

The Focus

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The Monday Poem: ‘Work’ by Sandy Bliumis-Dunn

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

Work

Sally Bliumis-Dunn

I could tell they were father and son,
the air between them, slack as though
they hardly noticed one another.

The father sanded the gunwales,
the boy coiled the lines.
And I admired them there, each to his task

in the quiet of the long familiar.
The sawdust coated the father’s arms
like dusk coats grass in a field.

The boy worked next on the oarlocks
polishing the brass until it gleamed
as though he could harness the sun.

Who cares what they were thinking,
lucky in their lives
that the spin of the genetic wheel

slowed twice to a stop
and landed each of them here.

About This Poem

“I saw them only for a moment, the father and son mentioned in this poem. There was a strong feeling of contentment and concentration in the air as we passed them on our kayak. I was very drawn to it and them

and wanted to explore the attraction I felt.”
—*Sally Bliumis-Dunn*



National Wear Red Day is Feb. 5

January 29, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

Heart disease and stroke kill one in three women — but are 80% preventable. Friday, February 5, is National Wear Red Day. Wear Red to show your support for saving women's lives and raise awareness.

[And don't forget to sign up for the Heart Walk, which takes place on campus April 10!](#)

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Photos: ThinkFast Game Show

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Quick-thinking Hornets enjoyed the ThinkFast game show Friday, which mixed academic questions with queries about campus services and plenty of pop culture lore. Competitors also had a chance to show off their dance moves and engage in their own presidential debate, among other fun activities.

The show, sponsored by Student Activities and Imagine Success, was part of the campus' Welcome Week events.





Smaller classes, greater success: Ryan Wilson comes home to SUNY Broome

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Ryan Wilson just couldn't find himself at the University of Buffalo.

He explored law and pharmacy, but neither held a lasting appeal. And he also felt a bit lost in other ways, one face among a sea of students.

"It was a different experience," remembered Wilson, who attended UB in 2014. "I come from Owego, which is small. The lecture halls were 500 people. I didn't like it and I decided to come home and save a couple bucks."

With smaller class sizes and professors who are readily available, SUNY Broome has given him more confidence in his abilities as a student, he said. His previous experience counts, too: He was also able to transfer college credits from his general education courses from both UB and high school.

And he's found his path. The Health Sciences major intends to enter the nursing program, with the goal of entering into the field.

"The medical field has always interested me. There are so many options," he said.

Those options include transferring into SUNY Broome's own competitive and highly regarded nursing program. But wherever he ends up, Wilson has a good foundation for his future.

"These two semesters have me prepared," he said.



Ryan Wilson

Tioga County Job Fair on March 8

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Looking for a job? Check out the second annual Tioga County Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, in the Owego Treadway Inn.

Last year's job fair drew 61 employers and 741 job-seekers. This year's fair features two floors of employers, including:

- All Metro Health Care
- Maines Paper & Foods
- UHS
- Ametek Aerospace
- New York Life
- United Methodist Homes
- Best Buy Distribution Center
- Nursefinders
- Visions Federal Credit Union
- CBORD Group
- Pumpelly House
- Vulcraft of NY
- Colonial Voluntary Benefits
- Raymond Corporation
- Willow Point Nursing Home
- Community Options
- Sage Truck Driving School
- EBI-Vestal
- Sears
- Elmira Psychiatric Center
- Staffkings
- Foresters Financial Services
- STCR
- Global Receivables Solutions
- Time Warner Cable
- Ithaca College
- Tioga County Personnel & Civil Service
- Kelly Services
- Tioga Downs
- Lockheed Martin
- Tompkins County Personnel
- Lourdes Hospital
- United Healthcare Community Plan

And more to come! Every employer present has job openings to fill, including:

- Healthcare/Support Services
- Engineering
- Financial services

- Customer service
- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Food Service
- Sales
- Insurance
- Administration
- Manufacturing
- Home Care
- Human services
- Hospitality
- Warehouse
- General Labor
- Education
- Vocational instruction
- Gaming/Casino

[Job Fair Announcement 1-25](#)

I Wish My Professor Knew This About Me: Feb. 1-5

January 29, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Stop by the Student Center Lobby the week of February 1 through 5 between 11 am and 1 pm and visit the “I Wish My Professor Knew This About Me...” table. Share your challenges and help SUNY Broome get to know you!

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Professor Groat completes two commissioned oil paintings

January 29, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



SUNY Broome Art and Design Professor Hall Groat II was recently commissioned by Billy Vassiliadis, CEO and Principal of R&R Partners in Las Vegas, to create two original oil paintings.

The first of the two paintings is a nocturnal urban scene depicting Regents Street and the second is an impression of the iconic London skyline, including Big Ben and Parliament, along with a section of the London Eye. Both measure 20 by 24 inches and are painted in oil on stretched canvas.

The commissioned pieces were completed during the professor's mid-semester break, and were completed in roughly three weeks. During this period, he also taught History of Architecture through Open SUNY, which offered plenty of inspiration.



Andy and John: Preparing for new careers in Health Information Technology

January 28, 2016

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Andy Robertshaw has held many jobs through the years: as an executive in training and development for a restaurant chain, working for a computer company, selling commercial real estate. And the Horseheads native also has spent time in the classroom, previously attending Central Michigan University, SUNY Empire and Corning Community College.

He appreciates his life's journey and one of his latest stops – SUNY Broome, where he is studying for a career in [Health Information Technology](#).

“It’s a new and dynamic field; it’s changing a lot,” he said. “There is a ton of opportunity with the new electronic health records being implemented recently.”

[Non-traditional students](#) such as Robertshaw are an integral part of community colleges such as SUNY Broome, where they make up approximately a third of graduates. While there is no universally accepted definition, non-traditional students – also termed “adult learners” — are usually older than their peers and attend college after a delay, rather than immediately after high school. At SUNY Broome, approximately 35 percent of students are age 22 and up.

A first-year student at SUNY Broome, Andy is far from alone. He’s formed a study group with HIT students of similar age, among them first-year student John Diserio.

Originally from California, Diserio first majored in history and English at Binghamton University, planning to become a teacher. Health issues led him to drop out for several years. When he was ready to return to school, job prospects had change and teaching didn’t seem to be a lucrative option.

While he wasn’t sure initially what he wanted to do, he knew that he wanted a career behind the scenes. While at BU, he first explored archiving and found that he enjoyed the work.

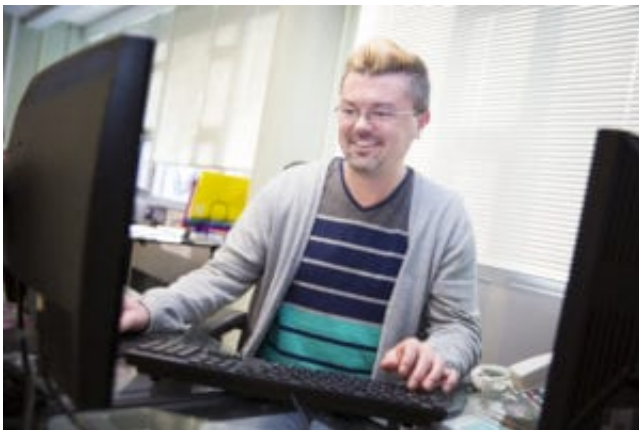
Their status as non-traditional students hasn’t held them back in any way, they said. The atmosphere has been welcoming and inclusive, and students have access to a range of support services, including tutoring. Faculty and staff are also ready to help and interact with students.

“BU is very big compared to Broome; it’s comparing a storybook town to a big city,” explained Diserio. “Here, there’s always someone to help you. The classes are a lot smaller. Professors can always help you after class.”

“I think the opportunity exists here for anyone who wants to take advantage of it,” Robertshaw said. “The staff, especially in the HIT program, has been working far above and beyond what they need to do. I’ve had a wonderful experience so far.”



John Diserio



Andy Robertshaw

SUNY Broome MOOC featured in ‘Diverse Issues in Higher Education’

January 28, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

SUNY Broome’s [MOOC](#), “Foundations for Assisting in Home Care,” was recently featured in *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*. [Click here to read the article.](#)

SUNY Broome Theater auditions Jan. 29 ****updated****

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It's not too late to audition for a SUNY Broome theater production!

Open auditions will run from 12 to 2 p.m. Friday, January 29, in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theater in the Student Center.

The auditions will consist of readings from short scenes, but prepared monologues are fine. If you have a song, please be prepared to perform it a capella, but you do not have to sing.

If you are cast, there are required rehearsals, but they will be worked around your schedule as much as possible. You also may be able to earn three credits for your work if, first, you are cast and, second, you are able to commit to the production.

Questions? Call 778-5191 and leave a message.



SUNY Broome Scholarships Help Desk

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Need help applying for [scholarships](#)? Stop by the BCC Foundation Office in Darwin Wales Center Room 201 for information and help on how to apply for scholarships. There are hundreds of scholarships available for every kind of student on campus.

Help Desk hours are:

- Tuesday, February 2: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, February 3: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, February 9: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, February 10: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, February 16: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, February 17: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, February 23: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, February 24: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm



Campus Blood Pressure Screening on Feb. 2

January 28, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

The SUNY Broome Medical Assisting Club will be holding a free blood pressure screening event on February 2 from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Student Center. No appointments are necessary; just stop by!

[bloodpressure](#)



Hearts for Hope to be held Feb. 5

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Hearts for Hope, a fundraiser to benefit A Room to Heal, will run from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, February 5, at the Holiday Inn in Binghamton.

Tickets are \$30 per person for guests ages 21 and up. The event will feature around-the-world tapas-style appetizer stations with beer and wine tasting-size pairings, a silent auction, raffles and more. The price includes a complementary drink, and a cash bar will be available. For tickets, please call Loreta at Ext 5162 visit L-017.

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets. Click here to learn more about [A Room to Heal](#), which creates healing environments for children with life-challenging medical conditions. Click here to read about how the nonprofit helped a [SUNY Broome graduate](#), who designed his own room.

[hearts4hope](#)



English Department Trailer Courses Now Available

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The following two trailer courses are now open to students.

ENG 110 T01 (CRN 54411) Taught by Stephanie Schaefer

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 3:00-4:15 in TH-107

ENG 111 T01 (CRN 54428) Taught by Laura Bigelow

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 3:00-4:15 in TH-106

Each course starts on Wednesday, March 2, and runs until May 16.

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TIAA-CREF counseling sessions available Feb. 2, March 17

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TIAA-CREF will hold individual counseling sessions from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 2 and March 17 in Wales 203A.

RSVP by calling 800-732-8353. Click the following link for more details:

[Broome CC 2016](#)

Free pancake brunch Jan. 30 in the Dining Hall

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Please join us in the Dining Hall from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, January 30, for a free pancake brunch, courtesy of Counseling Services. This is open to all students with a valid ID, as well as faculty and staff.



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Retirement Planning Presentation on February 4

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Please join us for a lunch presentation on *The Fundamentals of Retirement Planning* presented by investment professional Brendan Dunuwila, CFP.

When: Thursday February 4, from 12 to 1 p.m. (lunch provided)

Where: Wales 203A

Please RSVP to Brendan Dunuwila so that we may plan appropriately. Thank you!

bdunuwila@voyafa.com; 315-446-0100

See the attachment for more information

[Presentation Annoucement – Fundamentals of Retirement Planning \(Voya\)](#)

Many thanks for outpouring of sympathy from Cheryl Sullivan

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Dear Campus Community,

I would like to thank all of you for the outpouring of sympathy, in cards, emails, and personal words, that I received due to the passing of my father, Elwood L. MacBeth, 86, on 1/1/16. It has helped make a sad situation brighter knowing that others truly care. My family will be having a memorial service for my Dad on June 4, 2016 at Calvary Community Church in Johnson City, NY, greeting guests from 10:30 – 11:00 and services at 11:00. An official obituary will be in the Press & Sun-Bulletin prior to the June 4 service.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Sullivan

United Way Campaign: Now through Feb. 5

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Colleagues:

SUNY Broome is going online this year with its annual United Way of Broome County donation drive!

Donating to the United Way is easy, and an excellent way to help the region's nonprofits and give back to the community. Best of all: 100% of your gift goes directly to community programs in Broome County! Chances are someone you know has benefited from one of the United Way's 31 partner agencies.

United Way is inviting you to join the campaign, which runs from Jan. 25 to Feb. 5, 2016. Simply use the link provided to log into the United Way's ePledge system and follow the prompts. You can designate which charity or charities you wish your pledge to support. Please contact Rhoda Neal at x5138 if you have any questions.

Thank you for making a difference and supporting the United Way.

Pledge Link: <https://broome.unitedwayepledge.org/SUNYBroome>

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Learn about earning an Ed.D. in Executive Leadership on Feb. 2

January 26, 2016

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Learn about how you can earn a [Ed.D. in Executive Leadership](#) from St. John Fisher College at a Lunch & Learn Information Session from 11 a.m. to noon **Tuesday, February 2, in Darwin R. Wales Center Room 203B.**

Highlights of the program include:

- An accelerated format that allows coursework and the dissertation to be completed in as little as 28 months.
- Classes that meet on alternate Friday evenings and Saturdays to accommodate the schedules of working professionals.

Admission is limited to qualified candidates who have:

- A minimum of three years of successful management/administrative level experiences
- Completed a master's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education

Faculty will be available to discuss all aspects of the program and to answer your questions.

Register at the following link: [Ed.D. in Executive Leadership Lunch & Learn Session at SUNY Broome](#)

If you have questions or would like to schedule an individual appointment, please contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at (585) 385-8161 or email grad@sjfc.edu

A quick reminder for VSP Vision Plan participants

January 26, 2016

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For all employees who enrolled in the VSP Vision Plan:

- VSP ***does not*** issue insurance cards.
- All members and their dependents are identified in the VSP system through the last 4 digits of the employee's Social Security number.
- Member verification will be made **at your eye appointment** from the employee's last 4 digits of their Social Security number.
- A directory listing of In-network providers and the VSP Benefits Summary Forms are available in Human Resources.

