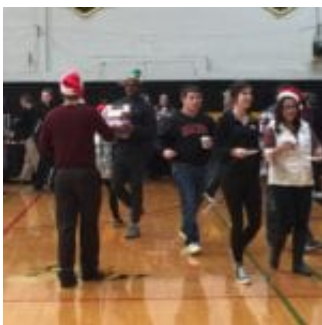
















Warning about malicious email

December 10, 2015

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It has been reported by several of our SUNY colleagues that they have been attacked through a malicious email campaign. Emails are being sent with realistic but infected attachments. If opened, the attachment will infect the user's computer and block access to your network shared areas and local files.

BEFORE opening any attachment, determine if you know it is coming and, if it is a known sender, for a known purpose. Delete all others or report them as SPAM.

For example:

You may receive a file named "Resume.doc" or with a name that appears to be innocent. Is this something that you are expecting? Is the sender's email address valid ?

A message from petkashjc@hotmail.com should be deleted. A message from petkashjc@sunybroome.edu is valid. Please be extra vigilant with suspicious emails or emails with attachments. If needed, please contact x5011 or John Petkash at ITS directly so we can assist you with the validity of the email and attachment.

Your assistance is critical in helping ITS prevent these types of attacks. Your cooperation and understanding is much appreciated.

LIT 296: See London, and see as much of life as the world can show!

December 10, 2015

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Samuel Johnson said, “Be seeing London, I have seen as much of life as the world can show.”

Are you ready to experience science and literature in London? There is still time to apply for LIT 296: Darwin, London and Literature in Spring 2016. Immerse yourself in the work of England’s most influential biologist, Charles Darwin, and three of its most renowned and beloved writers: Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens. Visit historic Canterbury Cathedral, see a play at Shakespeare’s Globe, and wander through the streets of Dickens’ London.

For more information, please contact Dr. Richard Firenze (firenzerf@sunybroome.edu or 778-5067). London awaits!



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Southern Tier region wins \$500 million in state investment

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"We are partners in a number of initiatives within the URI plan, which you will be hearing more about over the coming months," President Drumm said.



Health Studies: New degree program helps Rosemary Zelenyak explore her options

December 9, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



While she knows her future lies in healthcare, Rosemary Zelenyak isn't quite sure where her journey will lead yet: a career as a physical therapist? Nursing? Neuroscience?

That's why Zelenyak, who will graduate this May, opted for a degree in [Health Studies](#). This fall, SUNY Broome rolled out two Health Studies degree programs – the Associates in Science (AS) and Associates in Applied Science (AAS) – that are highly customizable, allowing students to select courses that most apply to their individual health career paths.

Or, as is the case with Zelenyak, try out a range of options in the field and see what's the best fit.

"I thought that it would leave all my options open, whether it's for nursing or physical therapy," said Zelenyak, a Susquehanna Valley High School graduate who also plays on the college's nationally ranked Hornets soccer team.

Zelenyak has already taken courses in human anatomy and physiology, and is currently studying microbiology, a topic she finds fascinating.

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

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

While she hasn't yet decided on a transfer institution, Zelenyak is hoping to earn a bachelor's degree and beyond – and continue playing soccer. Her determination to contribute to the healthcare field stems from her

senior year in high school, when a family member took ill.

“I started being more of a healthcare person,” she explained. “I really like helping people.”

Interested in Health Studies and SUNY Broome’s acclaimed Health Sciences programs? [Click here](#). Apply now by visiting www.sunybroome.edu.



SANS – OUCH! Dec. 2015: Phishing

December 9, 2015

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SANS is excited to announce the December issue of OUCH!

***** A MUST READ *****

This month, led by Guest Editor Dr. Lance Hayden, we focus on Phishing. With the holidays coming up, this is a prime time for cyber criminals to attempt to scam/con millions of people around the world. As such, we ask you share OUCH! with your family, friends and coworkers.

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Buzz report: Student Village residents to make holiday gifts

December 9, 2015

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As we all know, being in college takes a toll on your wallet. With that in mind, the Student Village has joined Student Activities to organize a program where students can make a few gifts for their family, friends and loved ones. This program will take place in various places around the Student Village Residence Hall at 8 p.m. Dec. 16.

Various stations will be set up for students to decorate stockings, t-shirts, cookies and ornaments, as well as create a stuffed bear, bracelets and holiday cards. No matter who you have in mind, there is something that can be made for anyone in your life.

This program was created to keep everyone in the holiday spirit and encourage students to give a little something to the people around them, no matter how hard times are financially. That Wednesday, the biggest concern will no longer be about how much money you have to spend on presents, but rather what station to start at!

Stations will be placed all around the building, so be sure to check out the Lounge areas, the Skype Lounge and the classrooms to get started. Hope to see you all there!

Buzz writer Victoria Estell is a SUNY Broome student.

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Buzz report: A volunteer's look at the Day of Giving

December 9, 2015

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SUNY Broome held its first annual [Giving Day Challenge on Dec. 1](#), organized by the Broome Community College Foundation's Director of Development, Andrea Roma. All around campus, students and staff alike came together to help raise money for much-needed scholarships.

I personally contributed my time to the Phonathon aspect of the Giving Day Challenge. Many students were there to call alumni, inform them of developments on campus, listen to alumni experiences here at SUNY Broome and help find new donors.

The phone calls helped bridge the gap between alumni and current students. They led us to better understand why others love SUNY Broome as much as we do! The stories that thread through our conversations are always so personal and interesting. Stories of alumni who met here and are now married for 20+ years, or of accomplishments that were made possible by the caring and generous staff here, are always heartwarming.

No matter what your story, everyone has something that they love about SUNY Broome, something that makes them want to give back to the school that has given so much to us. Working at the Phonathon on Giving Day really made me appreciate this school and all that it has to offer.

Based on the success of the first Giving Day here at SUNY Broome, I know I am not the only one who sees how great this school is. Two hundred seventy-four donors contributed to gifts totaling almost \$50,000, all of which is going right back to the students here. Alumni and current students alike have helped make this possible and have helped this school thrive.

Be sure to thank all of those who helped make this Giving Day successful and memorable, and thank you SUNY Broome staff, students and alumni for all that you do to contribute to this campus!

Buzz writer Victoria Estell is a SUNY Broome student.



Testing Center Schedule for Dec. 14 through 21

December 9, 2015

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The schedule for the Testing Center from Dec. 14 through 21 is as follows:

- Monday December 14th – 8 am – 6:30 pm
- Tuesday December 15th – 8 am – 6:30 pm
- Wednesday December 16th 8 am – 6:30 pm
- Thursday December 17th 8 am – 6:30 pm
- Friday December 18th 8 am – 4:00 pm
- Monday December 21st 8 am – 6:30 pm
- Tuesday December 22nd 8 am – 12 pm

Please encourage your students to make appointments during these days. We are anticipating a large number of students coming in to take tests and may not have room if a student comes to take a test without an appointment.

Due to limited space, there will be no walk-ins on Dec. 21 or 22. Please have students plan accordingly.

