

The Focus

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Student Vs. Staff Kickball Game on May 3

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Lace up your sneakers: The Students Vs. Staff Kickball Game will take place from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. May 3 in the Quad!

No signups are necessary; just show up and it's game on.

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Kickball



Save the Date: Jane Hlopko's Retirement Party on May 5

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After 40 years of dedication, service and many accomplishments, please join us in saying “Happy Retirement” to our colleague and friend, Jane Hlopko. We will be celebrating on Thursday, May 5, from 1:00-3:00 in Decker 215.



STEM Stars: SUNY Broome honors Frank Paul Medal winners

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On the far side of the room, Jillian Montgomery was about to take her seat when she heard her name called from the podium. She froze for a moment of wide-eyed uncertainty, and then made her way down to a smiling college president, joined by fellow high school senior Owen Klepfer.

The two won this year's Francis and Lillian Paul merit scholarships, which will give them \$1,000 each year as they pursue an A.S. degree in Engineering Science at SUNY Broome, and another \$1,000 when they transfer to complete their bachelor's degree.



This year's Frank Paul Medal winners

"I thought it was a joke!" said a surprised Jillian, a student at Maine-Endwell.

Both Montgomery and Klepfer, a Chenango Valley student, will enroll at SUNY Broome this fall and, after completing their degree, transfer to pursue their bachelor's in engineering. Klepfer, a student in the Binghamton Advantage Program, is drawn to civil engineering, while Montgomery is interested in computer science.

Owen derived his initial inspiration from bridges. For Jillian, it's law enforcement – and the prospect of improving security and even battling cybercrime.

"I'm excited because this is a great help," Klepfer said of the scholarship. "Every little bit you get for your education is helpful."



President Kevin E. Drumm

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Left to right: President Drumm, Owen Klepfer, Jillian Montgomery, Professor Lofthouse

Honoring future STEM leaders

The two were also among this year's recipients of the Frank G. Paul Medal of Excellence, which is given to graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence in math and science. The college honored recipients at an April 26 reception where the Pauls' daughter, Rebecca Komorowski, bestowed the medal on each.

"As you pursue your education and ultimately your careers, you'll find that the journey is lifelong – especially in the sciences," said Professor Robert Lofthouse, chair of the college's Engineering Science and Physics Department. "There is always something new to learn, new research that changes our understanding of the world, and new discoveries that lead us into the future."

Frank Paul, after whom the medal is named, spent more than 40 years as an IBM engineer. He also believed in education, serving as a SUNY Broome trustee as well as president of the Broome Community College Foundation, which provides scholarships to many talented students.



Frank Paul

Looking out across the room during the April 26 reception, SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm imagined a future Bill Gates and Elon Musk, and perhaps another Neil DeGrasse Tyson or Lisa Randall.

“I’m looking at future engineers and mathematicians, researchers and academics, inventors and entrepreneurs,” he said. “Frank Paul was the visionary who saw what you might be able to do with your future.”

NASA is working on the capabilities to send humans to Mars after the year 2030 – 14 short years from now, Dr. Drumm noted. The new space race is likely to inspire a wide range of technological innovations, just as it did during the initial thrust toward space exploration in President Drumm’s youth – minus, perhaps, the Tang.



Rebecca Komorowski awards Brendan Kunz from Vestal

Guest speaker

While Science, Technology, Engineering and Math fields have traditionally drawn men, there are an increasing number of opportunities for women, said Dr. Kelli Ligeikis, SUNY Broome’s Dean of STEM and a practicing civil engineer. As a child, she initially imagined herself becoming a teacher, but was encouraged by her high school math teacher to pursue engineering. She attended Clarkson University, where she found a passion for civil engineering.

“I absolutely loved construction and seeing the plans come to life,” said Ligeikis, who has taught at the college for 29 years.

Back in 1980, Ligeikis was a rarity in her engineering class. Sadly, the numbers haven’t improved dramatically; only 19.4 percent of students in engineering programs today are women, she said.

STEM, however, offers a wide array of career opportunities for men and women alike. The earning potential of individuals with STEM degrees is currently at an all-time high, Ligeikis emphasized.

She encouraged students to seek opportunities, rather than passively wait for them, and keep their purpose and passion at the forefront of their lives.

“Don’t ever let anyone tell you that you can’t do something,” she said.



Dean Kelli Ligeikis speaks

Frank Paul medal recipients

This year’s medal recipients are:

Binghamton: Dali O’Geen, Michael Norton

Chenango Forks: Kristina Collyer, Zachary McFadden

Chenango Valley: Melissa Marean, Owen Klepfer

Deposit: Colby Hall, Molly Lobdell

Greene: Emily Montelione, Luke Day

Harpersville: Peyton Woloszyn, Benjamin Copeland



Johnson City: Morgan Machado, Robert Beblavy

Maine-Endwell: Jillian Montgomery, Adam Kunz

Owego Free Academy: Bridget Watkins, Colin Pritchard

Seton Catholic Central: Karima Rai, Clayton Ligeikis

Susquehanna Valley: Christina Waite, Joseph Osgood

Union-Endicott: Claire Van Putten, Leonard Yarrington

Vestal: Alicia Kasson, Brendan Kunz



Whitney Point: Samantha Goss, Robert Stevens

Windsor: Amina Mohamed, Benjamin Mannix

Needed: 12 home chefs for a Renewal Day cook-off challenge!

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We're looking for 12 innovative home chefs for Chopped Creations, a Renewal Day cook-off challenge! The event, sponsored by American Dining Creations, will take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. May 18.

Participants will receive a basket of ingredients they must turn into a culinary creation. All participant "chefs" will receive a chef jacket and hat

Winners will have the opportunity for their created recipe to be offered by the Dining Hall next fall for our students.

To request to compete on a team of three, e-mail Patti O'Day at odaypg@sunybroome.edu by May 10. (Once your e-mail is submitted, participants will be randomly selected and placed on teams.)

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SUNY Broome Named REV Campus Challenge First Mover by NYSERDA

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The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority recently recognized SUNY Broome for its commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

On April 26, NYSERDA released a list of 46 institutions it recognized for demonstrating their commitment to clean energy by joining Governor Cuomo's Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) Campus Challenge in its first six months. These First Movers have set themselves apart by leveraging clean energy as a way to advance their financial, environmental, academic and community goals.

SUNY Broome proudly rates as one of 17 "Achiever" level members on the REV Campus Challenge First Movers listing.

View the full listing of First Movers at:

<http://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/REV-Campus-Challenge/REV-Members>



SUNY Broome's solar panels

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Keep Calm & Ace Your Finals Event on Tuesday!

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Finals are coming! Join us from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, in the Student Center Quad for our annual “Keep Calm and Ace Your Finals” event. It’s packed with de-stressing activities and resources to help you focus and prepare.

The event includes chair massage, yoga, therapy dogs, hopscotch, Frisbee, double dutch, crafts, games, a photo booth, snacks and more!

*Quad location is weather permitting. Back up location is the Baldwin Gym.



A Room to Heal holding 5th annual 5K Run/Walk on May 21

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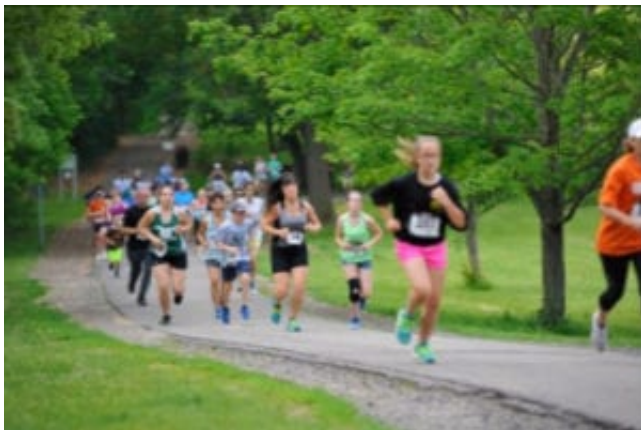


A Room to Heal is sponsoring its fifth annual 5K Run and Walk on Saturday, May 21, at Otsiningo Park. Have fun and **wear your pajamas!** (Yes, you read that correctly.)

The event will run from 8 to 11 a.m. and include fun family activities and refreshments. There will be prizes for best pajamas and most funds raised, individual and team, as well as top three overall male and female finishers, top three masters male and female finishers, and top three age bracket winners.

Register by May 13 to get a free shirt. [Click here to register.](#)

If you would like to donate an item or gift certificate to be used as a prize for participants, please contact aroomtoheal@gmail.com.



Students to the rescue: Mock Environmental Disaster Event on May 6

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Multiple car crashes. Natural disasters. A stage collapse. These are just some of the mass-casualty disasters SUNY Broome students have tackled in their annual Mock Environmental Disaster drill, which allows them to hone their skills as first-responders, medical professionals and more.

What will 2016 hold? Find out on Friday, May 6, when our fifth annual Mock Environmental Disaster begins promptly at 2 p.m.

The drill will take place near the walk path between the Decker Health Sciences building and the Applied Technologies Building near the athletic fields. **Please be aware that this is a scheduled learning event and there is no emergency.**

Students from more than 18 departments across campus gain valuable real-life experience in their field of study as they participate in the mock environmental exposure disaster. Departments include Medical Assisting, Criminal Justice and Emergency Services, Nursing, Health Information Technology, Radiologic Technology, Physical Therapist Assistant, Dental Hygiene, Clinical Laboratory Technologies, Marketing and Communications, Communications and Media Arts, Hospitality, Business Information Technology, Chemistry and Public Safety.

Members of the community who participate in the event include, but are not limited to Chenango Fire, Tioga County Health Department, and the Broome County Health Department.

As in previous years, the mock disaster event will involve multiple victims. Students must care for these victims using skills and knowledge learned in their respective programs. Faculty will monitor the activity providing feedback as necessary.

Students will find out what disaster awaits them on the day of the event, in order to learn how to manage a scene without prior knowledge or details.

For more information contact **Erin O'Hara-Leslie**, Chairperson Medical Assisting & Health Studies, (607) 778-5495.



Don't forget to register: Ethics Conference on April 30

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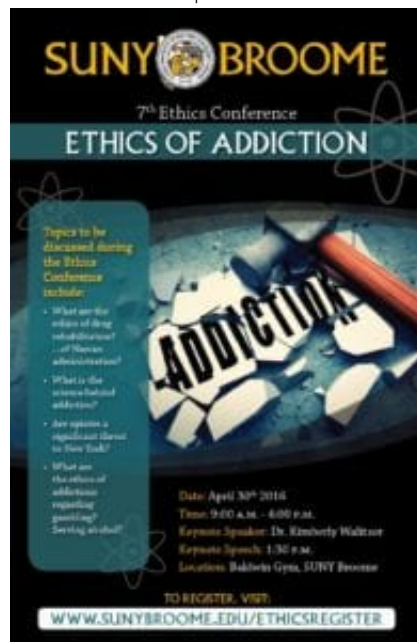
SUNY Broome's annual Ethics Conference is just two days away!

Our keynote speaker is Dr. Kimberly Walitzer, Deputy Director and Senior Research Scientist at the University at Buffalo's Research Institute on Addictions. Her talk is titled "Engaging in Ethics: Principled Addictions Therapy — or Where do you stand?"

Dr. Walitzer will discuss the principles of professional ethics and how these principles specifically apply to addictions treatment. Case material will illustrate ethical questions and issues and their solutions.

Other presenters will include Dr. Francis and Dr. Helen Battisti; Professor Rey Wojdat; Raymond Serowik, program director of Broome County's Opioid Overdose Prevention Program; Professor Laura Letson; Professor Doug Garner; and members of Phi Theta Kappa. The event also will include a film screening of "Web Junkie" by the Communications Department.

The conference is free to SUNY Broome and Binghamton University faculty and students. For all others, admission is \$25. Lunch will be provided. Please register at: <http://sunybroome.edu/web/ethics>



Please RSVP to the Awards & Retirement Recognition Event

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You are cordially invited to the Awards & Retirement Recognition Event on Friday, May 6, at Traditions at the Glen. Please join us as we celebrate!

RSVP

Retirees, SUNY award honorees and SUNY Broome Spirit Award Nominees will be honored guests and only need to RSVP by May 2nd by calling Patti O'Day at

(607) 778-5100. All other attendees, please RSVP and send payment by May 2 to Patti O'Day, President's Office, Wales 107, Mail Stop #95 or contact her at (607) 778-5100 or odaypg@sunybroome.edu

The event is \$23 per person. Please make checks payable to: FSA.



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‘I love what I do’: Paige McCarthy lands a great job

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Just two months after graduation, Paige McCarthy landed her dream job.

As a medical assistant for a busy plastic surgeon’s office, she spends a good deal of time with patients as well as the doctors she assists.

The most versatile of health professionals, medical assistants work in a wide range of settings, including physicians’ offices, medical centers, clinics, hospitals and laboratories. They perform administrative, clinical and laboratory tasks, from dealing with orders to taking vitals, setting up for surgery and more.

“I love to help people. It’s hands-on,” McCarthy, of Marathon, reflected. “I spend a lot of time with the patients. Breast patients getting reconstructions, jaw bone replacement – you’re with them for their entire journey, from the moment they learn that they have cancer and you comfort them, to the end point. That’s my role – to be with them through the entire process.”

McCarthy started out as a social science major at Tompkins Cortland Community College, where she still aids the women’s soccer team as an assistant coach. She then transferred to SUNY Oswego, where she played on the team – until she was benched by a torn ACL.

Surgery and rehabilitation sent her to the Binghamton area. While here, she learned about the Medical Assisting degree at SUNY Broome and enrolled.

All of her credits transferred, and the two-year program included several externships that gave her hands-on career experience in local medical offices. The plastic surgeon’s office, it turns out, was her very first externship, followed by one in orthopedics.

Medical Assisting students are a small, close-knit group, and they became close, Paige said. She graduated with a dozen other students in May 2015 and most, if not all, have found jobs.

SUNY Broome also offers a wide range of resources for students to ensure academic success and a smooth transition into the work world. While in college, McCarthy didn’t know how to write an appropriate resume. She signed up for sessions that allowed her to develop this important job skill.

Going forward, Paige may consider pursuing a nursing degree at some point. In the meantime, she loves her

job – and her experience at SUNY Broome.

“There are so many different opportunities,” Paige said. “And you can come out almost debt-free with a job.”



Fine Arts and Design Club to meet Friday

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It's not too late to join the Fine Arts and Design Club!

The club will meet from 12 to 1 p.m. Friday, April 29, in Room 108 of the Mechanical Building. New members are welcome, and the group will be discussing Spring Fling and future plans.



Summit will help companies improve employee wellness and the health of their bottom line

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Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association is proud to host the second annual Regional Executive Wellness Summit from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at the Holiday Inn in Binghamton. The event brings together local experts and companies to discuss worksite wellness and ways to help employees. The summit is sponsored by eni; Holiday Inn Binghamton; Lourdes; Gilroy, Kernan, & Gilroy; and Visions Federal Credit Union.

The event will include exhibits from wellness companies, wellness breakout sessions, and an Executive Panel Discussion with speakers from **BAE Systems, Excellus BlueCross/BlueShield, Lourdes Hospital, MVP Healthcare, Wegmans, and eni**. The Keynote Speaker will be **Gene Raymondi, CEO of eni**.

There will also be networking opportunities, a Hands-Only CPR™ demonstration, and a ceremony recognizing the Fit-Friendly Worksites.

Registration, exhibits and breakfast begins at 7 a.m., with the opening keynote remarks at 8 a.m. and the executive panel discussion at noon. For information on the event or to reserve a space, please call **607.341.8535** or email Gina.Chapman@heart.org.

[AmericanHeartAssociationWellnessSummitFinalProgram](#)

2016 Police Memorial Week starts May 1

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The Southern Tier Law Enforcement Memorial Association is preparing its activities for the 34th annual Police Memorial Week, which will include the following events:

- May 1, 2016 3 PM A non-denominational Memorial Church Service will be conducted at the Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial, UMC, 308 Main Street, Johnson City, New York. Police chaplains and clergy will officiate. A New York State Police Honor Guard detail accompanied by a bag piper and area police officers will process into the church to begin the service. Uniformed officers from departments who had an officer die in the line of duty will light a candle in their memory during a roll call of the deceased.
- May 2, 2016 10:45 AM A motorcade of marked police vehicles displaying their overhead lights will process from Binghamton University, Lot E, by way of Route 434 to State Street, at Binghamton Police Department. The Binghamton Police Honor Guard, accompanied by the Edwin P. Maloney Pipe Band, will meet the motorcade as it arrives on State Street at Susquehanna Street and escort it to the staging area. A detail of uniformed officers will form across from the memorial monument for the ceremony.
- May 2, 2016 11 AM A Memorial Service and Flag Raising Ceremony, including an honor volley, taps, muffled drums, and bag pipes will be held at the monument. A roll call of fallen police officers, including recently added P.O. Hiram J. Moore of the Chenango County Sheriff Office, will be read. Officers from the department of the deceased will place a rose at the base of the Monument in their memory. A wreath will also be placed at the Monument. The Honorable Frederick J. Akshar, II, 52nd District, New York State Senate will be the guest speaker. Following the service, a reception with refreshments will be held at the State Office Building.
- May 3, 2016 9 AM A Memorial Breakfast will be held at the Holiday Inn Arena, 2-8 Hawley Street, Binghamton, New York. Tickets may be purchased for \$15.00, either in advance or at the door. Scholarship awards will also be presented to students from local College or Universities who are matriculated in Criminal Justice at their school. Recognition awards will be given for local business, committee members and individuals that support Police Week annually. (Doors will open at 8:30 AM.)
- May 4, 2016 9 AM The Annual Police Week Golf Tournament will be held at The Links at Hiawatha Landing Golf Course, 2350 Marshland Road, Apalachin, New York. Registration will begin at 8:00 AM. A gift will be presented to all players. The fee is \$85. Luncheon will be served and prizes awarded at its conclusion.
- May 6-7, 2016 9 AM to 9 PM Police displays and demonstrations will be held at the Oakdale Mall. Local police agencies have been invited to participate. A list of scheduled events at the Mall events will be announced.
- May 6, 2016 6:30 PM The Annual Police Memorial Hockey Game will be played at the Chenango Ice Rink, 614 River Road, Chenango Bridge, New York. Combined teams of Law Enforcement Officers from Troop C will participate. Admission is free. Proceeds from the game will benefit the Memorial Scholarship Program

For more information about Police Week and any of the events, please visit [The Southern Tier Law Enforcement Memorial Association's Facebook page](#).

SUNY Broome Choral Ensembles to perform highlights from ‘Messiah’ this Friday

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The SUNY Broome Choral Ensembles will perform highlights from the second and third sections of Handel’s *Messiah*, which deals with the death and resurrection of Christ, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 29, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Vestal.

The college’s yearly Masterworks concert will be performed with orchestral accompaniment under the direction of SUNY Broome instructor Fitzroy Stewart. It will also include an performance of “Dona nobis pacem” from J.S. Bach’s *Mass in B-minor*.

Soloists include Music Coordinator Brenda Dawe, soprano; instructor Julia Grella O’Connell, mezzo-soprano; instructor Gerald Grahame, tenor; and SUNY Broome accompanist Randolph Messing, bass.

Tickets are \$7 for students and seniors and \$7 for the general public in advance; call (607) 778-5326 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:25 to 3:15 p.m. for more information. At the door, tickets cost \$10 for students and seniors and \$12 for the general public.

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Marketplace: Apartment for rent in Harpursville

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Listed for rent and for sale with photos on Zillow.com.

Country living on 3/4 acre in the village of Harpursville. Shared back yard with fire pit & picnic table. One mile from I 88 entrance. Walking distance to: school, stores, churches, Fire Station, Post Office. Twenty min to Front St. Upper deck at back door- big enough for BBQ set and couple of chairs.

Tenant pays electric and heat (propane). Owner pays disposal, water, septic. Absolutely no pets nor smoking. Washer/dryer hookups. Security system outside bldg. Possibility of three bedrooms. Please call for an application to be mailed to you. Private showing after the ap is processed. (Outside paint is peeling. Inside paint & flooring are fresh and new.)

Margaret Lake 607-693-1056

Paintball Club to hold BBQ fundraiser on May 3

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The SUNY Broome Paintball Club will be selling hot dogs, sausages, soda and water from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, on the Quad between the Student Services and Applied Technologies buildings. In the event of rain, the sale will move to the first floor of the Business Building.

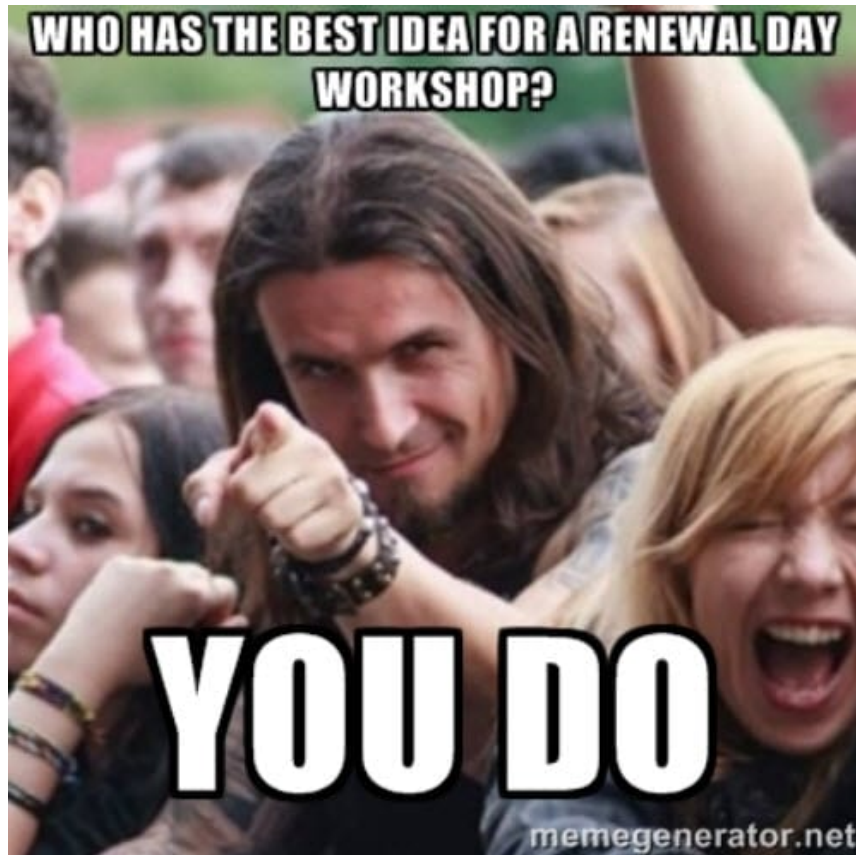
All items will cost under \$2. Proceeds will help support the club.



Sign up now to host a workshop for Renewal Day!

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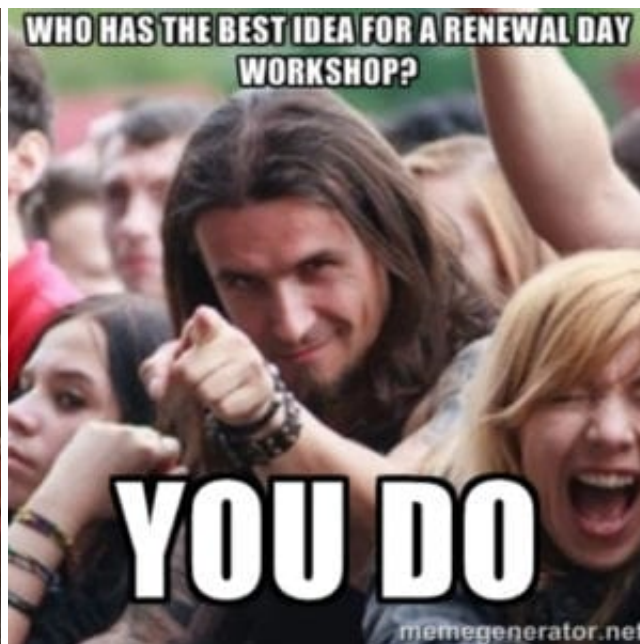
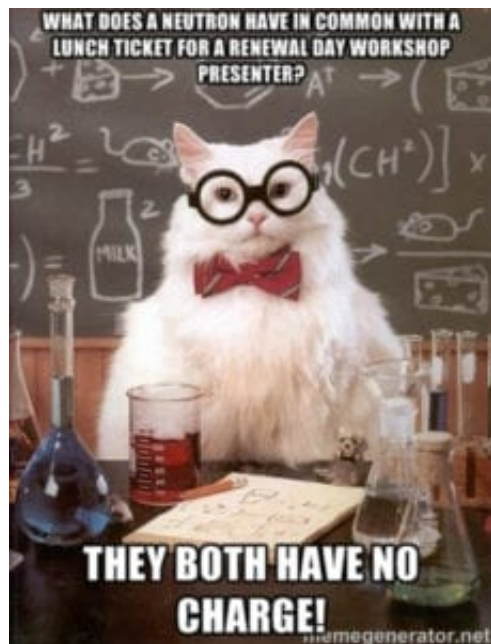
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Save the Date! Renewal Day is May 18th, 2016.

Calling all presenters! Do you want to offer a workshop on Renewal Day?

- Offer anything that shares your knowledge, skills, or your favorite pastimes!
- Showcase your department or something special that occurred over this past academic year.
- Workshop leaders eat lunch for free! (limit to one per workshop)



If you would like to offer a workshop, complete the [Renewal Day Workshop Proposal Form](#) by May 2. (Early bird workshops are from 7:30-8:45 and afternoon workshop slots are available in 1/2 or 1 hour increments starting at 1 pm and ending at 4.)

Past workshops have covered topics such as:

- Music appreciation,
- Nature walks,
- Book discussions,
- Hobbies,
- Crafts,
- Fitness activities,
- Cheese tasting,
- Science!

We look forward to seeing you on Renewal Day!

Owego Fallen Firemen's Memorial Golf Tournament on June 6

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The Owego Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 6, at The Links at Hiawatha Landing in Apalachin.

The tournament will benefit the Owego Fallen Firefighters Scholarship and the Owego Fire Department Training Facility. For more information, visit www.OwegoFireGolf.com or click the below PDF.

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Upcoming Professional Development Events

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Blackboard Advanced: Grade Center

This workshop is a review of how to effectively utilize the grade center. This training will cover how to maximize the grade center capabilities and tailor the grade center to your instruction.

When: Friday, May 6, 2016

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Where: TRC Lab

Presenter: Tera Doty-Blance

Register: [Register Here](#)

Doctoral Colloquium Presentations

“Bookmarking racism: Challenging white privilege through children’s literature and participatory action research in a suburban school.”

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

When: Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Where: TRC Conf room

Presenter: Dr. Joan Koster

Register: [Register Here](#)

Join Dr. Francis Battisti, Executive Vice-President and Chief Academic Officer, in his monthly, campus-wide discussions about academic issues that impact the College. Coffee and tea will be served.

When: Thursday, May 12, 2016

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Where: Wales 203B

Presenter: Dr. Frances Battisti

Register: [Register Here](#)

Microaggressions Webinar:

Strategies to Improve Your Campus Climate & Community

In a year that has seen tremendous activism and demands for meaningful change on campuses and in communities, it is critical to consider the role and responsibility you have in creating a safe and secure campus environment for all students, faculty and staff.

“It’s not a big deal.” We often hear this after an insensitive comment is made. But what happens when that comment is indicative of an undercurrent of racism or other social tension on campus? An environment where some of your students feel invisible, targeted and unsafe? “IT” is a big deal. These “microaggressions” have a significant negative impact that undermines student persistence and academic success and have a damaging cumulative impact, leaving students feeling unheard, unsafe and unwelcome. But what can you do about it?

As they reach their tipping points, students are becoming more and more active in confronting these acts and demanding that leaders and staff step up to create sustainable and systemic change. They turn to your professional staff of color, especially, who are put in the position of providing extensive care and advisement — on top of their current job responsibilities, while other staff and faculty are often not involved at all. They begin to feel under-appreciated and burnt out in the face of the seemingly endless examples of micro and macroaggressions on campus. At the same time, many staff members with privileged identities are feeling increasing pressure and responsibility to speak up and respond effectively as allies, but often fear they will “make a mistake” and possibly do irreparable harm. Many believe they do not have enough knowledge or skills to be effective change agents.

Our expert presenters will share strategies to recognize and interrupt microaggressions on campus, so you can work together to analyze and improve your campus climate for all of your community members.

When: Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Where: TRC Conference Room

Hosted by: Paper Clip Communications

Register: [Register Here](#)

Seventh annual Sleep Out for the Homeless of the Southern Tier is this Friday

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SUNY Broome will host its seventh Annual Sleep Out for the Homeless of the Southern Tier starting at 6 p.m. Friday, April 29. The event runs all night and will end at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 30.

Food and entertainment will be provided. Participants are encouraged to raise pledge dollars/or bring non-perishable food.

The Sleep Out will take place on the campus Quad. In the event of bad weather, it will move to the AT atrium.

Any checks should be made out to the SUNY Broome FSA/homeless fundraiser. All monies will be donated to the Coalition for the Homeless of the Southern Tier.

Open parking will be available starting at 5 p.m. Friday and the Student Center will be open for restroom purposes. Any questions should be directed to Professor Doug Garnar at 778-5094 or garnardc@sunybroome.edu.



SUNY Broome Hospitality Career Fair on May 3

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Looking for a job, or need work for the summer? Need a career change, or know a business that is looking to hire?

Join us at the SUNY Broome Hospitality Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, in the SUNY Broome Ice Center.

Our great DJ will be raffling off prizes; the winner must be present to claim. Refreshments will be available for purchase through the Hospitality Club.

For more information, contact Maria Montemagno at montemagnomk@sunybroome.edu.



Go Global: SUNY Broome's Internationalization Showcase and Roundtable on April 27

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Join us for the **Internationalization Showcase and Roundtable** from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, in the Libous Room.

Learn about our courses in Costa Rica and Haiti, our Global Film Festival, our collaborations with Turkey and Mexico, our International Students Organization and Lingonet Club, and our Toastmasters International teleconferences, and play with *Fuze*, the technology that helps support these initiatives.

The event will welcome Professor Alejandra Ortega of LaSalle University in Mexico City, who will be on campus thanks to a SUNY COIL grant. She and Jan McCauley have been collaborating in the virtual world.

Enjoy a roundtable conversation and the opportunity to chat informally, as well as refreshments.



April 2016 Facilities Update

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Planning Underway for ‘Mini-Update’ of Old Science Building ‘Mini-Renovation’ to Ready it for use as Teaching and Office Swing Construction Space

Planning is underway for a summer ‘mini-update’ of our old Science Building, which will be used as construction swing space as we renovate other campus buildings. There is \$164k budgeted in the first phase of our Critical Core Campus renovation capital projects for this purpose. The planning is underway this spring, and updates are anticipated to be undertaken this summer after the first phase of this capital project is revised to reflect updated cost estimates and funding sources.

This building will undergo a complete renovation in several years after having served as construction swing space during the renovation of Mechanical, Student Services, and the LRC.

Resolution Amending College Capital Improvement Plan to Give Approval for Critical Core Campus Rehabilitation to Proceed – Mechanical and Old Science Building mini-renovation

An action item amending the college CIP to reflect updated cost estimates and funding for the first phase of the Critical Core Campus Rehabilitation capital project is included this month so that these renovations can proceed on the planned timeline. This resolution is contingent upon approval of the Calice funding in late April.