Institute on Race, Gender and the Jury System on Feb. 26

January 26, 2016

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Sponsored by the Historical Society of the New York Courts

and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

- **Date:** Friday, February 26, 2016
- **Venue:** Decker 201
- **Time:** 1-3 p.m.
- **Target Audience:** SUNY Broome Students
- **Purpose:** Scholarly activities to encourage students to enter the **Garfinkel Essay Scholarship**, which ends on April 1, 2016, **and** to provide helpful information on the jury system and its intersection with race and gender
- **Sponsors of the Institute:** Historical Society of the New York Courts and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
- **Lead-Up Event:** *You, The Juror: What Role Does Jury Service Play in Our Democracy?* February 25, 2016 panel discussion with Commissioner of Jurors in T-102 at 11 a.m.
- **Recognition Opportunity for SUNY Broome Students:** Scholarly certification is available through the Institute. More details will be sent to teaching faculty and via campus media. Essay winners win monetary prizes and winning essays have been celebrated at a Law Day Ceremony at the Court of Appeals (See detailed attachment).
- **Recognition Opportunity for SUNY Broome Teaching Faculty:** E-mail byrnesij@sunybroome.edu if you plan to provide credit or extra-credit for student participation in the Institute and **receive certification** noting your support of the Institute and its sponsorship by the Historical Society of the New York Courts. Teaching Faculty who mentor essay winners are recognized and celebrated by the Historical Society of the New York Courts and will receive commendations by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. (See detailed attachment).
- For full details on the **Garfinkel Essay Scholarship**, go to: <http://www.nycourts.gov/history/garfinkel.html>
- Read more: [Institute on Race, Gender and the Jury System, S 2016](#)

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Student Assembly Senators Needed

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The Student Assembly is looking for individuals to serve as Senators for the Spring 2016 Semester. At this time, there are multiple vacancies.

The job of Student Assembly is to promote the general welfare of the student body; to provide programs of educational, cultural, recreational and social value; and to promote within the College a spirit of harmony among administration, faculty, staff and students.

Responsibilities for potential Senate members include:

- attending weekly meetings held weekly on Fridays from 2 to 3 p.m.
- holding at least two office hours per week
- demonstrating a willingness to attend Common Hour events
- sitting on a committee.

Additionally, any student interested in petitioning to be a student senator has to fill out a Petition for Candidacy, on which he or she must receive 25 student signatures.

Any student interested in becoming a senator is highly encouraged to stop by the Student Assembly offices located in the Old Science Building rooms 107 and 107A and/or contact Acting President Heather Coggin at CogginHL@acad.sunybroome.edu for further information.

Petitions for Candidacy are due by February 9 and elections will be held on February 10, 11 and 12.



Changes in the Testing Center

January 25, 2016

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Attention, teaching faculty who use the Testing Center:

In order to minimize distractions, all pick up and drop off of exams will now take place at the LAD Welcome desk in L-017. Thank you! Any questions or concerns, please call 778-5038.

[grades](#)



SUNY Broome honors Hornets basketball legend

January 25, 2016

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Bones Bensen moved faster than a buzzing hornet, making shot after shot on the basketball court.

More than 60 years later, Bernie Bensen remains a proud part of SUNY Broome athletic history with the unbeaten record for the most points scored during a basketball game: 63.

SUNY Broome remembered “Broome Tech’s sharpshooting toothpick” – as he was called in news releases of yore – on Jan. 23 before the Hornets men’s game against Jefferson Community College. Alumni filled the stands to watch the game in the Baldwin Gym – named for Bensen’s famous coach — and the team wore warm-up shirts emblazoned with the number 63.

Before the start of the game, Bones Bensen and his accomplishments again took center court. SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm praised the former Hornet, and presented framed collages to Bensen’s wife Sigrid and daughter Kristin Bensen-Hause, an alumna and associate professor of English for the college. Bones Bensen died on August 15, 2015, at the age of 81.

“That had to be a very exciting era of the college,” said President Drumm, noting that Bensen remains an inspiration and role model to students. “When you do great things, you’re likely to be remembered for a very long time.”

Bernie wasn’t the only one of the “Bensen boys” to hold a Broome Tech record, noted Sigrid Bensen. His brother Lyle played Hornets basketball after Bernie, and holds the record for the most rebounds in a game at 31.

The 6-foot-2 shooter played basketball for the Hornets from 1953 to 1955, back when Broome Tech was part of the Empire State Basketball Conference. The Dickinson campus didn’t yet exist, and the college played its home games in the Kalurah Temple in downtown Binghamton.

News releases at the time noted that he had never played basketball while at Binghamton North High School, since he was considered too thin for the team. That didn’t hold the slender man back; he was one of the conference’s leading scorers. In game after game, he piled on the points – averaging at least 25 points per game.

During that famous March 1955 game with Alfred Tech, Bensen’s 63-point contribution helped the Hornets

defeat their rivals by 114 to 79. Coach Dick Baldwin, who had been bedridden with a 105-degree fever, was on hand to see it; without an assistant, he still needed to show up to coach the game, he told the Associated Press.

“He’s got the quickest pair of hands of anybody we’ve ever had over here,” Baldwin said of Bensen in a 1954 issue of the Binghamton Press. “He can shoot from any place and he does a good job off the defensive boards.”

That record game was one of Bensen’s proudest accomplishments – and easily visible to the public, thanks to his “Bones 63” license plate. From Broome, a basketball scholarship took him to Hartwick College, where he earned a bachelor’s in Business Education, followed by a master’s in Guidance from SUNY Oneonta.

He began his career in education in Otego Central School and then came to Chenango Forks Central School in 1965, where he worked as a guidance counselor until retirement. According to his obituary, he was well-known for keeping Hershey’s Kisses in his desk for students who needed cheering up, as well as for his fabulous backyard parties at the end of the school year. Of course, he kept up his basketball skills by playing on the faculty basketball team.

Bensen remained a proud Hornet, serving two terms on the alumni Board of Directors, as well as a brief stint on the Broome Community College Foundation board. Before his health took a turn for the worse, he continued to support the Hornets at their games. He and Sigrid have another connection to the team as well: Head Coach Larry King is a Chenango Forks grad and his wife Karen was Sigrid’s favorite student.

“He loved the college. He loved playing for the college,” said Sigrid Bensen, who met her husband at Hartwick and taught in Chenango Forks. “We’re really happy people are remembering him. He’s a local star.”

Bones Bensen’s amazing accomplishment is now on permanent display in a glass case outside the Baldwin Gym, which contains information, photos and a replica of his 1955 jersey.



Bones Bensen event











New and updated policies: Smoking, Child Protection

January 25, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

The SUNY Board of Trustees recently approved a new Child Protection Policy and updated its Policy on Smoking, Tobacco and Related Products. The latter **replaces the Smoke Free Facility Policy**.

Please review the attached policies.

[1.30 Policy on Smoking and Tobacco and Related Products](#)

[1.32 Child Protection Policy](#)

2015-2016 Strategic Plan Update Available Online

January 25, 2016

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The 2015-2016 strategic plan update is now available and can be accessed online at:

<https://mycollege.sunybroome.edu/web/institutional-effectiveness/strategic-plan>

Please link applicable goals from this plan to your annual outcome assessment plans and reports. If you need help on this, contact Sesime Adanu, adanusk@sunybroome.edu

Use of Image Silo to Access New Student Applicant Transcripts Online

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The college implemented an online software system called Image Silo to enhance efficiency in the academic advising process. With this system, advisors can quickly access admitted student transcripts online to advise them in a timely manner. Advisors in all academic divisions are supposed to have access to this software.

This system was implemented in Spring 2015. As a result, you could only access transcripts from spring 2015 onward.

Please contact Sesime Adanu at adanusk@sunybroome.edu if you need access.

New: Apply for scholarships online through the BCC Foundation

January 25, 2016

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Applying for a scholarship now takes just a few mouse clicks, thanks to a new online application system adopted by the Broome Community College Foundation.

This fall, the Foundation implemented Award Spring, a scholarship management system that serves as a scholarship database, application and review system.

Students can now apply to multiple scholarships with a single online application, as well as submit supporting materials. That includes letters of recommendation, which can be electronically submitted, automatically uploaded and used for multiple scholarships.

“We are very excited to launch this new scholarship management system,” said Foundation Executive Director Cathy Williams. “I am confident that this program will make it easier for students to navigate a sometimes complicated process. Ultimately, our hope is that this product will also help us offer more and more students scholarships each year.”

The system saves time not only for students, but for reviewers as well. Reviewers will no longer need to contact the Financial Aid Office concerning a student’s financial need, for example.

The online scholarship system went live in November. Instructions for current and prospective students interested in applying for scholarships are available at <http://www.sunybroome.edu/web/www/available-scholarships-for-students>, as well as instructional guides and frequently asked questions.

A Common Hour event is also scheduled at 11 a.m. Feb. 2 for students interested in applying for scholarships online.

Award Spring trainings for faculty and staff who write letters of recommendation, are assigned scholarships or choose scholarship recipients are scheduled for 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, and 3 to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, in the Teaching Resource Center.

[scholarships-buzz](#)



Do you have magazines to spare?

January 25, 2016

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The BECA Club is looking for old magazines, which they will use to create their vision boards. If you have magazines they could use — perhaps with family/children, travel or educational themes — please send them to Christine Duffy-Webb via inner office mail #66.

Call for Presentations: Art of Teaching Conference 2016 (formerly known as the Successful Teaching Conference)

January 25, 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

Great Books Discussion to begin Jan. 29

January 24, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

This semester's Great Books Discussion will begin Friday, January 29, from 12 to 12:50 p.m. in the LA Conference Room, T-210.

The book that will be discussed during the Spring 2016 semester is *Gargantua and Pantagruel* by Francois Rabelais, a classic that has left an imprint on every generation of writers and thinkers to follow its publication.

For further information, contact I.J. Byrnes at 778-5311.

This event is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and the English Department.



Retirement reception for Cheryl Heath on Jan. 29

January 24, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Bid a fond farewell to Cheryl Heath at her retirement reception, scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. January 29 in Student Services Room 210.

Developing students and the economy: Highlights of the Spring 2016 Faculty Staff Assembly

January 22, 2016

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What's the most important day in a college student's life?

If you're headed to Harvard, it's the day you receive that admissions letter. But students who are bound to schools outside the Ivy League have a far different answer: [graduation](#).

In an Ivy League school such as Harvard, a winnowing process happens during the admissions process, resulting in a narrow band of students, SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm explained during the Faculty Staff Assembly. Community colleges are the opposite, admitting students with a wide range of backgrounds and abilities, many of whom are still figuring out who they are and their path in life.



President Drumm gives his message during the Spring 2016 Faculty Staff Assembly

"Because of that wide band we admit, we have to be more concerned about educating the whole student," said Dr. Drumm, who explored concepts in Arthur Chickering and Linda Reisser's classic text, *Education*

and Identity.

The campus community gathered Jan. 21 for the Faculty Staff Assembly, a day-long event with a morning program and multiple sessions. A time to herald the past semester's achievements, welcome new faculty and staff members and chart the course for the future, the assembly serves as a kickoff to the coming semester. Spring 2016 classes begin on Monday, January 25.

This semester's theme is excellence, said Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti. The data gathered in so many campus assessments and operations tells the story of excellence: that it's always a process of getting somewhere, of working toward a goal.

Attendees also experienced a musical display of excellence: Devante Phillippe, a music therapy major and trumpet player, jammed with instructor Laurence Elder on piano during a rendition of "MY Funny Valentine." The room gave the student a standing ovation.



Devante Phillippe



Economic Development

Now entering his seventh year at the college, President Drumm has overseen a great deal of transformation — [\\$84 million worth](#).

That's how much capital construction that campus has undergone in the past six years, including the addition of the Natural Science Center and Student Village, as well as extensive renovations to the Darwin R. Wales Center. And the momentum continues, with major projects planned for the Mechanical Building and the

Carnegie Library in downtown Binghamton.

While recent news reports note that the Binghamton area has lost jobs, the situation may be finally turning around. Recently, 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. One major focus of the URI is food and agriculture.

"We're surrounded by 200 farms in the Southern Tier," Dr. Drumm said. With Maines and Willow Run, the Tier also has the other end of the food chain. Now, the region plans to build up the middle – including food manufacturing, which will be a focus of the college's Advanced Manufacturing Center.

The region's economic development is affecting the college in other ways, as well. While he was among the last to receive a license, Tioga Downs owner Jeff Gural hopes to be the first to open his [casino](#). To do so, they'll need 450 employees – and SUNY Broome is developing a training program, Dr. Drumm said.

Within a month or two, the college expects to announce the Broome County Industrial Development Agency's one-stop economic development center, which will be built on campus.

Campus growth isn't just limited to facilities or even programs. SUNY Broome was recently listed by [Community College Week](#) as one of the nation's fastest-growing public two-year colleges, President Drumm pointed out.

Campus initiatives

This academic year has seen the start and growth of a variety of different initiatives, from the [President's Task Force on Diversity](#), which is staging multiple events to make campus a more welcoming and tolerant place, to [Imagine Success](#), which aims to increase graduation rates by 5 percent at the end of its 18-month run.

That's an ambitious goal, Battisti admitted, but the campus has made headway. Interest in Orientation has risen, with 532 students attending the fall session and 60 registered for the spring session. [Starfish](#), an online system that allows instructors to give students feedback on their performance and link them with campus services, has seen increased use; 3,798 students were given feedback on their academic progress, including thumbs-up-style kudos. As a result, 100 fewer students landed on academic probation, Dr. Battisti said.

The number of degrees that SUNY Broome awards – 1,277 last year – has gone up. The college's 28.8% graduation rate may seem low, but beats all other colleges of SUNY Broome's size, save for the Fashion Institute of Technology, which doesn't operate like other community colleges, Dr. Battisti said.

