

The Focus

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Excelsior College named top school for non-traditional students

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Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

If you're an older student pursuing your bachelor's degree, your best bet may be right here at home.

[College Factual](#), an informational site that ranks colleges and universities, [lists Albany-based Excelsior College](#) as the top school for non-traditional students.

Students in the SUNY Broome and Excelsior College partnership program take most of their coursework toward their bachelor's degree at SUNY Broome and then transfer to Excelsior to complete the degree.

Forty-one Broome Partnership students earned their Excelsior bachelor's degree last year!

Excelsior College is an accredited, nonprofit institution dedicated to adult learners, who can choose from six fields of study: business, health sciences, liberal arts, nursing, public service and technology. Returning adults rated all programs highly, according to data compiled by the site.

Interested? Visit <http://www.sunybroome.edu/excelsior> for more information.



Welcome Summer & Reflecting on 2015-16

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May 2016

Colleagues,

The end of the academic year allows us the opportunity to step back and reflect on where we have been during this year, where we are at this point in time, and where we want to go as individuals and as a college.

A quiet walk in the SUNY Broome Nature Preserve the other day offered the perfect setting to review some highlights of this year. For me, experiencing the debriefing session of students who spent their January break on the Health for Haiti experience was transforming. Various award presentations that acknowledged the innovation and hard work of students, faculty and staff were invigorating.

Meeting with students from around the world in various venues and discussing their dreams and goals has always been a highlight of being an educator. Listening to and participating in pedagogical discussions about various academic topics is always inspiring and re-affirming of how complex life can be. And finally, there was graduation, where I watched the excitement, satisfaction and pride of students and their families on achieving their goals. These examples and many more are the basis for what we need to be focusing on for the future.

This summer will be spent, in part, on facilitating the preparation of the Class of 2018 with well-designed Orientation and On-boarding events. These programs are designed to welcome our new students, assist them with their academic planning and working with them to establishing a firm path toward success. Additionally, the academic Deans and I, along with many other colleagues, will be meeting and planning for the new academic year. Part of this planning will include a team of nine faculty and administrators attending an Achieving the Dream kick-off event in Scottsdale, Arizona. This will better prepare our campus community for this important initiative, which aims to increase the number of students who successfully complete their academic plan at SUNY Broome.

In closing, I want to thank you for your dedication to academic excellence and the support of our students. Our combined efforts are important because they allow so many individuals to reach the success for which they strive.

Have a great summer and I look forward to our continued work together during the 2016-2017 academic year, assisting others in reaching new heights of accomplishment.

Francis L. Battisti, Ph.D.

Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

SUNY Distinguished Service Professor

SUNY Broome Community College

EOP Graduation: A little bittersweet

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Below, Director of Educational Opportunities Program Claudia Clarke reflects on this year's [Commencement](#):

As we watched students move their tassels and strut across the stage, I felt a little sad that we would not be seeing them again! I also felt a sense of incredible achievement.

The EOP graduation rate here at Broome was in the top 2% in the state! The EOP retention rate was so high that we were granted access to increase our enrollment base this Spring 2016 semester and into the future.

As the ceremony closed and all that were on the platform made their way out of the Arena, there stood one vaguely familiar face. Pete said that he just wanted to say "Thank you." He went from SUNY Broome to SUNY Cortland, and on to Cornell University. He has his PhD and is now able to "take care of the bill!"



The Passing of Anne Uncapher's Mother

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The mother of Anne Uncapher of the Dental Hygiene Department passed away on Friday, May 20, 2016.

Obituary follows:

<http://www.barberfuneralhome.com/obits/obituary.php?id=605156>

Art installation by Rich Harrington on display through June 25

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“This is the way we play and learn,” an art exhibition by SUNY Broome Adjunct Instructor Rich Harrington, continues through June 25 at the Anthony Brunelli Fine Arts Gallery, 186 State Street, Binghamton, with an opening reception on June 3.

The artwork addresses issues of bullying, cultural roles defined by toys, games and textbooks, and the effect these have on growing into adulthood. Using culturally charged images, familiar materials, and a sense of humor, the work entices then provokes the viewer to look closer for deeper meaning.

Much of the work is comprised of multiple pieces referencing the repetition and reiteration of elementary school learning, as well as the hypnotic sprawling sameness of the suburban development in which the artist was raised.



New Degree: Sport Studies A.S. open for enrollment this fall

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Looking for a career in physical education, sports, fitness or coaching? SUNY Broome's Sport Studies A.S. degree is for you!

New for the Fall 2016 semester, the program combines general education and physical education, preparing you for transfer to four-year schools. Seamless transfer agreements are in place for both SUNY Cortland and SUNY Brockport, making sure that all of your credits count toward your bachelor's degree.

The degree can lead to careers in physical education, coaching, exercise science, athletic training, kinesiology and more.

"This is for anyone who is interested in a fitness, wellness or sports career," said Professor Sandy Alter-Ballard, coordinator of Physical Education and Sport Studies program.

Students will have the opportunity to train in the college's newly renovated Fitness Center, which features all new equipment as well as a cardio room.

The program also includes an internship in the campus Fitness Center and community fitness centers, giving students valuable hands-on experience in the field.

"We're definitely appealing to students who want to be in the active part of sports," Alter-Ballard said.



SPORT STUDIES A.S.

THE PATH TO YOUR FUTURE CAREER

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Summer Hours to begin May 31

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Campus Community,

Summer hours will begin Tuesday, May 31, 2016 and will end at the close of business on Friday, August 19, 2016. Office hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each individual office should be staffed adequately to maintain the required services expected by the public from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. all week. As needed, offices are expected to be staffed earlier and remain open beyond these hours to perform essential college services.