Request to Amend Broome County 2016-21 Capital Improvement Plan

...First phase of critical core campus rehabilitation and 901 Front Street demolition

A request to amend the Broome County 2016-21 Capital Improvement Plan is being made to shift the first phase of the critical core campus rehabilitation (Mechanical into an Advanced Manufacturing Center) and 901 Front Street demolition from ‘proposed for county funding’ in 2017 to ‘approved to be undertaken in 2016’ with anticipated private funding for required local match, and to recognize updated cost estimates.

Business Building Updates Proceeding

The Business Building bathrooms continue to be updated. Lecture Hall B-110’s renovation has started. Seat selection and color schemes are currently being decided.

Decker Building Temperature Control System Commissioned

The temperature control system in Decker has been commissioned.

Mechanical Building Renovation Professional Services Search Proceeding

Interviews for Professional Design Services to manage the renovation of the mechanical building into an Advanced Manufacturing Center are being scheduled for the last week in April and first week in May.

Landscaping Brick Begin Added to Digital Sign on Campus Front Lawn

We will be adding some landscaping brickwork out front to the sign that will enhance its look and also allow us to have another flower bed right out front for all to see.

Student Services Building Updates and Remediation Work Underway

The Financial Aid Office renovation ‘front end’ improvement has been completed.

The Registrar’s Office rehabilitation has started, and will be done in pieces to accommodate student traffic. That job will be completed by the second week in June.

This month the Student Service Building will be undergoing some minor asbestos abatement work to window caulk in selected offices; this project is slated to be finished by the end of April. Improvements to the Counseling Center will begin the day after graduation.

Titchener Lecture Halls Being Renovated and Updated

All decisions regarding seat selection, carpet, and wall coverings have been made. We will begin work to update these two lecture halls immediately after graduation.

Ice Center Chiller Update and Lighting Efficiency Improvements

The temporary chiller at the Ice Center has now been removed as the ice season is now over. The investigation into the cooling tower failure continues and updates will be provided as soon as any additional information is received.

New LED lighting will replace the old 250 watt metal halide fixtures hanging in the Ice Center saving about \$8,000.00 a year in lighting costs and \$3,000.00 a year in compressor run time during the ice season.

The Hockey for Hope game was a huge success again this year, and we will continue to host this game next year showing the College’s support for cancer research and family assistance for those in our area who are in need.

Student Center and Gym Improvements Planned and Underway

The Student Center lobby and the surrounding areas are currently being repainted to better match the new color scheme of the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theater. New gym matting in the West gym and new LED lighting in both gyms is slated for work in the spring and summer months. The new LED fixtures will save approximately \$4,000.00 per year in electrical costs and greatly improve the lighting in the West Gym.

Prepared by R. Losinger, VPAFA, and Phil Testa – 4/12/16

BPS Advisory Council: Area employers catch up on program developments

April 25, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Leaders from a range of industries and institutions gathered April 25, eager to learn about developments in SUNY Broome’s Business and Public Services division and offer insights into their own fields.

“What you do is so critical for the college and the community,” SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm told the BPS Advisory Council, which consists of more than 50 representatives from businesses, higher education, government and non-profit sectors.

The division looks to the Advisory Council to provide guidance as it evaluates current academic programs and develops new programs. The feedback plays a valuable role in the continuing success of college programs, Dr. Drumm said.

BPS is one of the campus’ most diverse divisions, with a wide range of program offerings that include online-only, on-campus and blended courses, as well as weekend study options. Applied learning, in which students hone their skills through work and internship experiences, are also a major component. In fact, the meeting itself proved an opportune proving ground for the college’s Hospitality students, who provided breakfast and refreshments.

“We as Business and Public Services are a very collaborative and creative group of faculty who have the students at the core of all that we do,” said BPS Dean Beth Mollen.

Advisory council members learned about an array of new programs and initiatives, including the future Carnegie Center for Culinary Arts in downtown Binghamton. Located in the historic Carnegie Library, the new center will feature two main kitchens with a dining and events center area, said Chair of Hospitality Programs Rey Wojdat.

“Binghamton gets a bum rap, but it has a lot going on,” Wojdat said. “I think downtown has come a long way.”

Plans are under way to align the casino program’s curriculum with the needs of Tioga Downs, which was approved for a casino license. Also in development are degrees in entrepreneurship and agri-business, two high-interest areas, and an EMT/Paramedic certificate program. This fall, Criminal Justice and Emergency

Services also will unveil three new courses: criminal courts and sentencing, EMS disaster response and juvenile fire-setting.

Program chairs also discussed student successes: from the newly-hired police officer who visited class in full uniform, to show students that they can attain their dreams; the growing Fast Forward program, which allows area high school students access to college-level courses; internships and job opportunities. SUNY Broome is also the largest feeder school for Binghamton University, noted Gerald Loy, who teaches in the Paralegal program.

Many BPS students enter the workforce directly after graduation, particularly in areas such as Hospitality. With that in mind, the development of a good work ethic and professional skills are of paramount importance – both to the future graduates and their future employers.

“We try to instill in them that this is the start; this isn’t the end,” Wojdat said.



April 25 meeting of the Business and Public Services Advisory Council





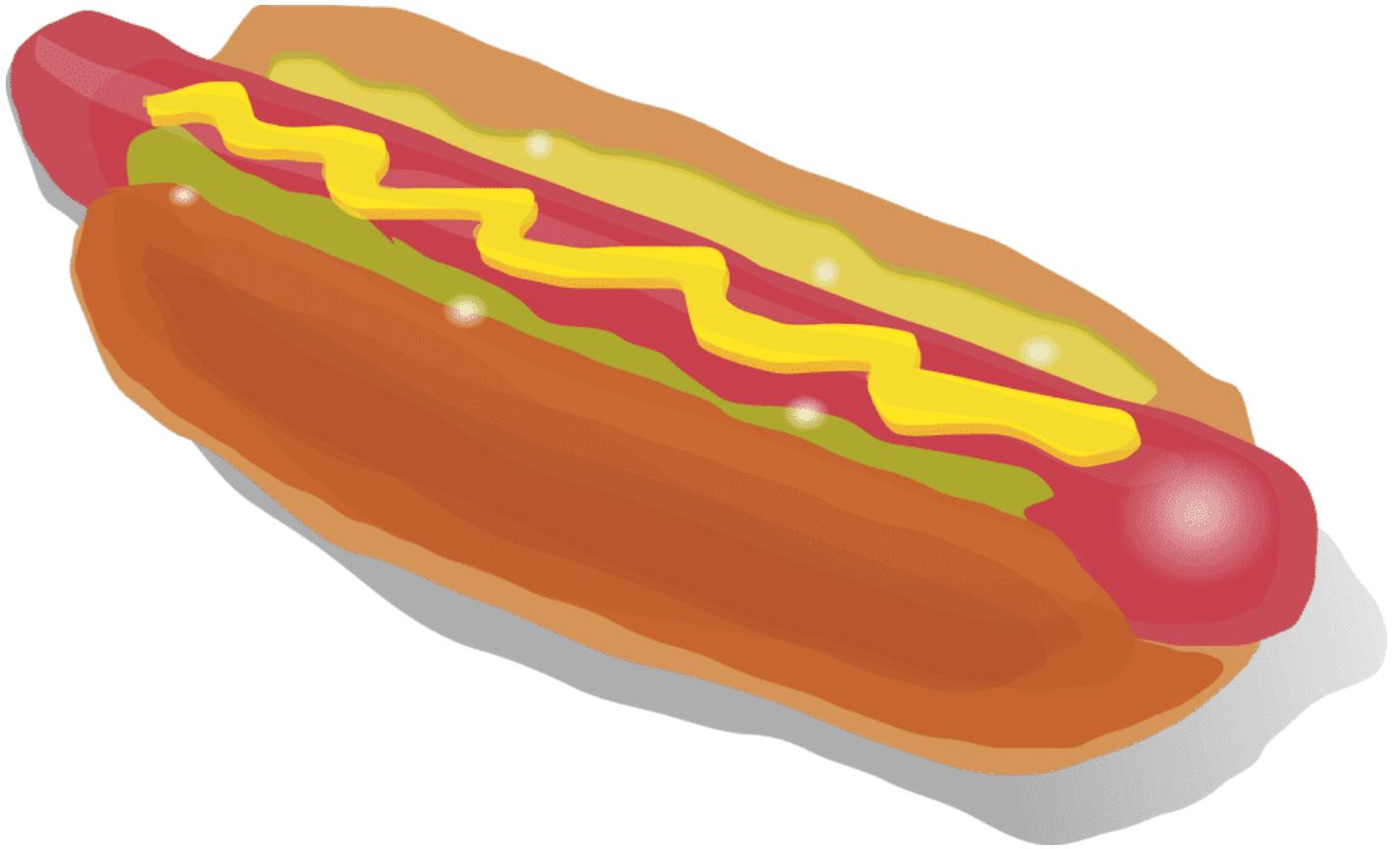




Paintball Club to sell hot dogs, beverages on April 26

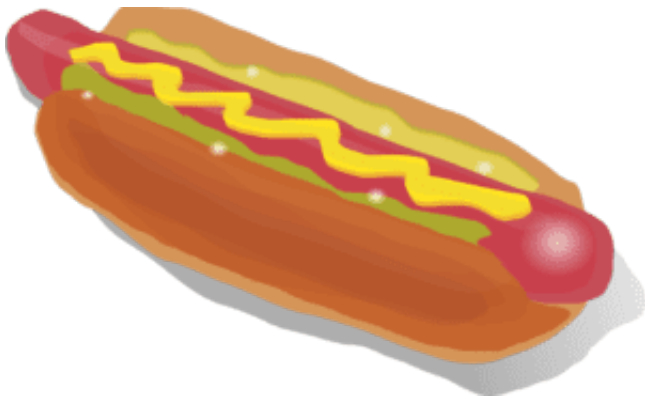
April 25, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



The SUNY Broome Paintball Club will be selling hot dogs, sausages, soda and water from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, on the Quad between the Student Services and Applied Technologies buildings.

All items will cost under \$2. Proceeds will help support the club.



SUNY Broome instructor has artwork on exhibit in downtown Binghamton

April 25, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



SUNY Broome Art and Design Instructor Rich Harrington announces a solo exhibition of work at the Anthony Brunelli Fine Arts Gallery, 186 State Street, Binghamton. The show opens First Friday, May 6, 2016 and runs through June 25, 2016.

Opening receptions will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on May 6 and June 3.

The work consists of paintings and assemblages that use and reference toys, games and school textbooks from his formative years of the 1960s and 1970ss. It provokes questions about the origins of identity formation and the many influences on gender identity in particular.

“My work is infused with a sense of humor, which embraces the audience and creates a non threatening, accessible environment,” he said.

For more information and gallery hours, visit <http://anthonybrunelli.com/exhibitions.php>



Fall 2016 classroom needs survey

April 25, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

The campus technology committee is requesting input for upgrade and enhancement needs as well as suggestions for new classroom technologies, multimedia additions, or physical improvements.

Do you know of a classroom or other instructional space on campus that may need multimedia equipment and/or upgrades to the current equipment?

Is there a classroom you teach in which has a specific issue you encounter which can be alleviated by an upgrade or replacement?

We are collecting requests and ideas for consideration by our Multimedia Subcommittee.

Please take a few moments to fill out the following form:

<https://sunybroome.wufoo.com/forms/classroom-multimediatechnology-requests/>

Card for Will Corprew's family

April 25, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



If you would like to sign a card that is going to late Professor Will Corprew's family, please see Cheryl L. Sullivan in TH 210. The card will be available until Friday, April 29.



Title IX Training for Employees

April 25, 2016

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Two Title IX First Responder trainings are scheduled for this semester:

- 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, in Decker 201
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Ethics Conference Invitation and Schedule

April 25, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

A reminder that this year's ethics conference will be happening on Saturday April 30th. The topic of this year's conference we will be "the ethics of addiction." The schedule of the days breakout sessions and keynote event is below. All breakout sessions will be taking place in Titchener Hall along with check-in. Our keynote Dr. Kimberly Walitzer, will be presenting in the Baldwin Gym.

This event is open to anyone and registration ends soon. IF you wish to join us for lunch, you must register by Wednesday 4/27/16.

You can register here: <http://sunybroome.edu/web/ethics/registration>

2016 Schedule

9:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Breakout Sessions 1A

Drs. Francis and Helen Battisti (TH 102)

TITLE: The Betrayal of Food – Is There an Ethical Dilemma?

DESCRIPTION:

Food is one of the foundations of life, the communion of nourishment, family, friends and communities. Has science re-crafted food into something that has taken on an additive nature? Explore the consequences of consuming these foods and discuss where the ethical dilemmas are found.

Rey Wojdat, Professor and Chair Hospitality Department (TH 101)

TITLE: Responsible Alcohol Service

DESCRIPTION:

When you serve alcohol, you are dealing a drug. As a legal drug dealer, purveyors of alcohol are bound by two branches of ethical concerns; one flowing from moral obligations, the other from legal requirements. Explore the moral and legal codes of conduct surrounding the sale of alcohol through a blunt and frank presentation with Professor Rey Wojdat, Chairperson of the Hospitality Programs Department at SUNY Broome.

Raymond Serowik, Program Director of Broome County's Opioid Overdose Prevention Program (TH 105)

TITLE: Opioid Overdose Death Prevention by Administration of Naloxone

DESCRIPTION:

The opioid antagonist medication naloxone (Narcan®) has been administered by medical professionals for over 40 years in both in-hospital and out-of-hospital applications. Never before, however, has this medication seen such extensive use by such a diversity of rescuers as it does today, in response to the ongoing epidemic of opioid drug abuse, addiction, and overdose. Learn about the utilization of naloxone in the prevention of death from opioid overdose, including its limitations and some ethical considerations that attend its use.

Laura M. Letson, MPA (TH 107)

TITLE: Unraveling the Truth: Gaining a Realistic Perspective on Gaming, Gambling and Ethics

DESCRIPTION:

Laura M. Letson, a national expert on gambling addiction, and an adjunct instructor at SUNY Broome, will guide the way for unraveling the truth about gaming, gambling and ethics. Strap in for a bird's-eye view of gaming options while zooming in for a close-up and realistic perspective regarding the benefits of gaming, associated impacts of gambling addiction, and related challenges.

BOOK DISCUSSION: "Chasing the Scream"

PANELISTS: Steven Burnette, Philosophy Club President; Heather Coggin, Student Assembly President and I.J. Byrnes, Professor, Philosophy Program (TH 104)

TITLE: on The First and Last Days of the War on Drugs

DESCRIPTION:

This student-faculty panel will discuss key ideas from Johann Hari's book Chasing the Scream: The First and

Last Days of the War on Drugs. Hari argues that the justification for the global war on drugs does not stand up to scrutiny and argues that we have failed to understand addicts and addiction.

10:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.

Breakout Sessions 2B

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Professor Doug Garnar and Seth Garnar (TH 101)

TITLE: The impact of drug use on families

DESCRIPTION: A discussion of the impact of drug use on families

Communications Department (TH 102)

DESCRIPTION: Film screening of "Web Junkie", a PBS Documentary on social media addiction

12:00 P.M. – 1:15 P.M. Lunch – In the cafeteria for those that registered.

1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:(Baldwin Gym)

Dr. Walitzer, Deputy Director and Senior Research Scientist at the University at Buffalo's Research Institute on Addictions "Engaging in Ethics: Principled Addictions Therapy... or... Where do you stand???" Dr. Walitzer will discuss principles of professional ethics and how these principles specifically apply to addictions treatment. Case material will illustrate ethical questions and issues and their solutions.

2:45 P.M. – 3:45 P.M. (Baldwin Gym)

Panel discussion/Q&A session

April 28 Common Hour: Preventing Childhood Blindness

April 24, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Join a discussion of creative ways to educate people about preventable childhood blindness with guest presenter Faizan Siddiqi at 11 a.m. April 28 in T-101. For more information, visit KidswithVision.org.



April 28 Common Hour: A Celebration of Tarrega

April 24, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Join Paul Sweeny from our music faculty for a performance of some of the works of the late 19th century guitarist and composer Francisco Tarrega. Enjoy music by Tarrega, his students and others dedicated to him at 11 a.m. April 28 in T-102.



Dean of Students Coffee House on April 27

April 24, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Enjoy a relaxing time with coffee, tea, or cocoa along with an open mic for reciting poetry, readings or live music, hosted by the Dean of Students Team!

The event will take place in the Old Science Building, Room 105 on April 27 from 2pm to 5pm. Beverages are free and snacks will be available for purchase. To sign up to perform at the event, please go to the Dean of Students office, Room 227.

We hope to see you there!

COFFEE HOUSE

OPEN MIC

FREE

COFFEE

TEA

COCOA

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

POETRY - MUSIC - READINGS

APRIL 27TH

2:00pm - 5:00pm - SB 105

MUFFINS & CUPCAKES & BROWNIES & COOKIES

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE EVENT

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TO SIGN UP TO PERFORM AT THE EVENT GO TO SB 227

Don't Worry: Keep Calm & Ace your Finals is on May 3

April 24, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Finals are coming! Join us on Tuesday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center Quad* for our annual Keep Calm and Ace Your Finals” event. It’s packed with de-stressing activities and resources to help you focus and prepare.

The event includes yoga, therapy dogs, hopscotch, Frisbee, double dutch, crafts, games, a photo booth, snacks and more!

*Quad location is weather-permitting. The rain location is the Baldwin Gym.



The Circus is Coming to Town: Spring Fling on April 28

April 24, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

It will be a circus — in a good way! — at SUNY Broome's annual Spring Fling, which runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 28. The event will take place on the Quad, with the Ice Center as the rain location.

This year, we will be featuring lots of exciting new attractions!

Two-ring circus acrobats will perform from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., while the Binghamton ZooMobile will be on the scene from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The day also will feature airbrush tattoos, massage tables, inflatables, carnival games, cotton candy and other treats!

Don't want the fun to end? We don't, either. Check out Bubble Soccer from 6 to 9 p.m. the same day in the West Gym!

Admission and rides are free to all students and direct family. Join us for a fun and family-friendly event!



Game on: Bongo Ball on campus April 28

April 24, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



SUNY Broome Student Activities presents Bongo Ball! — bubble soccer with an oversized ball. Fun is guaranteed!

Just show up at the West Gym between 6 and 11 p.m. April 28 to take part in the Bongo Ball event. Bring your student ID, please.

SUNY Broome Student Activities
invites you to join us for Bongo Ball!
When: April 26th from 6-11pm
Where: West Gym
Why: Fun!

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Binghamton Police Department Recruiting Presentations on April 27

April 24, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Are you interested in becoming a police officer? Are you interested in learning the process involved, from application to appointment? If you answered yes, then this presentation is for you!

The Binghamton Police Department will be conducting two back-to-back presentations to provide information about their police agency, the testing and hiring process, and what the position entails.

Sessions run from 10 to 10:50 a.m. and 11 to 11:50 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, in Decker 201. Both presentations will be the same.

The presentations are open to all students, regardless of major. Criminal Justice & Emergency Services students are strongly encouraged to attend.

Binghamton Police Department's Website: <http://www.binghamton-ny.gov/departments/police-department/police>

NYS Test Guides & Resource Booklets for Civil Service Examinations:
<http://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm>

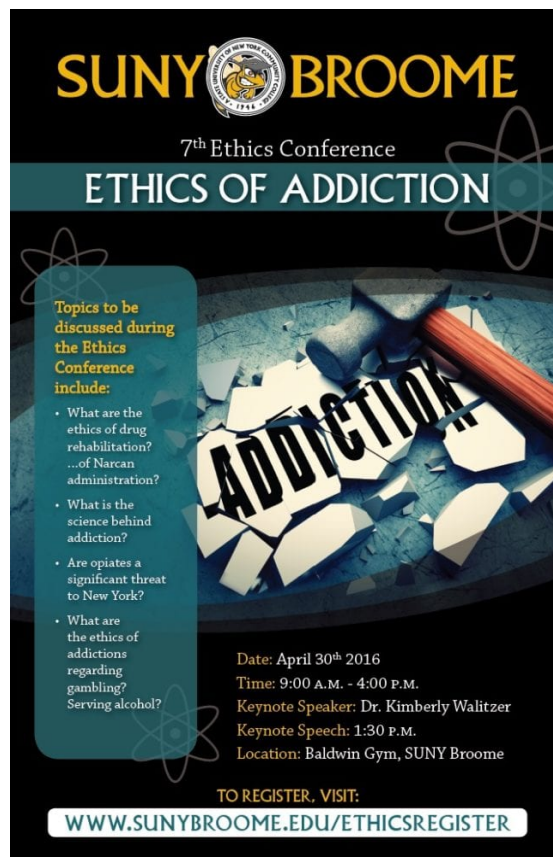
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Ethics of Addiction Conference on April 30

April 24, 2016

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The seventh annual Conference on Applied Ethics, “The Ethics of Addiction,” will be held Saturday, April 30, 2016, on the SUNY Broome campus. The keynote speaker is Dr. Kimberly Walitzer of the University of Buffalo, deputy director of the Research Institute on Addictions.

Presenters will include Dr. Francis and Dr. Helen Battisti; Professor Rey Wojdat; Raymond Serowik, program director of Broome County’s Opioid Overdose Prevention Program; Professor Laura Letson; Professor Doug Garnar; and members of Phi Theta Kappa. The event also will include a film screening of “Web Junkie” by the Communications Department.

The conference is free to SUNY Broome and Binghamton University faculty and students. For all others, admission is \$25. Lunch will be provided. Please register at: <http://sunybroome.edu/web/ethics>

ETHICS OF ADDICTION

Topics to be
discussed during
the Ethics
Conference
include:

- What are the ethics of drug rehabilitation?
- What are the ethics of addiction?
- What is the science behind addiction?
- How is addiction a significant threat to the public?
- What are the ethics of addiction treatment?
- What are the ethics of addiction prevention?
- What are the ethics of addiction research?



Date: April 30th 2016
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kimberly Wallace
Keynote Speech: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Babson Gym, SUNY Broome

TO REGISTER, VISIT:

WWW.SUNYBROOME.EDU/ETHICSREGISTER

April 28 Common Hour: Win big in the Gaming and Hospitality job market

April 24, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Hospitality Programs PRESENTS

HOW TO WIN IN THE GAMING AND HOSPITALITY CAREERS MARKET

APRIL 28, 2016

COMMON HOUR

- 11AM - 11:50AM •

DECKER 201

**YOUR FUTURE.
YOUR INTERNATIONAL CAREER.
YOUR LIFETIME EMPLOYMENT.**

ALL MAJORS INVITED

Looking for a career in the gaming or hospitality industry? Learn how you can win big at a special Common Hour presentation from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, April 28, in Decker 201.

All majors are invited to the event, which is sponsored by Tioga Downs Casino in conjunction with SUNY Broome's Hospitality Programs. A question and answer session will follow. Join us!



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The Monday Poem: 'Love: Beginnings' by C.K. Williams

April 24, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

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

Love: Beginnings

by [C.K. Williams](#)

They're at that stage where so much desire streams between them, so much frank need and want, so much absorption in the other and the self and the self-admiring entity and unity they make— her mouth so full, breast so lifted, head thrown back so far in her laughter at his laughter, he so solid, planted, oaky, firm, so resonantly factual in the headiness of being craved so, she almost wreathed upon him as they intertwine again, touch again, cheek, lip, shoulder, brow, every glance moving toward the sexual, every glance away soaring back in flame into the sexual— that just to watch them is to feel again that hitching in the groin, that filling of the heart, the old, sore heart, the battered, foundered, faithful heart, snorting again, stamping in its stall.



Title IX Training for Employees

April 24, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Two Title IX First Responder trainings are scheduled for this semester:

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Sign up for the Corporate Challenge

April 22, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

To all active members of the campus community;

It is now time to sign up for the 2016 [YMCA Corporate Challenge](#), to be held on Thursday, June 9, right here on the SUNY Broome campus. The events and times are as follows:

5:15 5k road race

6 :00 predicted mile

7:30 3-person 3-mile relay (each person runs a mile)

8:15 Executive mile

8:30 awards

If you're interested, please reply to me with your event or events. And if you are doing the predicted mile, I need your predicted mile time. Jeff Hatala will be getting in touch with the registration process information.

Thank you!

[Tom Carter](#)

SUNY Broome Corporate Challenge team captain



Springtime fitness classes for faculty and staff

April 22, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

Get in shape this spring with these employee wellness classes, sponsored by the SUNY Broome Wellness Committee at no charge to our faculty and staff:

- Yoga Short and Sweet, a 30-minute lunchtime rejuvenation program, runs from 12 to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from April 26 through May 12. Taught by Allison Ellis in Student Center Room 106, there is space for 20 participants. Bring a yoga mat and water bottle with you, and learn to breathe deep, move slowly, connect and restore. Starting with a Vinyasa warm up that allows you to feel more calm, centered, strong and flexible, Short and Sweet will provide a well-balanced workout so you feel refreshed and ready to conquer the rest of your day. To register: Contact Continuing Education at 778-5012 – Course Reference **#GW005/03**

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- Fitness Fusion runs from 5 to 5:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays on April 27, May 2, 4, 9, 11 and 16. Taught by Allison Ellis in Student Center Room 106, there is space for 20 participants. Your commitment will be to attend a minimum of 10 classes, and to participate to the best of your ability. Learn the importance of core strength and flexibility, feel healthier through regular movement, get weekly tips and workouts to ease you into a successful exercise program with pilates, yoga, sculpting and barefoot cardio. Contact Continuing Education 778-5012 – Course Reference **#GW003/04**

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SUNY Broome Administrative, Finance and Facilities Division: 2015 Goals and Accomplishments

April 22, 2016
Categories: Uncategorized

Please click the following PDF for a report on the 2015 accomplishments of the SUNY Broome Administrative, Finance and Facilities division.

[2015 Goals and Accomplishments – admin division](#)

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SUNY Broome Budget Update: April 2016

April 22, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Finances

Click the PDF below for this month's SUNY Broome budget update.

[Budget Update – April 21, 2016](#)

Summer 2016 Orientation Dates!

April 22, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

We are excited to announce that there will be eight orientation programs to serve our incoming Fall 2016 class over the summer. During the summer of 2015, we served more than 500 students, and hope to serve even more this summer.

Please see below for dates. More details will be forthcoming, including volunteer requests. If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Kollar.

June 30, evening program

July 7

July 23, weekend program

July 28

August 4

August 11

August 18

August 26, competitive health science admits only

From the Desk of President Drumm: Achieving the Dream

April 22, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

Colleagues: I couldn't be more pleased or proud to announce that we have accepted a special invitation from Achieving the Dream (ATD) to become its newest member college. Congratulations to all of us that we were on a very short list of colleges to be offered substantial support to join ATD by the Kresge Foundation!

Many of you I'm sure have read about ATD over the past decade since it was launched in the wake of Washington's call to boost student success among community college students and particularly disadvantaged students. The initial ATD colleges, originally supported by Gates and Lumina, tended to be very large urban institutions with very high numbers of minority and disadvantaged students. We did not fall into that category and in fact we do not today. While we have a large and growing number of minority and disadvantaged students, we don't register very high on this scale nationally or even within SUNY. So, that we were asked to join ATD, with over 50% of the cost being picked up by Kresge, was quite an accomplishment for us. In light of our history, ATD has never focused their initiatives and metrics on transfer students and so we may become their pilot college taking ATD to the next level of community college student success. But this is up to us!

We had a fairly short window to accept ATD's invitation and Kresge's offer for our 3-year start-up window, so I also want to apologize that we didn't have the time to widely debate joining. Had we not decided within about a week's time leading up to last Friday, ATD would have made the offer to another SUNY college whom we know absolutely would have said yes. Three of our sister colleges are already members of ATD and paying full price and several others have expressed interest. In fact SUNY wasn't thrilled that we were offered an invitation directly by ATD. SUNY wanted to open up the Kresge funding to all 27 remaining sister colleges who aren't members to throw our hats in the ring. So, after much discussion for a week or so among senior staff and several other key leaders around campus, we decided to accept ATD's offer.

I am also proud, honored and excited to announce that both Professor Gian Roma and Heather Darrow, Staff Associate for Student Success, will be taking lead roles in implementing the Achieving the Dream process. Overall we have a number of student success initiatives in process and so the driving force behind the decision to join was to find a program that would provide us a tested framework on which to hang all of our existing student success initiatives more cohesively, or possibly even jettison one here or there for a better process discovered by longtime ATD colleges. I want to thank Gian and Heather for their interest in helping us to lead this exciting initiative.

Look for more information soon on our involvement in ATD. This will be a fruitful program for bringing about even more student success than we are known for and hopefully a way to better focus our work in this regard.

Thank you,

Kevin E Drumm, PhD

President

SUNY Broome Community College

Food, fun and inflatables: Spring Fling is April 28

April 21, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Celebrate the warm weather and end of the semester with some food, inflatables and carnival games during Spring Fling!

The annual event runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 28 on the Quad, and includes free carnival food, including cotton candy and popcorn. Join us!



HPSS Faculty to Present at COIL Conference in NYC

April 21, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Four faculty members from History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences will be presenting at the 10th Anniversary SUNY COIL Conference in NYC on April 25 and 26.

“The SUNY COIL Center’s annual conference is the leading international event in the field and brings together a unique group of nearly 400 professors, international programs staff, instructional technologists, and administrators from the State University of New York (SUNY), as well as over 75 colleges and universities across the country and the world to explore and promote innovation in collaborative online international learning. The COIL Conference is the leading higher education focused annual conference in this vital area of international teaching and learning.” <http://coil.suny.edu/blog/2016-coil-conference>
Gina Eckert, Jan McCauley and Kathleen McKenna will be presenting in person, and Lynda Carroll will join her COIL partner, Poncho Guevara, of Monterrey, Mexico, to present via teleconference.

They will be collaborating with colleagues in five different presentations about their COIL work with Mexico, Turkey, other SUNY Community Colleges, and about the benefits of COIL to students who historically have not studied abroad.

There will be a free live webcast of the conference. See the conference website for more information.

In the Community: Play addresses racial tension

April 21, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

A State of Denial, a one-act play about the racial tensions that might characterize any community in New York (or the United States), will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 6, at Tabernacle United Methodist Church, 83 Main St., Binghamton. The play, sponsored by Tabernacle's Church and Society Committee, "challenges the audience to question, not only community policing policies and practices, but where racial discrimination begins and ends as a function of power."

The all-community cast includes Harpur College Dean Anne McCall from Binghamton University; Andy Horowitz, founding member of the acrobatic dance company Galumph; students from Johnson City and Binghamton high schools, and faculty, staff and students from BU and SUNY Broome Community College. A talkback with the actors will follow the performance.

A free-will offering will be taken.



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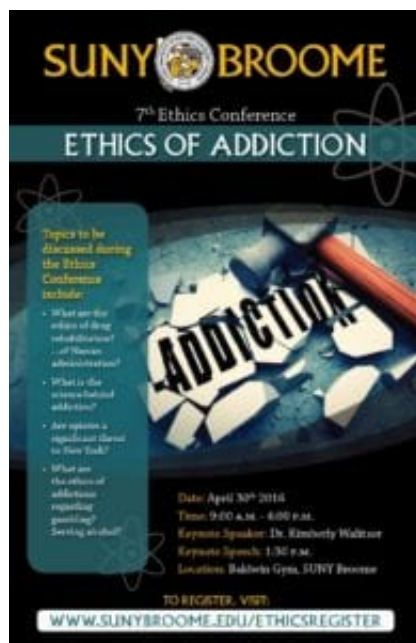


Limited Time Special!