And to disprove a common myth, Dr. Battisti pointed out that residential students have around the same GPA as non-housing students. Of housing students, 62.6% reached a GPA of 2.0 or higher; that number is 63% for non-housing students. The Student Village remains full and has a waiting list each semester, added Vice President Debbie Morello. Now in its second semester, the Residence Hall Association has enlivened campus life there, and the college will be placing a Public Safety substation in the Student Village for increased security.

During the past year, the college has expanded its involvement in the SUNY Center for Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL), with initiatives that link SUNY Broome to colleges in [Mexico](#) and [Turkey](#). Connections with Haiti continue to blossom with the [Health for Haiti](#) global service learning course, which drew more than 20 students this January.

This year, the college is also establishing a Women's Institute, which will offer film screenings, discussions, a

future conference and potentially the revival of the Women's Studies program, as well as research and applied learning options, said Professor Margherita Rossi.



Margherita Rossi announces the new Women's Institute

Scholarships and signs

The Broome Community College Foundation has provided a record \$1 million in support to campus this year – including new digital signs that now grace the front of campus, noted Executive Director Cathy Williams. The screens are high-resolution, and Williams hopes to invite the neighboring community to movie nights on the lawn in the future.



The new digital signs

Scholarships also continued apace, and not only because of the incredible gift from the late Emil Calice, now tallied at \$11.5 million. This past year, donors have established endowed scholarships for biology, engineering and physics, math, business and dental hygiene. Some of the most generous donors are current and retired faculty and staff, she noted.

The first-ever [24 Hours of Giving](#), aimed at attracting younger alumni, also exceeded expectations, with 284 donors raising more than \$50,000.

The college also received a high-flying gift: a Piper Aztec airplane donated by retired area dentist Dr. Richard Bedosky. No longer bound for flight, the airplane will be used in the college's new aircraft maintenance program, which is currently under review by both SUNY and the FAA.



The airplane Dr. Bedosky donated to campus

Welcome to Yu ‘Janice’ Cheng

January 22, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

We are pleased to welcome Yu “Janice” Cheng to our campus this semester. Janice is a graduate student at Binghamton University, studying public administration with a focus on student affairs and will be interning at SUNY Broome under the supervision of Dr. Kelli Ligeikis. Janice is an international student from Taiwan and has been living in Vestal for almost 6 years. This internship is a requirement for her degree and the research of hybrid/blended courses at SUNY Broome will become the bedrock of her master’s capstone project. Janice began the internship on January 25 and will be on campus every afternoon from Monday through Thursday, then as needed during the summer and fall. Janice can be contacted at chengy1@sunybroome.edu, and is located in AT-102. Janice is very excited to be on campus this semester and is looking forward to working with many of you!

Francis L. Battisti, Ph.D.

Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

Call for Convocation Day 2016 Workshop Proposals

January 22, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

The campus-wide Convocation Committee welcomes proposals for Convocation Day workshops which will run from 1:15- 2:15 p.m. on April 12, 2016. This timing was selected by a cross-campus group of teaching faculty at our Convocation Institute.

Details about our Convocation Day speaker, internationally-known attorney, **Morris Dees**, as well as **themes** for Convocation Day 2016 appear below.

Proposals should include the **title, brief description** of the workshop, and the name of **presenter(s)**. If you have a preference for a particular room or particular size of room, please be sure to note that.

Please send your proposal, by the **March 10, 2016 deadline**, to the **teaching faculty member in your academic division who serves on the Convocation Committee**. (The list of campus-wide Convocation Committee members is provided below). Please send any questions to I.J. Byrnes at: byrnesij@sunybroome.edu

Campus-Wide Convocation Committee Members

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Professor Gian Roma. Business and Public Services Division

Professor Carla Michalak, Liberal Arts Division

Convocation Day Speaker, Keynote Address Topic and Themes



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. He will offer a **keynote address** on the topic of ***Justice for All*** on Tuesday April 12, 2016 on the SUNY Broome campus. 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.

Known for his innovative lawsuits that crippled some of America's most notorious white supremacist hate groups, he has received more than 20 honorary degrees and numerous awards. Those include Trial Lawyer of the Year from Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Award from the National Education Association and The Salem Award for Human Rights and Social Justice.

More About Convocation Speaker, Morris Dees

Morris Dees was named one of the 100 most influential lawyers in America by the National Law Journal in 2006. In addition, the University of Alabama Law School and the New York law firm Skadden, Arps jointly created the annual Morris Dees Justice Award to honor a lawyer devoted to public service work. Dees has written three books: ***A Season For Justice***, his autobiography; ***Hate on Trial: The Case Against America's Most Dangerous Neo-Nazi***; and ***Gathering Storm: America's Militia Threat***. In 1991, NBC aired a made-for-TV movie called ***Line of Fire*** about Dees and his landmark legal victories against the Ku Klux Klan.

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.

More About the Themes of Convocation Day, 2016

Convocation 2016 will focus on important and relevant **themes** such as racial and 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; medical ethics and informed consent.

Get healthy in 2016 with these free fitness classes

January 21, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

This spring, fulfill those new resolutions with two free fitness classes, sponsored by the SUNY Broome Wellness Committee.

Yoga: Short and Sweet runs from 12 to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Jan. 26 through March 3. in Student Center Room 106. Led by instructor Allison Ellis, the 30-minute lunchtime rejuvenation program will teach you to breathe deep, move slowly and connect and restore. It starts with a Vinyasa warmup that will leave you feeling more calm, centered, strong and flexible, and provides a well-balanced workout that will leave you refreshed and ready to conquer the rest of your day.

Bring a yoga mat and water bottle with you. Space is available for 20 participants. To register: Contact Continuing Education at 778-5012 – Course Reference #GW005-01

yoga



A six-week Fitness Fusion class will run from 5 to 5:45 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday evenings from Jan. 25 through March 7 in Dance Room SC 106. (There will be no classes on Feb. 15, which falls during mid-semester break.)

Instructor Allison Ellis will teach you the importance of core strength and flexibility, give you weekly tips and workouts to ease you into a successful program, and lead you in Pilates/yoga, sculpting and barefoot cardio workouts. You'll feel healthier through regular movement, and build motivation through positive support and the long-term health benefits from exercise.

Your commitment will be to attend a minimum of 10 classes and to participate to the best of your ability. Hurry, there is only space for 20 participants! Contact Continuing Education 778-5012 – Course Reference #GW003-01

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SUNY Broome Recent Budget and Finance Developments: December 2015 and January 2016

January 20, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Finances

SUNY Board of Trustees Passes Resolutions to Increase Minimum Wage to \$15/Hour For Non-Union Hourly Paid Employees

This week the SUNY Board of Trustees passed two resolutions on the minimum wage. The first is for state-operated campuses, and it approved a gradual increase in the wage for non-union, hourly paid employees to \$15.00 per hour by July 1, 2021 with an accelerated schedule – by December 31, 2018 – for those state-operated campuses within NYC.

The second resolution that passed calls for the Boards of Trustees of the 30 community colleges and of Alfred Ceramics and Cornell University to do the same. The Governor did not include funding in his proposed budget for any increase in the minimum wage for non-union employees.

The cost to the operating budget would be \$117K maximum per year if bargaining unit employees are included. Non-union student workers cost would be \$260K (\$43K/year for 6 years). ESPA bargaining unit employees who earn less than \$15/hour would be \$446K (\$74K/year) less negotiated increases (if 2%, it would cut this number in half to \$37K a year). Also Grant cost (non-union student workers) would be \$112K (\$19K/year for 6 years).

Governor Cuomo's 16-17 Recommended Budget Includes no Increase in Basic Aid

Governor Cuomo released his recommended 16-17 budget yesterday. It did not include any increase in basic state aid per student. The recommendation for no increase is typical, with funds historically being added by the Senate and Assembly.

In addition, the Governor's recommended budget eliminated GAP funding, and child care funds have been greatly reduced.

25 of the 30 NYS community colleges will experience state aid reductions if the budget is approved at this level due to enrollment declines. SUNY Broome's state aid will increase by an estimated \$368k – the largest NYS community college increase.

'16-17 Budget Development Underway – Budget Scenarios to be Explored in Coming Months

The '16-17 budget development process has been underway since mid-December, with department's putting together their detailed proposals, which will be emerging in the coming weeks and will be prioritized by the deans and the executive team.

As priorities emerge, budget scenarios modeling a variety of enrollment, state aid, tuition, and spending levels will be developed and presented for discussion at the February, March, and April Board of Trustees meetings.

At this month's meeting, we will be discussing the level of detail Board members desire be presented along with the budget scenarios.

Spring '16 Enrollment Decline Improving

...3.9% decline compared with last spring, steadily improving from 9.4% decline in early weeks of registration

At this time – two weeks before the start of the spring semester – student enrollment is down by 3.9% compared to last year at this time. This is a steadily improving position compared with the early weeks of registration, when it was down 9.4%. With two weeks of registration remaining, and upcoming spring Fast Forward enrollments; there is still opportunity for growth. The Fast Forward program for the fall semester was key to sustaining near flat enrollment and may have a similar impact for the spring semester. Spring Fast Forward enrollments will be finalized by mid-March.

For now it has been assumed that our spring revenue and (flat) enrollment targets will be met. They will be updated in March once actual enrollments and revenues are known. Due to growth in out-of-state and other NYS county enrollments, additional revenues are available to offset a 3.9% enrollment decline if it is sustained.

Winter '16 Enrollment Grew 19.2%

Our winter term enrollments are continuing to see growth year after year. Currently we are up 13 FTEs for the winter term.

Fund Balance Watch

The latest forecast provides an ending fund balance of \$4.5M, or 9.1% of the current net operating budget. SUNY Broome has been able to increase our fund balance by careful management of current expenditures, health insurance savings, and favorable retirement system rates. SUNY Broome's fund balance forecast suggests that we are achieving our goal of 10%.

External Audit Wrapping Up

Our external audit is wrapping up, and our auditors will report at the February BOT meeting.

Tax Form Security Improved

This year we will be issuing all tax forms using pressure sealed forms rather than window envelopes. This addresses the concern

Developed by R. Losinger, VPAFA; J. Tillotson, Associate VP and Controller; and L. Allen, Budget and Institutional Effectiveness Specialist, January 13, 2016

Click here for the entire report:

[Budget and Finance Update December 2015 and January 2016](#)

Facilities Update: December 2015 and January 2016

January 20, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Update on 15-16 Small and Medium Size Facilities Improvement Projects

This is a follow-up of the September 2015 Facilities Update that provided a list of the small and medium sized facilities projects identified as priorities for renovation this year.

The projects listed below have been completed or are well underway:

- Renovate Little Theater (see below for additional info)
- Upgrade student lounges in AT and business buildings (see below for additional info)
- Complete Mechanical building pre-design, usage plan, and construction estimates to be used in fundraising efforts
- Replace light bulbs and fixtures with energy efficient ones – Ongoing
- Install digital sign on campus front lawn – to be completed by 1/22
- Update furnishings and wall finishes in Business and AT lounges – To be finished week of January 18
- Repair doors and openers across campus – Ongoing
- Mold abatement in Decker boiler room
- Add college seal to monolith on front lawn
- Consolidate campus life offices in Sciences building
- Install additional lighting and seating in art gallery
- Renovate vacated Veteran's Office for use by payroll to provide safe and adequately sized space
- Replace old control system for HVAC in Decker
- Downtown Library programming and estimate – in February
- Replace heating system in Business Building
- Various concrete sidewalk work throughout campus
- Replace Decker steps
- Identify space to be used for interfaith purposes and rehab

The projects listed below are in early and middle stages of completion:

- Upgrade bathrooms in Business Building – February/March
- Replace broken basketball hoops and deteriorated wood and padding in gyms
- Renovate business office suite and IT offices (adding help desk to IT entrance) – front entry of business suite updated; IT help desk drawings being updated
- Rehab Titchener lecture halls – Spring; replacement chairs identified and color scheme being selected
- Replace HVAC units in AT014 to reduce noise – Day after graduation
- Install outdoor basketball court – Spring (location being identified)
- Install sound proof music practice rooms – Spring installation
- Add a second smoking gazebo near Hickory Road next to the other one – Spring
- Carnegie Downtown Campus Renovation Cost Estimates Nearing Completion

We are in the final stages of developing a comprehensive building use plan and renovation cost estimates for the Carnegie Downtown Campus. These are anticipated to be presented to our Board of Trustees in February.

Wales Administrative Office Suite Rearranged to Improve Reception, Traffic Flow, Safety, and Productivity – Similar Changes Planned For Other Campus Suites

The furnishings in the Wales Administrative Office suite has been rearranged at a low cost to improve reception, traffic flow, staff safety (secretaries are no longer seated with their backs to the doors), and to

improve the ability of our secretarial team to focus on work that needs concentration.

The administrative team pulled together to decide how the space would be rearranged, and the dual goals to reuse as much of the furnishings and to do so at the lowest cost possible were achieved. Nearly every piece of the existing 10 year old furniture – which is attractive, in excellent condition, and was paid for with a donation from a “long ago” member of the executive team – was reused, and a cubicle was added for one staff member with special needs. The 10 year old carpet – also still in very good condition – was kept, with patches placed to cover shifted electrical outlets, and even the very large file cabinet dividing the space in two was reused by separating it into its 8 components and installing smaller tops.

The secretaries were previously seated in the center of the suite in “fishbowl” fashion, with their backs to each other and two having their backs to the suite entrance doors. Each is now seated in front of their respective VP’s office, facing outwards to greet guests. Chairs for guests that were tucked along the edges of the suite nearly as an afterthought are now in a central location. The suite appears much more spacious and attractive, it is much quieter, and it is now very easy to move about within it.

This is the only small facility improvement planned for this year that directly touches the executive team, and it cost \$12,000 – 1% of the \$1.2 million budgeted for small campus project funds. Our long-term goal is to make similar improvements at low cost in other shared suites across campus.

Student Lounge Updates Nearing Completion in AT and Business Buildings

The business building student lounge renovation is nearly complete – new lighting has been installed, dated vending machines have been replaced, additional electrical outlets have been added for student laptops, the walls have been painted a restful contemporary plum and off-white, two sizable original Denny Dent paintings of Jimmy Hendrix and John Lennon that have been stored for years have been rehung, and attractive functional lounge furniture has been ordered and received – replacing decades old torn, tattered, and stained furnishings.