Buzz Photos: Keep Calm and Ace Your Finals

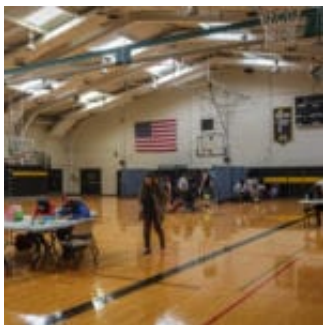
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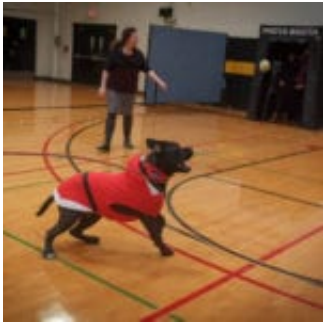
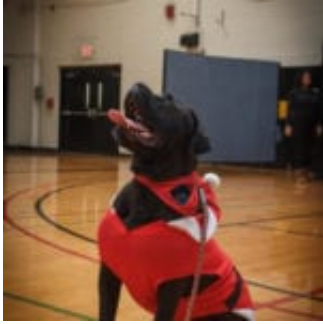
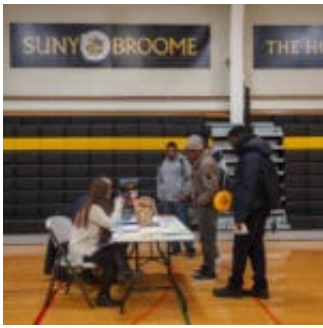
SUNY Broome students had a chance to de-stress Dec. 8 at Keep Calm and Ace Your Finals, which featured aerobics, healthy snacks, coloring, crafts, therapy dogs and more!

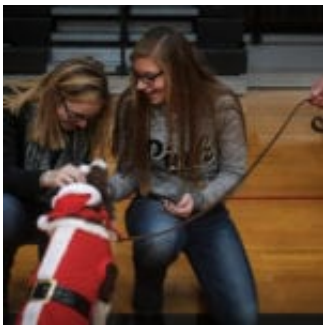
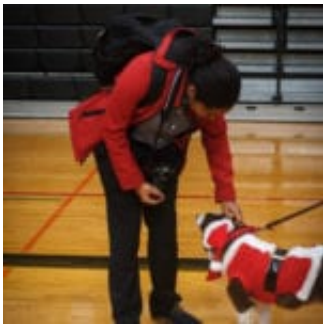
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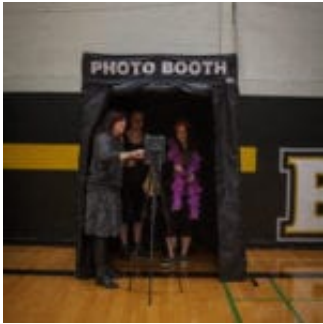


Keep Calm and Ace Your Finals, photos by Smithshell Julien









Health and Vision Insurance Update

December 9, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

Campus Community:

For employees who made changes to their health insurance plans during Open Enrollment:

- New insurance cards should be mailed in December.
- Please replace your old health insurance cards with your new cards after 12/31/15, and advise any Physician's office that you have switched plans effective 1/1/16.
- Please present the card to all providers at the time of service or if requesting a referral.
- Please note, as in the past, If you are enrolled in the Red or Green HMO plans you will need a referral from your PCP for visits to any specialists.
- Please keep your old cards in a safe location in the event that a claim from June 1 to December 31, 2015, needs to be referenced.
- For employees who enrolled in the VSP Vision plan during Open Enrollment, no cards will be issued or mailed. Your enrollment information will be accessed through the last 4 digits of the enrolling member's Social Security number.

Please feel free to contact me at 607-778-5240 if you have any questions regarding the vision or health insurance.

Meg Smith

Benefits Assistant

Human Resources

Dec. 18 concert showcases SUNY Broome's rising stars — for a good cause

December 9, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



SUNY Broome students will showcase their talent and creativity in a Contemporary Music Concert — and raise funds for the college's Health for Haiti program at the same time.

The Dec. 18 concert, sponsored by both the college's Music Program and Student Activities, begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theater, located in the Student Center. It will feature students performing original compositions or covers of pop, jazz, rock, Broadway, rap and hip-hop tunes.

Check out SUNY Broome's rising young stars, and support a great cause!

For more on Health for Haiti or to make a donation, visit www.healthforhaiti.wordpress.com.

SUNY BROOME
THE MUSIC PROGRAM
of the Performing Arts Department
in conjunction with
STUDENT ACTIVITIES
presents our

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CONCERT

December 18, 2015
at 7:30 PM

ANGELO ZUCCOLO LITTLE THEATER

featuring
students
of SUNY Broome
performing
original compositions
or covers in
POP, JAZZ, ROCK,
BROADWAY,
RAP, HIP-HOP
and other music
of today!

Donations for this concert will help raise funds for
SUNY Broome Health for Haiti
online donations: www.healthforhaiti.wordpress.com

A showcase for SUNY Broome's rising young stars!

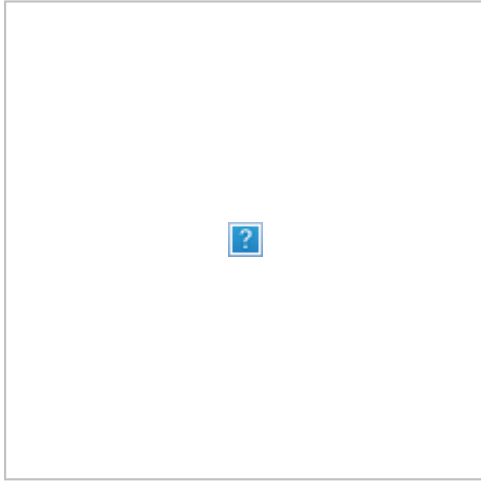
Dec. 9 and 10: Sale at the Campus Shop

December 9, 2015

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For 48 hours only, enjoy holiday deals at the Campus Shop on apparel and gift items.

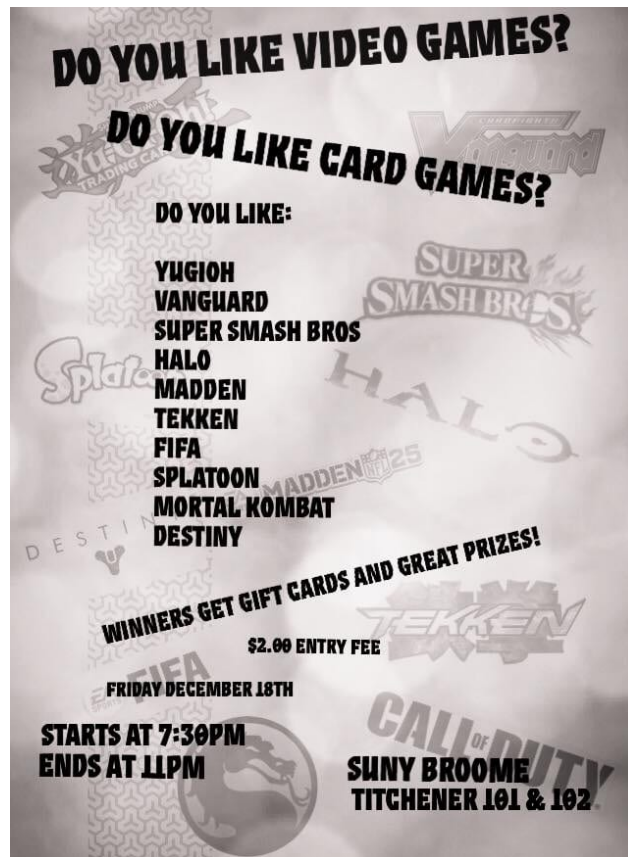
Get 20% off one item, 25% off two and 30% off three or more on Dec. 9 and 10.



Video Game & Card Game Competition on Dec. 18

December 9, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



The Japanese Culture and Animation Club and the Communication Club will be co-host a card game and video game competition from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Dec. 18 in Titchener 101 and 102.

- The following games will be available to play for the competition:
- Super Smash Brothers -Wii U
- Splatoon -Wii U
- Mario Kart -Wii U
- Halo -Xbox One
- Mortal Kombat -Xbox One
- Destiny -Xbox One
- Madden -Ps4
- FIFA -Ps4
- Tekken -Ps4

Card Games:

- Yugioh
- Vanguard

Prizes will be given to the winner of each tournament. Admission will be \$2 at the door. Contact the Japanese Culture Club on [the Swarm](#) for any questions.