The [Ethics of Addiction Conference](http://sunybroome.edu/web/ethics) runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 30. Registration and lunch is free for the first 200 participants, including faculty, students, and community members who register at <http://sunybroome.edu/web/ethics>.

Join us as we explore important topics including: What are the ethics of drug rehabilitation, and of Narcan administration? What is the science behind addiction? Are opiates a significant threat to New York? What are the ethics of addiction regarding gambling? Serving alcohol? What is the impact of drug addiction on families? What are the consequences of food addiction? What is the impact of Internet addiction?

Certificates of attendance will be provided to conference participants.



Student Vs. Staff Kickball Game on May 3

April 20, 2016

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Lace up your sneakers: The Students Vs. Staff Kickball Game will take place from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. May 3 in the Quad!

No signups are necessary; just show up and it's game on.

[kickball flier](#)



Professional Success Walk-in Lab

April 20, 2016

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Students and alumni are welcome in the Professional Success Walk-In Lab, located in the Library's computer lab classroom.

Come in for a resume review, help in developing your resume and cover letter, interview coaching, job search assistance and career advice. No appointments are necessary.

The lab will be open from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and 3 to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays from April 21 to May 17. There will be no lab on May 12. See the PDF below for more information.

[professional_success_lab_flyer](#)



Dental Hygiene Faculty Published in National Professional Journal

April 20, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

SUNY Broome Dental Hygiene faculty member Kristin Hofer, RDH, MSDH, recently published an article in the March 2016 American Dental Hygiene Association's *Access* magazine titled, "Aspiration Pneumonia, Oral Health and the Elderly."

This article raises the awareness for both the dental hygiene professional and caregiver on the importance of proper oral health in the elderly. As written in the article, although dental hygiene professionals are commended for our efforts to retain teeth, we must also diligently protect this medically compromised population from unintended consequences such as aspiration pneumonia.

[focusonaccomp](#)



Pitch in at Campus Cleanup Day 2016!

April 20, 2016

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Join the SUNY Broome Garden Club for Campus Clean-up Day on Wednesday, May 4.

SUNY Broome students and staff will come together for one day to help spruce up our campus. The day's events will include garden projects, raking, weeding and even trash pick-up. A small amount of your time and effort can make a big difference!

The event runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants will meet up outside the library's lower level entrance.



A Remembrance of Professor Will Corprew of the History Program

April 20, 2016

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From the Department of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences

Our dearly beloved friend and colleague, Professor Will Corprew, died on Friday April 15, 2016. That it was a warm, sunny day made his loss even harder.

Will taught history courses, both on-campus and online. In fact, he was a pioneer in teaching history courses online. His courses included U.S. History and Readings in African-American History. All of his courses were innovative as he took real pleasure in surprising his students with exciting embedded instructional videos, crossword puzzles that doubled as reviews for history tests and his formidable collection of teaching-themed sweatshirts. These sweatshirts were often wryly funny and gave students a real taste of Will's wit and personality. They were also a wonderful icebreaker with anyone, student, faculty member or community visitor who happened to run into him. The baristas at Starbucks seemed to appreciate them, too.

Will was a warm teacher who went the extra ten miles for his students. Did they need to see him now? Fine. Did they need special help? No problem. Could they have his supply of *Take 5* candy bars? Maybe not. After 15 years of teaching, you learn when to draw the line.

Will loved war stories about teaching and enjoyed humor about the perils and pitfalls of life in the classroom. He loved sharing these tales and hearing them. So, while he was a student's professor, he was also a teacher's teacher. He shared the strategies that worked and commiserated with the front-line realities of teaching. He was someone you relished talking to during a Starbucks coffee summit. Those summits will be dearly missed.

Many in the campus and local community also knew that Will played his part in the great civil rights struggle of the 1960's and was interviewed for a TV series on the subject. He detailed his efforts in Common Hour programs on campus but was always low-key in his accounts of those times. His own efforts in the struggle never ended. He served on the campus' task force on Diversity and Inclusion. And he partnered with a colleague in Philosophy to co-direct a Black History and Culture Month Film Institute in both 2014 and 2015. Both Institutes were sponsored by the Africana Library at Cornell University. Will was assiduous in screening films for this effort, reviewing them with colleagues and working to make sure the fruit of these labors made its way back into the college classroom. He participated in panel discussions on medical ethics and on examinations of the place of diversity in television and film. And he made a point of including LGBT issues in the discussion of diversity. He knew firsthand what a struggle for human rights looks like and he was not

about to leave anyone out.

Many also knew Will as an avid sports fan. He was a well-known figure at the Binghamton University sports center and at local baseball games. He was unmoved by a colleague's sarcasm in noting that only a historian could appreciate a 3 hour baseball game. He also gathered with colleagues, last year, to hear Spike Lee discuss his career in film in that same center. The director noted in his talk that once he began his long-dreamed-of career in film it was easy for him to get up at any crazy hour of the morning. It occurred to some of us that Professor Corprew was also a man who got up crazy early. That's what happens when you love what you do.

Speaking of love, Will, without a doubt, was head-over-heels in love with his family, with being a father and a grandfather and a supportive husband. Whenever there was a semester break, he was with his daughters. He was proud of them and thought nothing of multiple plane changes to see them and enjoy their company. They all enjoyed many adventures together, providing his loved ones with a rich collection of memories to recall.

Will was also a man of faith and a fighter for the future. He gave his soul to his church and his time, money and organizational skills to his local Boys and Girls Club where he served as a Board Member. He knew the fight for a great future for all of us would be lost or won by supporting local kids. He did what was needed to give the leaders of our future a smoother road than the one he started on.

Our department supported Will's nomination for a SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching. This was not one of our harder decisions. In one of the letters of support for his nomination from a student, she noted that she hated history courses until she took Will's class. Another student noted that Will's class made her visit to a national monument much more meaningful. Will had already earned a Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service during his tenure at Binghamton University. And he brought the kind of strengths and dedication to the classroom that demanded to be recognized. In his nomination letter, a friend and colleague noted, admiringly, his work ethic and enthusiasm. Those were tested in the past year as his health was placed under siege, again and again. He fought back with a tenacity that saw him through social injustice, the fight for a better world and the challenges of passing his hard-won wisdom on to a new generation.

During his last year, as the sieges upon him became fiercer and the recovery periods briefer, his friends and colleagues hoped for the best and feared what might be ahead. Many of us marveled at his stoicism in the face of increasing challenges. He never conceded to despair or cynicism. He found humor in his circumstances and continued to teach his online course until a few weeks before his passing. His bravery shielded us and his students from the daunting realities he faced.

We honor and remember our colleague and friend, Professor Will Corprew, as a man of great humanity and generosity, as a civil rights activist armed only with courage and the conviction that he was on the right side of history, as a professor who taught about the great struggles that he knew from the pointy end of the stick. Our dear Professor Corprew was a part of history himself and our students were able to come closer to the reality of history, rather than the mere text of it, with him, and through him.

Historians like Will understand that mortality is the end of every human story. It is difficult for those of us he leaves behind as friends and colleagues, to take much consolation from that truth. It is left for us to cope with his loss. If we can only do so with the kind of wit, warmth, dignity and honor with which he lived and departed this life, we will have acquitted ourselves very well indeed.

We extend our best wishes and condolences, first to Will's family, and then the members of our campus community and local community who also feel, as we do, the great pain of his passing. May you take great comfort in the friendship you had with him and the blessings he left us all in his wake.

Rest in peace, Professor Corprew.



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Hunger Banquet teaches hard-to-swallow truths

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At the top tier, a small family gathered to dine. A server placed china dishes of flank steak and vegetable sides on the crisp white tablecloth, along with a large bowl of salad and a glass carafe of juice.

One level down, groups gathered in chairs around an empty spot where a table should be, and snacked on sandwiches, cookies and chips. And one level down still, where the lights of Decker 201 didn't reach, the largest group gathered on the floor, waiting patiently for their small servings of rice and beans. Women had an even longer wait for both sandwiches and rice, as they were ordered to the back of the line.

Welcome to SUNY Broome's [Hunger Banquet](#), where a free lunch was served alongside an important lesson about social class, sexism and food insecurity.

"This event is going to deal with a lot of heavy information and it's a heavy topic," acknowledged Student Activities Director Jason Boring. "If you feel guilty, don't – that's not the intention."

At the start of the April 19 event, students were randomly split into the three social classes and assigned to different tiers. They then watched a short video, which showed what the world would look like if it was represented by a group of 100 people. The takeaway: If you keep your food in your refrigerator, your clothes in a closet, have a bed to sleep in and a roof over your head, you're doing better than 75 percent of people in the rest of the world.

Scott Corley, Assistant Professor of History, Philosophy & Social Science, and Venessa Rodriguez, Staff Associate for the Student Success Squad, took turns reading the event's script, offering sobering statistics: One in five American children lives below the poverty line. The 30 percent of the world we call "middle class" is actually in a precarious place, where illness, a lost job or a bad harvest can easily land them on the margins of society. Fully 50 percent of the world's population falls into the lowest socioeconomic group, where education remains a pipe dream – especially for girls – and the struggle for food, water and shelter limits opportunities.

Students took turns reading vignettes that represent members of each social group: An Indian business owner who struggles to stay afloat with his family in a one-room apartment. A farm laborer from Guatemala. A Sudanese refugee who manages to rise to the middle class thanks to a gift of chickens, and a Chinese family that falls into poverty due to a sister's illness and the closing of a plant. A stay-at-home wife and mother from Nebraska, and the sick and injured woman in the overseas factory whose labor created the former's wealth.

Sexism is a reality, too: Female participants in the middle and lower class sections only had the opportunity to eat after male participants took what they wanted, a rule that made some participants gasp.

“You told us not to feel guilty, but I do,” Professor Chris Origer said.

Quite a few students were slow to partake of their free meal, and those who did often did not look up at their fellow participants.

“I didn’t want to eat at all when the women had to go to the end of the line,” a male student in the poverty section reflected.

The exercise made some students angry; three would-be participants walked out of the room, Boring said. On the whole, students said the exercise made them feel grateful for that they have – and yes, guilty. Although the rules prohibited the sharing of food, participants said they would have shared gladly with those in need.

“Seeing this is a very healthy experience,” one student, assigned to the middle-class, shared with participants. He was born in Jamaica, he explained, and the kind of poverty and food insecurity being discussed is a reality for many there.

SUNY Broome students who wish to raise awareness of food insecurity issues may consider donating to or volunteering with the campus’ food pantry, said Student Assembly President Heather Coggin. They may also wish to raise awareness of homelessness by participating in the annual campus Sleep-Out. More than one thousand individuals experienced homelessness in Broome County in 2014, Coggin noted.

Thank you!

Jason Boring would like to thank all those who helped make the Hunger Banquet possible. They include:

- Emcees Scott Corley and Venessa Rodriguez
- Laura Hodel, who brought the group together and led the charge on approaching this subject
- Erin O’Hara-Leslie, who helped get the word out through her connections at Shared Governance and various other meetings
- Melissa Martin, who was the main point of contact for ticketing and helped keep track of the folks that were going to attend
- Penny DelFavero, who worked on publicity with MarCom
- Debbie Morello, who also helped get the word out and was a big part of shaping what efforts would look like
- Ashley Blackwell from Student Activities, who helped Jason coordinate the event
- Students Regina Robinson, Nisean Cooper and Amanda Soto, who helped seat participants.









Ethics of Addiction Conference on April 30

April 19, 2016

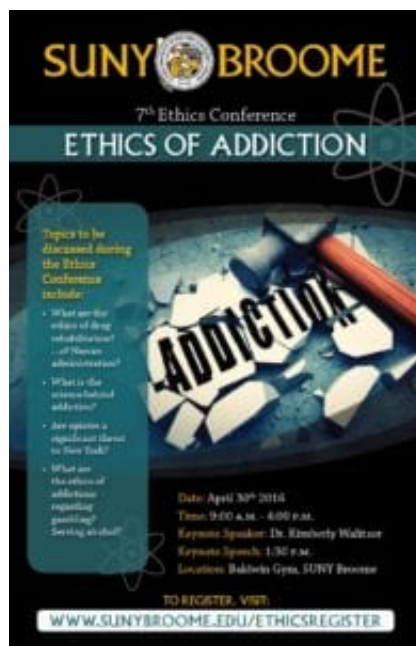
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The seventh annual Conference on Applied Ethics, “The Ethics of Addiction,” will be held Saturday, April 30, 2016, on the SUNY Broome campus. The keynote speaker is Dr. Kimberly Walitzer of the University of Buffalo, deputy director of the Research Institute on Addictions.

Presenters will include Dr. Francis and Dr. Helen Battisti; Professor Rey Wojdat; Raymond Serowik, program director of Broome County’s Opioid Overdose Prevention Program; Professor Laura Letson; Professor Doug Garnar; and members of Phi Theta Kappa. The event also will include a film screening of “Web Junkie” by the Communications Department.

The conference is free to SUNY Broome and Binghamton University faculty and students. For all others, admission is \$25. Lunch will be provided. Please register at: <http://sunybroome.edu/web/ethics>



Posting Second Attendance for Full Term Credit Courses

April 19, 2016

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If you are teaching any full term courses this semester, please read the following message.

We are required to post second attendance for full term courses that are being held this spring.

The deadline for posting second attendance is 8AM on Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

It is important that attendance is posted accurately and on time. When attendance is not posted accurately, and on time, financial aid could be disbursed to students who should not be receiving it. If the attendance is posted after the deadline, after financial aid is disbursed, we cannot recover the funds from those students who should not have received it because of poor attendance.

Reporting official course attendance, including for the purpose of financial aid funding, is determined by a student's academic participation in the course.

Official course attendance is defined by any of the following activities:

- * Physically attending a class where there is an opportunity for direct interaction between the instructor and students
- * Submitting an academic assignment
- * Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial, or computer-assisted instruction
- * Attending a study group that is assigned by the institution
- * Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
- * Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course

Official attendance does not include logging into an online class without active participation.

We have a 2 week time period to identify those students who are not attending. We need to identify those students who did not attend and did not participate (see attendance definition above), on or after April 5, 2016 through April 19, 2016.

Please understand that those students who are not present in your classroom on or after April 5th, but are participating in your class (see attendance definition above), are considered to be in good standing for second attendance (do not identify them as not attending).

We will continue to use MyCollege to record attendance.

Once again we will be posting second attendance on the Attendance and Mid Term Grade form. Please enter “0” in the “Attended Hours” field for those students who did not attend and did not participate on or after April 5, 2016. Also enter the last date of attendance in the “Last Attend Date” field for these students who did not attend and did not participate on or after April 5, 2016.

Please remember to use the proper date format for Last Attend Date; 2 digits for the month, 2 digits for the day, and 4 digits for the year. For example, if the last day of attendance was March 2, 2016, you would post “03/02/2016”. Please do not post anything for the other students who have attended or participated on or after April 5, 2016. The students who have nothing posted in the Last Attend Date and Attend Hours fields, attended or participated on or after April 5, 2016.

SUNY Broome to honor high school seniors who excel in math, science

April 19, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm will present the Frank G. Paul Medal of Excellence to graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence in math and science.

The award includes a special medallion and eligibility for one of two \$1,000 Francis and Lillian Paul Scholarships for SUNY Broome's Engineering Science program. Students receiving this scholarship also will be eligible for a transfer scholarship of \$1,000 to complete their bachelor's degree if criteria are met.

The medals will be presented at a reception beginning at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, on campus at the Hoyt Conference Center in Decker Health Sciences Building Room 201. The event will feature guest speaker Dr. Kelli H. Ligeikis, SUNY Broome's Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, and Rebecca Komorowski, daughter of Francis and Lillian Paul. The program is sponsored by the Broome Community College Foundation.

This year's medal recipients are:

Binghamton: Dali O'Geen, Michael Norton

Chenango Forks: Kristina Collyer, Zachary McFadden

Chenango Valley: Melissa Marean, Owen Klepfer

Deposit: Colby Hall, Molly Lobdell

Greene: Emily Montelione, Luke Day

Harpursville: Peyton Woloszyn, Benjamin Copeland

Johnson City: Morgan Machado, Robert Beblavy

Maine-Endwell: Jillian Montgomery, Adam Kunz

Owego Free Academy: Bridget Watkins, Colin Pritchard

Seton Catholic Central: Karima Rai, Clayton Ligeikis

Susquehanna Valley: Christina Waite, Joseph Osgood

Union-Endicott: Claire Van Putten, Leonard Yarrington

Vestal: Alicia Kasson, Brendan Kunz

Whitney Point: Samantha Goss, Robert Stevens

Windsor: Amina Mohamed, Benjamin Mannix

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April 28 Common Hour: Win big in the Gaming and Hospitality job market

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Hospitality Programs PRESENTS

HOW TO WIN IN THE GAMING AND HOSPITALITY CAREERS MARKET

APRIL 28, 2016

COMMON HOUR

- 11AM - 11:50AM •

DECKER 201

**YOUR FUTURE.
YOUR INTERNATIONAL CAREER.
YOUR LIFETIME EMPLOYMENT.**

ALL MAJORS INVITED

Looking for a career in the gaming or hospitality industry? Learn how you can win big at a special Common Hour presentation from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, April 28, in Decker 201.

All majors are invited to the event, which is sponsored by Tioga Downs Casino in conjunction with SUNY Broome's Hospitality Programs. A question and answer session will follow. Join us!



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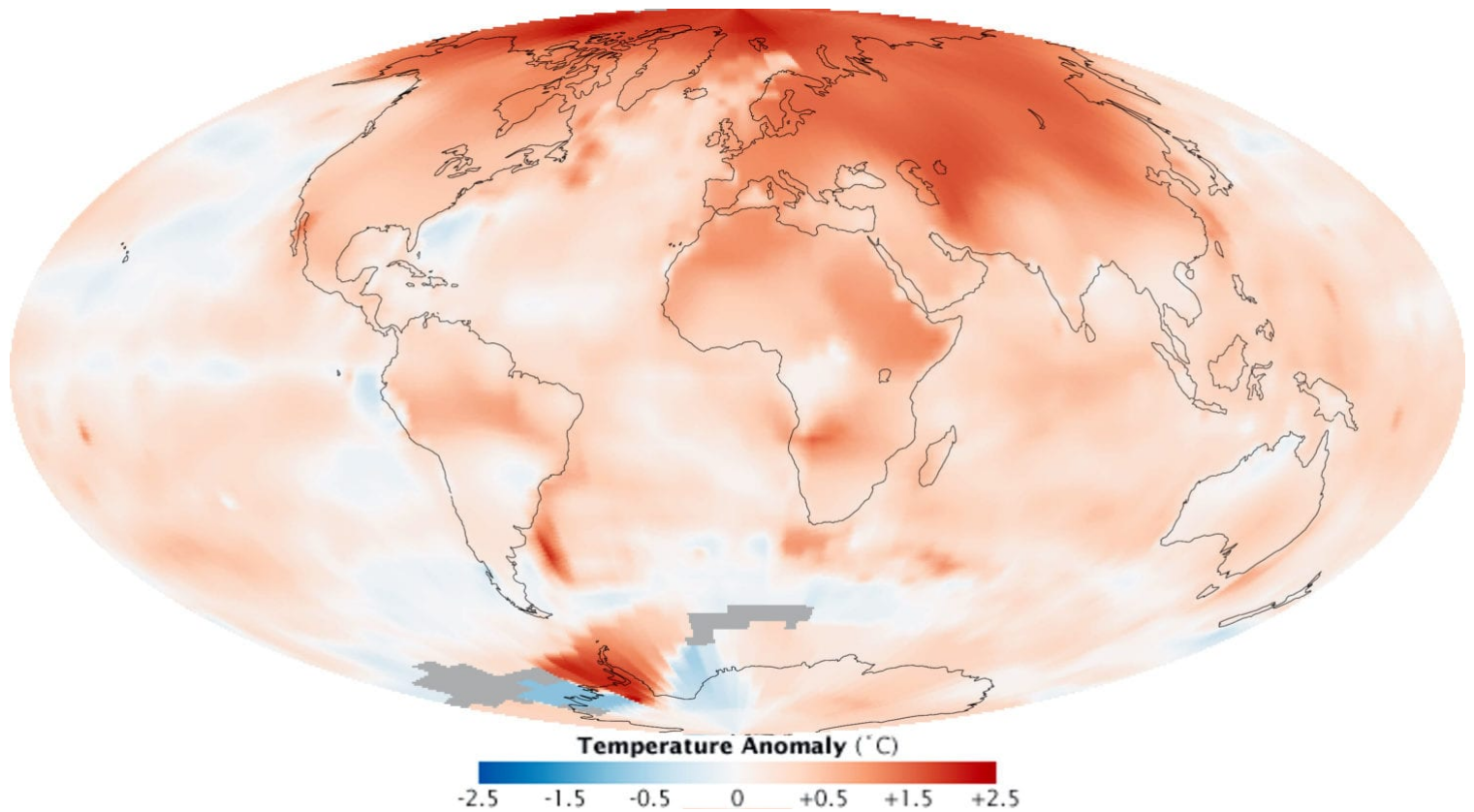
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Public Deliberation on Climate Change on April 21

April 18, 2016

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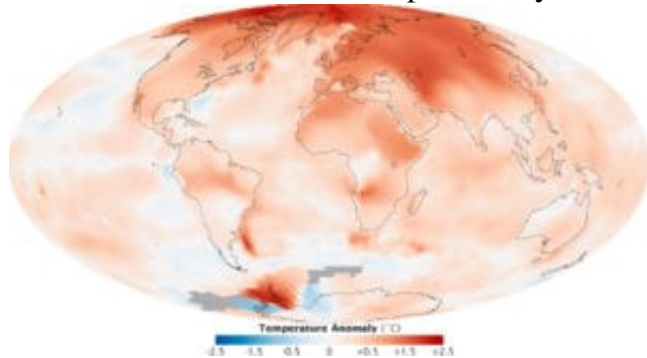
The event will involve discussions around three different options related to climate change: sharply reducing carbon emissions, preparing and protecting our communities and accelerating innovation.

The Student Assembly will be leading discussions and offering advice on what we as individuals can do. For each discussion examples of what can be done and trade offs to consider will be weighed.

The Student Assembly and Gardening Club hope you will join us on Thursday April 21st, from 3-6 PM in Decker 201. Refreshments will be available to participants.

This event is open to all students, faculty, administration and community members.

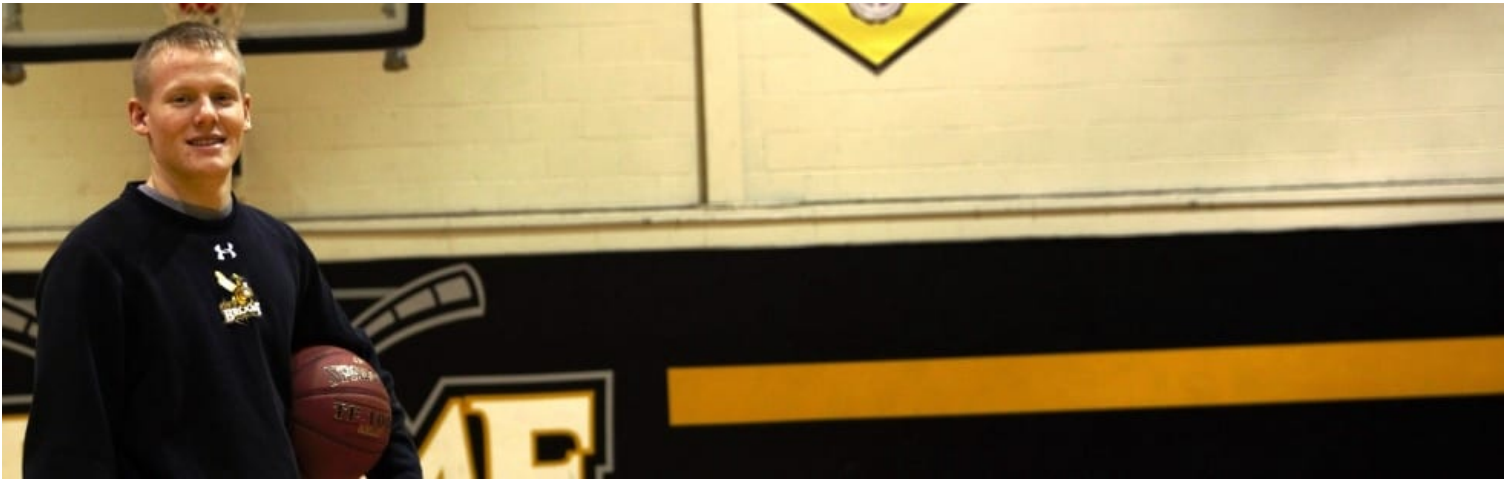
The more the merrier! We hope to see you there!



School Spirit: Logan learns the value of a vibrant campus life

April 18, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



If you're around campus and especially the Student Village, you've likely seen Logan Vibbard.

He's shooting hoops as one of the co-captains of SUNY Broome's basketball team, or pounding out a workout in the weight room. Active in the Criminal Justice and Emergency Services Student Association, you might see him and his peers directing traffic at events.

It's in the Student Village, Logan's home away from home, where he shines the brightest. As a Resident Assistant, he offers a listening ear for his peers – and needed support. The work is tough at times and the hours long, but Vibbard views his experience with unwavering optimism.

"As an RA, I get to live here for free and have a great experience. It turned out great. I love it," he said. "I have friends from all different walks of life."

Vibbard comes to SUNY Broome by way of a small Upstate community – so small that his graduating class was only 38 people. He chose SUNY Broome for several reasons: the affordable price, a major that interested him, a chance to play on the basketball team – and the opportunity to attend the same college as his girlfriend, a Dental Hygiene major.

The Student Village proved a convenient way to stay close to both his studies and the basketball court. Edmeston is nearly an hour and a half drive away, after all. But it also provided Logan with the chance to interact with peers he may never have met otherwise, and try his hand at running events.

RAs contribute to Village life in many ways, and each is required to host four programs a month, as well as update bulletin boards. And the events run the entire spectrum of interests: Bubble soccer, where students play the game in giant bubble suits. Therapy dogs. Recreational sports. Making jewelry, and other arts and crafts. Movie nights. Vice President for Student & Economic Development recently visited to help students create Vision Boards, and previously held a drawing class.

It's a lot to do, although Vibbard loves the work. The Student Village also gave him a chance to test out his Criminal Justice major by working for Public Safety, manning the front desk, checking in visitors and staying alert for any issues.

How does he juggle all the work of his campus jobs with class, sports and clubs?

“My secret is motivation. I wake up every morning and think of something that inspires me. You have to look at the positives of every situation,” Vibbard said. “I’m full of energy; I don’t get tired. Coffee is a good friend. Self-care – you’ve got to take care of yourself. Time management is a huge thing. And study – you need to sit down and study.”

While he has passed the Civil Service exams required for police officers, he ultimately decided to take a different career path. College education, after all, involves learning not only who you are, but who you are not.

“The commitment is huge. I’m not sure if that’s what I want to do as a career,” Logan acknowledged.

Instead, he plans to transfer to SUNY Delhi for electrical construction and refrigeration. His family has a background in construction, and it presents solid career opportunities.

While he looks forward to graduating in May, Logan is making the most of his remaining time on campus – and encourages his fellow Hornets to do the same. He feels connected to the college community, and notes that student ideas for campus events are welcomed and seriously considered.

“Something we need more of is school spirit. I like the spirit of everyone together,” he said. “I feel like a community.”



Upcoming Professional Development Events

April 18, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Google Boot Camp: Google Apps

Learn what Google Apps we have access to here on campus, and how to use some to benefit you on a daily basis.

When: Thursday, April 28, 2016

Time: 11:00 am – 11:50 am

Where: NSC 107 Lab

Presenter: Paul Cartie

Register: [Register Here](#) (3 seats available)

Blackboard Advanced: Grade Center

This workshop is a review of how to effectively utilize the grade center. This training will cover how to maximize the grade center capabilities and tailor the grade center to your instruction.

When: Friday, May 6, 2016

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Where: TRC Lab

Presenter: Tera Doty-Blance

Register: [Register Here](#)

Doctoral Colloquium Presentations

“Bookmarking racism: Challenging white privilege through children’s literature and participatory action research in a suburban school.”

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

When: Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Where: TRC Conf room

Presenter: Dr. Joan Koster

Register: [Register Here](#)

Join Dr. Francis Battisti, Executive Vice-President and Chief Academic Officer, in his monthly, campus-wide discussions about academic issues that impact the College. Coffee and tea will be served.

When: Thursday, May 12, 2016

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Where: Wales 203B

Presenter: Dr. Frances Battisti

Register: [Register Here](#)

Microaggressions Webinar:

Strategies to Improve Your Campus Climate & Community

In a year that has seen tremendous activism and demands for meaningful change on campuses and in communities, it is critical to consider the role and responsibility you have in creating a safe and secure campus environment for all students, faculty and staff.

“It’s not a big deal.” We often hear this after an insensitive comment is made. But what happens when that comment is indicative of an undercurrent of racism or other social tension on campus? An environment where some of your students feel invisible, targeted and unsafe? “IT” is a big deal. These “microaggressions” have a significant negative impact that undermines student persistence and academic success and have a damaging cumulative impact, leaving students feeling unheard, unsafe and unwelcome.

But what can you do about it?

As they reach their tipping points, students are becoming more and more active in confronting these acts and demanding that leaders and staff step up to create sustainable and systemic change. They turn to your professional staff of color, especially, who are put in the position of providing extensive care and advisement — on top of their current job responsibilities, while other staff and faculty are often not involved at all. They begin to feel under-appreciated and burnt out in the face of the seemingly endless examples of micro and macroaggressions on campus. At the same time, many staff members with privileged identities are feeling increasing pressure and responsibility to speak up and respond effectively as allies, but often fear they will “make a mistake” and possibly do irreparable harm. Many believe they do not have enough knowledge or skills to be effective change agents.

Our expert presenters will share strategies to recognize and interrupt microaggressions on campus, so you can work together to analyze and improve your campus climate for all of your community members.

When: Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Where: TRC Conference Room

Hosted by: Paper Clip Communications

Register: [Register Here](#)

April 21 Common Hour Event: A Look at Consideration

April 17, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Join Business Division faculty member Gian Roma as he discusses a segment of his book on self-management at 11 a.m. April 21 in T-101.

How considerate are you? And how does this quality affect your business and personal relationships?



April 21 Common Hour: Why not bottled water?

April 17, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Join faculty presenter and scientist Bruce Oldfield for a critical look at the ubiquitous bottle of water that many of us carrying around and drink from.

The discussion starts at 11 a.m. April 21 in T-102.



Meet with Excelsior College representatives on April 21

April 17, 2016

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Your Bachelor's degree may be closer than you think!

Do you want to take most of your Bachelor's degree coursework right there at SUNY Broome and then transfer to Excelsior College to complete your degree requirements online? Meet with Excelsior College advisors, financial aid, and veteran's representatives when they are on the Broome campus on to determine if this may be the transfer path for you.

Thursday, April 21

12:00-6:00

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PTA Club to hold 5K Run/Walk on April 23

April 17, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program will hold its first annual 5K Run/Walk at 10 a.m. April 23 in Chenango Valley State Park.