The AT student lounge renovation is also nearly complete, with new paint and a STEM logo on the walls, new off-white and fuchsia paint on the walls to compliment the logo, and attractive functional blue lounge furniture in place, replacing decades old torn and tattered plaid couches. After four abstract original paintings have been hung, this space will also be done.

These are two of thirty-six small facility improvements planned and funded for this year.

Other Business Building Updates Proceeding

Keystone Associates will be providing us with updated architectural drawings for the new “Student Help Desk” planned outside of the current IT entrance.

The punch list items on the heating portion of the HVAC system at the Business Building have been completed.

Decker Building Temperature Control and Mold Remediation Work Completed Ahead of Schedule

The control system for the Decker Building is 2 weeks ahead of schedule, and the mold remediation job was completed 2 days ahead of schedule.

Angelo Zuccolo Theater Renovation Project Completed

The Angelo Zuccolo Little Theater renovation project has been completed over the winter break, replacing original decades old theater seating in very poor condition, and making additional improvements – new LED lighting has been installed, along with new paint and carpet.

Mechanical Building Space Use and Building Connector Plan Being Finalized and Cost Estimates

Prepared for Calice Funding Proposal

Passero and our college team continue to plan for the future use of our mechanical building, which is being renovated into an advanced manufacturing center. In addition, we have been exploring how the Mechanical, AT, and Business Buildings might be best connected to enhance our student experience and improve traffic flow – a discussion that has emerged from our master facilities planning efforts.

Currently there is a very dated elevated hallway connecting the Mechanical and Business buildings, and nothing between Mechanical and AT.

The space use program and building connection concepts are being finalized this week, and then detailed construction cost estimates will be prepared by Passero that will be integrated into the \$3+ million project funding proposal being made to the BCC Foundation in the coming weeks.

Digital Sign on Campus Front Lawn Nearly Complete

The digital sign on the front lawn of the campus is nearly complete. 3I Graphics has installed the frame designed by our MARCOM team, and Matco Electric has completed the installation of the power and fiber to the sign.

College Seal Installed on Monolith Sign on Front Lawn Of Campus

The new College Seal has been installed on both sides of the monolith sign in front of the College and the lighting has been changed.

Titchener Hall Classroom Floor Vibration Resolved

There were complaints about room 104 from both faculty and students that the floor was vibrating which was causing people to have difficulty concentrating. After an extensive inspection we found that AHU unit 1, which is hung from the ceiling, was causing the vibration. This unit will come down and be re-installed with spring-loaded vibration eliminating struts before the beginning of the spring semester.

Payroll Office Renovation Completed to Provide Adequate Workspace and Improve Security

The payroll office renovation project has been completed, providing adequate workspace for the staff and improving security by providing employee access to it directly from the hallway rather than having employees come through student accounts where cash is kept.

Prepared by R. Losinger, VPAFA, and P. Testa, Director of Campus Operations, 1/13/16

Change Maker: Morgan Wood goes to Paris

January 20, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Delegates from around the world gathered in Paris from Nov. 30 through Dec. 11 to hammer out a landmark climate change accord. And along with world leaders came a wide array of activists, environmentalists and other interested parties, who engages in protests, demonstrations and discussions of all types in the French capital, hoping to make their voices heard on an issue that affects populations worldwide.

Among them was a Hornet: SUNY Broome student Morgan Wood, who attended the 2015 United Nations (UN) Climate Change Conference as part of an internship with [Citizens Climate Lobby](#).

“They had a [Pathway to Paris](#) initiative through the UN Your World campaign. It’s become a citizen engagement network,” explained Wood, a first-year Binghamton Advantage Program student and Liberal Arts major.



Background in Global Nonprofits

Originally from Endicott, Wood already thinks on a global scale and has been involved with a number of

nonprofits. She completed a community internship with the United Nations Foundation, and is currently the Upstate New York Coalition Director for Girl Up, a nonprofit she first became involved with as a sophomore at Maine-Endwell High School.

GirlUp is the United Nations Foundation's adolescent girl campaign, and helps girls living in Guatemala, Liberia, Malawi, Ethiopia and India receive equal opportunities for education. The organization is supported by school clubs, such as the one in Maine-Endwell, that encourage girls to become voices for their less-advantaged peers overseas. GirlUp currently has more than 1,000 clubs registered in 43 U.S. states and 51 countries.

"We advocate against child marriage, for healthcare and family planning, and everything equality," explained Wood, who became a [teen advisor](#) for the group during her senior year of high school. "Our motto is, 'Every girl, no matter where she is born, deserves to dream.'"

As the New York Coalition Director, she works with multiple area clubs. She's helping organize GirlUp's fourth annual 5K run in Otsiningo Park, working with clubs from Union-Endicott, Maine-Endwell and Vestal. The run, which is certified by the Triple Cities Running Club, drew 100 participants last year.

In addition to GirlUp, Wood sat on the Maine-Endwell school board as a student member and served on a Youth Advisory Panel for the New York State Board of Education. She has also worked with the CARE Action Network, and currently serves as secretary for the State University of New York Student Assembly. (Fun fact: The SUNY Student Assembly President, Tom Mastro, is a SUNY Broome graduate.)

With her drive to help others and her list of accomplishments, it's no surprise that Wood found herself in Paris, amid the action.

"It's my life; it's what I do," she said of her many-faceted work.

In Paris

During her time in Paris, Wood interviewed event participants for the Citizens Climate Lobby and helped launch a test run of an app that allows citizens to comment on the document produced by conference negotiators.

"It brings people into these closed door conversations; it gives them a say in the conversation," Wood explained. "The conferences and their success depend on the participation of other people. It's the first year in recent memory that citizens were able to express their voice."

The conference had different zones; the Green Zone, where Wood and her colleagues worked, was open to the public and filled with all sorts of event-goers, from social media stars to representatives from nonprofits and environmentalists from around the world. Protests went on both inside and out, with chants in three languages punctuating the air.

Wood particularly appreciated the chance to see and interact with people from an array of different cultures. She found the event fascinating, colorful and ultimately hopeful.

"Even though there were language barriers, you were ultimately able to communicate with people," Wood recalled.

While it may not seem immediately evident, her experience at the Paris climate talks dovetails with her work with GirlUp. Why? In many countries, women and girls are among the most vulnerable and disadvantaged populations. Scarce resources can lead to violence, reverse education gains, endanger access to potable water

– leading to longer and more dangerous walks for women and girls, who are often tasked with providing water — and lead to increases in child marriage.

“With climate change, the people who are most vulnerable will face the consequences much sooner than countries which are more developed. It causes violence and disruption in countries,” said Wood, who said she is writing an exposé on how climate change impacts women and girls.

While she is a passionate advocate and organizer, Morgan Wood is also a student – and her classwork remains a priority. The Paris talks occurred during the Fall 2015 semester, and she worked closely with her SUNY Broome instructors to make sure she kept up with assignments. A firm believer in time management, she completed much of her departure ahead of time – which allowed her to miss classes for nearly two weeks.

“I like how Broome is smaller; it feels more inclusive,” she said of her Broome experience. “With the smaller class size, you know everybody.”



Morgan Wood of the SUNY Student Assembly gets ready to introduce Anthony Lake, the Executive Director of UNICEF, at the Earth to Paris event at COP21 in Paris.

The future

As a BAP student, Morgan eventually plans to transfer to Binghamton University, where she will major in international studies with a minor in women and gender studies. Her dream job would be at the United Nations, but she's also working on starting her own nonprofit with her partner from the Paris trip.

“It would be in sustainable development; the goal would be to educate the populace about the sustainable development goals presented in 2015,” she said.

SUNY is already on board, and has pledged to serve as a model and a leader in advancement of research, education and community development for [implementation of sustainable practices](#) in New York and across the nation.

The SUNY Student Assembly passed a resolution in September, recommending that all 64 campuses align with the 2030 Agenda for [Sustainable Development](#). Schools in the SUNY system – including SUNY Broome – are among the 318 colleges and universities to sign onto the [American Campuses Act on Climate Pledge](#), launched by the White House. [SUNY has also vowed](#) to reduce carbon emissions from 1990 levels by 30 percent, install renewable and clean energy generation at all of its campuses and reduce overall energy use by 20%, all by the year 2020.

These measures not only build a healthier environment and more sustainable culture, they also inspire students to adopt a more global perspective and view themselves as citizens of the world.

“It’s a way to make sure all SUNY students will have an opportunity to have a global experience without leaving the campus,” Wood said.

Congratulations, Dr. Meghan McGuinness

January 20, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

Professor Meghan McGuinness of the Dental Hygiene Department recently received her doctorate in Higher Education and Adult Learning from Walden University. Her dissertation is titled ***Adult Learning-Focused Professional Development for Dental Hygiene Clinical Instructors***. Please congratulate Meghan when you see her!

Registration Now Open: Greater Binghamton Marathon, Half and 5K

January 19, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness



- FULL MARATHON
- HALF MARATHON
- RELAY 26.2
- 5K RUN/WALK
- 1K KIDS FUN RUN

Registration is now open for the Greater Binghamton Marathon's events!

What: Running/Walking Races

Full Marathon – 26.2 miles

Full Marathon Relay – 26.2 miles, sections run by team of 4 people

Half Marathon – 13.1 miles

5k – 3.1 miles

Kid's 1k Fun Run (FREE) – .6 miles

When: Sunday, Sept 18, 2016

Where: Start/Finish and much more will be at 3000 Old Vestal Road, Vestal, NY (Beside Matthew's Imports Center and behind Lowe's)

Why: Runners are encouraged to raise donations for their favorite local charity to earn free entry into the race of their choice!

More information is available at: www.GreaterBinghamtonMarathon.com



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Back in Class: Varvara, Holly and Connor find success as non-traditional students

January 19, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



For years, Varvara Krainova and Holly McCracken didn't have an opportunity to pursue a college degree. But that was for the best: as stay-at-home parents, they devoted their time and attention to raising their children and making a solid foundation for their families.

As their children grew older, they enrolled in SUNY Broome, preparing for future careers as radiologic technicians.

"I was a stay at home mom for a long time. I also worked as a licensed real estate broker and notary public which were more flexible when the kids were small," said Krainova, who emigrated to the United States from Russia two decades ago. "Now they're in college and I decided to do something for myself."

[Non-traditional students](#) are an integral part of community colleges such as SUNY Broome, where they make up approximately a third of graduates. While there is no universally accepted definition, non-traditional students – also termed "adult learners" – are usually older than their peers and attend college after a delay, rather than immediately after high school. At SUNY Broome, approximately 35 percent of students are age 22 and up.

Family life, jobs, military service, health issues, career change – any number of factors can push off college for a time. Whatever its cause, a delay needn't hinder academic success, but can instead spark motivation and achievement.

Such is the case for Rad Tech student Connor Kerr, a Newark Valley native who originally came to SUNY Broome as a traditional student after graduating from high school. But during his first attempt at higher education, he didn't focus on his studies and wasn't successful as a student.

"I came here and I just burned a few semesters. I wasn't here to learn," he recalled.

After a few years away, he's back – with a renewed focus and determination to achieve his degree.

"In one sense, screwing up really helped me get my head on right," he said.

Preparing for a career in demand

With competitive admissions, [Radiologic Technology](#) is a tough degree to earn – but one with a good payoff, in the form of a fascinating career that’s highly sought after in the job market. More than 90 percent of SUNY Broome Rad-Tech graduates are employed immediately after receiving their degrees, and virtually all of them pass their certification exam. Students in the program complete their clinicals at a range of area healthcare facilities, exposing them to hands-on work in the field.

McCracken was attracted to the program because it takes only two years to complete, and will allow her to make inroads into a good career. The Vestal resident has already earned a degree in Individual Studies in Health Sciences as well as a certification in phlebotomy, and works as a phlebotomist on the side.

“It’s definitely hard but it’s also rewarding,” she said of her experience as a non-traditional student. “You need a good support system.”

Kerr appreciates the availability of jobs in other areas, including his dream state of North Carolina. He first became interested in X-rays when he was growing up and being treated for osteomyelitis in his leg, he said.

Krainova, who has her eyes set on a healthcare career, said it seemed to be a logical choice. Still, she said mastering the material is a difficult – if rewarding – exercise. To succeed, she said she studies three or four times as much as her peers – which she attributes, in part, to the fact that English is not her native tongue.

“I still translate from Russian to English and I am trying to think in both languages,” she explained. In some senses, that’s a boon; during her clinicals, she has already worked with Russian-speaking patients.

“She’s one of the best in the class,” Kerr said of Varvara.

Life lessons

Looking back, McCracken and Krainova wished that they knew more about scholarships earlier in their academic careers. The [Broome Community College Foundation](#) offers 170 different scholarships for current and prospective students, and McCracken said she has found scholarships to be a tremendous help on the financial front.

“Don’t be afraid to ask for help,” she advised.

And don’t underestimate yourself, either. If life’s circumstances prevent you from pursuing college immediately after high school, you can still return and succeed on your schedule – just ask Varvara, Holly and Connor.