DO YOU LIKE VIDEO GAMES?

DO YOU LIKE CARD GAMES?

DO YOU LIKE:

**YU-GI-OH
VANGUARD
SUPER SMASH BROS
HALO
MADDEN
TEKKEN
FIFA
SPLATOON
MORTAL KOMBAT
DESTINY**

WINNERS GET GIFT CARDS AND GREAT PRIZES!

\$2.00 ENTRY FEE

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH

**STARTS AT 7:30PM
ENDS AT 11PM**

**SUNY BROOME
TITCHENER 101 & 102**

Info sessions for BU's Master of Student Affairs Administration program

December 9, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

Are you interested in pursuing a masters degree to advance your career? The Master of Student Affairs Administration program at Binghamton University will hold several information sessions this month on the BU campus. The program is set up for working professionals as well as full-time study, and you can take one class each semester.

- **4:30 p.m. December 9 at UDC 301**
- **12 to 1 p.m. December 10 at UU 206**
- **4:45 and 6 p.m. December 17 at UDC 301**

If you are interested in hearing more about the program but cannot attend, please email Brianna King at bking@binghamton.edu or call [607-777-2719](tel:607-777-2719).



SUNY Broome's MOOC draws interest from around the world

December 8, 2015

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

SUNY Broome's first Massive Open Online Course, or MOOC, is drawing hundreds of students around the world, after debuting on Coursera this summer.

"Foundations for Assisting in Home Care" provides instruction about how to better care for homebound patients or family members. The course also serves as an introduction to the work done by Home Healthcare Aides (HHA) and Personal Care Assistants (PCA), which provide a level of care increasingly needed for an aging population.

"Because it was so successful, we added another section," said Erin O'Hara-Leslie, chair of Medical Assisting and Health Studies.

The first session, which began over the summer, drew 1,231 participants from 107 different countries. Of that number, 287 had never heard of SUNY Broome before, O'Hara-Leslie said.

Although previously unplanned and lacking for advertising, the session that began Nov. 9 has drawn 867 participants from 97 different countries, 31 percent of which are classified as emerging economies. Top countries for participants include the United States, Canada, China, United Kingdom, Australia, Brazil and India.

"To see how this educational component has reached so many people is just amazing," she said.

Another 12-week session is scheduled to begin Feb. 1, 2016.

While there is training available for HHAs and PCAs, the field has experienced high turnover rates. Many potential applicants for these entry-level positions face significant limitations in financial, transportation and other resources to reliably attend training at a brick-and-mortar institution, and lack a history of academic success.

Enter the MOOC, which includes 12 modules with information and demonstrations, as well as post-tests and games that reinforce skills. Students can listen to the information or read transcripts, making the material accessible.

In the long run, the MOOC will hopefully fill gaps in the local workforce, serving as a recruitment tool to educate future HHAs and PCAs about job skills and requirements, as well as a conduit to approved training programs local to the students.

"When we look at the demographics, we are becoming an older culture," said SUNY Broome Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti. "This allows people all over the United States and all over the world to understand in a deeper way how to take care of their family members or friends."

Dr. Battisti recently discussed the MOOC at the annual LeadingAge expo, which reflects on the field of aging services, and found it to be well-accepted.

Currently, SUNY Broome is working with SUNY Geneseo to develop an electronic textbook for the course, a feature that participants have requested, noted O'Hara-Leslie. The textbook is expected to be available in time for the Feb 1 session, which will also see other changes. Students will be able to go through the modules

at their own pace and register any time.

SUNY Broome also will be working with Mohawk Valley Community College to embed the course into its HHA program. Eventually, SUNY Broome hopes to offer its own HHA certification.

SUNY Broome is among four in the State University of New York system to offer courses through Coursera, along with the University at Albany, the University at Buffalo and Stony Brook University.

“We’re the only community college,” O’Hara-Leslie said. “Harvard has a course. Princeton has a course – and we’re right in the middle.”

“We’re on the cutting edge of technology and education,” noted Dr. Battisti, who also highlighted SUNY Broome’s acclaimed Health Sciences programs. “We’re always looking for academic quality, which is our foundational point.”



Bottle Drive for Haiti on Dec. 12

December 8, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



SUNY Broome's 2016 Health for Haiti students are having a bottle drive from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, on campus. Bottles and cans can be dropped off at the BC Center, the campus daycare center next to Lot 1. Just pull up and volunteers will help you unload.

All proceeds will support the program's January 2016 projects in Haiti. A little goes a long way in Haiti, so please consider coming by to drop off your unwanted bottles and cans.



Join us: Painting 1 Evaluation and Exhibit on Dec. 21

December 8, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



Please join us at The Gallery @ SUNY Broome from 1 to 2:30 p.m. December 21 for the Painting 1 Evaluation and Exhibit.

The evaluation is an opportunity for Professor David Zeggert's painting students to get together at the end of the semester to view student artwork and celebrate the successful completion of the class.

The gallery is located on the first floor of the Library.



Grande Odalisque painted by Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres (1814), via Wikimedia Commons

Join us for Reindeer on Ice on Dec. 12

December 8, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

Grab your skates for Reindeer on Ice, a family-friendly event that will be held from 1:30 to 3:15 p.m. Saturday, December 12, in SUNY Broome's Ice Center.

Make ornaments with Santa's helpers and send your special someone a candy cane gram. Your favorite Christmas movie, "Rudolph," will be playing. Keep your eye out for the real thing and stop by the reindeer food bar to make him a snack. Be sure to make your way over to Santa's wish list so he knows what to bring you on the big day! And don't forget to get your picture taken with Santa and holiday friends.

If possible, please bring a donation for Toys For Tots for those little helpers in our community who aren't so fortunate this holiday season.

*Adult Admission – \$6.00

*Student Admission (17 & under) – \$5.00

*SUNY Broome Students (with ID) – \$3.00

*SUNY Broome Faculty/Staff/Alumni (with ID) – \$3.00

*Skate Rental – \$4.00

Food will be available for purchase provided by The Hospitality Club!

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Sweet Music: It's concert season at SUNY Broome

December 8, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

'Tis the season for music at SUNY Broome! Ring in the holiday season with a wide variety of concerts, all in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theater.

- The String Ensemble will be joining the Chamber Singers for an evening of Baroque and Christmas music at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7. The program will feature traditional Christmas carols, along with works by Pachelbel, Boyce and an arrangement of a Piano Guys song written by music Professor Heather Worden. This is sure to be a holiday concert you won't want to miss!
- The main choral concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11. All the choirs — the SUNY Broome College Choir, the SUNY Broome Community College Choir and the Chamber Singers — will combine with one another and, in part, perform sections independently. Composers for that program will range from Palestrina, Morley, Bach, Haydn and Thompson to African-American spirituals. There will be something for everyone.
- Students from the Applied Music studios of Peter Sicilian, Pej Reitz, Tony Godoy, Amy Christian, Gerald Grahame and Brenda Dawe will perform a varied program of classical, jazz and standard musical theater literature at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14.
- The SUNY Broome Jazz Ensemble will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17. The ensemble will be welcoming and sharing the stage with Andrew Williams as a guest jazz artist. 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! Admission is \$5 and free for students and faculty.
- The Contemporary Music Concert will be 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18. Sponsored by the Music Program in conjunction with Student Activities, the concert will feature any student of SUNY Broome performing original compositions or covers in pop, jazz, rock, Broadway, rap, hip-hop and other music of today. Donations will be accepted for Health for Haiti.
- The SUNY Broome Guitar Ensemble will presents its Fall program on Monday at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21. The program will include music played by the full 12-member group, including an arrangement of J.S. Bach's Prelude in C Major, as well as student solos, duets and trios and a performance by director Paul Sweeny.