The cost is \$25. Pre-register by April 20 to get a t-shirt. Email pta@sunybroome.edu for a registration form or find them on chenangofitness.net under the upcoming events tab. For questions, contact Sara Couchman at pta@acad.sunybroome.edu.

Registration and packet pick-up begins at 8:30 a.m. on race day. Pre- and post-run food and beverages will be available, as well as raffle baskets filled with local goodies.

All proceeds will benefit SUNY Broome's Physical Therapist Assistant Club.

[registration_form](#)



Fish Fry and Steak Roast for Peace on April 22

April 17, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

The Fish Fry and Steak Roast for Peace will run from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 22, just across the street from the college in the Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church parking lot at 918 Front Street.

For \$12, have your choice of hand-battered Icelandic haddock (8 to 10 ounces), New York strip steak (8 ounces) or pork barbecue, with hand-cut French fries and side salad, all from Gance's Complete Catering.

The event will support the Stu Naismith Peacemaker Awards, given annually to graduating seniors at Chenango Valley and Chenango Forks high schools by Veterans for Peace and the Binghamton Community Friends Meeting (Quaker).

[fishsteak](#)



The Monday Poem: ‘Disappearing Fathers’ by Faith Shearin

April 17, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

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

Disappearing Fathers

by [Faith Shearin](#)

Sometime after I turned forty the fathers from my childhood
began disappearing; they had heart attacks
during business dinners or while digging their shovels
into a late April snow. Some fathers began forgetting things:
their phone numbers, which neighborhoods belonged
to them, which houses. They had a shortness of breath,
the world’s air suddenly too thin, as if it came
from some other altitude. They were gone:
the fathers I had seen dissecting cars
in garages, the fathers with suits
and briefcases, the fathers who slipped down
rivers on fishing boats and the ones
who drank television and beer. Most of my friends
still had mothers but the fathers
were endangered, then extinct.
I was surprised, though I had always known
the ladies lasted longer; the fathers fooled me
with their toughness; I had been duped
by their jogging and heavy lifting, misled
by their strength when they slapped
me on the back or shook my hand. I kept imagining
I would see them again: out walking their dogs
on the roads near my childhood house,
lighting cigars on their porches, waving to me
from their canoes while I waited on shore.



Go Green: Earth Fest returns to campus on April 24

April 16, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Earth Day Southern Tier, SUNY Broome and the Binghamton Zoo at Ross Park will hold Earth Fest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 24, in the Baldwin Gym, located in SUNY Broome's Student Center.

Earth Fest is one of the longest-running celebrations of Earth Day in the nation and a respected Southern Tier institution. As always, there will be music, food, magic shows, hands-on children's activities, crafts, demonstrations and give-a-ways.

The event also features a River Trails Bike Cruise organized by the Southern Tier Bike Club. The SUNY Broome Ecology Club will be operating a book exchange and clothing recycling drop-off program, and fuel-efficient cars will also be on display.

Past exhibitors have included local companies such as IBM, NYSEG, Toyota, Johnson Camping, Taylor Garbage and Frito Lay; government organizations such as the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Broome County Division of Solid Waste, the Broome County Environmental Management Council, the Susquehanna River Basin Commission and the Cornell Cooperative Extension; and non-profit organizations including the Animal Care Council, Finch Hollow Nature Center, Sierra Club and Waterman Conservation Education Center.

If you are a vendor and wish to participate, please fill out a registration form available at www.myedst.org.

Your involvement in Earth Fest helps support Earth Day Southern Tier's mission by increasing public education and awareness of environmental concerns and the programs, products and technology available to green the Tier and the planet. Together we can realize a better today and a sustainable, more healthy tomorrow.

Earth Fest draws over 3,000 visitors and each year we widely publicize the event to reach an even greater community. As such, participants can expect exposure to a wide audience, recognition as a green community member and numerous networking possibilities.

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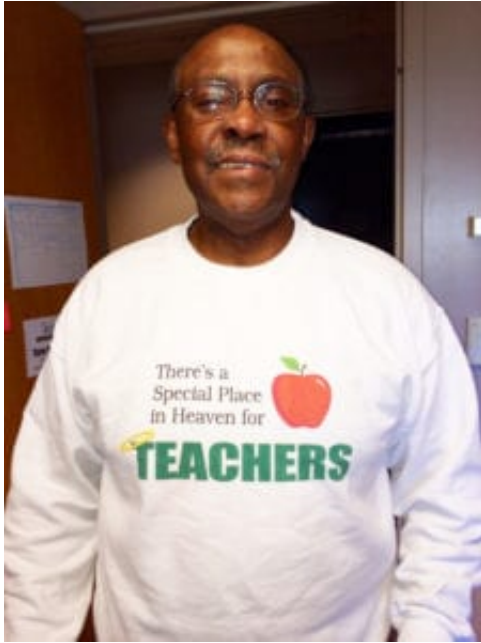
The Passing of Will Corprew

April 15, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Will Corprew passed away the morning of April 15, according to friends. Mr. Corprew was the college's Registrar and, in recent years, an adjunct instructor in the History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences Department.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones.



A Gift Shared: Music and faith inspire a singer's future path

April 15, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



As veterans assembled, their hands in rigid salute, Kristen McPeak paused – just a moment, as flags fluttered in the breeze. Then her soprano voice rose to the heavens, as she sang the national anthem during SUNY Broome's annual Veterans Day ceremony.

Music is both gift and passion for McPeak, who is majoring in Vocal Performance and Education and will graduate this May. It has helped her cope with life's travails, from homelessness to health issues, and has inspired her daily since the fourth grade.

In return, she would like to offer her gift to God, as a member of a religious order.

"Ever since I was little, I was interested in the religious life," said the Maine-Endwell graduate, explaining her future plans. "It's always been in the back of my mind."

The singer is no stranger to poverty, one of the three traditional vows of a nun. When she was a young teen, divorce sent her family into a spiral of housing insecurity. Along with her mother and younger brother, she lived in a hotel, at her grandparents' house and even at a women's shelter for a while, until they secured a much-needed apartment. They lived there for seven years – only to be evicted this last Thanksgiving, when the landlord decided to move into the unit.

Now, they're living again with McPeak's grandmother, who has Alzheimer's disease. In return, they do the tough work of caring for her – which is fine with McPeak, who had initially majored in social work. After two years of study, she opted against a career in the field and decided to pursue music instead.

"I knew I was the type of person who would take my work home with me. I wouldn't be able to separate myself from it," she said of social work.

SUNY Broome was the logical choice for her future. Substantial grants and aid paid for her education, along with a little help from a church scholarship.

She has found both opportunities to practice her art and a community ready to embrace her. As vice president of the Music Club, she and her fellow students organize events and aid instructors in the program. She and fellow music students frequently hang out together in the Campus Services lounge, catching up after class.

“I love those guys,” she said. “If someone’s morale is down, everyone chips in to cheer them up. It’s a nice community there.”



Kristen McPeak sings during the 2015 Veteran’s Day ceremony.

A mission of music

Commencement is an exciting time for Kristen, who acknowledges that achieving her degree has taken nearly five years. That includes both her change in programs, as well as time off to deal with health issues.

She plans to transfer to Hartwick College for a degree in music education, and then join the New York City-based [Sisters of Life](#), founded in 1991 by John Cardinal O’Connor, the Archbishop of New York. While older orders often have education available on site for future nuns, the Sisters of Life encourages its future members to earn their college degrees beforehand.

“The Sisters of Life want you to get a four-year degree so you can get a taste of the world,” explained McPeak, adding that she was drawn by the order’s pro-life emphasis.

Life may have presented challenges to Kristen McPeak, but also gifts and grace. In return, she hopes to give back to the world, sharing her faith and her love of music with new generations.

“I think that my music was a gift to share with other people, and to help spread the love of being a Catholic and loving Jesus – to use that as a tool to teach people,” she said. “It’s what makes me get up in the morning.”



Kristen McPeak

Register your vehicle for the 2016-2017 academic year

April 15, 2016

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It's that time of year again! Please register your vehicle online for the upcoming 2016 – 2017 academic year. **The deadline is May 22 due to program updates, so register soon!**

When registering your vehicle online, carefully make your lot preference selections as you have in previous years. Just a reminder: If you do not register online, you **will not** be issued a hang tag which could result in you not getting your preferred lot.

You can find the link for the parking registration either through Banner or MyCollege.

Banner: Located in the “Employee” tab you will find “Campus Automobile Registration” at the bottom of the selections.

https://banner.sunybroome.edu/pls/prod/twbkwbis.P_GenMenu?name=bmenu.P_MainMnu

Mycollege: From the Quicklaunch Menu on the left of your screen, expand the “Forms” folder and click on the “Auto Reg” icon

<https://mycollege.sunybroome.edu/group/mycampus/home>

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Bennett or Beth Cragle at extension 5183 or via email at bennettle@sunybroome.edu / cragleba@sunybroome.edu . Thank you.

North Carolina and Mississippi State Travel Bans

April 15, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

As you may have heard, Governor Cuomo recently issued executive orders banning non-essential state travel to Mississippi and North Carolina due to concerns over recent legislation that would impact lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) persons.

The Administration at SUNY Broome shares the governor's concern, especially in light of the College's diverse faculty, staff and students. The College seeks to foster a welcoming environment for all, not only on our physical campus, but in the digital realm and in off-campus settings connected with our education mission. This last would include any College-sponsored travel out of state.

As part of the State University of New York system, SUNY Broome is covered under the governor's executive orders. All state-funded or sponsored travel to the affected states is therefore canceled, unless necessary for the enforcement of New York State law, to meet prior contractual obligations, or for the protection of public health, welfare and safety.

Water service in Titchener will be unavailable Saturday

April 15, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

The water service in Titchener Hall will be shut off Saturday, April 16, for repairs. Our apologies for the inconvenience.

Save the Date: Awards & Retirement Recognition 2016

April 15, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Save the date for SUNY Broome's Awards & Retirement Recognition 2016, which will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2016, at Traditions at the Glen. More information will be announced soon.



Volunteers, tools needed for OurSpace project

April 15, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Looking for a way to make a difference — and get some fresh air? Consider volunteering for the [OurSpace](#) project, which will revitalize Binghamton's Recreation Park with interactive PlaySpaces, as well as quiet spaces for reflection.

Volunteers will be building a tree deck from April 18 through 24, and the playground from May 2 to 7. [Organizers are also looking to borrow](#) power drills, saws and other tools. Childcare will be available.

Signing up is easy! Visit www.ourspacepark.org and click on "Sign Up." You can pick a 3-hour shift on a day that works for you.

Students in SUNY Broome's Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program has been involved in the design of part of the project. [Read more here.](#)



April 21 art talk to focus on female artists throughout history

April 15, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Cooperative Gallery 213 on State Street in Binghamton is offering “You’ve come a long way, Baby...?” — a free talk by artist and art historian Judy Salton at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21.

You have probably heard of DaVinci, Vermeer, Renoir, but do you know their female counterparts? Come see the work of women artists of the Italian Renaissance, Dutch Painters, French Impressionists, women Surrealists and the new artists of today. Learn of their struggles to produce art in their time, how their art differs from their male contemporaries and some of the continuing struggles of today’s women artists. Their work is compelling, beautiful, forceful and radical – and some of it will astound you.



Due April 27: Faculty Regalia and Platform Seating for Commencement

April 15, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Dear Faculty,

As in previous years, it is now time to order regalia for Commencement and by doing so, register yourself to be on the platform for the ceremony.

Attached is the form that should be returned to the Bookstore before April 27 so that all the ordering can be done. The form is the same as in previous years; the only difference is that you should be able to type into this form if you like, or you can print it out and handwrite it. Either way, please bring a hardcopy to the Bookstore.

If you have your own regalia, please email Jason Boring by April 27 so that a space can be reserved for you. Seats are limited.

Questions about Commencement in general can be directed to Jason Boring at Boringjw@sunybroome.edu.
[gradfocus](#)



Video: A drone's-eye view of campus

April 15, 2016

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Some fun and fascinating aerial video of SUNY Broome was captured during a drone demonstration outside the Student Center earlier this month. The drone flight was part of a road show of video and photographic equipment by B and H and other vendors and hosted by the Communications Department.

Communications student Arthur Bush edited the highlights of the drone flight into a 3 ½ minute video that you can watch at this link:

Drone Video from B&H Equipment Roadshow at SUNY Broome



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=g5Zgr7lrZw>



(Drone video courtesy B and H)

The drone used in the demonstration was a DJI Phantom 2. The camera mounted to the drone was a GoPro Hero 3.

The newest generation of video cameras, digital still cameras, lighting equipment and other video production accessories were on display in the lobby of the Student Center, Tuesday April 5th.



SUNY Broome's MOOC covered in 'Inside Higher Ed'

April 14, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

SUNY Broome's [MOOC](#), [Foundations for Assisting in Home Care](#), recently received coverage in *Inside Higher Ed*.

"The market of [massive open online courses](#) is packed with prestigious universities and star professors. Then there's SUNY Broome Community College," Carl Straumsheim writes.

[Click here to read the article.](#)

Nationwide Retirement Solutions rep on campus April 28

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Kevin Caligari, a specialist with Nationwide Retirement Solutions, will be on campus from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 28 in Wales 203A.

[Click here to schedule an appointment.](#)

Rad-Tech program re-accredited for eight years

April 14, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

Congratulations to SUNY Broome's Radiologic Technology program, which has recently been re-accredited for eight years.

Reaccreditation is an intensive process, which requires faculty to comprehensively evaluate all aspects of their program, from curriculum to lab space and resources, and then identify strengths and opportunities for enhancement. They must then create a viable action plan, and a site team from the accreditation board will visit to review the plan, program and facilities.

“The faculty effectively demonstrated that the program adeptly meets student learning needs and provides needed Rad Tech workers for the local healthcare workforce,” said Dean of Health Sciences Amy Brandt.



A-Buzz with Research: Hornets to present their projects at state conference

April 14, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



SUNY Broome students aren't just mastering their subjects in the classroom. They're also researchers — hitting the labs and open fields, conducting studies and even making documentaries that highlight their discoveries.

More than a dozen SUNY Broome students have been selected to present their research projects April 15 at the second annual SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference (SURC), which takes place at SUNY Cobleskill. This is the first time SUNY Broome students are presenting research at the conference, which has drawn a half-dozen community colleges in addition to four-year schools, noted Dean of Liberal Arts Michael Kinney.

"Having our students invited to this event demonstrates their commitment to a quality education," said SUNY Broome Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti.

Participants in the SURC conference include members of this year's AA1 class, Dr. Kim McLain's Medical Assisting students, and two solitary Hornet researchers: **Curtis Carll**, under the instruction of Dr. Jay Wang, and **Zach Baird**, mentored by Dr. Fred Loveland.



Liberal Arts Dean Michael Kinney welcomes

SUNY Broome student researchers to an April 14 Common Hour session.

In the Lyme Light

Research is part of the curriculum for SUNY Broome's [Associate in Arts in One Year](#), or [AA1](#), program. In the fall, the close-knit group of academically talented students created their own documentary, *In the Lyme Light*, that focuses on the causes and impact of the tick-borne disease, which has become endemic in the Broome County area.

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



The seven students – Noah Thayne, Eniko Vaghy, Jon Wilken, Nia Been, Nikki Putman, Stella Safari and Taylor Thomas – also drew on the college's [Lyme disease research program](#), spearheaded by [Dr. Tracy Curtis](#). Students in Curtis' Research Experiences in Biology class gather deer ticks from Broome County locations – Chenango Valley State Park and the college's nature preserve are two such areas – and then conduct DNA testing to see if they carry the Lyme spirochete. Of the 240 ticks analyzed so far, 37 percent have tested positive for the Lyme spirochete, Curtis said.

During the creation of their [30-minute documentary](#), the AA1 students earned 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. This semester, they are engaged in a different research projects for their social problems and research methods class.

Keep Calm and Wash Your Hands

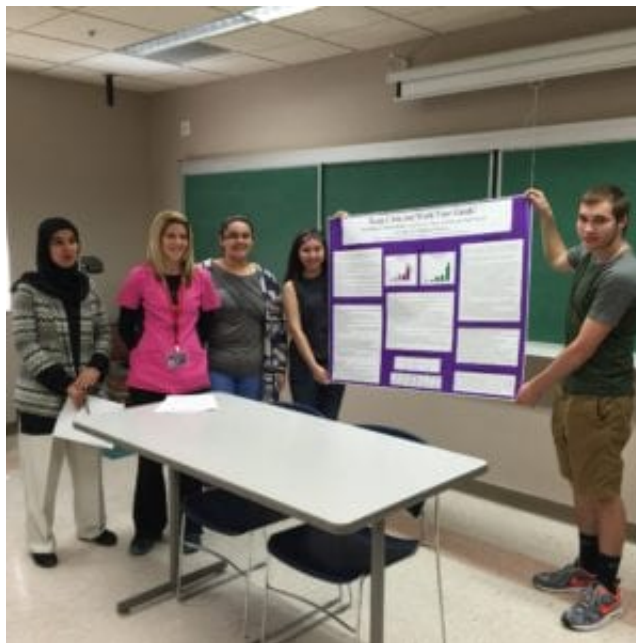


Left to right: Jacob Yoest, Lisa Brown, Myriah Bodie, Taylor Larson, Maria Bajwa and Professor Kim McLain

Students in Professor McLain's Medical Assisting class chose a subject of critical importance in healthcare: handwashing. **Lisa Brown, Myriah Bodie, Taylor Larson, Maria Bajwa** and **Jacob Yoest** conducted an observational study in the Student Center, with the catchy name of "Keep Calm and Wash Your Hands."

"It's a very basic thing and people don't realize how important it is," said Bajwa, noting the role that handwashing plays in stemming the spread of illness.

The team set up their experiment in the Student Center, where they smeared participants' hands with a clear liquid that can be seen under a blacklight. Test subjects then washed their hands in a nearby bathroom, and then returned to see if any glowing residue remained under the blacklight. The testers then ranked participants' handwashing efforts, noting which areas of the hand escaped a good scrubbing.



Medical Assisting students with a poster of their findings

Additionally, participants were asked to fill out a survey that assessed their knowledge of proper handwashing

technique and their own observations of campus handwashing practices, as well as their major, age and gender. As an incentive, they were entered into a drawing to win one of three Fitbits, as well as received free hand sanitizer and other items.

It turns out that Hornets – at least the ones taking the survey – believe in keeping their hands clean, with an average score of 88 percent. The team is still crunching the numbers to see how different majors stack up, with a particularly keen eye on Health Sciences.

Of course, doing well in an observational study may not equate to real-life results, the researchers caution.

“Did they do well because they were being observed?” Brown wondered. “We weren’t surprised (they did so well) because we were watching them.”

With more than 300 applications to SURC, it’s an honor to be accepted as a presenter, Professor McLain reflected. Her students were excited to go – and a bit intrigued.

“I’m curious what other projects will be displayed there,” Yoest said.

The decline and fall of the Roman empire



Zach Baird learned Latin for his research project.

The sciences aren’t the only locus of research. Liberal Arts major Zach Baird channeled his interest in ancient Rome into an exploration of why the Western Roman Empire failed. But rather than limited himself to history books, he went to the primary sources – written in Latin.

He started learning Latin around a year ago, he said. Fifth-century Latin offers up additional challenges, since it’s a transitional period between the language spoken during the Classical period and the Church Latin of the Middle Ages.



Zach and Professor Loveland

During the course of his project, he analyzed the impact of a variety of factors: the movement of the Huns into German territory, which then in turn pushed the German tribes into Roman provinces; the plague of Justinian, a pre-cursor to the Black Death, that wiped out half the population of Europe; the location of Roman legions in the empire. Ultimately, Rome fell when imperialism gave way to feudalism, decentralizing political power, he concluded.

Why study the Roman empire? The Western Empire lasted for a millennia and the Eastern Empire for two millennia, and they had a major impact on our civilization today.

“Even the way our doors swing comes from the Romans,” he said.

What’s interfering with the results?



Curtis Carll discusses his research project

Physics student Curtis Carll’s highly technical project involved four different power sources and a cathode

ray tube, a slew of diagrams and multiple graphs charting results. The core issue: electron beam deflection – and why the experiment wasn't reaching the expected result.

To achieve more accurate results, experimenters need to take the fringe field of electrons into account – the peripheral magnetic field beyond the magnetic core and the typical scope of the experiment.

“An electromagnetic field is going to affect a charged particle at any distance you can imagine,” Carll explained to faculty and fellow students at an April 14 Common Hour session.

During his research, Carll initially didn't find a good deal of literature on this particular scenario, as it pertained to an electron beam in a vacuum situation. Going forward, the principles his research unearthed could be used to make instruments more precise and achieve more exact results.

His professors, Wang and Lofthouse, are currently looking into having Carll's work published in academic journals, where it can reach a larger audience.

“It's carrying knowledge of the area forward,” Wang said.



Professor Wang, Curtis Carll, and Professor Lofthouse

April 18-22: Ecology Club to give away free trees for Earth Day

April 14, 2016

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The Ecology Club will be giving away free trees in celebration of Earth Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from April 18 through 22 outside the lobby entrance of the Student Center. Trees available include white pine, Douglas fir, European larch and Japanese larch.



The Circus is Coming to Town: Spring Fling on April 28

April 14, 2016

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It will be a circus — in a good way! — at SUNY Broome's annual Spring Fling, which runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 28. The event will take place on the Quad, with the Ice Center as the rain location.

This year, we will be featuring lots of exciting new attractions!

Two-ring circus acrobats will perform from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., while the Binghamton ZooMobile will be on the scene from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The day also will feature airbrush tattoos, massage tables, inflatables, carnival games, cotton candy and other treats!

Don't want the fun to end? We don't, either. Check out Bubble Soccer from 6 to 9 p.m. the same day in the West Gym!

Admission and rides are free to all students and direct family. Join us for a fun and family-friendly event!



Raise Awareness: Hunger Banquet on Tuesday, April 19

April 14, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



SUNY Broome's Student Activities and the Homelessness and Food Insecurity Work Group will hold a Hunger Banquet at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 19, in Decker 201. This interactive meal and presentation will be emceed by Scott Corley, Assistant Professor of History, Philosophy & Social Science, and Venessa Rodriguez, Staff Associate for the Student Success Squad.

The Hunger Banquet is designed to educate and increase awareness on food insecurity and social inequities, and also to provide information about resources that are available. While admission is free, there are a limited number of tickets. Please contact Melissa Martin in Counseling Services at martinmm2@sunybroome.edu to order tickets.

Those who attend the banquet may contribute a non-perishable, canned or packaged food item for the campus food pantry.

The Homelessness and Food Insecurity Work Group consists of students, administration, faculty and staff members. The group is chaired by Financial Aid Director Laura Hodel.

"We wanted to find a way to bring awareness to the SUNY Broome community that many students struggle, often on a daily basis, to meet basic needs such as food and shelter. At the same time, we also wanted to find a way to let students who may be struggling know that there are a number of resources readily available," said Hodel.

Information from local assistance organizations will be available during the event to help answer questions and to provide details about services offered.

According to Student Activities Director, Jason Boring, “The Hunger Banquet is an opportunity for students to understand more about the circumstances that people face around the world and in the U.S. in regard to food insecurity and hunger. Students will be able to place themselves in different people’s circumstances, and maybe even talk about their own personal experiences. The banquet is interactive, and meaningful. Students who come back years later remember this event.”

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SUNY Broome Open House & Alumni Reunion 2016

April 14, 2016

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Join us for the SUNY Broome Open House and Alumni Reunion from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 23, in the SUNY Broome Ice Center.

- Tour the campus and Student Village
- Find out about financial aid, scholarships and payment options
- Explore the outstanding majors available
- Watch an athletic team and find out what it takes to be a Hornet
- Improve your employability by getting involved in opportunities outside the classroom, such as Student Government, Study Abroad, Service Learning, clubs and more
- Enter to win \$500 in textbooks! (Some restrictions apply.) [Register for Open House here](#) or call Admissions at (607) 778-5001 for more information.

SUNY Broome Alumni Reunion 2016 will be held on the same day! Alumni, please call the BCC Foundation at (607) 778-5182 to register.



Fall 2016 classroom needs request form

April 14, 2016

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The campus technology committee is requesting input for upgrade and enhancement needs as well as suggestions for new classroom technologies, multimedia additions, or physical improvements.

Do you know of a classroom or other instructional space on campus that may need multimedia equipment and/or upgrades to the current equipment?

Is there a classroom you teach in which has a specific issue you encounter which can be alleviated by an upgrade or replacement?

We are collecting requests and ideas for consideration by our Multimedia Subcommittee.

Please take a few moments to fill out the following form:

<https://sunybroome.wufoo.com/forms/classroom-multimediatechnology-requests/>

If you have any questions about this process or what is an appropriate request for this submission form, please do not hesitate to call or email Fermin Romero at x-5657. Or, you can always contact your Technology Committee representative.

Decker water system to be shut off early Friday

April 14, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Water in the Decker Health Sciences Building will be shut off from 6 to 9 a.m. Friday, April 15, for repair work. Our apologies for the inconvenience.

A Passion for Broome: Vice President Losinger announces her retirement

April 13, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



SUNY Broome Vice President for Administrative & Financial Affairs Regina Losinger has announced her plans to retire this year.

The search for her replacement has begun. Losinger, who has been vice president for six years, will be present throughout the search process — through the end of the calendar year if necessary — to ease the transition.

“The decision to retire is one of the toughest I have ever made,” she said. “As an alumnus and first in my family to graduate from college, SUNY Broome is very near to my heart, and I am a passionate about being in a position to make a positive difference with all of you for our students and college’s benefit.”

During her time in Administration, Losinger played a critical role in operations, as well as many of the changes that have transformed campus facilities. The Natural Science Center, the renovation of the Darwin R. Wales Center and addressing a very serious backlog of hundreds of smaller needed renovations were among the highlights. The college also has managed to buck state and national enrollment trends, another achievement of which Losinger is proud.

“Regina’s long-term commitment to the college and its academic mission has brought many improvements to the campus community. While being a responsible financial steward, she has dedicated her work to improving campus facilities and environments,” Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti reflected.

Members of the Administration said they would miss Losinger’s talents, professionalism and integrity – as well as her friendship and sage counsel.

“Regina is always a step ahead of me with the numbers, exactly what any college president needs,” SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm said. “She is as ethical as anyone with whom I have ever worked. No one is more dedicated to the college and she will be sorely missed.”

In addition to her ability to think strategically, Losinger is an expert at shaping financial capability on an operational level, said Vice President for Student and Economic Development Debra Morello. She is also a

strong advocate for community colleges on the state level and was involved in shaping public policy in that area.

“In addition to missing her on a personal level, one of the things I will miss most is the magic she does with strategic financial calculations. It’s a rare gift that combines art and science, and no one can do it as well as Regina,” Morello said.

Proud Hornet

Regina Losinger’s love for SUNY Broome runs deep. A 1978 graduate, she ended up at the college after struggling at Binghamton University during her first year, a story she related at the Fall 2015 Faculty Staff Assembly. The next year, she attended class at BCC, as it was then known – a good decision that led her to an associate’s degree, followed by a successful return to BU for her bachelor’s and masters.

Like many students today, she was the first member of her family to attend college. She still remembers her Broome professors fondly: Mary Schum, the human biology teacher who took her under her wing, Tom Rossi in Business, and more. While technology and facilities may have changed, Broome is still in many ways the same college, filled with dedicated professors willing to go the extra mile for students.

“Every day, I remember some of the things I learned,” she said. “It’s very hard for me to pull away from Broome. It’s such a part of my life and my passion.”

Losinger’s decision to retire was sparked in part by another lifelong passion: cycling. The past president of the Southern Tier Bicycle Club, she puts in up to 3,500 miles a year – a practice she has maintained for her entire adult life. She hopes to begin training for a cross-country ride next year, and then head to more faraway locales: Europe and beyond.

She’s had an active life in other ways, too, including years spent in hatha yoga, taekwondo and karate. She hopes to learn tai-chi, and practice it for many years to come, and keep up her fabulous organic flower gardens.

And, as so many lifelong learners do, she plans to go back to college – perhaps for interior design.



Job opportunities at Tioga Downs

April 13, 2016

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Looking for a job? Check out the following opportunities at Tioga Downs Casino.

[Open Jobs and Descriptions for Colleges](#)

Dean of Students Coffee House on April 27

April 13, 2016

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Enjoy a relaxing time with coffee, tea, or cocoa along with an open mic for reciting poetry, readings or live music, hosted by the Dean of Students Team!

The event will take place in the Old Science Building, Room 105 on April 27 from 2pm to 5pm. Beverages are free and snacks will be available for purchase. To sign up to perform at the event, please go to the Dean of Students office, Room 227.

We hope to see you there!

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Meet with Excelsior College representatives on April 21

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Your Bachelor's degree may be closer than you think!

Do you want to take most of your Bachelor's degree coursework right there at SUNY Broome and then transfer to Excelsior College to complete your degree requirements online? Meet with Excelsior College advisors, financial aid, and veteran's representatives when they are on the Broome campus on to determine if this may be the transfer path for you.

Thursday, April 21

12:00-6:00

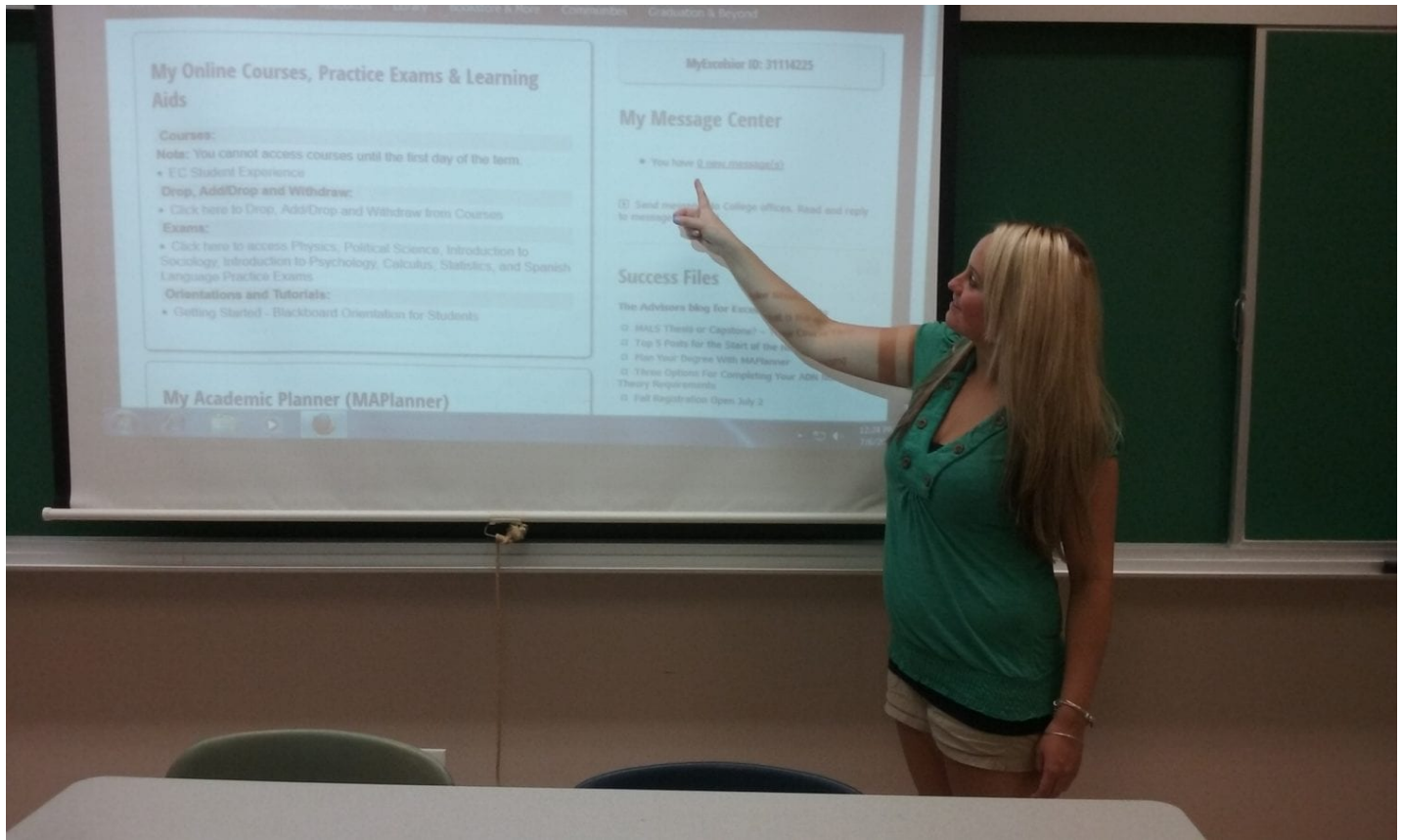
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Learn about Excelsior College from One of Their Students on April 19

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Hear what a current Excelsior College student thinks about her experience with this fully accredited, online college!