Available Seats in English and Literature Classes

January 19, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

There are still many seats available in both English and Literature classes. If you are looking for a class, or advising students, consider the following openings:

ENG110 College Writing I

- Numerous seats available in 24 day sections, 2 evening sections, and 6 online sections

ENG110S College Writing I (Enhanced)

- 23 seats available in 3 day sections

ENG111 College Writing II

- 125 seats available in 25 Day Sections, 1 evening section, and 7 online sections

ENG150-02 Technical Writing

- 5 Seats available
- MWF 12-12:50

ENG220 Communicating About Ideas and Values

- 67 seats available in 17 day sections, 1 evening section, and 8 online sections

Note that the following two creative writing courses fulfill the General Education Arts requirement; they are both also Writing Emphasis (W) courses

ENG170-W01 & W02 Creative Writing

- 12 seats available in 2 evening section
- Mondays 5:00-7:50 or
- Wednesdays 5:00-7:50

ENG175-W01 Creative Writing With Publication

- 6 seats available in 1 section
- 12:00-1:45 on Tuesdays AND 12:00-2:45 on Thursdays
- Note that this is a 5-credit course

Note that all Literature classes (below) are Writing Emphasis (W) courses

LIT200-WY1 and W03 Introduction to Literature

- 4 seats available in 1 online section and 1 day section

LIT211-W01 Studies in United States Literature II

- 16 seats available in 1 section
- Tues/Thurs: 3:00-4:15

LIT214-W01 Studies in British Literature I

- 12 seats available in 1 section
- MWF: 11:00-11:50

LIT220-W02 The Short Story

- 10 Seats available in 1 section
- Tues/Thurs: 9:30-10:45

LIT233-W01 World Drama

- 12 Seats available in 1 section
- MWF: 12-12:50

LIT235-W01 Shakespeare

- 16 seats available in 1 section
- MWF: 9:00-9:50

LIT240-W01 The Poetic Experience: Sight and Sound

- 8 Seats available in 1 section
- MWF: 9:00-9:50

LIT253-W01 Psychological Investigations in Literature

- 1 seat available in 1 section
- MWF: 1:00-1:50

LIT263-W01 Children's Literature

- 4 Seats available in 1 section
- MWF: 1:00-1:50

LIT274-W01 Introduction to African American Literature

- 20 Seats available in 1 section
- Tues/Thurs: 1:30-2:45

LIT291-W01 Folklore and Fantasy

- 10 Seats available in 1 section
- Tues/Thurs: 9:30-10:45

LIT295-W01 Literature and Film

- 11 Seats available in 1 section
- Mondays: 4:00-6:50

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The passing of David Bouton, world-renowned butterfly expert

January 19, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



By Professor Rick Firenze

I would guess that most who clicked on this notice were asking themselves “[who was David Bouton?](#)” That’s certainly understandable. But all who have wandered the first floor of the Natural Science Center have most likely marveled at his prodigious work. The David Bouton Butterfly and Insect Display is truly a gem and one that rivals naturalist displays gracing the halls of much larger and wealthier institutions.

Mr. Bouton, an unassuming and soft-spoken man, was a world-renowned lepidopterist. An itinerant traveler and conservationist, he was often invited by other countries to help establish butterfly farms, thereby supporting indigenous populations while saving endangered habitats. I had the privilege and pleasure of roaming the upper Amazonian region with Dave, as well as traipsing through the wilds of the Everglades. I can say without hesitation that I’ve never met anyone more committed to both his profession and his passion. For Dave, they were one and the same.

Several years ago, the Biology Department at SUNY Broome was fortunate enough to hire Dave to establish a small butterfly display at 901 Front St., as well as to update that display on a monthly basis. Each month would present a special theme that we could use as a wonderful teaching tool in our various courses. When we moved to the NSC in the Fall of 2013, Dave graciously agreed to greatly expand the exhibit as well as continue his monthly themed display.

I have witnessed countless impromptu exchanges between Dave and a student or a group of students while he was meticulously working on his monthly masterpieces. They would usually begin with a student strolling by and simply saying “cool.” This quiet man’s eyes would light up as he explained the differences between

butterflies and moths, or what Batesian mimicry was, or where Papua New Guinea was and why anyone in their right-mind would want to go there.

Dave always made himself available for the college open house and alumni gatherings, where visitors and alumni would marvel at both his displays and his knowledge.

When I offered to have a small plaque with his name placed next to the exhibit, Dave was both honored and extremely touched. He responded, "Well, I guess this means my name will live forever here at the college." I'm not sure forever is an appropriate time span, Dave. But certainly your name and your legacy will grace and educate the SUNY Broome community for many years to come. For that, we thank you as well as remember you.

[David Bouton died on Dec. 22 at the age of 79. Click here to read his obituary.](#)



Active shooter response training on Jan. 21

January 19, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Do you know what to do if you encounter an active shooter?

Learn how to stay safe in an active shooter response training program, which will run from 2 to 4 p.m. January 21 in Decker Health Sciences Room 201. The event is for faculty and staff only.

Featured presenters include Sam Davis of the Broome County Sheriff's Office, Professor Kerry Weber and Public Safety Chief Joe O'Connor. The event will include a panel discussion, demonstration and a question and answer section.

[criminal justice](#)



Spring Faculty/Staff Assembly is January 21

January 19, 2016

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The following letter is from SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm:

Hard to believe that my 7th year with you is fast approaching. I hope the winter break provided you an opportunity for some rest and also some fun time with your family and friends.

As I hope you do, I look forward to our Faculty/Staff Assembly scheduled for **Thursday, January 21**. We have few occasions to gather as nearly an entire academic community, so when we do it is always an important occasion. Keeping with tradition, we will welcome new members of the college community and also we will welcome back those who have been away on sabbatical leaves. This bi-annual tradition will also give me an opportunity to personally thank all of you who create the excellent educational experiences for which Broome is so widely known.

The day will begin with a continental breakfast at **8:00 a.m. in the Student Center Dining Hall** with presentations beginning at 8:45 a.m.

Again, I look forward to seeing you on January 21 and best wishes in advance for a successful Spring 2016 Semester.

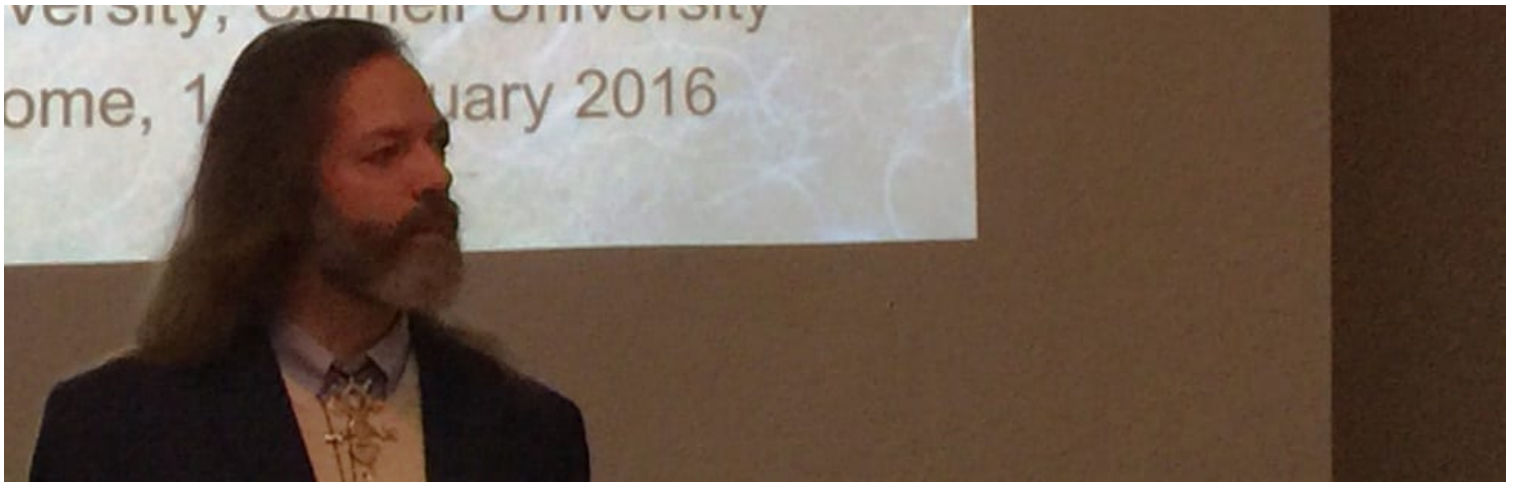
Click the following file for the schedule of events:

[Spring Faculty-Staff Assembly Schedule](#)

Strength in Diversity: SUNY Broome explores how to create a more inclusive campus *updated*

January 19, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Having classmates from a variety of different backgrounds doesn't only improve students' social skills or their knowledge of other cultures. It also improves their active thinking process, intellectual engagement and motivation, and intellectual and academic skills, noted Dr. A.T. Miller, citing a Michigan study conducted in 1990 and repeated in 2000.

In a chemistry class, "students learn more chemistry when the room is highly diversified," said Miller, associate vice provost of academic diversity at Cornell University. "There is an educational purpose to diversity."

"Diversity, Inclusion and Higher Education" was both the title and the focus of an interactive professional development conference for SUNY Broome faculty and staff, held Jan. 14 by the President's Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion. SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm convened the 23-member task force in November 2014 to make the campus more inclusive and welcoming, said Professor Scott Corley. Cornely and Venessa Rodriguez organized the event, with important assistance from Kathleen McKenna and Loretta Paniccia.

Diversity is a hot topic for the State University of New York system, which has developed its own SUNY-wide diversity task force.

"SUNY and the chancellor are taking these things seriously," Corley said. "The nation is changing. Our communities are changing, and we have to be prepared to address and run with those changes."

Rodriguez, assistant director for Student Support Services and a Task Force member, gave an overview of the campus' own diversity. At least 22 percent of SUNY Broome are first-generation students, while 28 percent are not; 50 percent are of unknown status. About 34 percent of students are Pell Grant eligible, viewed as an indicator of low-income status, while 51 percent are not. Nine percent of Hornets have documented disabilities, whether physical, cognitive or learning-related.

While some complain that "those downstate kids are taking over," the statistics show otherwise. The overwhelming majority – 4,438 students – come from Broome County, while 1,315 come from other counties in Upstate New York. Only 594 students come from downstate, while 183 come from out of state and 83

from other countries, she pointed out.

During the event, participants engaged in a public deliberation on how to create and support a more diverse and inclusive campus, sharing ideas among randomly assigned tables. They also engaged in personal conversations concerned with their own experiences of discrimination, and how they did or didn't address biased acts or conversations.

Miller, the keynote speaker, encouraged attendees to take an in-depth look at their teaching styles, syllabi and course structures, and consider how they impact diverse populations. Instructors can't assume all students have the same experience with hand-raising and appropriate classroom speech, for example. Making and relaying guidelines for classroom participation can provide needed clarification to students.

Professors must also keep in mind that the learning styles of those who seek graduate-level degrees are often different from that of many undergraduates. Instructors with graduate degrees are often introverted and dislike group work, preferring solitary work and book-learning. Extroverts, on the other hand, learn material by talking it through, making group work more profitable for this population. Instructors also should consider giving examples before presenting a theory, recognizing that many students understand the subject better when information is presented in that manner.

"We're used to forming theories, reading into things and interpreting," said Miller, referring to instructors with Ph.Ds. "That's not what most people do."

3D (Dine, Discuss Diversity Series)

Continue the campus conversation on diversity by attending the 3D lunch series. The series promotes open, honest and insightful conversations about diversity in a friendly and civil manner. The events run from 12 to 1 p.m. on the following Wednesdays in Wales 203B.

Topics are as scheduled:

- 10 — Civil Discourse in and out of the Classroom: Promote, Respond, Not React
- 23 — Growing Up Poor: The Lessons of Poverty
- March 2 — Ageism: It Works Both Ways and You Can Opt Out
- March 9 — The Science of Racism
- March 16 — LGBT: An Alphabet of Difference?
- March 30 — Redskins, Blackhawks, The Fighting Irish and the New England Patriots: What's in a Name?
- April 6 — Why Diversity Training? Does It Work?

Civility Week

The campus will be celebrating [Civility](#) Week from Feb. 8 through 12. Offerings will include "Ask," an interactive event in which people from diverse categories of human beings answer questions; a Point/Counterpoint discussion with Scott Corley and Carla Michalak; and a presentation by Cathy Bao-Bean, a writer and educational consultant, on the experiences of bicultural families.

Stay tuned for further information.



Campus closed Monday, Jan. 18, for MLK Day

January 15, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

A reminder that campus will be closed Monday, January 18, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Enjoy your weekend!

Hoverboards prohibited on campus due to fire, explosion risks

January 15, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Starting in Spring 2016, SUNY Broome is now banning “hoverboards” — self-balancing scooter-boards — due to fire and explosion risks.

Many colleges and universities have banned the devices in recent weeks, including SUNY Cortland, due to the safety hazards they pose. The [United States Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) is also investigating the safety of hoverboards, including their fire, explosion and fall risks.

If you have a hoverboard, please refrain from bringing it to campus. The college may revisit the issue at a future point when and if safety issues with the devices have been resolved.



Fire-damaged hoverboard. Image by the
United States Consumer Product Safety
Commission

SANS OUCH! Jan 2016 – Securing Your New Tablet

January 14, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Happy New Year! From SANS and SUNY Broome's IT Services Department:

We are excited to announce the January issue of OUCH! This month, led by Guest Editor Lori Rosenberg, we focus on securing your new tablet. With the holidays over, we figured this was the perfect time for people to secure all of their new mobile devices. As such, we ask you share OUCH! with your family, friends and coworkers.

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Binghamton Sertoma's Million Dollar Antique Show returns to the Ice Center

January 14, 2016

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With 90 booths, there's something for everyone at Binghamton Sertoma's Million Dollar Antique Show, which will return to the SUNY Broome Ice Center this spring.

If you want first dibs, attend the VIP Opening Night Preview from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 15, featuring live jazz music, free food and drinks, and wine available for purchase. Admission is \$10 and good for all three days.

Tickets to the following days — April 16 and 17 — are \$7 each. Show hours run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 16, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 17. Also on Sunday, a free antique appraisal clinic will be held from 12 to 4 p.m. with your paid admission ticket.

Proceeds from the show benefit the sponsorships of the Binghamton Sertoma Club.

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Join us for the American Heart Association Heart Walk this spring

January 14, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

In the next 10 minutes, 20 lives will be lost to heart disease — a devastating fact. With your help, we can create hope for a better future. Get involved in this year's Southern Tier Heart Walk!

The **American Heart Association's Heart Walk** will be held at **9 a.m. Sunday, April 10, right here at our SUNY Broome Ice Center** and you can be part of the **SUNY Broome Team**. Plans for the walk are in full swing with fun you won't want to miss! There are free blood pressure checks, heartfelt survivor tributes and celebrations, and so much more. SUNY Broome already has a team online, so all you need to do is join it, and let your sponsors know how to contribute to help reach our \$5,000 goal.