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Needed: Over-the-counter medical supplies for Haiti

December 8, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

The 2016 Health for Haiti class is collecting over-the-counter medical supplies for use at our free medical and dental clinics in Haiti this January. They are in desperate need of the following items:

- Tylenol, ibuprofen (adult and child)
- Cough and cold medicine (adult and child)
- Multi-vitamins (adult and child)
- Iron tablets
- Hydrocortisone cream
- Anti-fungal ointments
- Antacids
- OTC reading glasses
- Eye drops

Drop-off bins decorated for the holidays are located in the administrative suites throughout campus.



Thank you for supporting SUNY Broome students and the people of Haiti.

Donations needed: Giving of the Toys on Dec. 10

December 8, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

SUNY Broome's annual Giving of Toys will take place at 11 a.m. Dec. 10 in the Baldwin Gym, located in the Student Center.

Over the last 19 years, this event has become a SUNY Broome holiday tradition. During the event, more than 60 offices, departments, clubs, athletic teams and campus organizations present toys to Santa at the Student Center. The gifts are then forwarded to the local Toys for Tots campaign.

Groups often bring toys appropriate to their organization. For example, in previous years, the Hospitality Club brought toy kitchen sets, the Maintenance Department donated toy trucks, the basketball teams gave basketballs, the International Students Organization contributed toys from all over the world, and more.

Hundreds of students and staff participate in the annual event. Of course, we will have hot chocolate, treats and holiday music to ring in the season.

Student Activities is asking you to give again. Each year the need grows and gets even more local, with many of our students in need.

If your office or other group wishes to participate [please fill out this form](#) or contact the Student Activities Office at BoringJW@SUNYBroome.edu. Gifts given on the day of the event will happily be accepted!



SUNY Broome Academic Master Plan Questionnaire

December 7, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

As we move forward with our Academic Master plan, we hope to gather as much input as possible from across the campus. Many of you have already participated in meetings, interviews and discussions. Your integral contributions continue to inform the process.

To aid us in gathering additional thoughts and ideas we ask that you take a few minutes to full out this Academic Master Plan Questionnaire:

<http://sunybroome.wufoo.com/forms/academic-master-plan-questionnaire/>

The results will be very helpful in conceptualizing the future of our academic programs and initiatives, and will be compiled and shared in the next phase of planning. I am very excited to see recommendations from our consulting team.

Francis L. Battisti, Ph.D.

Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

Do something sweet for Haiti on Dec. 10

December 7, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



The 2016 Health for Haiti class is having a fundraiser at Sweet Frog in Vestal this Thursday, December 10. Just mention Health for Haiti and 20% of the cost of your treat will go to support the January 2016 Health for Haiti class projects.

Sweet Frog is located in the Town Square Mall and will be open on Thursday from noon to 9 p.m.



Dec. 10 Common Hour: Adventure Writing

December 7, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



Join faculty presenters Chris Origer and I.J. Byrnes for a Dec. 10 Common Hour discussion of adventure writing that celebrates travel to exotic places, summitting Mount Everest and hiking the Pacific Crest Trail. Find out how these adventures can inspire your travels, writing and life.

The presentation begins at 11 a.m. in T-102, and is the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Study topic lecture.



Convocation Day 2016 Speaker Announced

December 7, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

The campus-wide Convocation Committee is pleased to announce that, **Morris Dees, civil rights attorney and co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC)** has been selected as our 2016 Convocation Day speaker.



Morris Dees

Attorney Dees focuses on civil rights and the justice system in his book ***A Lawyer's Journey***, which details his important and dangerous work as a lawyer fighting past the traditions of the segregated South he grew up in to take on the Ku Klux Klan and other hate groups in a personal journey toward justice. Dees' evolution from his days as a well-heeled attorney to his wild ride as a target for hate groups are fascinating and inspirational as they lead him toward a life of service with the goal of eliminating social injustice, particularly for the poor.

We hope that Morris Dees' journey for justice will inspire students to pursue their academic passions, as well as public service. Please note that Tuesday April 12, 2016, is Convocation Day, on which no day or evening classes will be held.

Convocation 2016 will focus on important and relevant **themes** such as social justice; living a life of passion and service; creating a fair and equitable legal system; teaching tolerance; recognizing and monitoring hate groups; meeting the challenge of social cohesion in a multi-cultural society.

Attention Teaching Faculty: Important information regarding the Convocation Faculty Scholars program and the 2016 Convocation Institute for teaching faculty will be released shortly. Note that our two previous Convocation Institutes for teaching faculty have filled up quickly and over 80 teaching faculty enrolled as Convocation Faculty Scholars in 2015.

Campus Wide Convocation Committee Members

Professor Irene Byrnes (Chair)

Professor Rachel Hagerman, Health Sciences Division

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

Dr. Courtney O'Hagen, Liberal Arts Division

Heather Coggin, Vice President of Financial Concerns, Student Assembly

Assistant Librarian, Sue Slivan, Library

Faculty Member Tera Doty-Blance, Adjunct Faculty Member

Professor Gian Roma. Business and Public Services Division

Professor Carla Michalak, Liberal Arts Division

Student Assembly Fundraiser on December 8

December 7, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

Student Assembly will hold a fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, in the Student Center. The group will be selling used books, chocolate, t-shirts, water and soda. The money raised will go directly toward buying items for Toys for Tots.



A Christmas Carol at the Phelps Mansion

December 7, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

Step back in time to that fateful Christmas Eve when Ebenezer Scrooge learns the true meaning of Christmas, with the presentation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" at the Phelps Mansion Museum. Audience members will move from room to room with the performers as they observe the Scrooge's journey through Christmas Past, Present Future. At the end of the performance, all are invited to a Christmas celebration with food, drinks and music.

Shows are at 7:30 p.m. December 11, 12, 18 and 19. Admission is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Please call (607) 722-4873 or email info@phelpsmansion.org.

This production is brought to you by the Phelps Mansion Museum, Jan DeAngelo & Co. and Studio 271. Cast includes Chris Nickerson as Scrooge, Jan DeAngelo as Marley, John Carroll and Joe Bardales as Bob Cratchit, and many others. SUNY Broome English professor Mary Donnelly is the narrator.

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Thank You from Health for Haiti

December 7, 2015

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Professor Jen Musa writes:

The 2016 Health for Haiti class would like to thank all of the faculty, staff, students, friends and family who supported Saturday's Health for Haiti Bowling Tournament Fundraiser! We had more than 100 people join us for a fun afternoon at Midway Lanes.

The fundraiser was a great success and all of the proceeds will go to support our work in Haiti next month. Thank you so much. Our projects would not be possible without your support!

For more information and pictures, visit the Health for Haiti blog at www.healthforhaiti.wordpress.com.



Health for Haiti fundraiser photos by Professor Bill Hollister.







Upcoming Professional Development Events

December 7, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

Doctoral Colloquium Presentations

“Creating Organizational Change with Appreciative Inquiry and Continuous Quality Improvement Techniques: An Action Research 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, December 9th (final presentation for the Fall 2015 semester)

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Where: TRC Conference Room

Presenter: Dr. Major Barnett

Register: [Register Here](#)

Future Topics: All dates are Wednesdays, 3:00 – 4:30 pm in the TRC Conference room

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 Dr. Jesse Boring ” *Children of Divorce-Coping With Divorce:- A Randomized Control Trial of an Online Prevention Program for Youth Experiencing Parental Divorce.*”

Wednesday, March 09, 2016 Dr. Kevin Drumm ” *The Leadership Vacuum: An ethnography of the first year of an experienced president taking the reins of a high-profile community college*

Wednesday, April 13, 2016 Dr. Courtney O’Hagen ” *The Role of Puberty and Gonadal Hormones in Age and Sex Differences in Ethanol Intake, Ethanol Sensitivity and Responses to Novelty*”

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 Dr. Joan Koster ” *Bookmarking racism: Challenging white privilege through children’s literature and participatory action research in a suburban school.*”

Web-Conference: Removing Barriers to Adult Learner Enrollment

This session explores how community colleges can remove barriers for adult students and guide them toward programs that advance their careers. Topics covered include tuition reimbursement, noncredit-to-credit bridges, and prior learning assessment.