SUNY Broome and Excelsior College have a partnership that allows students who have completed their Associates degree the opportunity to take additional Broome classes and then complete their Bachelor degree requirements online through Excelsior. All students are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, April 19th

5:00 – 5:50

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Game on: Bongo Ball on campus April 28

April 13, 2016

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SUNY Broome Student Activities presents Bongo Ball! — bubble soccer with an oversized ball. Fun is guaranteed!

Just show up at the West Gym between 6 and 11 p.m. April 28 to take part in the Bongo Ball event. Bring your student ID, please.

SUNY Broome Student Activities
invites you to join us for Bongo Ball!
When: April 26th from 6-11pm
Where: West Gym
Why: Fun!

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Technical difficulties with Faculty/Staff car registration system

April 13, 2016

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Public Safety is currently experiencing issues with its Fall faculty/staff car registration.

Registration is temporarily closed until the glitch is fixed. Those who recently registered vehicles will need to register them again once the system is back online.

Convocation 2016 tackles issues of race and class

April 13, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Race doesn't exist, at least not in the way our history and culture portray it.

Yes, we have different bone structures, skin color and hair-types, courtesy of humanity's adaptation to different climates worldwide. Biologically, these differences are only on the surface. Culturally, they mean a great deal – and talking about them is akin to navigating a minefield.

Convocation Day 2016 explored the intersection of race, privilege and justice, headlined by keynote speaker Dr. Sut Jhally, a communications professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst whose work focuses on cultural studies, advertising, media and representations of race and gender. He is the producer of more than 40 documentaries on media literacy topics and the founder and executive director of the Media Education Foundation.

Titled “Why America Can’t Think Straight About Race,” Jhally’s talk explored the impact of cultural narratives on our perception of race, and particularly the divide between black and white.

As iconic Civil Rights activists shed tears during Barack Obama’s inauguration as President, national newspapers heralded the end of racism – or, at least the near demise. That same claim was made back in the 1980s, when *The Cosby Show* ruled the airwaves (decades prior to comedian Bill Cosby’s current legal issues). Slavery had long been ended, and Jim Crow abolished; we had entered a new era of complete equality, the public discourse went.

“Barack Obama and his election have confused things in a way so that we can’t think straight about race in America any more, if we ever did,” Jhally said as he introduced his topic.

However, a variety of socio-economic measures – access to mortgages and housing, infant mortality, income levels, incarceration – show that racial equality hasn’t been achieved.

“There are more black men in prison today than were enslaved in 1850. It is the new Jim Crow. In many ways, it is the new slavery,” Jhally said.

The professor traced the prominence of three stories prevalent in American society that impact our views on race. In the first story, black is the code word for barbarism – the face of crime, violence, welfare dependency and degeneracy. The second story deals with black affluence and success – the Huxtable family from *The*

Cosby Show – and first emerged in the mid-1980s. The last deals with the heart of the American dream: that social class doesn't exist in America, and that we are all middle class.

Essentially, the core of America's race problem lies in history and social class, Jhally explained. He compared it to a Monopoly game joined late by a third player, who then finds most of the resources have already been taken. Rather than deal with the class issues at the heart of the division, many people opt for a cultural interpretation – what Jhally termed “enlightened racism” – that blames cultural or character flaws for poverty.

“Four hundred years of slavery and 100 years of Jim Crow deposited black people at the bottom of the economic ladder and then they're told to compete without resources,” said Jhally. He expanded on the concept later: “America can't think straight about race because it can't think straight about class, and it cannot think straight about class because it has amnesia. The present is the result of the past.”

Jhally's own views may have been shaped by his personal story, which he shared during a question and answer session led by Professor Gian Roma. Born in Kenya to Indian parents, he was raised in England, which at the time had a tracked education system sending some children to academically challenging schools and others to training for the trades. As an immigrant, he didn't score high enough on tests to qualify for the academically challenging schools – but lucked out when the Labor government abolished the old, stratified system. He completed his schooling and went on to do his undergraduate work at the University of York in England, before accepting a scholarship to the University of Victoria in Canada. He continued his studies at Simon Fraser University, where he received his Ph.D.

A wide range of discussions and events

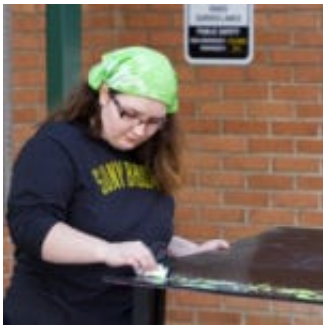
As always, Convocation Day featured a range of intriguing talks and opportunities. Afternoon talks included “Human Trafficking” by professors Diane O'Heron and Kristin Bensen-Hause, “Detour Spotting: Promoting Behaviors that Advance Justice” by faculty presenters Vanessa Rodriguez and Scott Corley, “Eugenics in America: Our War Against the ‘Unfit’” by Professor Rick Firenze, “Talking about Race Through Literature” by Professor Chris Origer and “Know Your Rights at Work” by Professor Roma.

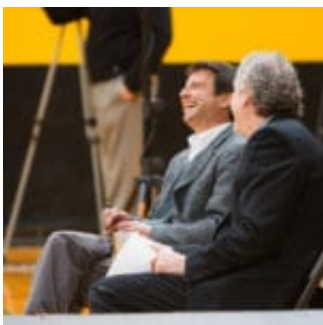
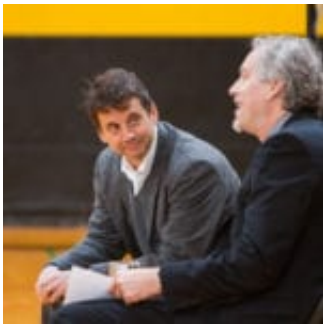
The Hospitality Club held a lunchtime cookout outside of the Student Center, while a SUNY Broome student entertained passersby on the violin. SUNY Broome students were also seen creeping around campus, searching for 75 coupon-laden golden eggs hidden by the Student Assembly and Phi Theta Kappa.

The Applied Technologies atrium hosted the Natural Science Student Research Symposium, overseen by faculty members Jason Smith, Tracy Curtis, John McCallen and Joe Beigen. Students shared their research on a wide range of topics, from Lyme disease to tsunamis and even Stonehenge. Convocation Day ended with a film screening of “White Like Me: Race, Racism and White Privilege in America,” overseen by faculty presenters Jason Detrani, Tim Skinner, Ed Evans and Ted Nappi.



Convocation 2016 photos by Professor Bill Hollister



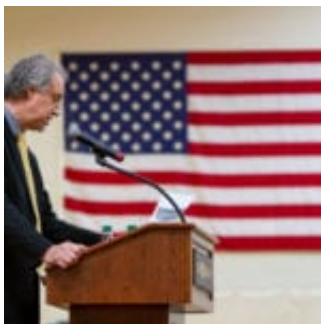




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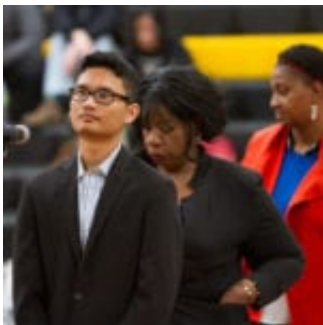




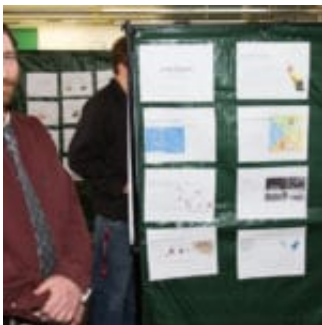


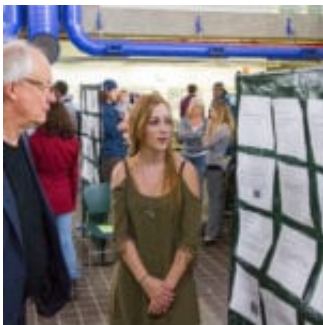


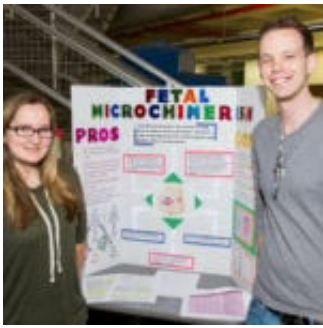


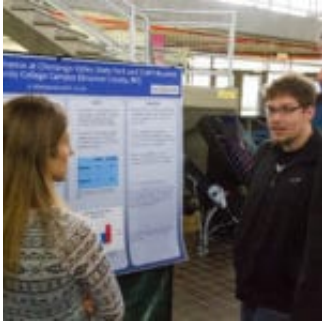












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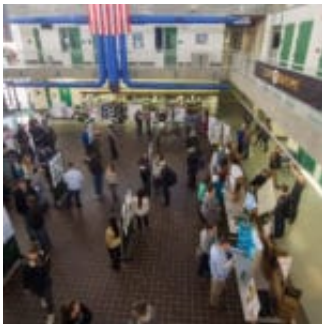
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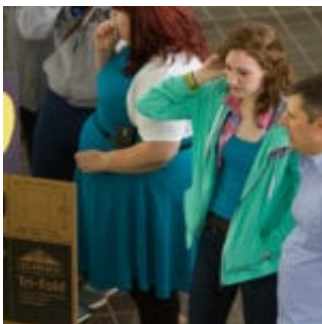
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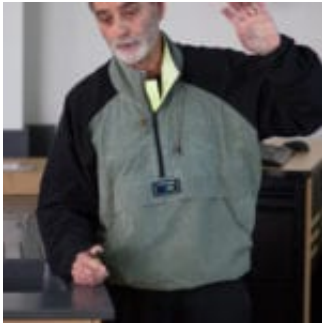
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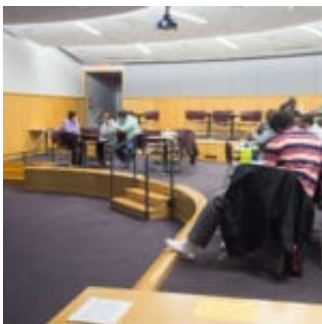
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SUNY Broome Open House & Alumni Reunion 2016

April 13, 2016

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Join us for the SUNY Broome Open House and Alumni Reunion from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 23, in the SUNY Broome Ice Center.

- Tour the campus and Student Village
- Find out about financial aid, scholarships and payment options
- Explore the outstanding majors available
- Watch an athletic team and find out what it takes to be a Hornet
- Improve your employability by getting involved in opportunities outside the classroom, such as Student Government, Study Abroad, Service Learning, clubs and more
- Enter to win \$500 in textbooks! (Some restrictions apply.)

[Register for Open House here](#) or call Admissions at (607) 778-5001 for more information.

SUNY Broome Alumni Reunion 2016 will be held on the same day! Alumni, please call the BCC Foundation at (607) 778-5182 to register.



Save the Date: Hospitality Career Fair on May 3

April 13, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Looking for a job? Need work for the summer? Considering a career change? SUNY Broome's Hospitality Career Fair will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 3 in the college's Ice Center.

For more information, contact Maria Montemagno at montemagnomk@sunybroome.edu.



Convocation 2016 is a Success!

April 12, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Thanks to our **83 Convocation Faculty Scholars** from our teaching faculty, and the active involvement of student leaders, Convocation Day 2016 was a smash! Convocation Day is the single largest academic event held on campus and today's April 12, 2016 gathering was a great example of that.

Our Convocation Faculty Scholars provided students with scholarly activities and projects around the themes of Convocation Day which included social justice, medical ethics and media literacy.

Dr. Sut Jhally, our Convocation speaker, gave an inspiring speech that earned him enthusiastic applause from the standing-room-only crowd in the Baldwin Gym. Many students and faculty attended the **6 afternoon workshops** offered by our teaching faculty and staff members as well as **student poster sessions from STEM students**, offered with teaching faculty oversight.



The mid-day **Scavenger Hunt**, sponsored by the Student Assembly and Phi Theta Kappa, generated lots of interest and proved a great way to celebrate the arrival of Spring and raise student interest in the scholarly

activities surrounding Convocation Day.

Over 200 attendees listened as students posed questions of Dr. Jhally during the **morning Q and A session**. Many questions focused on points from his lecture and demonstrated the deep audience interest in racial and social justice.

Many participants enjoyed the musical performances of our **student violinist** and the **cookout run by the Hospitality Club** in the afternoon. Student attendees at many of the day's events were eligible for prizes such as gift cards and Chromebooks.

The afternoon **documentary film screening** had over 100 attendees and focused on important issues regarding racial and social justice and was followed by a faculty-moderated discussion session.

Many thanks to the SUNY Broome campus community for their participation in Convocation Day activities and for showing interest in the important social issues that were the focus of today's gathering, the single largest student event held annually on campus.

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

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

Professor Irene Byrnes (Chair)

Professor Rachel Hagerman, Health Sciences Division

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

Dr. Courtney O'Hagen, Liberal Arts Division

Heather Coggin, President, Student Assembly

Assistant Librarian, Sue Slivan, Library

Instructional Designer, Tera Doty-Blance, Teaching Resource Center, Adjunct Faculty Member

Professor Gian Roma. Business and Public Services Division

Professor Carla Michalak, Liberal Arts Division

SEED alumnus shares his travels at Toastmasters

April 12, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Jose Rosario, class of 2013, a SEED student from the Dominican Republic, spoke at [Speakers of the House](#) on Friday. Since graduating, Jose has studied in Taiwan and learned Chinese. He has written books and returned to work in the Dominican Republic.

Former members were thrilled to see him again, and to hear him inspire current students to fill their lives with learning and service. It's much better to have a full pizza box than an empty one, he said. During the meeting, Jose also had the opportunity to speak Chinese and Spanish with current students Joseph and Carolina, from New York and Venezuela.

The meeting was rounded out with speeches on long boarding, the Binghamton Advantage program, and coffee. The club meets on Fridays at 3:10 p.m. in W-203B. All are welcome!



Showtime: See the SUNY Broome Theater showcase on April 14 and 15

April 12, 2016

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SUNY Broome theater students are performing the Student Choice Spring Showcase at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14, and Friday, April 15, in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre!

See short scenes from great playwrights and an original dramatic presentation about Rosa Parks called “Thank You Rosa.” Guest performers are Mulique Lawrence-Jolly and Math Instructor Craig Jefferson. On Thursday, take part in a question and answer session after the show facilitated by Margherita Rossi as part of the SUNY Broome Women’s Institute.

Please let us know if you are coming by making reservations at 778-5191!



SANS – OUCH! April 2016: I'm Hacked, Now What?

April 12, 2016

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Ransomware is now one of the top threats on everyone's mind. Unfortunately with all the benefits of being on the Internet, there are risks too. Our friends from SANS have an interesting article for those who have fallen to some threat.

We are excited to announce the April issue of OUCH! This month, we are led by Guest Editor Samantha Davison, head of security awareness at Uber. Samantha discusses the topic "I'm Hacked, Now What." More specifically, she describes clues you can use to tell if your system has been hacked, and, if so, what you can do about it. This is a tough topic to cover, as it can quickly get technical and complex. However, Samantha kept this both simple and effective. As always, we ask you to share OUCH! with your family, friends, and coworkers.

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Tim Wise to speak at SUNY Cortland on April 13

April 11, 2016

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International anti-racist educator Tim Wise will discuss how to overcome racism in society at his talk “Challenging the Culture of Cruelty: Understanding and Defeating Race and Class Inequity in America” at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, at SUNY Cortland in their Old Main Brown Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

Named among the “25 Visionaries Who are Changing the World” by Utne Reader, Wise prompts his audiences to recognize their own role in co-creating a fair society and fighting the idea of white privilege.

“As capitalism developed, nationally, internationally and then globally, elites often used racism and notions of white supremacy to maintain and extend their powers,” Wise said on his website.

He encourages his audience to stand up in situations that challenge inclusion.

As a college activist, the Tulane University graduate began taking a leadership role with social justice issues when he fought for divestment from apartheid in South Africa. Later he served as a youth coordinator and associate director for the Louisiana Coalition against Racism and Nazism. He also has worked on improving economic inequality and combating poverty in New Orleans.

From 1999 to 2003, Wise was an adjunct professor at the Smith School of Social Work in Northampton, Mass. He also advised the Fisk University Race Relations Institute in Nashville, Tenn.

Wise has authored numerous books including: *Dear White America: Letter to a New Minority*; *White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son*; *Colorblind*, and *Under the Affluence: Shaming the Poor*.

Wise has spoken on more than 800 colleges and high school campuses and to community groups across the nation. He also has appeared on CNN and MSNBC to discuss race issues, and was featured in a 2007 segment on “20/20.”

Given the theme of Tuesday’s [Convocation](#), Tim Wise’s talk will likely serve as a good compliment or follow-up.



SUNY COIL Grants for North Africa, the Middle East and Mexico

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As a member of the SUNY COIL Network, the SUNY Broome community will have the opportunity over the course of the new year or two to benefit from two recent grants awarded to SUNY:

1. SUNY's \$506,000 grant for collaborations with North Africa and the Middle East.
2. SUNY's grant for collaborations with Mexico (next round—end of April deadline)

See below for more information. To learn more from one of our campus COIL Co-coordinators, please contact Kathleen McKenna at 778-5137, mckennakm@sunybroome.edu or Jan McCauley at mccauleyje@sunybroome.edu.

SUNY COIL Center Receives \$506,000 Stevens Institute Award for Virtual Exchange

Award Brings Students Access to Collaborative Online Classrooms Between SUNY & the Middle East

The State University of New York will receive \$506,000 to support a SUNY Center for Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL Center) program of outreach and virtual exchange with universities across the Middle East/North Africa (MENA) region, with initial projects in Egypt, Lebanon, and Morocco. The SUNY COIL Center is one of 10 inaugural awardees of The Aspen Institute's recently launched Stevens Initiative.

The SUNY COIL Center model emphasizes experiential learning by embedding cross-cultural experiences directly into existing curricula at many SUNY campuses. Virtual classrooms created by the SUNY COIL Center engage students and faculty from different parts of the world as they learn and work together across almost all disciplines, at the same time learning to understand and respect each other. Recent course collaborations have been in the areas of Law, Disability Studies, Geography, Computer Science, Graphic Design, Human Rights, and Entrepreneurship.

"The SUNY COIL Center brings our students and faculty together with their counterparts in many countries around the world for a unique virtual classroom experience," said SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher. "Students benefit in equal measure from the curriculum being taught as well as the faculty and students they are learning alongside. Congratulations to the SUNY COIL Center on this much-deserved international recognition and award."

Jon Rubin, founder and director of the SUNY COIL Center, said, "The Stevens Initiative is the first major funder explicitly focused on supporting virtual exchange and collaborative online international learning. Their ground-breaking work in the MENA region may transform this emerging format of international education by bringing authentic intercultural experiences into the classroom. The COIL Center also thanks SUNY New Paltz, SUNY Cortland, Nassau Community College and Empire State College for linking the COIL Center to university partners in the MENA region that each of these campuses had already developed. This is a real example of cross-fertilization, systemness, and *The Power of SUNY*."

Housed at the Aspen Institute, the Stevens Initiative is a collaboration between the family of Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, the U.S. Department of State, the Bezos Family Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, the governments of the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Algeria, and Morocco, Microsoft, Mozilla, GoPro, and Twitter. Learn more at: stevensinitiative.org.

The Aspen Institute is an educational and policy studies organization based in Washington, DC. Its mission is to foster leadership based on enduring values and to provide a nonpartisan venue for dealing with critical issues. The Institute is based in Washington, DC; Aspen, Colorado; and on the Wye River on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It also has offices in New York City and an international network for partners. Learn more at aspeninstitute.org.

US Department of State – SUNY COIL Grant Opportunity–Mexico

SUNY COIL and SUNY Broome announce a new grant opportunity available to our faculty members. With funding from the US Department of State, SUNY COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) is working to bring together US and Mexican teaching partners for Fall 2016 collaborations.

This initiative brings into the SUNY COIL network nine new Mexican university members, including the Universidad de Celaya, which was invited based on SUNY Broome's recommendation.

The interested Mexican partners teach in a mix of fields, including Business, Economics, English, Foreign Languages, Meteorology, Climatology, Software Engineering, Psychology, and Communications. It is not necessary to collaborate with someone in the exact same field.

Those selected for these grants will participate in an online training program in the Summer.

They will also travel to Cuernavaca, Mexico, June 20-24, and be part of in-person workshops for the faculty involved in 18 new sponsored partnerships. Each will have the opportunity to visit his or her partner's campus in June and his or her partner will have the opportunity to visit SUNY Broome in the Fall.

There may be a final capstone event in Mexico City in Fall 2017.

The application process will occur in April 2016.

For more information, please contact Kathleen McKenna at 778-5137, mckennakm@sunybroome.edu or Jan McCauley at mccauleyje@sunybroome.edu.



Upcoming Doctoral Colloquium presentation with Dr. Christopher Origer

April 11, 2016

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Doctoral Colloquium Presentations

“Amnesia: A dystopian novel that investigates, in fiction, the relationship between atrocity and collective amnesia, and the roles a citizen must inevitably confront, as participant, spectator, or victim.”

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

When: Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Where: TRC Conf room

Presenter: Dr. Christopher Origer

Register: [Register Here](#)

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

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

Raise Awareness: Hunger Banquet on Tuesday, April 19

April 11, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

SUNY Broome's Student Activities and the Homelessness and Food Insecurity Work Group will hold a Hunger Banquet at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 19, in Decker 201. This interactive meal and presentation will be emceed by Scott Corley, Assistant Professor of History, Philosophy & Social Science, and Venessa Rodriguez, Staff Associate for the Student Success Squad.

The Hunger Banquet is designed to educate and increase awareness on food insecurity and social inequities, and also to provide information about resources that are available. While admission is free, there are a limited number of tickets. Please contact Melissa Martin in Counseling Services at martinmm2@sunybroome.edu to order tickets.

Those who attend the banquet may contribute a non-perishable, canned or packaged food item for the campus food pantry.

The Homelessness and Food Insecurity Work Group consists of students, administration, faculty and staff members. The group is chaired by Financial Aid Director Laura Hodel.

“We wanted to find a way to bring awareness to the SUNY Broome community that many students struggle, often on a daily basis, to meet basic needs such as food and shelter. At the same time, we also wanted to find a way to let students who may be struggling know that there are a number of resources readily available,” said Hodel.

Information from local assistance organizations will be available during the event to help answer questions and to provide details about services offered.

According to Student Activities Director, Jason Boring, “The Hunger Banquet is an opportunity for students to understand more about the circumstances that people face around the world and in the U.S. in regard to food insecurity and hunger. Students will be able to place themselves in different people's circumstances, and maybe even talk about their own personal experiences. The banquet is interactive, and meaningful. Students who come back years later remember this event.”

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Young Man and Woman Giving Food and Water to Homeless Man — Image by © Royalty-Free/Corbis

Medical Assisting students, faculty chip in at Heart Walk

April 11, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness



We would like to thank SUNY Broome Medical Assisting students and faculty for providing blood pressure screening and teaching hands-free CPR for the Southern Tier Heart Walk. Thank you for your contributions to another very successful Heart Walk!



Don't Worry: Keep Calm & Ace your Finals is on May 3

April 11, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Finals are coming! Join us on Tuesday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center Quad* for our annual Keep Calm and Ace Your Finals” event. It’s packed with de-stressing activities and resources to help you focus and prepare.

The event includes yoga, therapy dogs, hopscotch, Frisbee, double dutch, crafts, games, a photo booth, snacks and more!

*Quad location is weather-permitting. The rain location is the Baldwin Gym.



Upcoming Board of Trustees meetings

April 11, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

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

- April 19, 2016 (Tuesday) — Monthly meeting of the Finance and Facilities Committee, 8:00 a.m., Wales Administration Center Conference Room 107
- April 21, 2016 (Thursday) — Monthly meeting of the Board, 4:00 p.m., Decker Health Science Building Libous Room D117.

Please note that the time of the Board of Trustees meeting has been moved to 4:00 p.m. for the April meeting. All meeting sites are on the SUNY Broome campus and open to the press and public.

SUNY Broome Choral Ensembles to perform highlights from ‘Messiah’ on April 29

April 11, 2016

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The center of the Easter season comes to a rousing high point as the Choral Ensembles from SUNY Broome’s Performing Arts Department present highlights from the Easter portion of Handel’s *Messiah*.

Nestled between Easter Sunday, the Passover Feast, Ascension Thursday and Pentecost, the program will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 29, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Vestal. It will feature area soloists Brenda Dawe, soprano; Julia Grella O’Connell, mezzo-soprano; Gerald Grahame, tenor ;and Randolph Messing, bass.

The concert is a yearly occurrence under the title of *Master Works*, and it will be performed with orchestral accompaniment under the direction of Fitzroy Stewart. In addition, the *Dona nobis pacem* (Grant us Peace) from J.S. Bach’s *Mass in B-minor* will also be performed.

Tickets are \$7 for students and seniors and \$7 for the general public in advance; call (607) 778-5326 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:25 to 3:15 p.m. for more information. At the door, tickets cost \$10 for students and seniors and \$12 for the general public.

April 14 Common Hour: The 2016 Presidential Field

April 10, 2016

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Who are the leading candidates, Democrat and Republican, for the presidency? What are the major issues these likely candidates must face?

Join faculty presenters Leeland Whitted and Rey Wojdat at 11 a.m. April 14 in T-102 to join the discussion.



Convocation Day: No classes on April 12, but plenty to do and learn

April 10, 2016

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As is tradition, there will be no day or evening credit classes on Convocation Day, which is Tuesday, April 12.

However, we would encourage the campus to come out and support this important event!

SUNY Broome's annual Convocation Day on Tuesday, April 12, will bring together the campus community to discuss the continued prevalence of racism in our country.

Professor Sut Jhally is a scholar whose work focuses on cultural studies, advertising, media and representations of race and gender. He is the producer of more than 40 documentaries on media literacy topics and the founder and executive director of the Media Education Foundation. His documentaries have analyzed sexual imagery in music videos, and his foundation has produced documentaries that analyze tough guys in rap videos and mobster movies. One of his most famous video productions is "Advertising and the End of the World," which links advertising and the habits of a consumerist society to the global environmental crises. He is also well-known for his series of documentary films on "Dreamworlds: Desire, Sex and Power in Music Video."

Dr. Jhally will give his keynote address, "Why America Can't Think Straight about Race," from 10 to 10:50 a.m. in the Baldwin Gymnasium. A discussion with Dr. Jhally will follow from 11 to 11:50 p.m. in the Baldwin Gym. The documentary "White Like Me: Race, Racism & White Privilege in America" will be screened at 2:30 p.m. in Titchener 102.

The Convocation Day Committee, with the help of several amazing SUNY Broome faculty, staff and members of Student Assembly and Phi Theta Kappa, also have put together a full day of activities including afternoon workshops, student poster sessions and many opportunities for students to win prizes.

Afternoon events run from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. They include:

- "Human Trafficking" by faculty presenters Diane O'Heron and Kristin Bensen-Hause in Titchener 102
- "Laughing Away Racism" by faculty presenter Phyllis Amenda in Titchener 101
- "'Detour Spotting: Promoting Behaviors that Advance Justice" by faculty presenters Vanessa Rodriguez and Scott Corley in Decker 201
- "Eugenics in America: Our War Against the 'Unfit'" by faculty presenter Rick Firenze in Natural

Science Center 201

- “Talking about Race Through Literature” by faculty presenter Chris Origer in Titchener 106
- “Know Your Rights at Work” by faculty presenter Gian Roma in Business 210

Raffles will be held during the afternoon events for SUNY Broome gear, gift cards and other prizes.

Additional afternoon events include a Student Musician and Convocation Day Cookout by SUNY Broome’s Hospitality Club in the Student Center patio; food will be available for purchase. The Natural Science Center Student Research Poster Presentation Symposium will run from 12 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. in the AT Atrium. Students from Biology, Chemistry, and Physical Sciences will present posters of their work in these fields.



The Monday Poem: ‘The Cry’ by Paisley Rekdal

April 10, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

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

The Cry

Paisley Rekdal

A man can cry, all night, your back
shaking against me as your mother
sleeps, hooked to the drip
to clear her kidneys from their muck
of sleeping pills. Each one white
as the snapper’s belly I once watched a man
gut by the ice bins in his truck, its last
bubbling grunt cleaved in two
with a knife. The way my uncle’s rabbit
growled in its cage, screamed
so like a child that when I woke the night
a fox chewed through the wires
to reach it, I thought it was my own voice
frozen in the yard. And then the fox,
trapped later by a neighbor, who thrashed
and barked, as did the crows
that came for its eyes: the sound
of one animal’s pain setting off a chain
in so many others, until each cry dissolves
into the next grown louder.
Even if I were blind
I would know night by the noise it made:
our groaning bed, the mewling
staircase, drapes that scrape
against glass panes behind which
stars rise, blue and silent.
But not even the stars
are silent: their pale waves
echo through space, the way my father’s
disappointment sags at my cheek,
and his brother’s anger
whitens his temple. And these
are your mother’s shoulders shaking
in my arms tonight, her thin breath
that drags at our window
where coyotes cry: one calling to the next
calling to the next, their tender throats

tipped back to the sky.

About This Poem

“‘The Cry’ is a poem I wrote for my husband after a year of family crises we were both experiencing and trying to weather together. It came fairly quickly, as one image really did unfold into the next for me.”

—*Paisley Rekdal*



Tuesday, April 12, is Convocation Day!

April 10, 2016

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CONVOCATION DAY 2016

Attention, SUNY Broome community: Tuesday, April 12, is Convocation Day 2016!