To sign up, go to www.southerntierheartwalk.org, select "Find a Company" on the left side menu, and select "SUNY Broome Community College." Select "Join Team" next to "SUNY Broome-Price", or join one of the teams formed by groups within SUNY Broome. If your club, department or division wants to form a team within Team SUNY Broome, select "Create New Team," and name it (for example, "SUNY Broome – Medical Assisting) or contact Deena Price at 778-5611 for help setting this up.

Also available is a **Field of Hearts form**. These hearts allow you to support the SUNY Broome Community College Team and also to remember and/or honor a loved one. If you are interested in purchasing a heart (foam hearts are available for decorating yourselves or just complete a the [Field of Hearts Form](#) and we will do it for you!) please contact Deena at 778-5611.



Last day in Haiti: Fun in the sun

January 13, 2016

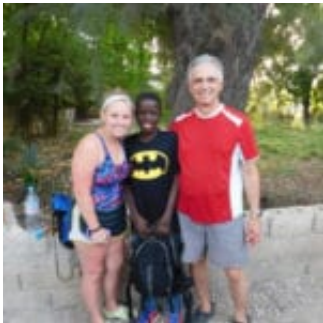
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The Health for Haiti class spent their final full day in the Caribbean accompanying children from two orphanages to the beach.

“We fit 70 people on our bus and had a wonderful day at Preval Public Beach,” Professor Jennifer Musa writes.







Professor Altman publishes post on Psychology Today blog

January 13, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

Professor Bill Altman (Psychology & Human Services) wrote an invited post, “Hey Prof, Can I Make Up the Exam? Students miss out when they miss tests—in more ways than one,” for **Psychology Today**’s *Ethical Professor* blog. The post can be found at <https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/the-ethical-professor/201601/hey-prof-can-i-make-the-exam>.

Dr. Altman’s post discusses the ethical and educational issues involved with offering make-up tests, and how those tests contribute to helping students’ achieve better learning outcomes.

Update: Remediation work in the Student Services Building

January 13, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

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

Our consultants will, however, take care of several windows that show deterioration. This work will not occur during business hours and will have no anticipated effect on office space or college operations.

Can you hear me? Campus cellular reception receives an upgrade

January 12, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

To improve campus safety and security, cellular reception is being improved throughout campus.

Cellular phone extender devices have already been installed in the Digital Lounge & Commons, the Darwin R. Wales Center board room, the Decker Health Sciences first-floor board room, the Titchner basement and the Applied Technologies basement.

Future installations will include the Student Services Building, Old Science Building and Casino Vespa area, the Library basement, the Business Building basement, the Public Safety building, the Natural Science Center (area to be determined) and the Student Center (area to be determined).

In the long term, both AT&T and Verizon are improving and extending the cellular towers that provide coverage to our campus, which will increase coverage for even the most remote spaces.

Soup's on for Mom's House during the second annual Clash of the Soup-er Heroes

January 12, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

The Clash of the Souper-Heroes is back for its second year!

Hosted by the SUNY Broome Public Relations Practicum Class, the event will be held at the Maine-Endwell High School Cafeteria from 5 to 8 p.m. January 21.

More than a dozen local restaurants will be going head to head to see who has the best soup, chosen by you. Some of the competitors include Johnathan's, Alexander's Cafe, American Food and Vending plus many more.

Proceeds from Clash of the Souper-Heroes will benefit Mom's House, a non-profit organization that provides free daycare to children of single parents who are looking to further or complete their education. Admission is \$7 per person and \$5 for children under 10.

For more information, contact Communications Department Coordinator Tim Skinner at 607-778-5560.



Upcoming SUNY Broome Board of Trustees meetings

January 12, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

The Board of Trustees of SUNY Broome Community College has scheduled the following meetings:

- January 19, 2016 (Tuesday) – Monthly meeting of the Finance and Facilities Committee, 9:30 a.m., Wales Administration Center Conference Room 107.
- January 21, 2016 (Thursday) – Monthly meeting of the Board, 5:00 p.m., Decker Health Science Building Libous Room D117.

All meeting sites are on the SUNY Broome campus and open to the press and public.

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Civic Engagement: ‘Public Voice’ comes to Broome County

January 12, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

SUNY Broome, working in partnership with the Kettering Foundation and the National Issues Forums Institute, will begin sponsoring a series of “Public Voice” forums at various venues through out the county including public libraries, SUNY Broome, senior citizen centers, government entities and places of worship. This is an experiment to connect citizens and government officials.

Two new deliberative forums entitled “Health Care: How can we reduce costs and the get care we need?” and “Making Ends Meet: How can we spread prosperity and improve opportunity?” will be offered in multiple venues starting on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and ending March 31. Each forum will allow 15 to 20 people the opportunity to “deliberate” these vital public policy issues. A full list of dates/venues will be developed by the end January and promoted through electronic/print media.

Other public deliberations on substance abuse, obesity, mental health, ethnicity/social justice, sex trafficking and American immigration issues will also be held during this period.

On May 5, the results of the Health Care and Making Ends Meet forums will be discussed with a live feed from SUNY Broome Community College and the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Federal elected officials/public policy makers will have an opportunity to hear what “trade-offs” citizens are and are not willing to make, as well as what they are willing to do to make policies work.

The Public Voice Project is a non-partisan effort designed to more fully engage citizens in helping to shape the communities they wish to live in and to provide elected officials ideas of what citizens really want to see happen in these vital areas.

Any questions about the Public Voice project should be directed to Professor Doug Garnar at 778-5094 or email garnardc@sunybroome.edu.

SUNY Broome to honor Hornets basketball legend

January 12, 2016

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Bones Bensen moved faster than a buzzing hornet, making shot after shot on the basketball court.

More than 60 years later, Bernard Bensen remains a proud part of SUNY Broome athletic history with the unbeaten record for the most points scored during a basketball game: 63. On January 23, the college will honor the late alumnus immediately before the January 23 men's basketball game in the Baldwin Gym – coincidentally named after Bensen's coach, Dick Baldwin, often remembered as the winningest coach in college basketball history.

At approximately 2:30 p.m., officials will present Bensen's family with a collage remembering his contributions to SUNY Broome basketball. At 3 p.m., the Hornets – wearing special warm-up shirts in Bensen's memory – will play against Jefferson Community College. Then, during halftime, officials will unveil a special display case that will impart the player's history to future generations of Hornets.

Bensen died on August 15 at the age of 81.

Also known as Bernie, the 6-foot-2 shooter played basketball for the Hornets from 1953 to 1955, back when Broome Tech was part of the Empire State Basketball Conference. The Dickinson campus didn't yet exist, and the college played its home games in the Kalurah Temple in downtown Binghamton.

News releases at the time described Benson as "Broome Tech's sharpshooting toothpick" – and noted that he had never played basketball while at Binghamton North High School, since he was considered too thin for the team. That didn't hold the slender man back; he was one of the conference's leading scorers. In game after game, he piled on the points – averaging at least 25 points per game.

During that famous March 1955 game with Alfred Tech, Bensen's 63-point contribution helped the Hornets defeat their rivals by 114 to 79. Coach Baldwin, who had been bedridden with a 105-degree fever, was on hand to see it; without an assistant, he still needed to show up to coach the game, he told the Associated Press.

"He's got the quickest pair of hands of anybody we've ever had over here," Baldwin said of Bensen in a 1954 issue of the Binghamton Press. "He can shoot from any place and he does a good job off the defensive boards."

That record game was one of Bensen's proudest accomplishments – and easily visible to the public, thanks to his “Bones 63” license plate. From Broome, a basketball scholarship took him to Hartwick College, where he earned a bachelor's in Business Education, followed by a master's in Guidance from SUNY Oneonta.

He began his career in education in Otego Central School and then came to Chenango Forks Central School in 1965, where he worked as a guidance counselor until retirement. According to his obituary, he was well-known for keeping Hershey's Kisses in his desk for students who needed cheering up, as well as for his fabulous backyard parties at the end of the school year. Of course, he kept up his basketball skills by playing on the faculty basketball team.

Bensen remained a proud Hornet, serving two terms on the alumni Board of Directors, as well as a brief stint on the Broome Community College Foundation board.



Maynard Ferguson alum to direct SUNY Broome's Jazz Ensemble

January 12, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

This spring, jazz saxophonist Mike Dubaniewicz – who toured the world alongside jazz great Maynard Ferguson — will join SUNY Broome's Music Program.

The accomplished musician will direct the college's Jazz Ensemble starting in the Spring 2016 semester. Dubaniewicz is no stranger to the college, having performed as a soloist in previous Jazz Ensemble concerts.

“When he sent me his resume, I was also impressed by his extensive teaching background,” said Music Coordinator Brenda Dawe. “He will be another excellent addition to our amazing faculty in the Music Program.”

A Syracuse native, Dubaniewicz discovered music in his youth and played alto sax in a variety of groups before attending the University of North Texas, where he played lead alto sax in the award-winning Two O'clock Lab Band. After earning a bachelor's degree in Music Education, he attended the Manhattan School of Music, where he received a Master's of Music in Jazz and Commercial Music, played alongside jazz legends as the lead alto in the Jazz Orchestra, and pursued a freelance music career. Later, he received a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Eastman School of Music.

He has performed in more than 20 countries, alongside Aretha Franklin, Phil Woods, The Spinners, The Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, Tim Ries, Slide Hampton, Rufus Reid and The Temptations. He has also recorded with Phil Ramone, Michael Feinstien, Bobby Shew, Wayne Bergeron and Dianne Schuur.

Dubaniewicz toured the world with Maynard Ferguson's Big Bop Nouveau Band from 1998 to 2003, and several years later joined the trumpet legend in the studio for his final recording, “The One and Only.” In 2009, Dubaniewicz released his first CD, *Drive Time*.

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Health for Haiti: Experiencing the culture and teaching children

January 12, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



SUNY Broome's Health for Haiti class began their Sunday by attending the Church on the Rock, enjoying "the incredible music, contagious enthusiasm, and the warm welcome from the Haitian people dressed in their Sunday best," writes Professor Jennifer Musa. From there, they had a guided tour of the Musee de Pantheon National Haitian Museum, along with all of their interpreters, many of whom had never visited the national museum before. And then it was off to Pastor Vincent's home, where students spent time with the 22 children who live there, doing arts and crafts, playing soccer and just hanging out.

On Monday, Team Water trekked back to Grande Saline to complete essential maintenance on the water system. Meanwhile, the rest of the class held, comforted and fed the sick babies at Mother Teresa's Hospital for Sick Children. They also presented nutrition, clean water and toothbrushing lessons to 335 elementary school children, Professor Musa writes. And then it was off to Petionville for souvenir shopping, with the class' interpreters helping negotiate bargains.

On Tuesday, the class will bring children from two different orphanages to the beach for a day of fun.







Health for Haiti: Projects abound in Grande Saline, Port au Prince

January 11, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Posts from Health for Haiti have been somewhat delayed due to a lack of Internet access, but Professor Jennifer Musa improvised by using her father's iPhone as a wireless hot spot.

Friday was the group's third and final day in the rural community of Grande Saline. The bus broke down on the way, but thanks to a second bus — driven by 19-year-old Stevenson, a bus driver since the age of 9 — the class was able to make the trip.

In Grande Saline, the medical and dental clinics saw almost 150 patients. ETM Solar Works' Dr. Gay Canough led her team as they finished the installation of two more solar panels. SUNY Broome students working on education taught lessons on nutrition, including the many benefits of the Moringa tree, as well as hand-washing and hygiene.

"The laminated 'whiteboards' made by kids and teachers at Johnson City Intermediate School were a huge hit with the school children in Grande Saline!" Dr. Musa reported.

SUNY Broome Professor Bill Hollister and Kaylin painted the community's new bathroom inside and out, while other students visited the water filtration system and community garden. The water team made some additional system upgrades and worked on plumbing upgrades as well.

After a full day's work and dinner, the class headed back to Port au Prince — except for the water team, which stayed one more day to complete the water system upgrades. In Port au prince, the class spent Saturday working with friends Ken and Andrea Taylor, offering medical and dental clinics, as well as education programs.

"They are hot, sweaty, dusty, hungry and tired, but they are giving it their all," Professor Musa writes about SUNY Broome students. "It seems as if wherever I go to take some pictures, I see students smiling and interacting in such a caring way with the Haitians and with each other."





Dr. Bill Altman presents workshop on concept mapping, ‘V’ mapping

January 11, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

SUNY Broome’s Dr. Bill Altman presented an invited workshop, “Concept Mapping and ‘V’ Mapping: Tools to Promote Students’ Understanding,” to the National Institute for the Teaching of Psychology (NITOP) on Sunday, January 3, 2016.

The workshop introduced psychology instructors from universities, colleges and high schools across the United States and from several other countries to techniques for the use of concept maps and “V” diagrams. Concept mapping is a way for students to flowchart the important concepts in a paper or textbook chapter. “V” diagrams can help students unpack the meanings of books and other works, and provide an excellent organizing pattern for writing scholarly papers and as rubrics for rapid, objective essay and paper grading. Participants developed concept maps and “V” diagrams of their own teaching materials, and learned how to help students develop their own concept maps and “V” diagrams.

To learn more, contact Dr. Altman at altmanws@sunybroome.edu.

SUNY Broome, BU to receive funding for completion, STEM programs

January 11, 2016

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Two partnership programs between SUNY Broome and Binghamton University are part of the State University of New York's \$18 million in Investment and Performance Fund awards.

SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher announced the awards on Jan. 11 during her State of the University address. Campus awards will support SUNY's Completion Agenda, which aims to boost the number of degrees awarded annually to 150,000 by bringing evidence-based programs to scale.

SUNY Broome and BU will receive \$350,000 to increase diversity among STEM graduates by providing intensive research experience to undergraduate students from non-traditional pathways, such as first-generation students and community college transfers. They will also receive \$360,000 to provide college access and support services to help local residents and current students finish their degrees.