When: Tuesday, December 15th

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Where: TRC Conference Room

Presenter: Lisa Qing

Hosted by: Maureen Kollar

Register: [Register Here](#)

Collaboration Initiatives at SUNY Broome Part Deux

A key component of a dynamic educational institution is the productive collaborations it has with community and international partners. Join this month's Academic Coffeehouse as we continue the discussion on collaborations that will enrich the mission of our college and provide enhanced academic opportunities. **All are welcome**, including those who were unable to make the first discussion.

When: Thursday, December 17th

Time: 11:00 am -11:50 am

Where: Wales 107 Conference Room

Presenter: Dr. Francis Battisti

Register: [Register Here](#)

Student Success Squad: ‘Getting Ready for Finals’ on Dec. 10

December 6, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

The Student Success Squad will hold a workshop on “Getting Ready for Finals” from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, in the Library 005 classroom, located on the ground level.

Future workshops include:

- 12/17 Study Break



The Monday Poem: ‘Another Reason Why I Don’t Keep a Gun In the House’ by Billy Collins

December 6, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

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

Another Reason Why I Don’t Keep a Gun in the House

by Billy Collins

The neighbors’ dog will not stop barking.
He is barking the same high, rhythmic bark
that he barks every time they leave the house.
They must switch him on on their way out.

The neighbors’ dog will not stop barking.
I close all the windows in the house
and put on a Beethoven symphony full blast
but I can still hear him muffled under the music,
barking, barking, barking,

and now I can see him sitting in the orchestra,
his head raised confidently as if Beethoven
had included a part for barking dog.

When the record finally ends he is still barking,
sitting there in the oboe section barking,
his eyes fixed on the conductor who is
entreating him with his baton

while the other musicians listen in respectful
silence to the famous barking dog solo,
that endless coda that first established
Beethoven as an innovative genius.



Please RSVP: The Holiday Reception is Dec. 10

December 5, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



President Kevin E. Drumm and the BCC Foundation cordially invite you and a guest to SUNY Broome's Holiday Reception from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 10, in the Applied Technology Building atrium.

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served, and there will be a beer and wine cash bar. The Student Assembly will collect your nonperishable food items for CHOW at the door.



Going 5-0: Hornet has successful start in the debating world

December 4, 2015

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Gwendolyn Davis enjoyed her high school's debate team, participating from freshman year until graduation. When the Edmeston native came to SUNY Broome, however, she was saddened to find that SUNY Broome didn't have a team of its own.

"I missed it and I wanted to start debating again," she said. "I thought, 'Why can't I start it here?'"

The Liberal Arts major began the SUNY Broome Debate Team this fall, in the middle of debate season. While there has been some interest, she hopes to draw more during a [Dec. 9 interest meeting](#), which begins at 3 p.m. in Titchener 101. (Need an incentive to learn more? There will be free pizza!)

"It's definitely a lot of work," she said of debating.

Her hard work recently paid off. In November, she competed in the Brad Smith Tournament at the University of Rochester, going 5-0 and making it to the quarter finals. The tournament drew a wide variety of teams, including a good-size contingent from New Jersey, she noted.

This year's debate topic is related to international policy and U.S militarism – timely in light of current events. Teams need to be able to argue both sides of an issue during the policy debate. Information is transferred back and forth between the opponents, unlike the Lincoln-Douglas-style debates Davis was familiar with from high school.

Binghamton University, which has a successful debate team of its own, coaches the SUNY Broome contingent. The teams also travel together, and the Bearcats helped Davis prepare for her debate. Because she didn't have a partner for the Brad Smith Tournament, Davis was paired with Margeaux Kelly, a University of Rochester freshman and an experienced debater.

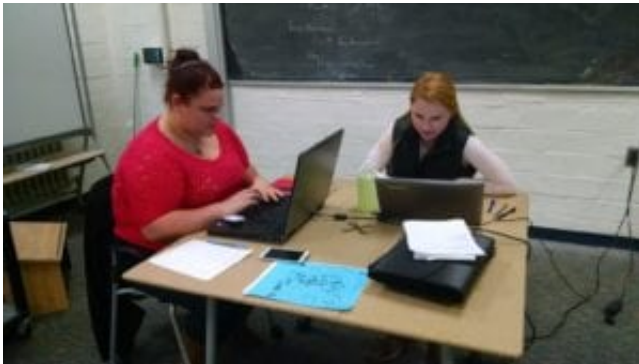
It seemed a natural fit in more ways than one.

"Rochester is the Yellowjackets and we're the Hornets," Davis quipped.

Debating provides an opportunity to hone public speaking skills, make friends, learn about issues in-depth – and travel. In the spring, travel will include tournaments at James Madison University in Virginia and Cornell University in Ithaca, along with local competitions at Binghamton University.

Throughout winter break, Davis will continue working on her debate points, preparing for the Virginia tournament.

“I’m definitely gaining my confidence back in speaking to other people and speaking in front of crowds,” she said. “I also get to meet people from other schools. I had friends from Turkey, and now I have friends from New Jersey and Rochester.”



Gwendolyn Davis, right, works with Margeaux Kelly at the the Brad Smith Tournament.



SUNY Broome art exhibit takes an in-depth look at local icons

December 4, 2015

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



The region's historical landmarks take center stage in "Parlor City: The Good Old Days," an exhibit that runs from December through the end of January in the Gallery @ SUNY Broome.

The exhibit celebrates diversity and innovation within the Greater Binghamton community by highlighting a cross-section of historical landmark. The goal is to foster greater understanding and appreciation for the community by learning about its origins, accord to Professor Hall Groat, chair of the college's Art and Design Department.

The exhibit includes large-format reproductions of historical reproductions and illustrations from the Ed Aswad Carriage House Collection, along with contemporary student paintings, drawings and graphic designs exploring iconic Parlor City subjects. The English Department was also invited to exhibit literary works evoking this bygone era.

Using oil paintings as their medium, several Art and Design students investigated the social ideals behind George F. Johnson's Square Deal version of welfare capitalism. They painted scenes of local landmarks connected with Johnson, including the stone arches in Endicott and Johnson City.

Professor Groat also had students in his ART 125: Introduction to Computer Graphics course create U.S. postage stamp designs that commemorate local architecture that features such historic design features from the Art Nouveau, Russian Constructionism, Art Deco, Bauhaus, Swiss, Modernism and Postmodernism movements.

Also included within the exhibit are two contemporary giclée canvas prints of the Roberson Mansion Museum, featuring the original 1904 portico. The images reference both the grand era of Edwardian architecture and the emergence of Alonzo Roberson's successful lumber company in the "Valley of Opportunity." Professor Groat was recently commissioned by the Roberson family to create two original oil paintings of the mansion, which are now included in private collections in Williamsburg, Va., and Wellesley, Mass.

At a Glance

Exhibition Dates: December through the end of January.