Please read over the **2016 Convocation website** at www.sunybroome.edu/convocation It will provide you with the following:

- Schedule for Convocation Day 2016
- Bio of media guru and Convocation Day keynote speaker, Dr. Sut Jhally
- Suggested reading and viewing around the themes of Convocation Day 2016
- Details regarding Convocation Day workshop proposals
- A Fast Fact sheet which may find helpful for you and your students

Convocation Day 2016 Speaker Announced



Acclaimed communications and media guru Sut Jhally will be. **Professor Sut Jhally, PhD** is a professor of [communication](#) at the [University of Massachusetts Amherst](#), whose work focuses on cultural studies, advertising, media, and [consumption](#). He is the producer of 40+ documentaries on [media literacy](#) topics and the founder and executive director of the **Media Education Foundation**.

The Media Education Foundation (MEF) is a non-profit established in 1992 which “produces and distributes documentary films and other educational resources to inspire critical reflection on the social, political, and cultural impact of American mass media.” Their aim is to inspire students to think critically and in new ways about the hyper-mediated world around them.

Also the author of 6 books and numerous scholarly and popular articles, Jhally is a public speaker and teacher. He has won the “**Distinguished Teacher Award**” at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where the student newspaper has also voted him “**Best Professor**.” He has shown his films and lectured at many colleges and universities nationally and internationally. He was named one of *New Woman* magazine’s “People of the Year”. As of 2015, Jhally teaches both undergraduate and graduate level courses which focus on media, public relations and propaganda, as well as gender, sex and representation.

Dr. Jhally was born in Kenya, and raised in England. After completing his undergraduate work at the University of York in England, he moved to Canada after accepting a scholarship to the University of Victoria. He continued his studies at Simon Fraser University, where he received his PhD.

Please note all of the planned activities for Convocation Day 2016, as follows:

10 a.m. **Keynote Address by Dr. Jhally** in Baldwin Gym

11 a.m. **Q and A with Convocation Speaker** in Baldwin Gym

Noon -2:15 p.m. **Natural Science Student Research Symposium**, AT Atrium under the guidance of: Professor Jason Smith; Professor Tracy Curtis; Professor John McCallen; and Professor Joe Beigen

Noon-1 p.m. Special Student Event sponsored by Student Assembly and Phi Theta Kappa

1:15-2:15 **Convocation Day Workshops**

2:30 Documentary Film Screening

Note: All day and evening classes are canceled to support Convocation Day activities.

We appreciate the support of the campus community and particular our Convocation Faculty Scholars for their efforts. We have planned an exciting day for you with the active participation of colleagues and student leaders from around campus.

Campus Wide Convocation Committee Members

Professor Irene Byrnes (Chair)

Professor Rachel Hagerman, Health Sciences Division

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

Dr. Courtney O’Hagen, Liberal Arts Division

Heather Coggin, Vice President of Financial Concerns, Student Assembly

Assistant Librarian, Sue Slivan, Library

Faculty Member Tera Doty-Blance, Adjunct Faculty Member

Professor Gian Roma. Business and Public Services Division

Professor Carla Michalak, Liberal Arts Division

Hospitality Club Food Sales on Convocation Day

April 10, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Hungry on [Convocation Day](#)? Hospitality Club students will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage and peppers, drinks, and snacks from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 12 on the patio outside the Student Center.

[And don't forget to stop by the Hospitality Career Fair on May 3!](#)



April 14: Learn how to make a living selling your art online

April 10, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Interesting in learning how to make a living selling your artwork online? Join us at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in Business Building Room 205 for a talk by photographer [Christina Rollo](#).

There are many opportunities to sell work on the internet; but which ones provide the greatest return on your investment? When do you need to change your business strategy? How do you find and evaluate opportunities? Rollo will address these questions and more.



You've Got This: Alex Kendrick finds her way in Engineering Science

April 8, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Alex Kendrick wasn't ready.

The Binghamton High School graduate headed to Binghamton University directly after graduation, majoring in neuroscience. But she struggled with the work, and found her enthusiasm for the program waning. She started skipping classes – and her confidence fell in tandem.

“I was not ready for a four-year university at all and I wasn't doing very well,” she remembered. “I wasn't loving what I was doing. I wasn't trying hard enough.”

She took her mom's advice and withdrew from BU to enroll in SUNY Broome. The switch gave her the opportunity to explore her interests – and switch her major to Engineering Science. While classes are challenging, she made the Dean's List her first semester and is still going strong.

“I love engineering so much. I was always interested in making things – not with my hands, exactly, but on the computer,” she explained.

Ultimately, she's interested in computer engineering and working with software.

What made the difference? Top-notch professors and small class sizes, which allow students to connect with their instructors. Kendrick made a connection with her computer science professor, Diana LaBelle, on the first day of class.

“Relationships to professors have to be made twice as fast, yet it's easy because Broome has such a friendly faculty and staff that they make the transition as easy as possible,” Kendrick stated. “My instructors are second to none.”

Outside of class, she works in the Dean of Student's Office, and tutors her fellow students in chemistry and programming. She's also discovered an unexpected new activity that has changed her outlook on life, thanks to the college's Meditation Club.

People often assume that meditation is reserved for monks or yoga practitioners, but the club makes it

accessible to everyone. They explore many different kinds of meditation, from breath and body awareness to imagery, such as reflections on a lake.

Kendrick said it has helped her manage anxiety and depression, and improve her performance in class. When she plans her rigorous study schedule, she makes sure to include meditation breaks. She has found that they actually help her accomplish more.

“It’s such a great thing for your body and mind. Meditation has helped me so much,” she said. “It’s hard, though. You have to be aware of what your mind is doing. I’ve gotten a lot more confident because of it.”

Looking toward her future, she intends to transfer to a four-year school for computer engineering. Perhaps she’ll return to Binghamton University, but she’s considering other options, too: the Rochester Institute of Technology and Clarkson University are just two of the universities that welcome SUNY Broome engineering science graduates.

In the meantime, this future engineer wants her fellow students to believe in their resilience. Mistakes and setbacks are learning experiences, and not the end.

“Everyone has bad experiences, and you can always come out of it,” she said. “Believe in yourself. You’ve got this.”



Alex Kendrick

Pizza party with Unity in pride on April 13

April 8, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Join Unity in Pride in BB-110 at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, for pizza and snacks! We'll be accepting new members, educating existing members and enjoying some food. Anyone is welcome to join as we discuss some common definitions in the LGBT community!



Rainbow Pizza

April 18-22: Ecology Club to give away free trees for Earth Day

April 8, 2016

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The Ecology Club will be giving away free trees in celebration of Earth Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from April 18 through 22 outside the lobby entrance of the Student Center. Trees available include white pine, Douglas fir, European larch and Japanese larch.



SUNY Broome Choral Ensembles to perform highlights from ‘Messiah’ on April 29

April 8, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

The SUNY Broome Choral Ensembles will perform highlights from the second and third sections of Handel’s *Messiah*, which deals with the death and resurrection of Christ, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 29, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Vestal.

The college’s yearly Masterworks concert will be performed with orchestral accompaniment under the direction of SUNY Broome instructor Fitzroy Stewart. It will also include an performance of “Dona nobis pacem” from J.S. Bach’s *Mass in B-minor*.

Soloists include Music Coordinator Brenda Dawe, soprano; instructor Julia Grella O’Connell, mezzo-soprano; instructor Gerald Grahame, tenor; and SUNY Broome accompanist Randolph Messing, bass.

Tickets are \$7 for students and seniors and \$7 for the general public in advance; call (607) 778-5326 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:25 to 3:15 p.m. for more information. At the door, tickets cost \$10 for students and seniors and \$12 for the general public.

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Author, filmmaker and mental health advocate to speak in Binghamton

April 8, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

An Evening with Kevin Hines
*Surviving and Thriving After
a Suicide Attempt*

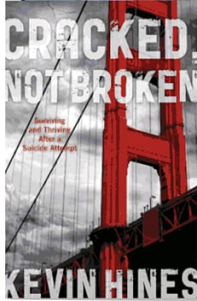

Lecture & Book Signing with
Kevin Hines
Author of "Cracked, Not Broken"

Tuesday May 10, 2016
6:30 PM

Greater Binghamton Health Center Auditorium
425 Robinson St., Binghamton
Tickets \$10, Veterans Free
Available at yourmha.com or at MHA ST

Made possible by Rock Against Suicide &
The Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier
153 Court Street, Binghamton NY
607-771-8888 x336

Seating is limited! Purchase tickets online at yourmha.com



*The man who jumped off the
Golden Gate Bridge and survived*

Kevin Hines is an award-winning global speaker, bestselling author, documentary filmmaker, suicide prevention and mental health advocate who reaches audiences with his story of an unlikely survival and his strong will to live. Two years after he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, he attempted to take his life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge. He is one of only thirty-four (less than 1%) to survive the fall and he is the only Golden Gate Bridge jump survivor who is actively spreading the message of living mentally healthy around the globe.

The Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier and Rock Against Suicide are hosting a May 10 lecture and book signing with Kevin Hines, author of *Cracked, Not Broken*.

The event starts at 6:30 p.m. May 10 in the Greater Binghamton Health Center auditorium, located at 425 Robinson Street. Tickets are \$10 — veterans are free — and are available at yourmha.com. Seating is limited.

Kevin Hines is an award-winning global speaker, bestselling author, documentary filmmaker, and suicide prevention and mental health advocate. Two years after he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, he attempted to take his life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge. He is one of only 34 people — less than 1 percent — to survive the fall.

Surviving and Thriving After a Suicide Attempt



Kevin Hines
Author of "Cracked, Not Broken"

Tuesday May 10, 2016
6:30 PM

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The man who jumped off the Golden Gate bridge and survived

Health Canada is also supporting primary prevention (preventing a disease) by distributing information, reaching out to at-risk communities and encouraging people to get vaccinated. Health Canada is also reaching out to communities with the story of an elderly person and his life story and to his son. This story often has some important life lessons. Another, the information is also being put into a book for the children's book bridge. This is a story of an elderly person from 1910 to 1920, and the life and the life of his son. Health Canada is also reaching out to the community by spreading the message of living healthy, healthy and the story.

Seating is limited! Purchase tickets online at yourviva.com

Fish Fry and Steak Roast for Peace on April 22

April 8, 2016

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The Fish Fry and Steak Roast for Peace will run from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 22, just across the street from the college in the Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church parking lot at 918 Front Street.

For \$12, have your choice of hand-battered Icelandic haddock (8 to 10 ounces), New York strip steak (8 ounces) or pork barbecue, with hand-cut French fries and side salad, all from Gance's Complete Catering.

The event will support the Stu Naismith Peacemaker Awards, given annually to graduating seniors at Chenango Valley and Chenango Forks high schools by Veterans for Peace and the Binghamton Community Friends Meeting (Quaker).

[fishsteak](#)



Survey added to the registration process

April 8, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Since we have already begun advising students for the summer and fall, you may have noticed a new survey that has been added to the registration process. This is a survey that is mandated by SUNY. It was programmed by the SUNY SICAS Center and SUNY Institutional Research to appear for specific populations of students (over 18, matriculated, etc.) after the student registers for classes. SUNY consulted with several organizations, including the SUNY Student Assembly, regarding implementing this survey. They found that there was a sentiment expressed that all students want to be counted and they want their campus to be held responsible for promoting success. The survey will collect information about the student body at each campus and will help the individual campuses to understand and address student needs.

Because it is mandated, we do not have a choice about the questions or the delivery method. All data that is collected and sent to SUNY will be non personally identifiable in any way and removed from our Banner system after transmission. Data will be made available to SUNY IR and to our ITS and Dr. Adanu, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Enrollment Planning via the SUNY Dashboards. We held several meetings on campus to discuss the implementation of the survey. From now on, when a student registers, they will be asked to complete the survey, however they have the ability to select: "I prefer not to respond" for each question.

If you have any questions, please contact Marty Guzzi: guzzimj@sunybroome.edu; X5295

What should society do for the dying? Join the discussion April 11

April 7, 2016

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End of Life: What Should Society Do for Those Who are Dying?

Monday, April 11, 2016, 6 – 9 p.m. (Doors will open at 5 p.m.)

SUNY Broome's Angelo Zuccolo Little Theater

(Free food and beverages will be provided to event participants.)

SUNY Broome's Departments of Psychology and Human Services, Student Activities and Civic Engagement are hosting an evening on Monday, April 11, at the campus' Angelo Zuccolo Little Theater for students, county residents and organizations on the *End of Life: What Should Society Do for Those Who are Dying?*

"This event will openly address what society should allow and support at the end of life, and will suggest for open discussion possible options to explore. Under most circumstances, end of life decisions are difficult and uncomfortable, so the overall objective is to address the availability of options, as well as associated challenges and therapeutic value," explained Professor Lisa Strahley, coordinator of SUNY Broome's Civic Engagement Office.

Given the advances in medical treatments and technology, the population is living longer and confronting decisions regarding end of life care. Illnesses that were once death sentences are now frequently treatable. Yet, we often prolong the lives of the chronically ill who, if given the choice, would opt to end their suffering and have the right to die peacefully. Furthermore, related decisions raise many questions, including but not limited to psychological, philosophical, ethical, religious and legal aspects, with varying implications.

As more and more states, including New York, consider passing "right to die" laws similar to the ones that took effect in Oregon in 1997 and most recently in California, SUNY Broome will be launching the event with a one-hour performance of the play *The Bridge Club of Death*, which will serve as the opener to a deliberation on this important topic.

The evening's deliberation forum will examine three different options — preserving life at all costs, keeping patients comfortable and pain-free, and allowing the terminally ill to have the right to control how and when they die — and discuss related trade-offs.

Today, more than 100 million Americans have chronic diseases, and deciding what is best has become both a personal and a public decision. The end of life is, on average, the most expensive period, with Americans spending five times the money on healthcare in their last year of life than in any one previous year. Even those who will never face these choices will pay for them through tax dollars and the cost of insurance premiums.

"Considering that a portion of our student base and the broader community have been touched by or will face end of life choices and decisions now or in the future, SUNY Broome is proud to open this event to organizations serving these populations, including the option of hosting a table, at no cost, for information sharing," added Strahley.

All event attendees are being asked to bring a roll of paper towels or a box of tissues that will be donated to Mercy House, a not-for-profit community care shelter that opened Feb. 28 in Endicott, providing a home and

a supportive family to people with terminal illnesses who can no longer remain at home.

“We are very fortunate in Broome County to have both Lourdes at Home/Hospice and now Mercy House, so the timing of this community conversation is imperative. While there are many aspects in life that are uncertain, death is one that is universal. It’s important to be a part of a dialogue that will ultimately impact upon all of our lives.

“*What Society Should Do for Those Who are Dying?* promises to be an enlightening, engaging and memorable opportunity. The event is free, doors will open at 5 p.m., the performance will begin at 6 p.m. and the deliberation will immediately follow. Free food and beverages will also be provided to event participants throughout the evening,” Strahley concluded.

Those in attendance are encouraged to read the attached information in advance of April 11 to increase awareness regarding the content of the deliberation forum.

For questions or to reserve a table to share information, contact Lisa Strahley, Chair of Teacher Education/Early Childhood Education and Civic Engagement Coordinator, at strahleyla@sunybroome.edu or 607-778-5042.

[end of life deliberation](#)

Breaking Ground: Meet SUNY Broome's first Manufacturing Tech grad – a Vanguard Award winner

April 7, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



After 12 years on the job, Jessica Elmore wanted to move her career to the next level.

This May, she'll achieve that by becoming the very first graduate from SUNY Broome's Manufacturing Technology degree program. Not only will her A.A.S. degree bolster her resume, but it will give her the opportunity to move into a specialist position at her long-time employer.

And her hard work has already paid off – both on the job and in the classroom, where she earned a coveted [Vanguard Award](#). Administered by the New York State Nontraditional Employment & Training (NET) Project, a program of the University at Albany's Center for Women in Government and Civil Society, the award honors students enrolled in programs that prepare them for careers nontraditional for their gender.

"People were looking at me like, 'Are you in the right class?' In some classes, I was the only female," she remembered. "There were some women in electrical engineering. I was the only one in mechanical engineering."

The Manufacturing Technology degree is the second Elmore has earned at SUNY Broome. After graduating from Windsor High School, she headed to the college in 2003, the same year she began working at a local manufacturer. While she always had a knack for math, she followed the lead of her friends and majored in Liberal Arts, going on to earn a bachelor's degree in human development at Binghamton University.

Through the years, she became interested in the high-tech operations involved in manufacturing and looked into an engineering degree.

"That seemed to call to me," she said. "I'm really interested in the technology we use. It seems like we're always advancing. In general, that's where every company is moving."

Engineering classes were different from her initial college experience, focused more on hands-on learning than writing papers. She adapted quickly to the new learning style, and tackled such subjects as statistical quality control, C+ program, robotics and more. Today's manufacturing operations are more high-tech than the old days, using a large number of computer programs and other technology, she noted.

Her capstone project for her degree was more than just an intellectual exercise. It centered on reducing waste and looking for leak points in the product line – measures that her employer put into place.

“We saved quite a bit of money doing that,” she said.

Many students work while pursuing higher education and Jessica was no exception. In addition to being a full-time student, she also worked full time – on the third shift. Morning classes weren’t always available, so she muscled through with grit, determination and a good dose of coffee. She also had to attend a two-week training session for work, and was relieved when her professors worked with her to accommodate her schedule, allowing her to get ahead on her assignments.

Professor Joe DeAngelo, chair of Engineering Technologies, described Elmore as an excellent student, with a good deal of knowledge in her field.

During her time at SUNY Broome, she has served as a role model for her peers, helping those who may not have practical industry experience with classroom work, he wrote in his nomination of Elmore for the Vanguard Award. She’s also a role model for women, as most mid-level managers in technical groups are men.

“I always wanted to be a role model,” Elmore reflected on the Vanguard Award. “I think it’s okay to go for non-traditional careers. It’s definitely worth it, although you have to work hard.”



Jessica Elmore

Buzz Photos: Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Job Fair

April 7, 2016

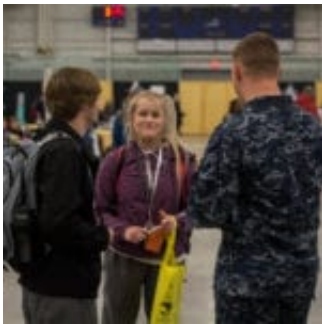
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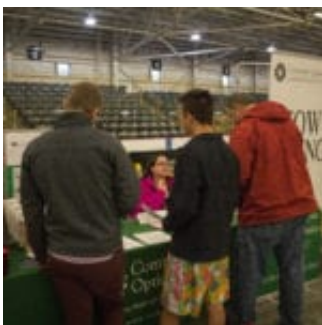


For job-seekers, SUNY Broome's Ice Center was the place to be on April 7. The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Job Fair featured 96 employers — up significantly from 70 employers last year. The Ice Center was packed with representatives from a wide range of fields.

Enjoy these photos of the event by Buzz photographer Smithshell Julien:

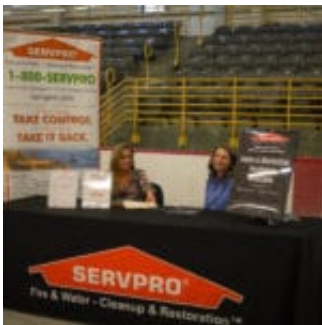
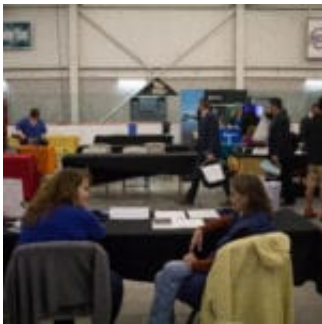


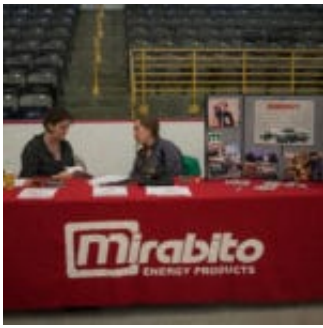












Third annual Mock Wedding to be held April 19

April 7, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

The SUNY Broome Hospitality Programs Department is at it again! They will be hosting their third annual Mock Wedding at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at Saints Cyril and Methodius Church at 148 Clinton St. in Binghamton.

The following classes have worked all semester to develop different skill sets, enabling them to put on such an amazing event: Principles of Floral Design, Fundamentals of Event Management, Wedding Planning Coordinating, Professional Cooking, Catering for Community Services and Bartending.

For more information on the Hospitality Programs Department or the event, contact Maria Montemagno at 607-778-5694 or montemagnomk@sunybroome.edu .



Binghamton Police Department Recruiting Presentations on April 27

April 7, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Are you interested in becoming a police officer? Are you interested in learning the process involved, from application to appointment? If you answered yes, then this presentation is for you!

The Binghamton Police Department will be conducting two back-to-back presentations to provide information about their police agency, the testing and hiring process, and what the position entails.

Sessions run from 10 to 10:50 a.m. and 11 to 11:50 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, in Decker 201. Both presentations will be the same.

The presentations are open to all students, regardless of major. Criminal Justice & Emergency Services students are strongly encouraged to attend.

Binghamton Police Department's Website: <http://www.binghamton-ny.gov/departments/police-department/police>

NYS Test Guides & Resource Booklets for Civil Service Examinations:
<http://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm>

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Jose Rosario, SEED Class of 2013, to speak at Toastmasters

April 7, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Jose Rosario Herrera, a former SEED student and a 2013 graduate in the Business program, will be visiting SUNY Broome this Friday, April 8, and will be a guest speaker at the SUNY Broome Speakers of the House Toastmasters Club.

When he was a student here, Jose won the Club, Area and Division contests in Toastmasters, and also competed at the District level in Rochester.

The meeting will be on Friday, April 8, in Student Services 205 from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Please note that the location is different from the usual location. Please join us and welcome Jose back to SUNY Broome!



Buzz photos: Photo and video gear roadshow

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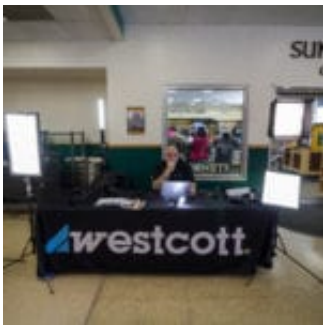
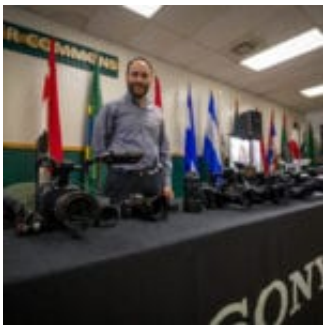


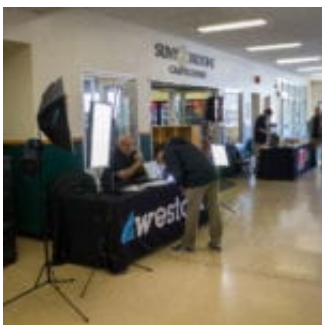
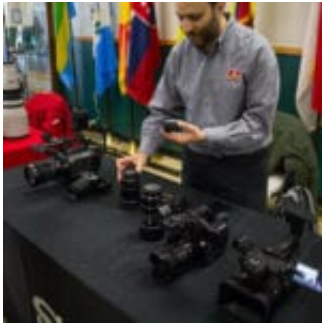
From cameras and giant lenses to drones and 3-D printers, SUNY Broome students had a chance to check out all the latest photo and video camera gear April 5 in the Student Center.

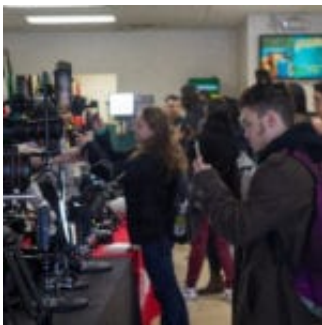
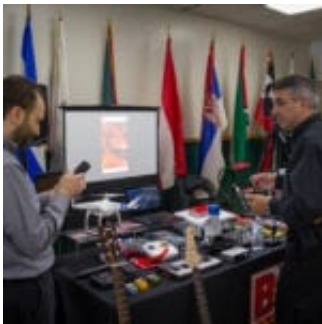
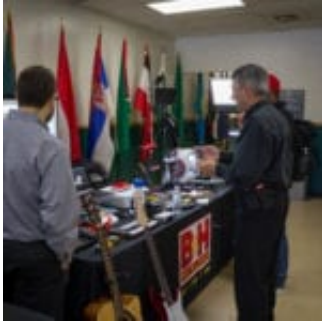
The college's Department of Communications and Media Arts sponsored the showcase, which featured specialists from New York City-based B & H Photo, SONY and Canon.

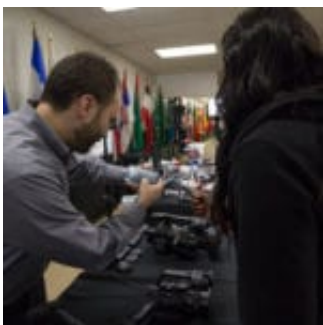
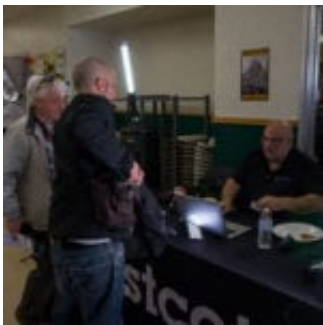
Check out these pictures from the event by Buzz photographer Smithshell Julien:













BC Center to hold its first ‘Art Gala’

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The BC Center will hold its first Art Gala from 5:15 to 6 p.m. April 14 in the SUNY Broome Library. The children’s artwork is on display for the month of April. The parents, children and teachers will be on hand to delight in each child’s unique talent.



TIAA-CREF to hold individual counseling sessions on April 14, June 23

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TIAA-CREF will hold individual counseling sessions from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 14 and June 23, in Wales Room 203A.

RSVP by calling (800) 732-8353.

Click the below flyer for more details:

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Highlights from the Spring 2015 College Employee Satisfaction Survey Results

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By Sesime Adanu, Office of Institutional Effectiveness

SUNY Broome administered its spring 2015 College Employee Satisfaction Survey (CESS) during the spring 2015 semester. There were 238 respondents out of 788 employees as of fall 2015, for a response rate of 30%. A total of 156 faculty responded, which breaks down to 96 full-time and 60 part-time faculty. Sixty-one staff responded. Some respondents did not indicate their faculty or staff status. The results show considerable improvement when compared with the spring 2012 survey results. While improvements are mostly evident across board, there are areas that need further improvement despite the gains. Synopsis of the results is provided below.

Campus Culture and Policies

Notable among the top five areas of improvement are:

Question	2012 Mean	2015 Mean	% Change
“Faculty take pride in their work”	3.72	3.94	6%
“Staff takes pride in their work”	3.64	3.83	5%
“The college does a good job of meeting the needs of administrators”	3.39	3.71	9%
“The college does a good job of meeting the needs of faculty”	2.71	3.02	11%
“The college does a good job of meeting the needs of staff”	2.53	2.89	14%
“This institution is well respected in the community”	3.45	3.69	7%
“The reputation of this institution continues to improve”	2.97	3.5	18%

Areas Needing Improvement

Question	2012 Mean	2015 Mean	% Change
“Administrators share information regularly with faculty and staff”	2.6	2.98	15%
“There is good communication between faculty and administration at this institution”	2.48	2.98	20%
“This institution consistently follows clear processes for orienting and training new	2.5	2.94	18%

employees”

Work Environment

The top three areas for improvement are:

Question	2012 Mean	2015 Mean	% Change
“The type of work I do on most days is personally rewarding”	3.86	4.08	6%
Employees working at the institution espoused increased pride in their work	3.87	4.02	4%
Employees’ rating of supervisors paying attention to what they have to say increased	3.81	3.94	3%

Areas for Improvement

Question	2012 Mean	2015 Mean	% Change
“I am paid fairly for the work I do”	2.84	2.99	5%
“My department has the staff needed to do its job well”	2.48	2.81	13%
“My department has the budget needed to do its job well”	2.81	2.79	-7%

Institutional Goals

Question	2012 Count	2015 Count	Difference
On the question as to what the top three institutional goals should be, “retention of more students to graduation” came up on top in both the 2012 and 2015	63	88	25
Second emerged priority for 2012 was improving the quality of existing academic programs while “increase the enrollment of new students” emerged for 2015	36	44	8
Third priority for 2015 was improve employee morale while that of 2012 was to improve the appearance of campus buildings and grounds	30	35	5

Involvement in Planning and Decision Making

2012	2015	%
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Question	Mean	Mean	Change
Senior administrators (VP, Provost level and above) are engaged in planning and decision making	4.01	3.87	-3%
Involvement of trustees	3.69	3.46	-6%
“Deans or Directors of Administrative Units” are mostly involved	3.41	3.55	4%

Shared Governance Comparison Questions

Question	2012 Mean	2015 Mean	% Change
“The shared governance structure, which includes the CA, CAI, and COI, is helping BCC share information and knowledge more openly”	3.15	3.43	9%
“BCC shared governance is creating a greater sense of more faculty and staff participation in planning and decision making processes”	3	3.33	11%
“BCC shared governance is meeting its goal of soliciting input about issues of concern common to all constituents as well as to issues unique to specific groups”	3.15	3.4	8%

Open Ended Comments from the 2015 Survey: More than two-thirds of survey respondents did not provide any open ended comment.

Question: Please provide any additional feedback about the campus culture and policies at SUNY Broome Community College.

Comments	Number
Need for better employee/staff appreciation, address concerns/low morale	20
Concern with administrators	16
Favoritism/discrimination/unfair hiring practices, campus not progressive	13
Satisfied with college.	13
Address student related issues	12

Poor communication/collaboration among departments	8
Shared governance inefficiency	7
Need for more staffing at facilities department for maintenance and cleaning	7
Campus apathy	5
Limited resources to work with	5
Outdated policies, policies not updated on the website	5
Poor salaries	5

The recurring (frequently mentioned) comments are:

Question: What other institutional goals do you think are important? Please describe them in the space below.

Comments	Number
Improve student learning, mental health needs and internship opportunities	19
Improve facilities/teaching and learning	8
Hire more faculty/staff	8
Better employee/staff appreciation/address concerns/improve morale	7
Better communication/collaboration on goals	5
Fairness in hiring and work practices/ hire qualified people	5
Poor salaries	5
Improve diversity	5

Question: Please provide any additional feedback about SUNY Broome Community College's goals.

Comments	Number
Enroll and retain students/improve student affairs	7
More involvement of faculty and staff /more academic freedom/improve morale	6
Set goals and implement them/make them known to college	6
Satisfied with current events	5

Question: Please provide any additional feedback about the work environment at SUNY Broome Community College.

Comments	Number
Improve facilities/more space for events	23

Fairness to all staff and departments	14
Better cleaned bathrooms and facilities	13
Improve employee morale	10
Concern with administrators	9
Satisfied with college	9
Less bureaucracy and better communication	5

Health for Haiti: Celebrating one year of clean water

April 6, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

Thursday, March 12, 2015, may have been typically hot and sunny in Haiti, but it was far from an average day in Grande Saline. For the first time, the people living in this community had access to clean safe drinking water — and that changed everything.



The clean water project is part of SUNY Broome's first global service learning course, Health for Haiti. Health for Haiti brings students, faculty, local professionals and community volunteers together to address some of the most pressing needs of our global neighbors in the island nation. Since our inaugural class in January 2014, 50 talented, dedicated and enthusiastic college students have traveled to Haiti and, working under physically and emotionally difficult conditions, have provided care, comfort and opportunities for hundreds of Haitian children and adults living in both rural and urban areas. We believe that by working together we can make positive progress, one step at a time.