"These awards are a remarkable sample of what SUNY campuses are prepared to do in order to help more students complete their degree," Zimpher said. "Whether it's working with area high schools to get students ready for college, supporting students at risk of falling behind, or providing an applied learning opportunity to ensure career success, SUNY is committed to improving student outcomes at every stage."

By the Book: Danielle Higbie pursues her law enforcement dream

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By her sophomore year of high school, Danielle Higbie knew she wanted a career in law enforcement. But few teachers took her seriously, the Chenango County native remembered. Even her father had a chuckle.

“I told him I was serious about this,” she said.

At SUNY Broome, the Criminal Justice major is making headway toward her chosen career. In her courses, she’s learning about topics that range from the region’s heroin epidemic to cyber crime, capital punishment and more. She tested her mettle with the Criminal Justice & Emergency Services’ Mock Physical Fitness Screening Test – an exact replica of the test faced by law enforcement recruits – and passed.

Scheduled to graduate in 2017, Higbie is a part-time student, paying her own way at SUNY Broome with the help of a waitressing job. In addition to her criminal justice courses, she is taking classes in English, math and history, providing a well-rounded education.

“I came here because it’s close to home — 25 minutes away — and I know a lot of people that go here. It’s been pretty good so far,” she said of her SUNY Broome experience.

Originally, she had hoped to enter the military, which would qualify her for the law enforcement academy after four years of service. That’s still an option, but she is trying the other route first: earn 60 college credits and transfer in, after making the physical standards.

Her goal: become a state trooper in the K-9 unit, combining her passion for helping others with her love for dogs.

Higbie is among three female students in her class, which also includes 23 males, she said. But her status as a non-traditional student hasn’t held her back; on the contrary, it’s made her stronger and a more serious student. She’s found a place in her chosen community, and no one laughs at her dream now.

“You just push through and do your work,” she said.

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Health for Haiti: Another busy day in Grande Saline

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SUNY Broome's Health for Haiti class had another busy day in the rural community of Grande Saline.

The medical and dental team saw more than patients, providing dental exams, cleanings, x-rays, fluoride varnish, and extractions, as well as providing each patient with a toothbrush and toothpaste. The class brought portable x-ray equipment and a Cavitron unit that elevated the level of treatment they were able to provide, writes Professor Jennifer Musa.

Meanwhile, the solar energy team installed two more solar panels and increased the system's size by 50%, providing more more power for the community's school and computer lab. Health for Haiti also expanded the computer lab by five laptops, bringing the total to 20. ETM Solar Works' Dr. Gay Canough and SUNY Broome students worked on the roof in the hot sun, and only have a bit of wiring left to do, according to Professor Musa.

SUNY Broome's Dr. Bill Hollister, Schneider and Patrick helped to finish the tippy-tap, or hand-wash station, which will play an important role in preventing respiratory diseases and diarrhea.

"Several students spent the entire day providing education to countless children," Dr. Musa writes. "We provided lessons on nutrition, focusing on the benefits of the foods growing in the community garden. We also presented a lesson on germs, clean water and hand-washing. As part of this lesson, we taught the kids about germs by using a Glo-Germ powder and a black light. The children can not see the powder on their hands, which is easily transferred when the kids touch hands, until we shine the black light flashlight on them."

A team also worked at the project's water system, reviewing operating procedures and making some changes.

“The water system continues to be a critical resource for the community. There is a constant stream of people coming for water,” Dr. Musa said of the Pall water filtration system installed last year.

The community garden, planted on November 6, has yielded abundant corn, beans, melons, eggplant, bananas and papaya.

A final day of work in Grande Saline was scheduled for Friday. [Follow their progress on the Health for Haiti blog here.](#)

PTA Program is reaffirmed for accreditation until 2025

January 8, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

Following two years of diligent work to prepare a self-study report and site visit, the Physical Therapist Assistant program is pleased to report they have been reaffirmed for accreditation through December 2025. This is the longest time period granted to PTA programs.

We would like to take this time to thank all of the campus community, clinical affiliates, advisory committee members and, of course, our faculty for all of their hard work and commitment assisting in this process!

B-Sens, Broome-Tioga Workforce to hold Career Fair

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The Binghamton Senators and Broome-Tioga Workforce New York will host their second annual Career Fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, January 13, at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena.

Forty employers are expected to participate. As an added bonus, the first 500 attendees who drop off a resume will receive free ticket to the Sens game at 7:05 that evening against the Syracuse Crunch.

Retirement reception for Cheryl Heath on Jan. 29

January 8, 2016

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Bid a fond farewell to Cheryl Heath at her retirement reception, scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. January 29 in Student Services Room 210.

Get fit in 2016: Free Fitness Fusion classes during Winter Term

January 8, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

Put that New Year's resolution to work! The SUNY Broome Wellness Committee is offering a four-class mini-session of Fitness Fusion this winter.

Free for faculty and staff, the program runs from 5 to 5:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday evenings from Jan. 6 through 20 in Dance Room SC 106. There will be no class on Jan. 18.

Instructor Allison Ellis will teach you the importance of core strength and flexibility, give you weekly tips and workouts to ease you into a successful program, and lead you in Pilates/yoga, sculpting and barefoot cardio workouts. You'll feel healthier through regular movement, and build motivation through positive support and the long-term health benefits from exercise.

Hurry, there is only space for 20 participants! Contact Continuing Education 778-5012 – Course Reference **#GW003-02**

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CC Week names SUNY Broome as one of the nation's fast-growing community colleges

January 7, 2016

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SUNY Broome was recently listed by [Community College Week](#) as one of the nation's fastest-growing public two-year colleges.

The listing used enrollment statistics from 2013 and 2014 to compile the list of the top 50 schools in several enrollment categories. Among schools with enrollments of between 5,000 and 9,999 students, SUNY Broome came in 44th, as enrollment increased by .8%, or 50 students, bringing the total to 5,944. CC Week's analysis relied on U.S. Department of Education data (IPEDS).

While CC Week's analysis doesn't include SUNY Broome's Fast Forward students, the enrollment increase is even greater when they are added in: 3.3%, with a total of 6,918 students. And enrollment continued to rise in 2015 with 7,254 students, according to SUNY Broome data.

By comparison, according to the latest report by the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, overall college enrollment is down 1.7 percent compared to a year ago, and community colleges are seeing a 2.4 percent average enrollment decline.

"We work hard to buck the strong demographic headwinds driving the Northeast's decline in its younger population," said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. "Our success is due primarily to building our local partnerships with 20 high schools and also Binghamton University as one of the premier public universities in the nation. We are also very aggressive in the distance learning arena."

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

This academic year, the college has seen substantial increases in its Fast Forward Program with local high schools and in its Binghamton Advantage Program (BAP) with Binghamton University, as well as in online education. Fast Forward allows students in their last two years of high school to take college-level courses while simultaneously meeting their high school graduation requirements. In BAP, students live on the BU campus while attending classes at SUNY Broome; once they complete their studies at Broome, they automatically transfer to BU to complete their bachelor's degree.

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



Southern Tier Heart Walk Kickoff on Jan. 20

January 7, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness



Join the American Heart Association on Wednesday, January 20, for the [Southern Tier Heart Walk](#) Kickoff. The event runs from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Decker Health Science Center Room 201 on the SUNY Broome campus.

Learn everything you need to know about the 2016 Heart Walk season, including creative ways to raise money to help save lives in our community.

RSVP by January 15 by emailing SouthernTierHeartWalk@heart.org or calling (607) 341-8535.

The Heart Walk will be held on campus on Sunday, April 10.

2015 Southern Tier Heart Walk - Thank you!



https://youtube.com/watch?v=_qOTNih4Q0s



Health for Haiti: Heading to Grande Saline

January 7, 2016

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Health for Haiti's first day in Grande Saline was long but exciting, writes Professor Jennifer Musa. The class left Port au Prince in the morning, with the help of driver Tidjo, and made it to the rural community by 1:30 p.m.

"We set up for medical and dental clinics and need to once again thank our community at home," Professor Musa writes. "We have an incredibly well-stocked clinic and optical center. It is truly amazing what people donated to support these clinics!"

The class also donned their hard hats to work on a solar installation and the "tippy-tap," the local term for the handwashing station next to the new bathroom. Students also helped local children with art projects, receiving plenty of hugs in return. The group also presented certificates of appreciation from Pall Advanced Separations Systems to operators of the [new clean water system installed last year](#).

"Once again, the students exceeded all of our expectations and did a great job with everything, from waiting in a very hot bus to unloading equipment to helping the community of Grande Saline," Professor Musa said.

Students will return to Grande Saline today for another full day of work.

They had spent the previous day in Cite Soleil, where they supported food distribution for 365 families. Many of the people who live in Cite Soleil do not have access to electricity, clean water and adequate food. Pastor Vincent explained that the food — consisting of rice, beans, fish and oil — would help many of these families for several days. Also distributed were personal care kits containing a wash cloth, soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste and a toothbrush.

Students also paid a visit to the Health for Haiti computer lab, which serves hundreds of children and young adults. They delivered ten more laptops and many new digital lessons. Benjamin Ouser, the teacher, was very happy to receive the new lessons, especially those created by [Professor Sandy Wright](#)'s SUNY Broome Project Management class as part of the Bridge to Haiti program.

[Follow their progress on the Health for Haiti blog here.](#)



Spring 2016 New Student Orientation on Jan. 22

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The New Student Orientation for the Spring 2016 semester will be held on Friday, January 22, beginning at 12 p.m. The location is Decker Health Science Building Room 201 and guests are being asked to park in Lot #1.

Should students call with questions related to Orientation, please direct them to Maureen Kollar at (607) 778-5648.

Alumni Spotlight: Former Hornets basketball player finds success as coach

January 6, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Former SUNY Broome women's basketball player Alyssa Polosky is entering her fifth year as an assistant coach with the Geneseo Knights. As a player, Polosky has won championships at Union-Endicott, SUNY Broome and Geneseo. As a coach, she has become an invaluable member of the Knights coaching staff since her playing career ended in 2012.

Alyssa graduated from Union-Endicott High School, where she led the Tigers to a Section IV Championship and was the recipient of the 2007 NYS Section IV Officials Player of the Year award. After graduation from UEHS, Polosky attended SUNY Broome, where she majored in Liberal Arts while playing basketball for the Hornets. In 2008, Polosky and current Broome associate coach Brittany Finkle led the team to the school's first NJCAA #1 national ranking and the MSAC Championship. Polosky earned All-Conference and All-Region honors during her tenure at Broome, as well as being named captain her sophomore year.

Upon graduation from Broome in 2009 and several trips to Binghamton from Geneseo head coach Scott Hemer, she made the choice to attend SUNY Geneseo to finish her basketball career there. Once again, Alyssa helped capture another championship: SUNYAC. While playing for the Knights she was named captain her senior year, made the First Team All-Conference, Second Team All-ECAC and was a State Farm All-American Honorable Mention in 2011.

Alyssa graduated with a degree in Elementary and Special Education in 2012 and earned her Master's degree in Literacy in May 2014. This is her second year teaching at Avon Central School District in Avon, New York, just south of Rochester, where she is a reading specialist.

Now entering her fifth season as an assistant coach at Geneseo for the women's basketball team, she has many duties, although her primary responsibilities include developing forwards, serving as recruiting coordinator, directing film exchange and developing all areas of social media for the women's basketball

program.

When asked about Alyssa's contributions to the Knights program, Coach Hemer promptly responded, "Alyssa has been my rock for the past five years as an assistant coach, since leaving her stamp on our program as an All-American (she played center from 2009-11) and was a member of our 2010-11 SUNYAC Championship team. I can always count on her to keep me organized, as she's often a step ahead when it comes to everything we do to manage the program. Alyssa forms great connections with our players and is usually who they turn to when they need an ear. She has developed our social media network from the ground up and has worked diligently towards establishing a connection with alumni. In all, Alyssa's loyalty to the program is unmatched and her contributions toward developing a nationally ranked program will be a large part of her legacy at Geneseo."

Wherever Alyssa Polosky has been she has left her mark. The question is where will it be next: on the court, in the classroom or both?

Register now: Diversity, Inclusion and Higher Education on Jan. 14

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Diversity, Inclusion and Higher Education:

Professional Development Conference

Thursday, January 14, 2016, Decker 201

8:30 Coffee, tea, and pastries; Interactive programming 9:30 – 3:30

Lunch served at 12:00; Keynote speaker at 1:00 (*note time change*)

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?

Interactive activities and handouts for classroom use will be provided.

Lunch will be provided and conference participants will receive certificates of completion.

We are pleased to announce that our keynote speaker for the day will be A.T. Miller, Ph.D.

A.T. Miller joined the Cornell Faculty as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of English and Associate Vice Provost for Academic Diversity in the summer of 2011. He served as Faculty Director of the Center for Global and Intercultural Study and Coordinator of Multicultural Teaching and Learning at the University of Michigan from 2000 to 2011, and Director of Africana Studies at Union College from 1992 to 2000. His most recent publications are chapters in the edited volume *Teaching Inclusively*, "The Multicultural Lab: Diversity Issues in STEM* Classes" (*Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), and "Interactive Theatre as a Multicultural Change Agent in Faculty Development" with Jeffrey Steiger and Diana Kardia, and he wrote one chapter and co-edited the volume "The Scholarship of Multicultural Teaching and Learning" from *New Directions in Teaching and Learning* in September 2007. "Intercultural Experiential

Learning for the Engaged Global Citizen” appeared in 2008 in *Diversity and Democracy* from the American Association of Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Miller conducted his Ph.D. research in American Civilization in the Center for the Study of Black Literature and Culture and the Population Studies Center at the University of Pennsylvania. His dissertation, “Looking at African American Families: Recognition and Reaction,” analyzes the non-Western, African-influenced family patterns found in the United States, the Caribbean, and in Africa, primarily focusing on informal child fosterage. He has published numerous scholarly articles on this topic, along with studies of African-based knowledge systems and ways of knowing, in addition to poetry and short creative writing.