Location: The Gallery is located on first floor of the main campus library

Weekly Gallery Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday; 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday; 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday



Home of the Square Deal, Endocott, NY
16x20 in. Oil on canvas by Lucy Loo, Art and Design Student, SUNYBroome



Paintings of the Roberson Mansion Museum
by Prof. Hall Groat



Students in Professor Groat's ART 116:
Beginning Painting course

‘In the Lyme Light’ documentary by students to be shown Dec. 15, 17

December 4, 2015

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

Students from SUNY Broome’s [AA1 Program](#) will show their original documentary “In the Lyme Light,” which focuses on Lyme disease in Broome County. Showings will run from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Tuesday, December 15, and Thursday, December 17, in T-101.

Dec. 9 Doctoral Colloquium to feature Dr. Major Barnett

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Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

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New Associate Vice President and Dean of Distance Education and Health Sciences

December 3, 2015

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Colleagues,

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Amy Brandt, who has joined SUNY Broome Community College as the Associate Vice President and Dean of Distance Education and Health Sciences as of December 1, 2015.

Most recently, Dr. Brandt served as the Dean of Vocational Instruction at Wharton County Junior College in Texas, which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges. She comes to us with experience in program and curriculum development, program evaluation and improvement, accreditation and regulatory compliance, and faculty recruitment and oversight.

Dr. Brandt describes her management style as collaborative and solution-focused. She feels that the best solutions are derived from people bringing diverse values and experience together to resolve problems.

Dr. Brandt's experience in higher education will be an asset to the Health Sciences Division and to our campus community. I would appreciate your support and assistance in helping Dr. Brandt to learn the facets of her new position and to help her to get acclimated to the campus.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Kelli Ligeikis for stepping forward to lead the Health Sciences Division through this transition. Under Kelli's leadership and direction, this division has continued to function as a leader in the creation of high quality health science graduates.

Thank you,

Francis L. Battisti, Ph.D.

Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

Facilities Update: November 2015

December 3, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

Downtown Campus Carnegie Library Cost Estimate Work has Begun

A 3D building scan of the Library was completed last week, which will be converted to drawings that will give us a better understanding of existing conditions. The roof was also scanned.

Business Building Renovations

The punch list items on the heating portion of the HVAC system at the Business Building are almost complete. The lobby has been painted, and the new furniture and lighting will be completed the day after Thanksgiving. A final version of B224 furniture layout has been approved by Dean Mollen, and the furniture will be ordered.

Decker Building Temperature Control & Mold Remediation

The control system for the Decker Building has begun. The mold remediation will begin during the curtailment period and should be completed by January 10.

Student Center

The Student Center Lobby will be receiving a new paint job in December to coordinate with the new colors of the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theater. Also the Theater will be getting a renovation over curtailment that includes new LED lighting, paint, carpet and new theater chairs.

Mechanical Building Use Plan Completed

Passero and our College team are working hard to complete a cost estimate and presentation for Dr. Drumm to present to the Foundation Board. The Foundation Board has expressed great interest in matching our state dollars to renovate the building, and a possible name change as well.

Digital Sign

The digital sign work has been started. 3I Graphics is constructing the frame designed by Jesse Wells, and Matco Electric has begun work on the power and fiber to the sign.

Campus Monolith Sign

The College Seal will be placed on both sides of the front College sign during the first week of December.

Titchener Hall

The problem concerning the natural gas smell in the building has been rectified. After a boiler room inspection was completed, we found ductwork that had become separated and repaired it making the room

have a “positive” air flow again. We also changed out the boiler controls with newer post purge controls as a backup to any issues that might arise.

Change Orders

A listing of the current change orders is included with this month’s report. An action item is going to the Board this month revising Policy 1.7, Purchasing to include change orders.

Prepared by R. Losinger, VPAFA, and P. Testa, Director of Campus Operations, 11/18/15

[2.3.1 Facilities Update November 2015 from Regina](#)

SUNY Broome Budget/Finance Update: November 2015

December 3, 2015

Categories: FOCUS on Finances

15-16 Fall Budget Forecast Favorable With Concerns About Spring Enrollment

Our initial comprehensive 15-16 budget forecast is presented this month. The fall forecast is favorable as a result of:

- ☐ 8% growth in fall other NYS county enrollment
- ☐ 3% growth in fall out-of-state enrollment
- ☐ 209% growth in fall international enrollment
- ☐ 38% growth in winter enrollment
- ☐ No increase in health rates in 2016 (5% budgeted)
- ☐ Favorable TRS and ERS retirement rates
- ☐ Vacancies

We have assumed for now in our revenue forecast that our flat enrollment target will be met for the spring semester, but have included a ‘risk’ of -8% and an ‘opportunity’ of +2% on our fund balance risk and opportunity page. Time will tell where we land for the spring semester – course registrations are currently nearly 7% less than last spring, but improved from the week before, when it was down nearly 10%. The favorable budget forecast is adequate at this time to offset up to an 11% decline in spring enrollment. If our (flat) spring enrollment target is met, the favorable budget items will increase our fund balance from \$3.5 million (7% budget) to \$4.8 million (almost 10%) of budget, reaching the long term goal we set with our BOT to meet and sustain – the middle of the 5% to 15% range recommended by SUNY and GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board).

This comprehensive forecast will be updated every month for our BOT, management, and campus use.

Fall 2015 Student Enrollment Settles in at Budgeted (Flat) Enrollment FTE ... *with over a 4% increase in the number of students*

Fall enrollment full-time equivalents have settled in at virtually the budgeted flat Enrollment full-time equivalents ... just a .2% less than last year.

The number of students is up by 4.55% compared with last year at this time, thanks to record Fast Forward enrollment growth. Fast Forward enrollments are up nearly 37% compared to last fall, an increase of 39 FTEs. While Fast Forward students do not generate large tuition revenues, the additional state aid funding generated by the program proves to be very beneficial to the college.

Converting more of our Fast Forward students into new SUNY Broome students after high school graduation could play a large role in bucking the current downward trend of in county enrollments. Many of these students would not otherwise be at SUNY Broome, going onto other colleges after graduation. Not only could Fast Forward students help our declining in-county enrollments (down 5% this fall), they could play a major factor in the overall student success rate here at SUNY Broome.

5-Year Health Insurance Cost Analysis

A 5-year analysis of health insurance costs is included this month.

14-15 SUNY Annual Financial Report Filed

The 14-15 SUNY annual financial report was filed on time on October 30. The unreserved fund balance is \$3.45 million – an amount equal to 7.3% of the net operating budget and in line with previous forecasts.

External Financial Audit Progressing

Audit field work has been completed.

Developed by R. Losinger, L. Allen, and J. Tillotson 11/20/15

Click below for the complete report:

[November 2015 Budget and Finance Update](#)

2015-2016 Schedule of F&F and BOT meetings

December 3, 2015

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Please see the attached file for the 2015-2016 schedule of SUNY Broome Board of Trustees and Finance and Facilities Committee meetings.

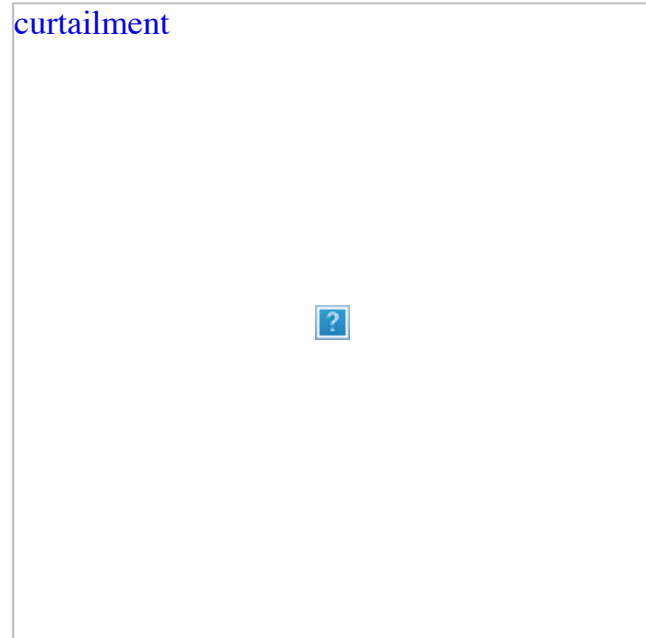
[Revised SUNY Broome 2015-2016 F&F and BOT Meeting Dates \(Dec. 3,2015\).](#)

Mark your calendar: Curtailment starts Dec. 24

December 3, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

Curtailment for Winter 2015-2016 will run from December 24 through January 3, 2016. Employees will return to work on Monday, January 4.