"Never believe you can't make a difference whether you are one person or a small group," said Jean Musa, of the 2015 Health for Haiti class.

While there have been definite signs of improvement over the past few years, there are still many Haitian citizens who lack access to things that most of us take for granted, such as adequate food, clean water, appropriate shelter, education, healthcare and sanitation. Health for Haiti has tried to meet these needs by working with our partners in Haiti to provide some basic services and supplies, and by initiating and supporting projects that are aimed at improving the quality of life in Haiti.

For many of us, it was a shock to see what living conditions were like for the people we worked with in Haiti, and it helped us to be more grateful for what we have here in the United States.



“I feel that the most important thing I learned from my experience in Haiti is how fortunate I am and how thankful I should be for what I have,” explained Ashley Cable, of the 2016 Health for Haiti class. “Just being able to have access to clean water, have enough food to eat, and have a warm bed to sleep in are things we would never think of as luxuries. But for many people in Haiti, they are.”

Sierra Merrick, from the 2015 class, agreed: “I think we grew such an appreciation for what we have, easy access to clean water, healthcare, food, a roof over our head, transportation, the opportunity to improve ourselves through career, education and so much more.”

Our Health for Haiti students have been assisted by SUNY Broome faculty and local professionals who work with us in the U.S. and in Haiti. Together, we learned about our differences, but we also learned an important lesson about our shared humanity.



“The human connection I was able to experience in Haiti, even with the language and cultural barrier, really surprised me,” said Kaylin Smith of Health for Haiti 2016. “At the end of the day we were all human beings. It didn’t matter what we were wearing or how we lived. We all smile the same, laugh the same, and hug the same.”

In addition to hugs, Health for Haiti students provided education by delivering lessons on cholera, oral hygiene, clean water, hand-washing, nutrition and malnutrition. Through our partnership with Bridging the Digital Divide, a collaboration between SUNY Broome and the Binghamton University Center for Civic Engagement, we have taken nearly 80 laptops to Haiti and helped to create four computer labs where children and adults can receive regular computer literacy lessons. Digital lessons have been created by local elementary students and by students from SUNY Broome. These education programs would not have been possible without our amazing translators. They are such a pleasure to work with, and we have developed

deep friendships.



“If you can think about the nicest person you’ve ever met, that was every single person I met while in Haiti,” said Carolyn Butler of Health for Haiti 2016.

We helped the community of Grande Saline to build two classrooms so that the local children can attend school near their homes and, working with ETM Solar Works of Endicott, we have completed two solar installations to provide power to the school. We have also solicited donations to support teacher’s salaries and provide school supplies that can enhance educational options for these kids.



New classrooms, lessons and electricity are great, but with nearly 200 hungry school children, many of whom can’t count on receiving even one meal every day, a nutritious lunch is also an important part of a productive education. Health for Haiti worked with the community to develop a sustainable plan for meeting this need. We helped to create a community garden that is now being used to grow corn, beans, melons, pumpkins, bananas, papaya and eggplant. The first harvest yielded 504 pounds of beans and 252 pounds of corn. Food from the garden is now being used to supplement the school lunch, and the community is already planting more.



SUNY Broome Health for Haiti has worked with and learned from our friends Dr. Ken and Andrea Taylor at their beautiful clinic in Port au Prince. We have also partnered with a Haitian doctor, Dr. Robinson, to provide free medical services in Cite Soleil and Grande Saline. By collecting over-the-counter medical supplies and donations to purchase prescription medications in Haiti, the team has helped to treat high blood pressure, malaria, worms, anemia, and malnutrition. In 2015, they even helped Dr. Robinson deliver a baby!



In January 2016, Health for Haiti brought Dr. Tom Buckner, a local dentist, and five dental hygiene students to Haiti. The team worked with Professor Maureen Hankin to provide critical dental services for rural and urban communities in Haiti and provided \$33,859 in donated dental services. Health for Haiti is also compiling health records for the children and adults that they treat in Haiti. We hope that this health data will provide new insight into how our efforts, such as the clean water project, might improve health in the community.

Health for Haiti's clean water for Grande Saline project is possible because of the water filtration system that was donated by the Pall Corporation in Cortland. Working with the talented and generous engineers from Pall, Health for Haiti installed the system in 2015. It is a municipal-grade microfiltration system that cleans the water from the local river, filtering out disease-causing pathogens. The filtration system is operated by three members of the local community and provides 4,000 gallons of clean water daily in Grande Saline. A Health for Haiti team consisting of Pall engineers and students provides periodic maintenance and operator training when we travel to Haiti.



After a year of clean water, there are signs of better health in the community.

“The water filtration system is, for the people of Grande Saline, like water in the desert. The water changes life. We have a reduction in diarrhea in the children in Grande Saline,” said Dr. Robinson. “Your contribution is visible and brings great change in the population.”

Water system operator, Cesar, added: “I don’t have enough words to explain to you how this water is so important for everyone in Grande Saline. My job also helps me so much to take care of my children.”

Access to clean water has opened brand new opportunities for improved health in the community. The leading causes of death for children in the developing world are respiratory and diarrheal diseases. One simple intervention that can reduce the spread of these deadly diseases is hand-washing. Health for Haiti helped to build a community hand-washing station, called a tippy-tap, that makes use of the clean water. Now children and adults can wash their hands with soap and clean water, and hopefully stay healthier as a result.



“One thing I’ll never forget about being in Haiti was watching the first little girl washing her hands at the tippy-tap,” said Kaylin. “She had the biggest smile on her face and it warmed my heart so much to see the excitement over something that to us is so small. My experience in Haiti has allowed me to gain so much compassion for others. I now know that no matter where I go in life, I always want to be involved in something meaningful that will help someone else.”

Health for Haiti also built a bathroom in Grande Saline, providing four hygienic toilets outside the new school. Access to a safe toilet has important implications for health, dignity and education. Open defecation contributes to poor health and diarrheal disease, while lack of privacy may interfere with the ability of girls to attend school after puberty. Although this is just a modest start, it is an important one. There is no doubt that improved sanitation will also lead to better overall health for the entire community.



All of these projects have made a lasting impact on those of us who have been fortunate enough to travel to Haiti.

“I learned that one small act of kindness can mean the world of difference for somebody in Haiti. Going to Haiti lets you try out so many different things, whether it be nursing, working in the pharmacy, being a teacher, climbing on the roof to install a solar panel, or just simply playing with the kids,” explained Josh Brady of Health for Haiti 2016. “The Haitian people were so thankful, but I should be the one thanking them; I learned so many valuable lessons and genuinely grew as a person.”

Nancy Walling, Health for Haiti 2015 said, “I gained a huge new family.” Nancy is looking forward to traveling back to Haiti this July to continue work on the Health for Haiti projects.

The Haitian people also taught us some important lessons.



“While I was in Haiti, I learned so much about myself,” explained Ashley. “Happiness is something I thought about very much while I was there, and still do today. In our society, which is full of opportunity, we are all so negative. If one thing doesn’t go our way or as planned, our day is seemingly ruined. The amazing Haitian people I came in contact with have only a minute amount of what we all have and yet are the happiest, most loving people I have ever met. If people with such misfortune have the ability to be happy and show it, we have no excuse not to!”

“Haiti was such an eye-opening experience for me. I learned that you don’t need much in life to be happy,” echoed Josh. “I learned that all you really need is your family or people who care about you. Everything else is just a bonus.”

“When we were riding on the bus to Grande Saline, we came across a funeral procession,” said Iyan Warren of Health for Haiti 2015. “Many people were dancing around the coffin, and even dancing with the coffin, to celebrate the life of the person they lost. Even in death they celebrated life rather than mourning loss.”



Jenna Fetterman, Health for Haiti 2016, noted, “The pictures I took on our trip show how happy and passionate the Haitian people are about life, even having little to nothing. They have such great love for their country, faith, family, and one another. It is something we should all admire.”

March 12, 2016 — the one year anniversary of our clean water project — was another hot and sunny day in Grande Saline. But we can be absolutely sure that none of us who have been a part of Health for Haiti will ever be quite the same as we were a year ago. The community in Grande Saline came together to decorate the container and water system with balloons and streamers in celebration of what has become a new kind of routine day them. A day that includes clean water, new educational opportunities, food grown by the community for the community, clean hands, hygienic toilets, and the hope for a healthier tomorrow.

Water system operator Duckens said, “The water system is my life. Thank you so much. I was dead, but with the water I am alive because I am living a new life.”



So you want to run for political office? Find out how on April 9

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SUNY Broome will run its fourth bi-annual workshop on how to run for political office from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 9, in Titchener Hall Room 101.

The event will feature the nuts and bolts of getting on the ballot and running a campaign, as well as a bipartisan panel discussion on why elected officials made that initial choice to run.

Representatives from both major parties will be present to talk with interested citizens. A concluding session, “Run Sister Run” from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., will focus on women deciding to run for the first time.

People interested are encouraged to come anytime from 8:30 a.m. on to sign up. Some light breakfast fare and lunch will be provided. There is no cost for the workshop or the refreshments.

Any questions can be referred to Doug Garnar at garnarc@sunybroome.edu.



‘Adventures in Virtual Reality’ postponed

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The Adventures in Virtual Reality event scheduled for April 11 is being postponed due to technical and logistical difficulties. A new date has yet to be determined.



Four SUNY Broome students receive Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

April 6, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



A quartet of SUNY Broome students received top honors from the State University of New York system by receiving the 2016 [Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence](#).

The recipients are:

- [Steven Burnette](#) of Vestal, a Liberal Arts major. He was awarded Phi Theta Kappa's Distinguished Chapter Officer award for the New York Region, was recruited to tutor in the college's math help center and, as a part of the Chemistry Club, performed exciting chemistry experiments at local schools and the college's child care center. Steve was on the President's list every semester, served as president of the Philosophy club, and received many honors for work on academic and community service projects.



Steven Burnette

- [Richard Connolly](#) of Vestal, a Liberal Arts – Individual Studies major with a focus in creative writing. He has published articles and served on the editorial board of Breaking Ground, the campus literary magazine. He was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa and in Spring 2015 was elected to the society's student board. In these roles he was engaged in many campus events, from Convocation Day to the

campus ethics conference.



Richard Connolly

- **Kellie Harrison** of Vestal, a Liberal Arts major. Kellie is a member of SUNY Broome's Honors Program and Phi Theta Kappa. She has always been eager to get involved both inside and outside the classroom and has been active in internships, charity events and political activism projects. Through her political activism, she found her passion for politics and law and aspires to someday fight injustice as a human rights lawyer. Kellie attributes her many accomplishments to the encouragement of professors and staff at SUNY Broome.



Left to right: Zimpher, Harrison, Schuhert

- **Chandler Prouty** of Oneonta, a Physical Therapy Assistant major. Chandler is fulfilling her passions of playing basketball, studying the human body and learning how to assist others in their times of need. She was named to the SUNY Broome President's List, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and received the NJCAA National Superior Academic Achievement Award. Chandler served as captain of the women's basketball team, and was an active member of the SUNY Broome Physical Therapists Assistants club. She was active in several events that benefitted the Binghamton community.



Left to right: Zimpher, Prouty, Schuhert

“These four outstanding students are among the most accomplished not only here at SUNY Broome, but throughout the SUNY system statewide,” said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm, who noted that less than one percent of SUNY students receive the Chancellor’s Award. “They are accomplished both academically and as leaders, and are great role models for all our students, both present and future.”

Harrison and Prouty made the trek to Albany with Dean of Students Scott Schuhert on Tuesday to receive the award. NASA Astronaut [Scott Kelly](#) joined SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher in recognizing student achievement, with a video message highlighting the ways in which his time at SUNY Maritime College prepared him for the challenges he faced during his year in space, as well as a successful 29-year career in government.

“This award is our way of saying ‘thank you’ to stand-out SUNY students whose achievements reflect their own impressive hard work as well as the support of their families and friends, and SUNY’s world-class faculty and staff,” said Zimpher. “The 248 students we honor with this year’s award have excelled academically, become role models on campus, and established themselves as leaders in the community. Congratulations to all of the students receiving the 2016 Chancellor’s Award for Excellence.”

The award was created in 1997 to recognize students who have best demonstrated and have been recognized for the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments in the areas of leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts, campus involvement or career achievement.

Color Run to turn SUNY Broome into a rainbow beach on May 7

April 6, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

Wish you could go running on an island beach, under waving palm fronds? You can – on the SUNY Broome campus this May, when the Color Run returns to Binghamton.

“We’re looking forward to a beautiful rainbow created by more than 5,500 people,” said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm at a press conference announcing the third annual 5K.

The Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier is again the charity of choice for the “Happiest 5K on the Planet,” and has partnered with SUNY Broome to bring the event to campus. The popular event drew more than 5,500 participants last year and has raised close to \$50,000 for the agency in the two years that they’ve been in Binghamton.

“May 7 is a perfect time to celebrate health and mental wellness – two important aspects of this event. And it’s a perfect way for families to be outside doing something fun together,” said Keith Leahey, executive director of MHA ST and an instructor at SUNY Broome.

The Color Run has two main rules: Wear white at the start line and be a rainbow of color at the finish. At each kilometer, participants are doused in harmless, non-toxic paint, which consists of colored corn starch. This year, the event will adopt a “Tropicolor” theme with leis, inflatable palm trees and a rainbow beach with sand, as well as a bubble machine.

The race is untimed, and suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels.

“You can run it, jog it, walk it – it’s all up to you. Rather than competing, you’re fostering a different kind of personal best by celebrating health, happiness, individuality and giving back to the community,” Dr. Drumm said.

The event has sold out during the past two years, so participants are advised to sign up early. An added incentive to register today: Pricing is scheduled to rise at midnight April 7.

The event is also looking for volunteers. Multiple shifts are available May 5, 6 and 7. To register as a volunteer, [click here](#). Please make sure that you click the YES button when asked if you are volunteering on behalf of MHA ST.

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Toastmasters: Students from around the world share their stories

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The 25 people who attended Friday's Toastmasters meeting heard the moving and sometimes humorous autobiographies of students originally from the U.S., [Curacao](#), [Afghanistan](#), China, Ukraine and Saudi Arabia.

Kathy Grasso, who had worked with the students in the Writing Center, approached Toastmasters about spotlighting the students and their stories. The students did a fantastic job.

It was abundantly clear that there are many ways that the two campus institutions might collaborate to help students prepare and present all types of material.

Toastmasters meets most Fridays at 3 p.m. in W 203B. On April 8, the group will temporarily be in Student Services Room 205. Join us!



Don't know what to do with your office's used toner cartridges? Read on.

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Don't know what to do with your used printer toner cartridges? They're easy to recycle — and it's free! Just follow these instructions:

- When you open your new box of toner, you will see a UPS shipping label in the bottom of the box.
- As you take the new toner out of the box, also take out the UPS return label and put your old toner in the box.
- Close the box; there are self-closing tabs so you don't have to tape it.
- Slap the label right on the box. There's no need to put your return address, as you don't want the used toner coming back to you.
- Put the box (with the label on it) with your outgoing mail.
- The mail room will take it and set it aside for UPS to pick up.
- It doesn't cost the college anything and the toner gets recycled!



Degree Works open Lab Hours start this Thursday

April 5, 2016

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[Degree Works Academic Audits](#) is now available! Not sure how to use it? Check out our Open Lab hours from 11 a.m. to noon on Thursdays in Business Building 111. Dates include April 7, April 21, May 5, May 26, June 16, July 14 and August 18.

Why use Degree Works? With this program, you can:

- See degree requirements for your program major
- See how completed courses and courses in progress apply to degree requirements
- Identify courses needed to complete your degree
- View your grades and academic standing
- View your overall GPA and program GPA
- Create What-If audits to view requirements if you change your major
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- See how AP, IB and transfer credits are used to satisfy degree requirements
- Learn the prerequisites and co-requisites for courses by clicking on the course numbers
- Use the GPA calculators to determine what needs to be done to obtain your desired GPA
- Make sure degree requirements have been met and you are ready to graduate.

We recommend that you look at your Degree Works Audit at least four times a semester:

- Before you meet with your advisor to discuss registration for an upcoming semester
- After you register to ensure that the courses you picked apply to your degree requirements
- After the grades for each semester are posted
- Any time you make a change to your schedule

A Quick Launch icon has been created for everyone to obtain access through MyCollege. Need help getting started? There is a Degree Works Help website with short how-to files to help you use the program's features. Contact information is provided if you need to reach someone for further assistance.



Apply now: SUNY Empire State Diversity Honors Scholarship

April 5, 2016

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The Financial Aid Office has applications available for the SUNY Empire State Diversity Honors Scholarship.

Student eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident alien and must be a New York State resident.
- Must be a member of an under-represented minority group.
- Must have a minimum 3.0 grade-point average (GPA); minimum high school average of 80% (if new student).
- Must be matriculated into a degree-granting program of study.
- Must have completed the 2015-16 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For more information or to apply, please contact the Financial Aid Office. The deadline for application materials is Friday, May 6.



Patients needed: Help SUNY Broome dental hygiene students earn their license

April 5, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Seniors in SUNY Broome's Dental Hygiene program will take their national clinical board exam on Wednesday, May 4, in the campus' dental hygiene clinic. The students are in great need of potential patients for this exam.

Potential patients would be screened to see if they meet the criteria for the test. Overall, we're looking for patients who haven't had their teeth cleaned in more than a year, or who smoke. The screening is free and takes approximately 30 minutes. There is no charge for being a board patient and having your teeth cleaned. Patients who meet the criteria will also have x-rays done at no charge.

Interested? Call the clinic at 778-5015 and tell the staff that you would like to be screened as a potential board patient.

The exam is critical for students, who must have a board patient and pass before obtaining their license as a dental hygienist. Please feel free to share this information with fellow students, family members and friends.



Updated: SUNY Broome job fair to feature more than 90 employers

April 5, 2016

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This year's Martin Luther King Jr. Job Fair at SUNY Broome will feature **more than 90 employers** in a wide range of fields from across the Southern Tier. The annual event, held in partnership with the Department of Labor, runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 7, in the SUNY Broome Ice Center.

Last year's job fair drew approximately 70 employers. This year's event is at its maximum capacity – good news for job-seekers, who are encouraged to bring multiple copies of their résumé.

Employers have either current or anticipated job openings. Companies and organizations scheduled to attend the event include:

ACCO Brands * ACHIEVE * Adecco * All Metro Health Care * Amphenol * Army National Guard * Autozone Inc. * Avon * Binghamton Police Department * Binghamton University Dining Services by Sodexo * Brookdale Vestal West * Broome County Government Security Division * Broome Oncology * Broome-Tioga BOCES * The CBORD Group * CMP Advanced Mechanical Solutions * Colonial Voluntary Benefits * Community Options New York, Inc. * D & R Technical Solutions, Inc. * Employment Solutions * Endicott Precision, Inc. * Endless Mountain Learning Center, Inc. * ENSCO Avionics * Epilepsy-Pralid, Inc. * Evolution Consulting * Express Employment Professionals * The Family & Children's Society, Inc. * Family Enrichment Network * Fidelis Care NY * Finger Lakes Parent Network * Foam It Insulation * Foresters Financial Services, Inc. * Global Receivables Solutions * Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (McKissack & McKissack) * Greater Binghamton Health Center * Guthrie Health * HCA – Helping Celebrate Abilities * The Hearth at Castle Gardens * Jack Sherman Toyota * Liberty Resources * Lourdes * Maines Paper & Food Service, Inc. * Manpower * The Medicine Shoppe * Mirabito Energy Products * NBT – Mang Insurance Agency * New York Life * New York State of Health * New York State Office of Children and Family Services – McCormick Secure Center * New York State Police * New York State Department of Taxation and Finance * New York State Department of Transportation * North American Business Solutions * NYS Unified Court System – Sixth Judicial District * Oneonta Job Corps Academy * The Otesaga Resort Hotel * Pennsylvania State Police * Peoplelink Staffing, Inc. * Premier Technologies * The Raymond Corporation * Refrigerated Transport Electronics, Inc. * Regional Hospital of Scranton * The Rob Salamida Co., Inc. * Rural Health Service Corps * Sage Truck Driving Schools * Sanmina Corp. * Security Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York * Servpro of Broome County * Speedway * Shafer's Tour & Charter * STCR, Inc. * Staffworks * Stafkings * Susquehanna Nursing & Rehab Center * Teamworld, Inc. * Time Warner Cable * Tioga Downs Casino * Tioga State Bank * Townsquare Media * UHS * UHS Senior Living at Ideal * UnitedHealthCare Community Plan * United Parcel Service (UPS) * U.S. Air Force * Vector Marketing * Vestal Central School District * Verizon Wireless * WBNG-TV * Wilson Dental * Willow Point Nursing Home * Willow Run Foods

For more information, visit www.sunybroome.edu/job-fair. For questions, please contact Holly Welfel at welfelhb@sunybroome.edu.

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Thursday, April 7, 2016
SUNY Broome Ice Center
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What should society do for the dying? Join the discussion April 11

April 5, 2016

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End of Life: What Should Society Do for Those Who are Dying?

Monday, April 11, 2016, 6 – 9 p.m. (Doors will open at 5 p.m.)

SUNY Broome's Angelo Zuccolo Little Theater

(Free food and beverages will be provided to event participants.)

SUNY Broome's Departments of Psychology and Human Services, Student Activities and Civic Engagement are hosting an evening on Monday, April 11, at the campus' Angelo Zuccolo Little Theater for students, county residents and organizations on the *End of Life: What Should Society Do for Those Who are Dying?*

"This event will openly address what society should allow and support at the end of life, and will suggest for open discussion possible options to explore. Under most circumstances, end of life decisions are difficult and uncomfortable, so the overall objective is to address the availability of options, as well as associated challenges and therapeutic value," explained Professor Lisa Strahley, coordinator of SUNY Broome's Civic Engagement Office.

Given the advances in medical treatments and technology, the population is living longer and confronting decisions regarding end of life care. Illnesses that were once death sentences are now frequently treatable. Yet, we often prolong the lives of the chronically ill who, if given the choice, would opt to end their suffering and have the right to die peacefully. Furthermore, related decisions raise many questions, including but not limited to psychological, philosophical, ethical, religious and legal aspects, with varying implications.

As more and more states, including New York, consider passing "right to die" laws similar to the ones that took effect in Oregon in 1997 and most recently in California, SUNY Broome will be launching the event with a one-hour performance of the play *The Bridge Club of Death*, which will serve as the opener to a deliberation on this important topic.

The evening's deliberation forum will examine three different options — preserving life at all costs, keeping patients comfortable and pain-free, and allowing the terminally ill to have the right to control how and when they die — and discuss related trade-offs.

Today, more than 100 million Americans have chronic diseases, and deciding what is best has become both a personal and a public decision. The end of life is, on average, the most expensive period, with Americans spending five times the money on healthcare in their last year of life than in any one previous year. Even those who will never face these choices will pay for them through tax dollars and the cost of insurance premiums.

"Considering that a portion of our student base and the broader community have been touched by or will face end of life choices and decisions now or in the future, SUNY Broome is proud to open this event to organizations serving these populations, including the option of hosting a table, at no cost, for information sharing," added Strahley.

All event attendees are being asked to bring a roll of paper towels or a box of tissues that will be donated to Mercy House, a not-for-profit community care shelter that opened Feb. 28 in Endicott, providing a home and

a supportive family to people with terminal illnesses who can no longer remain at home.

“We are very fortunate in Broome County to have both Lourdes at Home/Hospice and now Mercy House, so the timing of this community conversation is imperative. While there are many aspects in life that are uncertain, death is one that is universal. It’s important to be a part of a dialogue that will ultimately impact upon all of our lives.

“*What Society Should Do for Those Who are Dying?* promises to be an enlightening, engaging and memorable opportunity. The event is free, doors will open at 5 p.m., the performance will begin at 6 p.m. and the deliberation will immediately follow. Free food and beverages will also be provided to event participants throughout the evening,” Strahley concluded.

Those in attendance are encouraged to read the attached information in advance of April 11 to increase awareness regarding the content of the deliberation forum.

For questions or to reserve a table to share information, contact Lisa Strahley, Chair of Teacher Education/Early Childhood Education and Civic Engagement Coordinator, at strahleyla@sunybroome.edu or 607-778-5042.

[end of life deliberation](#)

April 7 Common Hour: Point-Counterpoint

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Join panelists with divergent points of view for a discussion of the most important current events of the day.

Faculty presenters Scott Corley and Carla Michalak will lead the discussion at 11 a.m. April 7 in T-102.

[CommonHourEvent_PointCounterpoint](#)



SUNY Broome's Karryann Kohlbeck receives 2016 Newman Civic Fellow Award

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SUNY Broome student [Karryann Kohlbeck](#) has been named a 2016 Newman Civic Fellow by [Campus Compact](#).

Karryann is among 218 students from 36 different states, Washington, D.C., and Mexico to receive the [Newman Civic Fellows Award](#), which honors undergraduate and graduate students who have taken action in pursuit of long-term social change and who engage and inspire others in their communities.

Kohlbeck's academic journey has led her from Arizona to Upstate New York, and across the disciplines. While she initially began as a Health Sciences student, she has found her passion in writing – and in public service and social change. Karryann, who is a Navajo Indian, hopes to one day become an attorney focusing on women's rights and public policy.

"While soft-spoken, she is fiercely dedicated to the democratic process and its ability to solve even our most intractable social problems," SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm said in his nomination letter for Kohlbeck.

The Teacher Education – English major forged a connection with documentary filmmaker [Heather Arnet](#) during an on-campus event, when Karryann discussed issues impacting the Navajo people. Arnet was so impressed with Karryann's passion that she invited her to do an internship, and gave her the opportunity to meet and speak with feminist activist, journalist and Ms. Magazine founder [Gloria Steinem](#).

During the course of several semesters, Kohlbeck has taken CTP 275, SUNY Broome's Public Achievement course. Through her involvement in CTP 275, Karryann worked with fourth-grade students in the Windsor Central School District during the Spring 2015 semester on a project to beautify the village's Main Street. She is currently enrolled in the course again for the Spring 2016 semester, and is working with second-graders in the Windsor district. Overall, Karryann's involvement in Public Achievement helped her develop the skills necessary to one day become a civic-minded professional and flourish in a democratic society.

Karryann has also been involved in Public Deliberations, which are designed to help everyday citizens identify and address an issue of deep concern. She has both participated in and undergone training in moderating such deliberations, and has been actively involved in facilitating these events both on and off campus, and in area public schools.

She is also part of the Broome Educators of Children Association's leadership team, and was actively involved with planning and implementing two community events to raise awareness and funds for our campus daycare center. Her work continues this semester, when she and another student are organizing a Clubs That Care fundraiser, bringing clubs from throughout campus together to support the center.

"As a future educator and lifelong learner, I am committed to educating our youth with the civic tools for creating a better tomorrow," Kohlbeck said.

Award-winners receive a certificate and an invitation to join the Newman Civic Fellows online network. They will also be featured prominently on the Campus Compact national website and, in many cases, invited to participate in state-specific activities.

“We are fortunate to have the opportunity to celebrate such an extraordinary group of students,” said Campus Compact president Andrew Seligsohn. “We are seeing a resurgence in student interest in acting to create lasting social change, and this year’s Newman Civic Fellows exemplify that commitment.”

The Newman Civic Fellows Award is named in honor of [Frank Newman](#), one of Campus Compact’s founders and a tireless advocate for the role of higher education in preparing students for active and engaged citizenship. The Newman Civic Fellows Award is supported by the KPMG Foundation and by Newman’s Own Foundation.



SUNY Broome Theater students to present Spring Showcase

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Join SUNY Broome's Theater program at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 14 and 15 for the Student-Choice Spring Showcase.

The show will feature short scenes from the works of the great playwrights chosen by the theater students, and an original dramatization of the event that helped to launch the Civil Rights movement: when Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus. Pictured is the entire cast for "Thank You Rosa," including two guest performers: math instructor Craig Jefferson and student Mulique Lawrence-Jolly.



Professor Margherita Rossi will lead a Q&A Talkback about Rosa Parks after the opening night performance Thursday evening. This Q&A is part of the partnership with the SUNY Broome Women's Institute. Director Katherine Bacon and the entire cast will be present for the Q&A.

The showcase will feature a sampling of short scenes from plays by Tennessee Williams, Tony Kushner, Samuel Beckett, Arthur Miller and SUNY Broome's own Jan Quackenbush.

Please make your reservation at 778-5191.

Drs. Battisti to present at Experimental Biology Conference

April 4, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

Drs. Francis and Helen Battisti have been invited to present their research on April 3 and 4 at the Experimental Biology Conference in San Diego, California.

Dr. Helen Battisti will be doing a Poster Session on “Healthy as a Horse: A pilot study examining the effects of equine assisted learning in the enhancement of health behaviors in a pediatric population.”

Dr. Francis Battisti will present his work, “A Father’s Response To Having A Child Who Is Overweight: A Grounded Theory Study ... Results and Implications of Application.”

The Experimental Biology conference is a multidisciplinary, scientific meeting. General fields of study include anatomy, biochemistry and molecular biology, investigative pathology, nutrition, pharmacology, and physiology.

Get creative: Creativity Club to meet April 6

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The Creativity Club is open to creative types, the creatively curious and creatively bewildered. Join us for critical thinking games, improvisation, creative writing, handmade thinking, adult coloring and more!

The next meeting will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, in the Student Village classroom.



Annual Conference hosted by the Adjunct Council this Saturday, April 9

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Spring 2016 Faculty Conference

Tools to Improve Learning Outcomes in the Classroom

The annual conference hosted by the Adjunct Council will be held on Saturday, April 9th from 8:30–12:30 in room 110 of the Business Building.

TO REGISTER GO TO: [Register Here](#)

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Watkins and Dr. Carol Mikoda will be the keynote speakers.

Rev. Dr. Andrew Watkins is an adjunct Professor in the Education department for the graduate programs at Concordia University, Nebraska. As an ordained minister in the LCMS he has served as a parish pastor since 1998. Watkins has been a counselor with the LWML on the district level for 8 years. Watkins is a U.S. Army veteran and taught high school earth science and chemistry in the public school system in Lynchburg, Virginia. In the workshop, we will examine the tenets and application in the classroom of differentiated instruction (DI) and formative assessment. Not everyone has the same skills, hobbies, or learning preferences. What does the over 30 years of research from Kenneth and Rita Dunn have to say about our student's preferences for practicing and learning? We will explore the application of learning preferences (audio, visual, and kinesthetic) as we differentiate content, process and product. Our bodies and brains are incredible instruments. What does brain research tell us about the way we learn and what happens in the brain when we put our hands to work (Caine Learning Institute)? What is the difference between learning and memory (being able for your brain to recall information)? These questions will be explored in the session.

Dr. Mikoda's has been a public school teacher of grades 7-12 English language arts for several decades, She left her eighth grade classroom to go back to school herself. Retired now from SUNY Oneonta, she is involved in educational activism. Dr. Mikoda has also been a teacher educator and currently supervises student teachers and teaches college writing. She lives in upstate New York. In this workshop, we'll examine and try out a number of easy to insert strategies for getting students to write more and think more deeply about any texts or ideas we want to present. Through discussion, we may come up with a few more ideas to add to our list. Participants will find they can use these techniques immediately.

Final Reminder: Nominate a Colleague for the Spirit Award!

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The deadline for nominating a colleague who embodies the spirit of SUNY Broome is fast approaching. This week is your last chance to see them recognized for their service, dedication and unique contributions to the College!