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

SUNY Broome Sports: Hornets end Fall 2015 season on a victorious note

January 5, 2016

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Soccer, tennis, volleyball, cross-country: SUNY Broome’s Hornets were a-buzz with victory during the Fall 2015 season. Here are the highlights from the hive.

Women’s Soccer



Women’s Soccer



After a great start, SUNY Broome's women's soccer team kept up their winning ways season-long — culminating in a ticket to the NJCAA National Tournament.

“This season was the best season I’ve ever had and I have been playing soccer since I was three,” said sophomore Rosemary Zelenyak, who gave an award-winning performance on the field.

Starting in late August with a 3-0 victory over Finger Lakes, they went on to defeat Corning, Niagara (in a stunning 11-0 shutout), Mohawk Valley, North Country, Cayuga and then fifth-ranked Genesee, followed by more wins against Jefferson, Jamestown and Onondaga, before finally suffering a 1-0 loss to Herkimer in early October. They followed that up with a 1-1 tie against SUNY ESF and shutout wins over Clinton, Hudson Valley and Erie. They then closed their regular season by sharing the championship with Tompkins Cortland — after a tough game in which neither team could score a single goal.

The Hornets placed six players on the All-MSAC team, tops in the conference: second-year players Emily Caslin, Shelby Brassard and Emily Cortese, freshmen Kaelyn Michitti and Nicole Harmer, and sophomore Rosemary Zelenyak, the tenth Hornet to receive the MSAC's Player of the Year honor.

After defeating Hudson Valley 3-0, the team advanced to the NJCAA Region III Championships, where they won their chance at Nationals with a 5-0 win over Finger Lakes.

Their next stop was the NJCAA National Tournament in New Jersey, where they ended their remarkable season with a 3-0 victory over top-seeded Herkimer College, enough for a third-place finish. Zelenyak and Harmer were also named to the All-Tournament team.

“This was the hardest-working, most accomplished team we have had in quite a while. Our final record of 17-2-2 and our National ranking of #3 in the country is indicative of the way the season went,” said Head Coach Bill Rich. “We came to practice and worked hard every day. We developed quickly into a team that was a force in the region.”

With shutout after shutout, the Hornets allowed their opponents only five goals in their 16 regular games —

and only eight total, when you count the additional five playoff games. Both are SUNY Broome records.

Even after the season's end, honors continued to pile up: Zelenyak, Caslin, Michitti, and Emily Gibson made All Region, and Zelenyak and Caslin were both selected by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America to the 2015 NJCAA All-America Teams for Junior Colleges for their accomplishments on the field. Zelenyak and Caslin were the 27th and 28th Hornets to make All-America, Coach Rich said.

Caslin said this has been the best soccer experience she's had so far – no small thing for an athlete who has been playing the sport since the age of four. She said she's happy to share the All-American honors with Zelenyak, a good friend both on the field and off.

“We all had fun and even in times of loss, we still picked our heads up and went out fired up to play the next game,” she said. “This was the first team that I am very sad to leave behind, especially Bill Rich; he was an amazing coach and amazing person.”

Men's Soccer



Men's soccer

After a rough start, the season began to look brighter for the men's soccer team by their third game. The team went on to win against Corning, Niagara County Community College (a 6-0 shutout), Mohawk Valley and North Country. After a loss to Cayuga, they bounced back with wins against Fulton-Montgomery and Jefferson, before falling to Herkimer, the NJCAA's fifth-ranked team.

Not to be deterred, they stunned the nation's eighth-ranked team – SUNY Adirondack – when they came from behind, turning the Timberwolves' 3-0 lead to a Hornet victory at 4-3. They followed that up with victories over Clinton, seventh-ranked Hudson Valley (in a tough-fought 1-0 game), Erie and finally Tompkins-Cortland.

In October, SUNY Broome hosted the NJCAA Region III Semi-Finals, losing to Niagara County in a 5-4 game. Two players, however, received post-season accolades: sophomore Joshua Wlostowski made First Team All Region and All Conference, and sophomore Ryan Bunker made Second Team All Region and All Conference. Head Coach Chris Riley was also named Coach of the Year.

“We beat two top-10 ranked teams in the country – Number 7 and Number 8,” Riley reflected after the

season's end.

At the community college level, every year is a rebuilding year, but the future looks bright, he said.

“We have a lot coming back and a lot of new recruits coming in. I’ve been out there recruiting like crazy,” he said.

Women's Tennis



Women's tennis



The Hornets women's tennis team began their season on a positive note, with a win over Mohawk Valley. But rather than a single note, their season turned out to be a symphony of victory – with a ticket to the Nationals in sunny Peachtree City, Georgia.

During the course of their 10-0 season, they vanquished previously unbeaten Hudson Valley 8-1. When they faced Onondaga, Herkimer and SUNY Adirondack, the opposing teams didn't score a single point. In September, sophomore Leigh Ann Hiser was named NJCAA Division III Women's Tennis Player of the Week.

In October, the Hornets won their seventh Region III title – and the chance to go to Nationals — with 22 points, followed by Hudson Valley with 13 and Mohawk Valley with 11.

At the NJCAA Women's National Tennis Championship in Georgia, the first doubles team – consisting of freshmen Maria Mott and Molly Secord – advanced to face the #1 seed, and sophomore Madison Tassey played in the fifth singles semifinal. The Hornets ultimately finished Nationals in seventh place. Hiser won the back draw final, earning another .5 points to give the Hornets a total 12 points for the Championships.

“This year was a great season and the girls had a lot of fun,” said Head Coach Colin Crawford.

Cross-Country



Cross-country



The men's cross-country team started the season strong, finishing 11th at the SUNY IT Invitational in Utica. Freshman Alexander Whitney finished the 6K course with a time of 21:58, coming in 41st place. Later in September, the team finished fourth at the Wildcat Weekend Classic in Marcy led by Whitney, who came in 13th with a time of 29:28, and freshman Michael George, who finished 18th with a time of 30:01.

The high point came in October when the Hornets raced ahead of the competition, winning the MSAC Championship hosted by Finger Lakes Community College in Canandaigua with 33 points. Contributing to that first-place win were first-place finisher Whitney, with a time of 29:58 on the five-mile course; George, who came in fifth at 32:41; and sophomore Virgil Isenia, who placed seventh at 33:23. Whitney was named MSAC Runner of the Year and Coach Tom Carter earned MSAC Coach of the Year honors. George and Isenia were also named to the All-MSAC Team for their efforts.

Later that month, the Hornets finished second at the NJCAA Region III Championships in Canandaigua. George finished third in the five-mile race, with a time of 29:50, while Whitney finished fifth at 30:13.

The men's team came in 11th place at the NJCAA National Championship, held Nov. 7 at Holyoke Community College. George came in 24th with a time of 29:23, followed shortly thereafter by Isenia in 36th, with a time of 29:56. Other Hornets running the race included Nick Schuldt, Evan Picciano, Noah Holloway and Bryan Wolin.

The women's team also headed to Utica for the SUNY IT short course meet, with sophomore Violet Learn leading the Hornets in 64th place, with a time of 24:42. During Wildcat Weekend, both Learn and sophomore Chelsea Burdick finished in the top 50: Learn in 20th with a time of 22:29, and Burdick in 47th with a time of 25:29 on the 5K run.

During the MSAC championship, Learn placed third overall with a time of 22:52, earning a spot on the All-MSAC Team. Burdick finished 10th with a time of 26:27, while runners Carolyn Edsell and Brittini Duke rounded out the Hornet team with times of 29:05 and 30:47, respectively.

Learn came in seventh place during the NJCAA Region III Championships, with a time of 22:38, followed by Burdick at 26:45 and Edsell at 27:26. All four runners went on to run the 5K at Nationals, with Learn coming in 49th with a time of 21:42.

Women's Volleyball



Volleyball

SUNY Broome's volleyball team started their season on the road against Cayuga Community College –

sweeping their opponents and winning all three sets. During their season, they narrowly lost to Corning Community College in a 3-2 home game, and then went on to defeat Penn State Hazelton while falling to SUNY Delhi. Other wins included Onondaga Community College, Tompkins Cortland Community College, Davis College, Mohawk Valley, Herkimer and Jefferson.

During the Cara Bryant Invitational in Syracuse this October, they were defeated by SUNY Delhi, but swept Cayuga. Stat leaders included sophomore Maddison VanEtten, sophomore Marisa Tubaugh, freshman Sarah Raichlin and freshman Melissa Alden.

While the team was swept at the Finger Lakes Community College POD Tournament and the MSAC Semi-finals in October, they did end on a high note. The Hornets placed four of the players on the All-MSAC Team, the most from one school. VanEtten, Tubaugh, Alden and Raichlin all received post-season accolades.

From Broome, with love: Health for Haiti starts their work

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SUNY Broome's 2016 Health for Haiti class left campus bright and early on Jan. 4 — at approximately 2 a.m., amid snow and a biting wind.

From there, they drove to John F. Kennedy Airport downstate and checked in 49 suitcases, wrote Professor Jennifer Musa, who is leading the trip with Professor Maureen Hankin. Why 49 suitcases? First, the trip includes 28 people — 20 students and eight staff. They also needed to transport medical and dental supplies, as well as 25 laptops for the computer schools run by the program.

“We had a good flight and Professor Hankin and I were so impressed with how amazing the students were. This is not an easy trip and we made it all the way to Port au Prince without a single problem or complaint,” Professor Musa wrote.

Luckily, all the suitcases made it through Customs in Port au Prince, and the crew headed to Jude's guest house in the city. JJ, the translator, took the group to the Deli Mart to purchase water, since they cannot use the water in the city, noted Marketing & Communications' Silvia Briga, who is taking part in Health for Haiti this year.

On Jan. 5, the class will head to Cite Soleil, where they will be making meal packages and handing them out to more than 300 families. “We will also be doing some education lessons as well,” Briga writes.

[Follow their progress on the Health for Haiti blog here.](#)



Mascot Madness: Stinger to shoot hoops during Jan. 6 basketball game

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We all know the Hornets basketball team can shoot the hoops — but can Stinger himself?

The Hornet will face off against other mascots during the Binghamton University men's basketball game against Stony Brook on Jan. 6.

The game starts at 7 p.m. in BU's Event Center, and approximately 10 local mascots will participate in a pickup basketball game during half-time. One of the participants will be BU's Baxter the Bearcat, winner of last year's SUNY Mascot Madness competition.

Can't make it? the game will be broadcast on ESPN 3.

[stinger2](#)



Into the Light: Students take a bite out of Lyme with documentary film ****updated with documentary****

January 5, 2016

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“Tell us what you know about Lyme disease,” the interviewer asks.

SUNY Broome students smile into the camera, and then pause in thought. It’s transmitted by ticks, some answer. Many, however, admit that they don’t know much.

“In the Lyme Light,” a documentary created by students in SUNY Broome’s [AA1 Program](#), may change that. Stella Safari, Taylor Thomas, Noah Thayne, Eni Vaghy, Jon Wilken, Nia Been and Nikki Putnam spent the semester creating the nearly half-hour film for their Art of Science course, taught by Biology Professor [Tracy Curtis](#) and Art & Design Professor Margaret Nocciolino.

Watch the entire video here:

 **In the Lyme Light | A SUNY Broome Student Documentary**
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=pzfLoLNOg>



During the course of their project, they learned about lighting, film editing, sound editing and more – as well as the science behind a disease that few understand. Footage included interviews with Lyme sufferers, including SUNY Broome student Ashley LoMonaco and employee Kurt Nelson, as well as the founder of a local Lyme disease support group, Lyme researchers and UHS physician Dr. Don Nash.

Students captured footage in the field, quite literally, following Curtis’ students as they collected deer ticks behind campus for [Lyme research](#). They also tackled controversial subjects such as chronic Lyme disease, and filmed a segment where the campus community showed their support – by biting into a slice of lime.

(Think of the Ice Bucket Challenge, with more puckered lips.)

The campus community and interview subjects recently attended a pair of screenings in Titchener Hall. The film was well-received, and the creators were applauded.

“It’s excellent! I’m so proud of the students,” said Donna Rehak, staff associate to the Dean of Liberal Arts.

“And a big kudos to the instructors!” added Liberal Arts Dean Michael Kinney.

Check out the Speakers of the House this January

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Interested in communicating with confidence, becoming a better speaker and presenter, developing leadership skills and more? Check out the Speakers of the House, SUNY Broome's chapter of Toastmasters International, this January!

You're invited to visit their meetings on January 8, 22 and 29, all at 3:10 p.m. in Darwin R. Wales Center Room 203B. For more information, visit <http://speakersofthehouse.toastmastersclubs.org/>

The passing of Cheryl Sullivan's father

January 4, 2016

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Liberal Arts is saddened to announce the passing of Cheryl Sullivan's father on the evening of Jan. 1, 2016. Any further information will be updated in the Focus.

Nominations sought: SUNY Chancellors Award For Student Excellence

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Every year, we have the opportunity to honor and recognize some of the most distinguished students by nominating them for the SUNY Chancellors Award for Student Excellence. It is the highest honor bestowed upon a student by the University. Last year, 260 students from 64 campuses received this award. In addition to an impressive array of co-curricular accomplishments, the recipients had an overall GPA of 3.8. With this in mind, please think critically about nominating anyone with lower than a 3.5 GPA.

Nominations are sought for students who have best demonstrated and been recognized for their integration of academic excellence with other aspects of their lives including leadership, campus involvement, community service, arts (creative or performing), athletics, and/or career achievement.

Recognition Ceremony

At a University-wide event held in Albany, New York, at 2 p.m. April 5. Students, their families and campus presidents or designees convene to celebrate recipients of this award.

Nominations

In order to be eligible, the student must graduate between June 2015 and May 2016. **Nominations must be returned to Jason Boring at Student Activities in Science Building 201 by noon January 29.**

Please use the attached form in order to nominate. You may turn this in electronically or in hard copy. If you would like to be a part of the selection committee to decide on the nominations, please contact Jason Boring.

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