Help end hunger: Campus food drive from Dec. 4 through 18

December 3, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



The Medical Assisting Club and Student Assembly have joined efforts to help end hunger in Broome County by hosting a campus-wide food drive benefiting the Food Bank of the Southern Tier from Dec. 4 through 18.

Donations of canned and boxed food are welcome. Items of great need include: dried foods (pasta, rice, potatoes, macaroni and cheese), stews, soups, chili, tuna, chicken, canned vegetables and fruits, granola bars, crackers and peanut butter, personal hygiene supplies and paper goods.

Look for collection bins in Decker Health Sciences (D-217), the Student Assembly Office (S-107), the Ice Center, the bookstore and the Library. Please consider collecting items in your classes and campus clubs. Want to arrange for a pick up/drop off? Contact Kim McLain at x5258 (mclainkb1@sunybroome.edu) or Hope Diamond at x5152 (hopediamond28@gmail.com).



Adjunct Council to meet Dec. 14

December 3, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

The Adjunct Council will meet from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, December 14, in Mechanical Building Room 208. The meeting is open to all adjuncts.

Focus on Wellness: EAP counseling services

December 3, 2015

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

Mental health is the foundation to leading a healthy, happy life. Emotional issues can arise from any number of things, and it is important to address them before they become bigger challenges and eventually interfere with your life. For that reason, your organization provides a free and confidential benefit called BalanceWorks to assist with those emotional stressors.

With this benefit, you receive:

- Immediate connection to a mental health professional
- Counseling referrals to a provider close to your home or work
- Access to free visits with a counselor based on the challenge you are experiencing
- Mental health counseling for issues such as depression, anxiety, grief, stress and work-related challenges
- Online access to work/life tools and resources

These services are available to you and your eligible family members. Call 1.800.327.2255, visit www.mybalanceworks.com or use the BalanceGo mobile app.

Rod Serling's daughter attends SUNY Broome theater performance

December 2, 2015

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



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,'" featured special guest Anne Serling on November 21.

Serling is the daughter of Rod Serling. Here, she poses with Theater Director Katherine Bacon in the Student Center lobby.



[The show's three performances drew at least 300 audience members.](#) Serling expert Larry Kassan led a stimulating and well-attended discussion after the show on Friday evening and the show received an excellent review in the Broome County Arts Mirror.

Debate Team Interest Meeting on Dec. 9

December 2, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



Learn about SUNY Broome's Debate Team at 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 9, in Titchener Hall Room 101.

This year's debate topic is related to international policy and U.S militarism. Hear from the student who went 5-0 at her first tournament in Rochester and learn about getting involved with tournaments in the spring. Travel includes James Madison University in Virginia and Cornell University in Ithaca, along with local tournaments at Binghamton University.

Pizza will be available, so bring your appetite!



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Challenge Met: First-ever 24 Hours of Giving exceeds expectations

December 2, 2015

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After 24 hours and numerous volunteers, social media posts, pizza slices, baked goods, cups of coffee and laughs, the first-ever 24 Hours of Giving campaign surpassed its goal.



Tallying the results of #Broome24

The all-nighter supported a good cause: the Broome Community College Foundation and the scholarships that allow so many students to further their education.

“With 274 donors and gifts totaling nearly \$50,000, the first annual SUNY Broome 24 Hours of Giving has exceeded all expectations!” said Foundation Executive Director Cathy Williams. “And on behalf of our students, we would like to thank you! Your support is greatly appreciated and truly makes a difference.”



The campaign began at midnight Dec. 1 and ran until the following midnight, with volunteers taking gifts and pledges around the clock. The initiative was part of Giving Tuesday, a national event that kicked off in 2012 and has raised millions for nonprofits around the globe.

The excitement could be felt both virtually and on campus. Online, Facebook and Twitter were awash in fun memes in support of the campaign, and donors shared their “selfless selfies,” telling others why they gave. Student and alumni volunteers sold baked goods and raffle tickets in the Student Center, giving away #Broome24 bling and encouraging their peers to contribute.



Our Student Center crew





The evening also inspired laughter with a show by comedian Michael Issac, with proceeds donated to the #Broome24 campaign.



Michael Issac

The goal, noted SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm, wasn't determined by the amount of money raised during the 24 hours, but the attraction of new donors.

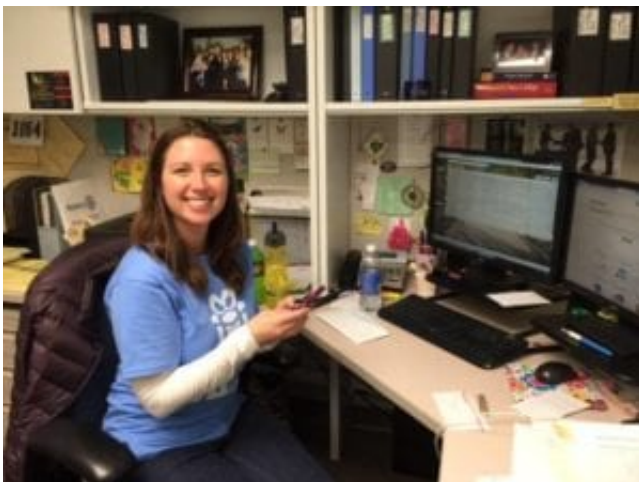


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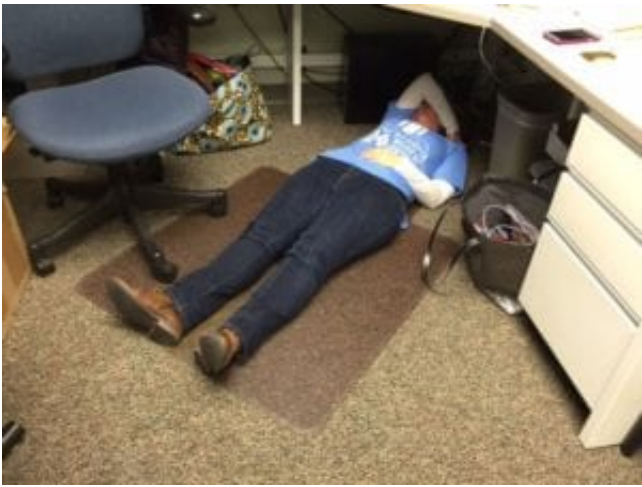
“Through this campaign, we hope to raise critical support for our students and campus by increasing our donor base — re-engaging past donors and getting our current donors to participate with ‘challenge’ gifts that will encourage recent graduates to make their first gift to the college as alumni, while also spreading the news about SUNY Broome and the great things happening on our campus,” he explained, while sporting a powder blue 24 Hours of Giving t-shirt.

Foundation board members also upped the ante, committing nearly \$12,000 in pledges for a matching gift challenge.

The mastermind behind the #Broome24 campaign was Foundation Director of Development Andrea Roma, who spent the day tirelessly working with volunteers and donors – except when she snuck a quick nap under her desk.



Andrea awake — and asleep



Many thanks to the generous hearts of the Hornet community!