Use the form attached and mail to Donna Rehak, MS #66 this week by April 8. Nominations will be announced, making even the nomination an honor. The winner will be announced at the Employee Recognition Event on May 6.

Take a moment to honor a colleague today!

Nominations are due to Donna Rehak, Mail Stop #66 by Friday April 8, 2016.

Please use the attached form to submit your nomination.

[Spirit Award Nominating Form 2016](#)

Budget and Finance Update: March 2016

April 4, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Finances

2016-17 Draft Operating Budget Presented for Consideration

A balanced draft operating budget has been developed for 2016-17 for Trustee consideration and will be shared in an additional communication ahead of the F&F meeting after the executive team reviews it one more time.

Favorable Student Housing Related Outcomes from our First 1½ Years Operation

Student housing opened on time and full in fall '14 and have remained at high occupancy rates with most students paying their bills – unlike some peer colleges. Student housing has touched campus enrollment favorably and has also touched our College and partner organizations in a positive financial way. Our student housing outcomes for the first year and a half of operation follow.

- Opened with 366 beds – 66 more beds than the 300 modeled in Brailsford and Dunleavy's (B&D) Market study for student housing
- Occupancy rates:
 - Fall '14: 99.3%
 - Spring '15: 96.0%
 - Fall '15: 99.6%
 - Spring '16: 96.4%Greater than 95% rate modeled in B&D study for first year of operations; rates that have stayed high in our second year of operation:
- Student payments:
 - 14-15: 97.6% housing bills collected and remitted to housing corporation in year 1
 - Fall 15: 97.4%
- Housing corporation:
 - \$ 1.1 cash
 - \$377k net assets
 - 19% revenues in excess of expenses
 - ROI: NA – no funds invested
- FSA:
 - \$38k increase in net dining revenues – \$38k (254%) increase over previous year (growing from \$25k to \$63k)
- Student enrollment from other NYS counties:
 - 14-15 – 33% growth (+ 411 student FTE – from 1,237 to 1,648 FTE) – more than the # beds; other county students now make up almost 1/3 of students – up from 1/4 the year before
 - Fall 15 – Continued growth fall '15: 8+% despite no additional beds being available (College is assisting applicants in finding housing off campus)

Spring '16 Enrollment Settles in at 3.2% Compared with Last Spring

... 1.1% point improvement since early February due to 13% growth in (high school) Fast Forward

The spring '16 enrollment forecast is settling to a 3.2% decline compared to last spring at this time, a 1.1% point improvement since early February, and due to 13% growth spring-to-spring in our high school based Fast Forward program. The revenue forecast has been adjusted downward by \$400k to reflect this decline.

See additional discussion in the 15-16 enrollment bullet below.

Summer '16 Enrollment Forecast and Strategies

Summer '16 enrollment has been budgeted and forecasted to be flat compared to last year. Latest figures show we are down more than 10%. Very significant steps are being taken to improve enrollment, and it has been assumed that our enrollment target will be met. Each percentage of summer student revenue equals \$11k, and the possibility that the budget target will not be met is being carried in the fund balance 'risks and opportunities' page.

15-16 Enrollment Forecast to be 1.2% Less Than Last Year Budget Favorable

...flat enrollment budgeted; decline amongst the smallest of NYS community colleges

Our annual enrollment is forecast to be 1.2% less than last year, a combination of:

Fall: flat enrollment fall-to-fall

Winterim: 31% growth

Spring: 3.2% decline spring-to-spring

Summer: assumed to be same as prior summer

SUNY Broome's forecast decline is amongst the smallest anticipated declines of NYS community colleges. See next bullet for additional comparisons with others.

It is anticipated that our 15-16 budget will be in balance with fund balance increasing ~ \$400k to ~ 8% of budget despite not meeting our flat enrollment target due to vacancy savings, favorable retiree and health rates, and growth in enrollments from other NYS counties, which bring additional revenue streams via charges to these student's county governments.

SUNY Broome Enrollments Compare Favorably With Others Last Year and This

...critically important financially with 75% of campus revenues linked to enrollment and each % = \$370k

This month updated NYSCC enrollment trends have been included. There are 3 pages:

- Actual 14-15 – sorted from greatest increase to greatest decrease in enrollment
- Estimated 15-16 – also sorted from greatest increase to greatest decrease in enrollment
- Sorted by greatest increase to greatest decrease from peak enrollment, with peak highlighted

Comparative enrollment highlights:

- SUNY Broome enrollments increased 5.2% last year – more than anyone other NYSCC; the next two closest to Broome increased by 1.4% and 1.2%
- Average NYSCC enrollments declined 3.5% last year, with enrollment change ranging from +5.2% (Broome) to -11.1% (Fulton Montgomery)
- NYSCC's are estimating an average decline of 4.5% this year, with enrollment change ranging from flat to -12.2%
- Only one NYSCC was at peak enrollment last year: FIT; the rest have declined since peaking 2 to 6 years ago, with the greatest decline 26.6% since peak

'15-16 Fund Balance Forecast Adjusted Down to Reflect Spring Enrollment Decline

...Moving Steadily From Low End of Recommended Range Towards 'Mid-Range' 10% Goal

With spring enrollment forecasts settling in, continuing to move steadily as planned from the bottom of the range recommended by SUNY towards the mid-range. Our projected fund balance is now \$4.0M, or 8% of

the current net operating budget. As discussed previously, SUNY and GASB recommend that fund balance be retained at a fiscally prudent level – 5% to 15% of the net operating budget (total budget less miscellaneous revenues).

3-Year Financial Aid Loan Repayment Default Rate of Former Students Released

Our 2013 Draft cohort default rate is 17.9%; a 0.7% increase from 17.2%. This is the rate of default for our former students – graduates and non-graduates. Studies show that students who do not complete are the least likely to repay their student loans.

This increase in the default rate reflects the increase in the amount of loans we awarded in 2013 – from 2012 to 2013 we had a 12.33% increase in loans awarded.

It is anticipated that our successful efforts to reduce student bad debt on our own campus (already showing a 19% drop here) will also have a positive impact on the long term federal default numbers as well, starting to be reflected with 2014 default rates.

However, it is also anticipated that student housing may have a negative impact on our default rate due to larger financial aid packages. We will need to wait another 2 years to see.

Our hope is that the changes made over the past 3 years to reduce student bad debt will help alleviate any increase related to student housing.

Additionally, we are working on initiatives with SUNY that address reducing the default rate. This multifaceted approach to debt and default management has as its goal lower default rates along with higher retention and graduation rates.

SUNY Smart Track – promotes awareness and understanding regarding college choice, college financing options and responsible loan borrowing. Smart Track begins with a standard SUNY Award Letter, continues with strong financial literacy tools – including Net Price Calculator, and provides engagement of student loan borrowers throughout their time on one of our campuses.

We also have implemented a retention tool – Starfish. This tool will help to identify at risk students and get these students the outreach and support to allow them to be successful in obtaining their goals. Students who are able to complete are in a stronger position to repay their loans.

Student Payment Process Improved

... Cash Net implementation underway and ability to sign up for payment plans through MyCollege

Implementation is well underway with PCI compliant processing. This move will bring e-bills, payment plans, and online credit card payments into one location providing seamless user friendly access. Additionally students can more readily provide FERPA compliant access to parents/family members.

Our new payment plan became available to students Spring '16, and provides students with a seamless option to sign up for a payment plan from their MyCollege account – view bill area.

Developed by R. Losinger, VPAFA; J. Tillotson, Associate Vice President & Controller; and L. Allen, Budget & Institutional Effectiveness Specialist – 3/24/16

[March 2016 Budget and Finance Update](#)

Facilities Update: March 2016

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Options Developed to Reduce Cost of Carnegie Renovation from \$12 to Less Than \$10 Million ...

Resolution Presented Asking Approval to Proceed with Renovation

Passero and team have been working with campus faculty, staff, and the executive team since our last Board of Trustees meeting, identifying and developing options to reduce the cost of the proposed renovation from nearly \$12 million to less than \$10 million at the request of Trustees.

Options developed to reduce costs include downsizing the addition off the rear of the building – eliminating an open staircase, seminar room, and storage space, and making reductions to equipment, furnishings, and media services budgets.

Details on the options have been developed by Passero, and are being shared this month with Trustees elsewhere in this packet. Passero will be giving a brief presentation at the beginning of the Board meeting.

An action item and resolution has been included this month requesting approval to proceed with the project – a modified version of the one presented last month for informational purposes.

Digging into New Market Tax Incentives – Estimated at \$2.575 Million Net of Fees

As we have been discussing for a while now, it is estimated that the federal New Market Tax Incentives will net ~\$2.5 million (\$2.575 million in the draft application) in funding for our Carnegie renovation if we are successful in getting them.

The gross New Market Tax Credits available for this project are estimated by our tax attorney at \$3.9 million.

Profit for participating lending partners, attorney fees, and other costs associated with seeking, holding, and using them are sizable – they total an estimated \$1.4 million, leaving \$2.575 million available to the college for this project.

The \$2.575 million in net tax credits is presented in all Carnegie renovation funding discussions net of all costs and fees – the costs and fees are not included as project renovation costs.

At the end of the day, if the College is successful in seeking these tax credits – and we hope and believe we are well positioned to be successful due to the unique and highly attractive combination of educational, historical, economic, and location components, we will have \$2.575 million in hand to help fund this renovation that we would not have otherwise had.

Business Building Updates Proceeding This Summer

The Business Building bathrooms are all slated to be rehabilitated and updated over the next 3 months. Lecture room B-110 is also slated to be rehabilitated with new seating and new paint.

Decker Building Temperature Control System

The temperature control system is slated to be commissioned on April 1, 2016.

Mechanical Building Professional Services Search Proceeding

The RFP has been completed and five design firms will be interviewed over the next five (5) weeks. The team will grade each design firm and then present the President with a recommendation on who best fits these criteria.

Digital Sign on Campus Front Lawn Nearly Complete

The digital sign has now been completed with the possibility of adding additional landscaping brick work at the base being added in the coming weeks.

Old Science Building Men's Bathroom Renovation

The men's bathroom is receiving a much needed renovation during the week of spring break and will be operational by March 25th.

Student Services Building Updates Planned and Underway

The Financial Aid Office is receiving a small renovation that will enhance customer service and provide better security. The Registrar's Office is receiving a small renovation to better support the enrollment management reorganization changes being made. In addition, in about 3-4 weeks the Student Service Building will be undergoing some minor asbestos abatement work done to selected offices, and the counseling center is getting a small facelift as well.

Titchener Lecture Halls Being Renovated and Updated

Lecture Halls 101 & 102 are slated to receive new seating, carpet, paint and technology over the spring and summer months in contemporary shades of gray.

Ice Center Chiller Update

The temporary chiller at the Ice Center is working fine, and the Ice Center re-opened in less than a week after the two-year old chiller failed. The tower replacement is slated to occur in early to late July, and the reasons why it failed are still being explored, with intentions to follow through with the manufacturer if the nearly new equipment was faulty, or with any others at fault.

Prepared by R. Losinger, VPAFA, and Phil Testa – 3/21/16

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Baby Shower for Amy Zieziula on April 8

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Join us for a

BABY SHOWER

in honor of Amy Zieziula



FRIDAY | APRIL 8TH | 2PM-4PM
WALES BUILDING, ROOM 203B
WAITING TO SEE IF IT'S A BOY OR GIRL!
AMY IS REGISTERED AT BABYS R US

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Join us in congratulating Amy Zieziula, Director of Housing, on her baby to be! If you know Amy and want to share in the celebration, we would love to see you there.

The baby shower is on April 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Wales 203B.



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Announcing a Limited callout for remaining PDAP Funds for Spring 2016

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We are pleased to announce a second callout for PDAP funds this Spring 2016. There is a limited remaining PDAP fund balance that is available to provide support for activities taking place between January 1, 2016 and August 31, 2016. These PDAP funds are accessible to both Faculty and Staff.

For funding consideration, please read through the information about the Professional Development Assistance Program (PDAP) on the Professional Development website: (<https://www.sunybroome.edu/web/professional-development/assistance-program>). This site also contains the recently updated and approved forms that must be used for full consideration of your PDAP request.

PDAP applications should be sent to the secretary to the Chief Academic Officer mailstop #55) and must be **RECEIVED by 5 pm on April 22, 2016.**

The Professional Development Steering Committee will meet shortly after this date to act on the applications. Applications received after the April 22nd deadline will be accepted in the unlikely event that funds are still available.

Please contact Jamie Heron-Starr (x5592) if you have any questions on the PDAP application procedure.

Title IX Training for Employees

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Two Title IX First Responder trainings are scheduled for this semester:

- 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, in Decker 201
- 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, April 26, in Wales 203-B

Faculty and staff who have not attended a previous Title IX training are strongly encouraged to attend. Registration is not required and a sign-in sheet will be used to take attendance. A question and answer session will follow the training.

Upcoming Professional Development Events

April 4, 2016

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All About Web Time Entry

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

When: Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Where: TRC Lab

Presenter: Peggy Holmes & Angie Bergholtz

Register: [Register Here](#)
OR

When: Thursday, April 7, 2016

Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Where: NSC 107 Lab

Presenter: Peggy Holmes & Angie Bergholtz

Register: [Register Here](#)

3D (Dine, Discuss Diversity) Series

Why Diversity Training? Does it Work?

The 3D lunch series was conceived of as a way for the campus community to learn and share ideas about various aspects of diversity. Having open, honest and insightful conversations about diversity, in a friendly and civil atmosphere, is one of the first steps in promoting a just, fair, and inclusive environment for students, faculty, and staff.

When: Wednesday, April 6, 2016

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Where: Wales 203B

Presenters: The President's Task Force

Register: [Register Here](#)

Promotion and Appointment Basics

Review the basics and essentials of the Promotion & Appointment process at SUNY Broome. Newly hired, full-time employees working under the FA contract at SUNY Broome enter an Appointment process, the goal

of which is to earn Continuing Appointment. In addition, these faculty members may apply for promotion or Professional Development Recognition Increment as stipulated by the Contract.

When: Friday, April 8, 2016

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Where: TRC Lab

Presenter: Suzanne Shepard

Register: [Register Here](#)

Join Dr. Francis Battisti, Executive Vice-President and Chief Academic Officer, in his monthly, campus-wide discussions about academic issues that impact the College. Coffee and tea will be served.

When: Thursday, April 21, 2016

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: Wales 203B

Presenter: Dr. Frances Battisti

Register: [Register Here](#)

Future Dates: All dates are Thursdays, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm in Wales 203B

May 12th

Google Boot Camp: Google Apps

Learn what Google Apps we have access to here on campus, and how to use some to benefit you on a daily basis.

When: Thursday, April 28, 2016

Time: 11:00 am – 11:50 am

Where: TRC Lab

Presenter: Paul Cartie

Register: [Register Here](#)

Minor construction work in Admissions

April 4, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Starting today and over the next few days, there will be minor construction in the Admissions office. Please expect some noise and people bringing supplies in and out as we make small improvements to our welcome center.

April 7 Common Hour: Secrets of Self-Management

April 3, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Join Professor Gian Roma from the Business Division as he discusses a segment of his book on self-management at 11 a.m. April 7 in T-101.

How dependable are you? And how does this quality affect your business and personal relationships?

Find out more at this fascinating Common Hour talk.



The Monday Poem: ‘What the Doctor Said’

April 3, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

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

What the Doctor Said

by [Raymond Carver](#)

He said it doesn't look good
he said it looks bad in fact real bad
he said I counted thirty-two of them on one lung before
I quit counting them
I said I'm glad I wouldn't want to know
about any more being there than that
he said are you a religious man do you kneel down
in forest groves and let yourself ask for help
when you come to a waterfall
mist blowing against your face and arms
do you stop and ask for understanding at those moments
I said not yet but I intend to start today
he said I'm real sorry he said
I wish I had some other kind of news to give you
I said Amen and he said something else
I didn't catch and not knowing what else to do
and not wanting him to have to repeat it
and me to have to fully digest it
I just looked at him
for a minute and he looked back it was then
I jumped up and shook hands with this man who'd just given me
something no one else on earth had ever given me
I may have even thanked him habit being so strong



Hospitality Night with the B-Sens on April 9

April 3, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Join the B-Sens on April 9 at the Floyd L Maines Veterans Memorial Arena to help support SUNY Broome Hospitality Programs!

The game will start at 7:05 p.m. Tickets start as low as \$18, with \$3 from every ticket going back to SUNY Broome. To order tickets, contact the B-Sens Ticket Office directly at 607-722-SENS.



Got Questions? Get answers on April 7

April 3, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Do you have any questions navigating SUNY Broome? Questions about getting involved and taking advantage of resources? Do you know about academic advising and course registration? What about Financial Aid and Scholarships?

Stop by the Got Questions table and ask one of the Imagine Success Members. We will be available between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. April 7 across campus. Building locations include the lobby of Titchener Hall, the Library, Applied Technology and Decker Health Science. We look forward to meeting you and answering your questions!



Save the date: Middle States PRR meeting on April 5

April 3, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

There will be a Middle States Periodic Review Report (PRR) town hall meeting on April 5, 2016, to present and discuss the final report to be submitted to Middle States on June 1, 2016. Please come and have your voice heard. Information about the venue and time are below:

Venue: Titchener Room 102

Time: 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

April 7 entrepreneurship talk with LUMA, BingPop's Joshua Bernard

April 3, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Join us at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 7, in Business Building Room 205 for Innovation+Entrepreneurship+Creativity, a discussion by Joshua Bernard, creative director of BingPop and director of operations for LUMA.

Joshua Bernard has led the way in community engagement in the Greater Binghamton area over the past few years. Learn his strategies and business model for evaluating opportunities and implementing dynamic projects, and the art of building relationships while focusing on economic development and profitability.



Yum: Pizza and Bake Sale fundraiser for BECA

April 3, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Support the Broome Educators of Children Association (BECA) with your taste buds at a Pizza and Bake Sale fundraiser, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 4, and Tuesday, April 5, in the Titchener lobby.

The fundraiser supports BECA's community outreach and professional development initiatives.



Title IX Training for Employees

April 3, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Two Title IX First Responder trainings are scheduled for this semester:

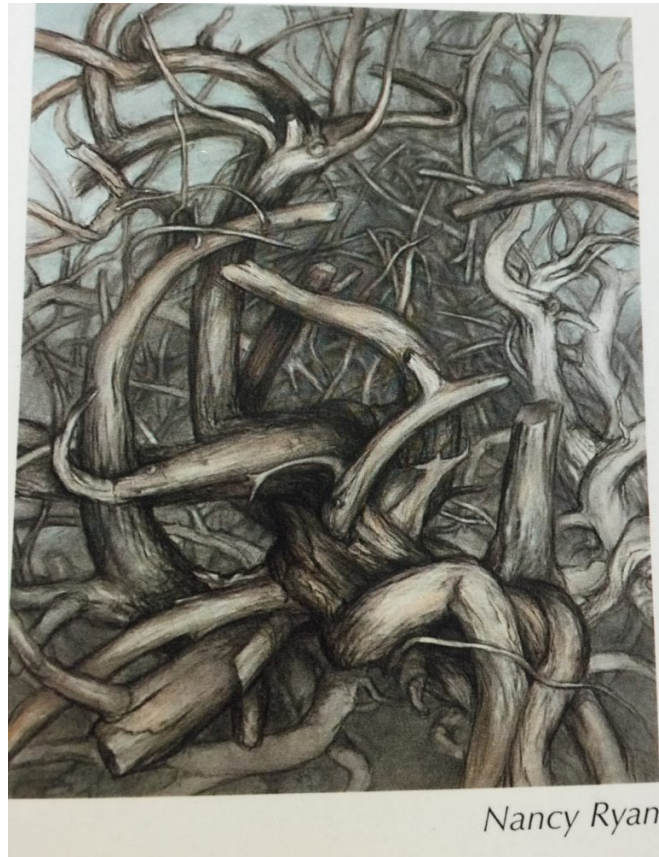
- 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, in Decker 201
- 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, April 26, in Wales 203-B

Faculty and staff who have not attended a previous Title IX training are strongly encouraged to attend. Registration is not required and a sign-in sheet will be used to take attendance. A question and answer session will follow the training.

SUNY Broome art instructor has work on exhibit in downtown gallery

April 1, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Nancy Ryan, a SUNY Broome art instructor, will have her work on display from April 1 through 23 at Cooperative Gallery 213, located on State Street in Binghamton.

She and fellow artist Martha Colgan will greet the public at the exhibit's opening reception from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 1, during downtown's First Friday.



Nancy Ryan

Posting Second Attendance for Full Term Credit Courses

April 1, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

If you are teaching any full term courses this semester, please read the following message.

We are required to post second attendance for full term courses that are being held this spring.

The deadline for posting second attendance is 8AM on Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

It is important that attendance is posted accurately and on time. When attendance is not posted accurately, and on time, financial aid could be disbursed to students who should not be receiving it. If the attendance is posted after the deadline, after financial aid is disbursed, we cannot recover the funds from those students who should not have received it because of poor attendance.

Reporting official course attendance, including for the purpose of financial aid funding, is determined by a student's academic participation in the course.

Official course attendance is defined by any of the following activities:

- * Physically attending a class where there is an opportunity for direct interaction between the instructor and students
- * Submitting an academic assignment
- * Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial, or computer-assisted instruction
- * Attending a study group that is assigned by the institution
- * Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
- * Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course

Official attendance does not include logging into an online class without active participation.

We have a 2 week time period to identify those students who are not attending. We need to identify those students who did not attend and did not participate (see attendance definition above), on or after April 5, 2016 through April 19, 2016.

Please understand that those students who are not present in your classroom on or after April 5th, but are participating in your class (see attendance definition above), are considered to be in good standing for second attendance (do not identify them as not attending).

We will continue to use MyCollege to record attendance.

Once again we will be posting second attendance on the Attendance and Mid Term Grade form. Please enter "0" in the "Attended Hours" field for those students who did not attend and did not participate on or after April 5, 2016. Also enter the last date of attendance in the "Last Attend Date" field for these students who did not attend and did not participate on or after April 5, 2016.

Please remember to use the proper date format for Last Attend Date; 2 digits for the month, 2 digits for the day, and 4 digits for the year. For example, if the last day of attendance was March 2, 2016, you would post “03/02/2016”. Please do not post anything for the other students who have attended or participated on or after April 5, 2016. The students who have nothing posted in the Last Attend Date and Attend Hours fields, attended or participated on or after April 5, 2016.

Unbreakable: From refugee to student, and someday to doctor

April 1, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



When the plane touched down in Chicago, the tears seeped from Victoria Salehey's eyes.

A kaleidoscope of sadness washed over her, welling up from nearly four years of trial. The death threats that forced her to leave her homeland with her young son. The years she spent as a refugee in a country that despised her, waiting for a visa long delayed. The corruption that almost prevented her from leaving at all.

Now, at this moment, she finally felt safe – even as she faced an unfamiliar new life in upstate New York. Her husband planned to join her in a year, a blip of time after all they have been through. But still, she wept – for the last time.

Nearly three years after that last journey, she recounted the story in a measured voice – honest, but alight with energy and intelligence, even as she occasionally searched for words in her adopted language.

Today, Victoria Salehey and her husband, Hekmat Jeehoun, are SUNY Broome students. She is majoring in health sciences, while Hekmat is in Homeland Security. Both plan to graduate in 2017.

In some ways, they may seem familiar faces at a community college, which often draws older students with families, whether they're seeking to re-tool for a new career or pursue a dreamt-of degree. International students from all over the world and immigrants of all ages are also welcomed into the campus community.

Many students have tales of struggle, of working multiple jobs, dealing with health crises or juggling complicated family situations while pursuing their educational dreams. The challenges faced by Victoria and Hekmat – both from Afghanistan — are of a different magnitude.

A native of Kabul, Victoria lost her father in the war when she was only 10 years old. The war not only shattered her family; it shattered the dreams and hopes of the country's women, who were forbidden education and livelihoods under the brutal Taliban regime.

"I saw how my mother suffered," she remembered. "The mujahedeen took over, the Taliban. All the schools for girls closed."

The regime may have shuttered the schools, but girls' thirst and drive for education did not dry up. During that dark time, 16-year-old Victoria began writing poems – and meeting secretly with fellow girls to share

their interests in what could be viewed as a secret school. After the Taliban were removed from power, Salehey returned to school – eventually becoming a teacher herself. As teachers were in short supply, she first began as a volunteer and ended up teaching math – her favorite subject – for six years.

Along the way, she became interested in politics. During Afghanistan's first post-Taliban election, she and Hekmat encouraged fellow Afghans to exercise their right to vote. She later joined the Afghan Republican Party, hoping to foster opportunities for women and girls in a country where many had few rights. The party was opposed to such practices as forced marriage, Salehey explained.

Party leaders eventually encouraged Salehey to run for a seat in the provincial election. Although she lost the first election, she agreed to run a second time for the same seat – and ran afoul of the Taliban. At the time she was running her campaign from her husband's village – where the Taliban backed three of their own candidates.

When the persecution first began, she ignored the threats and continued to serve her people in the best way she could. Then the Taliban torched her office and assaulted a coworker. They learned that Hekmat was working as an interpreter for the Italian and American military – a discovery that put the family in peril.

“Life got very dangerous,” she said. “They asked me to stay away from the position, but I couldn't because people believed in me. They really wanted to kill me.”

Her party prepared an escape and sent Victoria to India, accompanied by her young son. Originally intending to stay for three to six months, the situation at home remained dangerous and she applied for refugee status. Her husband remained in Afghanistan, continuing his work for the military.

Her troubles were far from over.



Life as a Refugee

As a refugee and a single woman with a little boy, Victoria Salehey found herself at the bottom of society in New Delhi, shunned and facing the prospect of a different sort of violence. Refugees weren't permitted to work, had few rights and paid three times as much for electric, rent and the goods of daily life as native Indians. Without a visa, they couldn't legally rent houses or apartments. Men leered and threatened. There was little Victoria could do save endure.

“People hated me and my son. There was a lot of segregation between foreigners,” she said. “My son suffered a lot.”

Only 4 ½ years old, her son began attending the local school and learning Hindi. He tried to keep his origins

hidden; if his peers learned that he was Afghan, they would no longer play with him, he told his mother.

A prize he had won from a local store was revoked once the shopkeeper discovered they were Afghan. When a 16-year-old boy burned her son's lip with a cigarette, Salehey called for the police – only to face a different sort of danger. The officer's voice changed once he discovered her nationality, posing the specter of sexual violence. She refused to give her address and stayed with another refugee family for two nights.

The constant struggle and the separation from her husband began to wear on Victoria's previously unbreakable strength and determination, and she began to sink into despair. To aid her, Hekmat took leave from his military job and headed to New Delhi. As expected, there were complications; India denied him entry at first, forcing him to obtain a second passport under a different name before they would let him in.

After 3½ years, Victoria received the news she was waiting for: the U.S. Embassy had granted her a visa. Every day for a month, she went to the local government offices to receive her exit visa, which would grant her permission to leave the country. During that month, she spent all day there — from early in the morning to 4 p.m. – and sent repeated emails. She also spoke with representatives at the United Nations, to no avail. She couldn't understand why the country refused to let her leave.

The deadline approached. On the last day, a man behind her in line — a fellow Afghan — gave her some words of advice.

“They're asking for money,” he told her. “Pay them \$1,000 and they'll give you the exit visa.”

It proved to be true, and just in time. Victoria and Hekmat gave the officials all they had, as well as their laptop computer, in return for the promised visa – accompanied by the threat that if they ever revealed the bribe, they would never get the documentation they needed to leave.

It was time to go.

Life in America

Hekmat returned to Afghanistan, set to follow his family in another year. Salehey, meanwhile, felt safe in the United States, but the adjustment was a shock; she needed to learn the language, and the culture seemed both new and strange. She remembered one trip to the grocery store with a friend. Dazzled by the array of goods, she couldn't find naan – a type of bread – until her friend pointed out that it was directly in front of her.

“I feel like a person from a village. I don't know anything,” Salehey said.

To learn English and integrate into American culture, she began attending classes at the American Civic Association, just up the road from SUNY Broome. While Victoria and her son entered the country as refugees, her husband's journey to the United States was easier, facilitated by his work for the military.

Salehey needed to live in the country for a year before enrolling in college, a major goal for her. During that year gap, she worked hard to master the language, attending multiple English classes a day at the ACA.

At SUNY Broome, she struggled at first; basic procedures – how to purchase books, how to access online courses – evaded her. But then the Hornet community stepped in. Then-Admissions Director Jenae Norris checked in with Salehey one day, when she saw her sitting outside the library, and learned about her lack of books. She then sent Salehey to Financial Aid for help, which ultimately allowed the new student to purchase her needed classroom materials.

Unfamiliar with the computer system, Victoria ended up failing an online math test, even though she excels

in the subject. Her teacher stepped in to help, referring her to the Math Lab. The end result: Salehey passed the test with a 92.5, and followed it up with six online tests, nearly all with perfect scores.

Education has become a family affair; her husband Hekmat, who holds degrees in English and literature in his home country, is also attending SUNY Broome. Their son, now 11 after nearly three years in the United States, is also doing well. A fan of American food and music, he speaks English without an accent, although the family still tries to speak Persian at home so he masters that language as well.

“All the time, I and his dad am teaching him respect for the country, that this is the culture that has accepted you,” Victoria said. “The people in America are very lovely and nice. I love this country. It’s a country of blessing for me.”

Making a Difference

With experience in teaching and politics, Victoria Salehey has dedicated much of her life to making a difference – and particularly for women and girls in Afghanistan. Back in her home country, she sought to find ways women could support themselves in the male-dominated country, rather than be reduced to poverty.

“Women in Afghanistan make carpets, but a man gets it and sells it, and the women can’t access the money,” Salehey explained. “I’d like to have women sell their own products. Women can have value. She has rights, too.”

These days, her interests have shifted. Her goal: to work as a doctor for the Red Cross, and help women in remote areas. Maternal and infant mortality are high in many rural areas, due to the lack of a medical system. Because of cultural constraints, the birth process – and its dangers – are not something a male doctor can share,

“I want to work for the people when I am a doctor. Maybe I can bring change,” Salehey reflected.

The next goal on her journey: medical school. It’s a long way off, but Salehey feels empowered. Standing in a chemistry lab in the Natural Science Center, that dream felt closer – just a little bit out of reach.

“When I go there, I feel like I’m on my path,” she said of her lab.



2016 SUNY Broome Spirit Award: Nominations due April 8

April 1, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

For times when “thank you” just isn’t enough — when a campus individual goes above and beyond the call of duty —there’s the SUNY Broome Spirit Award!

Excellence and commitment are all around us. Let’s recognize the exemplary commitment and contributions of our colleagues who embody the spirit of SUNY Broome. The SUNY Broome Spirit Award recognizes valued campus members — colleagues who are on the job day in and day out, contributing that extra effort that helps make SUNY Broome an outstanding institution.

This award recognizes a campus member for service and dedication “above and beyond,” or for unique contributions to SUNY Broome Community College. Celebrate our past winners of the award and think of those that should be added to the list:

- **2011 Marty Guzzi**
- **2012 Sharon Eldridge**
- **2013 Donna Rehak**
- **2014 Michelle Perricone**
- **2015 Mike Carra**

Nominations are due to Donna Rehak, Mail Stop #66 by Friday April 8, 2016.

Please use the attached form to submit your nomination.

[Spirit Award Nominating Form 2016](#)