Repairs to Old Science, Student Services heating systems complete

December 2, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

Repairs to Old Science Building and Student Services Building heating systems are complete. We appreciate your patience. Classes will resume at their normal times and locations on Thursday 12/3/2015.

Classes scheduled for Wednesday evening (12/2/2015) in the Old Science Building and the Student Services Building have been temporarily relocated. A list of class relocations is available at:

<http://www.sunybroome.edu/moreinfo>



Got bacteria? Come find out on Dec. 10!

December 2, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



The Medical Assisting Club, Health Services, Hospitality Programs Department and UHS proudly present Keep Calm & Wash your Hands!, SUNY Broome's first campus-wide hand-washing challenge.

Think you know how to wash your hands? Does your hand hygiene make the grade? Come find out between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Thursday, December 10, in the Student Center! Participants who complete the challenge will be entered into a drawing to win one of three Fitbits. Free hand sanitizer and other goodies from UHS will be given to the first 300 people who accept our challenge. All faculty and students are welcome.



More than 100 bowlers registered for Health for Haiti fundraiser

December 2, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

SUNY Broome's Health for Haiti class is holding a bowling tournament fundraiser at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, December 5, Midway Lanes in Vestal.

More than 100 bowlers are registered. All proceeds will go to support our 2016 projects in Haiti.

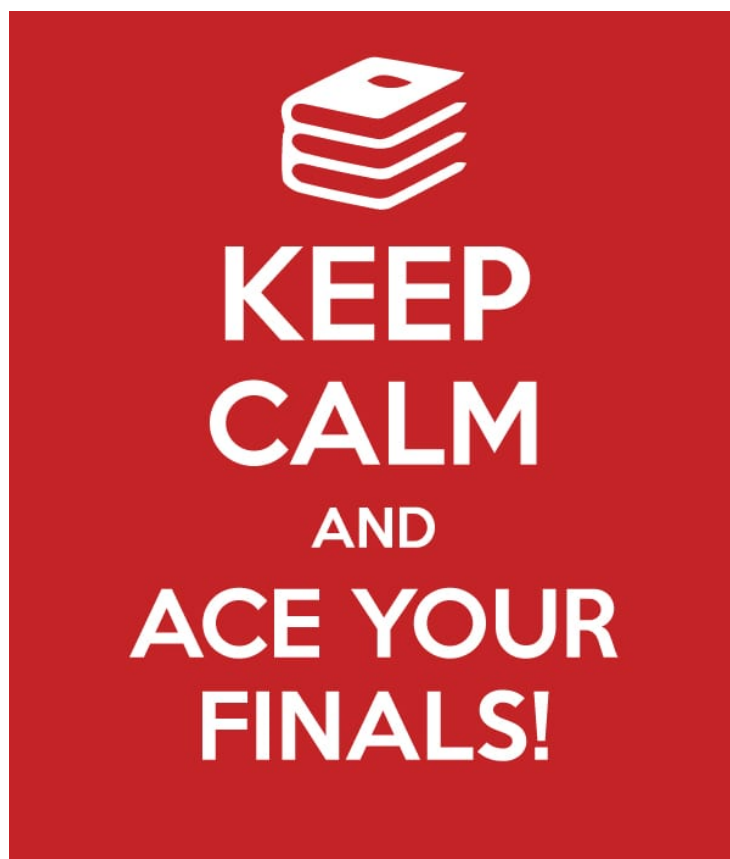
Our 2016 Global Service Learning course will travel to Haiti from January 4 through 13, and include 20 students and eight non-student travelers, including local engineers, a solar power expert, a microbiologist and a local dentist. They will work on projects that focus on solar power, clean water, hands-on and digital art education, computer literacy training, education on nutrition and hygiene, food distribution and socialization with orphans. They will also participate in medical and dental clinics, help with a new community garden and construct the first bathroom and hand-washing station in Grande Saline.

For more information and pictures, visit the Health for Haiti blog at www.healthforhaiti.wordpress.com.

Dec. 8: Free aerobics class, puppies, spa passes and more!

December 1, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



Keep Calm and Ace You Finals is next Tuesday, December 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Baldwin Gymnasium.

There will be a free aerobics class from 11 to 11:30 a.m., as well as therapy dogs. Those who attend will receive a pass to jump the line at the upcoming Campus Spa Day on December 15. The first 50 students to attend will also receive a free SUNY Broome gift.

It's a great opportunity to learn how to manage stress, study effectively, and have a great time while learning it all!



**KEEP
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Upcoming Professional Development Events

December 1, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

All About Web Time Entry

Join the Payroll Department and find out everything you wanted to know about Web Time Entry but were afraid to ask. We'll go over the basics and the not so basics. We'll share tips and tricks to make web time entry a piece of cake!

When: Thursday, December 3rd (5 seats still available)

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: TRC Lab

Presenter: Peggy Holmes & Angie Bergholtz

Register: [Register Here](#)

Doctoral Colloquium Presentations

“Creating Organizational Change with Appreciative Inquiry and Continuous Quality Improvement Techniques: An Action Research 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, December 9th

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Where: TRC Conference Room

Presenter: Dr. Major Barnett

Register: [Register Here](#)

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Web-Conference: Removing Barriers to Adult Learner Enrollment

This session explores how community colleges can remove barriers for adult students and guide them toward programs that advance their careers. Topics covered include tuition reimbursement, noncredit-to-credit bridges, and prior learning assessment.

When: Tuesday, December 15th

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Where: TRC Conference Room

Presenter: Lisa Qing

Hosted by: Maureen Kollar

Register: [Register Here](#)

Collaboration Initiatives at SUNY Broome Part Deux

A key component of a dynamic educational institution is the productive collaborations it has with community and international partners. Join this month’s Academic Coffeehouse as we continue the discussion on collaborations that will enrich the mission of our college and provide enhanced academic opportunities. **All are welcome**, including those who were unable to make the first discussion.

When: Thursday, December 17th

Time: 11:00 am -11:50 am

Where: Wales 107 Conference Room

Presenter: Dr. Francis Battisti

Register: [Register Here](#)

Color Me Stress Free on Dec. 11

December 1, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



The Women's Discussion Group will host "Color Me Stress Free" from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday, December 11, in the Student Center! Come by, grab a template and get coloring!

Templates and coloring pencils will be offered, but feel free to bring your own coloring materials.



Dr. Bill Altman Reappointed Co-Editor of E-xcellence in Teaching

December 1, 2015

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

Dr. Bill Altman (Psychology & Human Services Department) has been reappointed to another three-year term as the co-editor, with Dr. Lyra Stein of Rutgers University, of *E-xcellence in Teaching*. This is an official online newsletter for the Society of the Teaching of Psychology; STP is a Division of the American Psychological Association.

E-xcellence in Teaching highlights new, evidence-based techniques for teaching and evaluation, as well as philosophical essays about the teaching and learning process. In addition, Dr. Altman and Dr. Stein edit annual e-book volumes of the essays published in *E-xcellence in Teaching*.

Learn more about STP and *E-xcellence in Teaching* at <http://www.teachpsych.org/index.php>. *E-xcellence in Teaching* e-books are available for free download from STP at: <http://www.teachpsych.org/ebooks/eit.php>.

In the Community: Choruses for CHOW on Dec. 5

December 1, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

Come enjoy holiday music and support the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 5, at Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church in Johnson City.

The event features the Southerntiersmen Barbershop Chorus, directed by Mike Lurenz; the Carousel Harmony Chorus, directed by Debra Saucke; the Endwell Community Chorus, directed by Vicky Gordon; the Bronzissimo Community Handbell Choir, directed by Claire Bombard and Chris Bartlette; and the Downtown Singers, directed by Marisa Crabb.

Each group will perform individually, and then join together for a performance of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. For tickets, call 724-9130. The church is located at 308 Main St.

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