During summer hours, we all are still expected to complete our regular and contractual 7.5 or 8 hour day with a 30-minute lunch, including vacation, personal or flex-time as approved by department heads.

During summer hours, Admissions will remain open Wednesday evenings until 6 p.m. Support staffing for evening hours in this office will be on a voluntary basis with flex time available to participating ESPA unit members.

Again this year, Continuing Education will continue to serve as Evening Hours Central Monday through Thursday until 7 p.m.

Posting Attendance – Summer Semester, 2016

May 25, 2016

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If you are teaching class(es) for any of our 2016 summer sessions, please read the following message.

Our 2016 summer semester begins this Tuesday, May 31.

Please submit attendance no later than the attendance due date.

Please review the information below and note the due date for the class(es) pertaining to the Part of Term that you are teaching.

Part

of

<u>Term</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Census Date</u>	<u>Attendance Due Date</u>
1	Full Term	05/31/2016	06/14/2016	06/16/2016
S1	Summer Term 1	05/31/2016	06/07/2016	06/09/2015
S2	Summer Term 2	06/13/2016	06/23/2016	06/27/2016
S3	Summer Term 3	07/05/2016	07/12/2016	07/14/2016
S4	Summer Term 4	06/27/2016	07/05/2016	07/07/2016
PTS	PTA Short Term	05/31/2016	06/10/2016	06/14/2016
S1A	Term 1 Accelerated	07/11/2016	07/13/2016	07/15/2016
S2A	Term 2 Accelerated	07/18/2016	07/20/2016	07/22/2016
S3A	Term 3 Accelerated	08/01/2016	08/03/2016	08/05/2016
S4A	Term 4 Accelerated	07/25/2016	07/27/2016	07/29/2016
SAA	Art Accelerated	07/11/2016	07/13/2016	07/15/2016
SAM	Music Accelerated	07/18/2016	07/20/2016	07/22/2016

It is important that attendance is posted accurately and on time. When attendance is not posted accurately, or 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

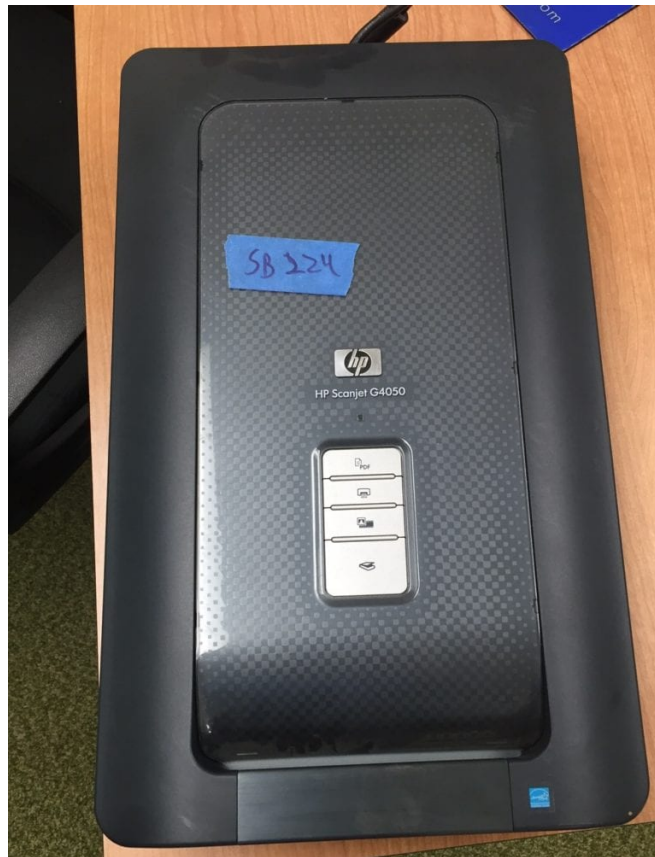
Official attendance does not include logging into an online class without active participation

We will continue to use MyCollege to record attendance.

Free: Printer Cartridges and Flatbed Scanner

May 25, 2016

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Sandra Stephens in the Dean of Students Office has the following printer cartridges that need to find a new home:

HP C3906A

HP Q3961A

HP Q3962A

HP Q3963A

We also have an HP Scanjet flatbed scanner G4050

If you are interested in any or all of these items, please contact the Dean of Students office at 5681 or contact Sandy at stephenssd1@sunybroome.edu.



Volunteers needed for Orientation

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Attention, campus community: There will be eight new student orientation programs this summer, designed to set incoming students up for success. That means more than 800 future graduates will be on campus this summer and we need your help to make sure they have the best experience possible!

Volunteers are needed to welcome and check in new students at orientation. Check-in will be from 9 to 9:30 a.m. on July 7 and 28, and August 4, 11 and 18. There is also an evening program on June 30 with check-in from 5 to 6 p.m., and a weekend program on Saturday, July 23, with check-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Lastly, a program for our health science competitively-admitted students will be held August 26, with check-in from 9:30 to 9:45 a.m.

If you are able to volunteer, please contact Maureen Kollar at 607-778-5648 or kollarmk@sunybroome.edu.



Professor Will Corprew Pop-Up Mystery Bookstore is a Success!

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Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

Bookstore organizers Tera Doty-Blance and I.J. Byrnes are happy to report that the Pop-Up Mystery Bookstore, created in memory of our dear colleague and friend [Professor Will Corprew](#), was a big success on Renewal Day, May 18, 2016. Both organizers wish to give a big “thank you” to colleague, Amanda Truin for all her work on this event.

Dozens of customers and colleagues stopped by, browsed, bought and donated to a good cause.

Thanks to the generosity of our book donors, mystery novel fans could find Scandinavian noir, Agatha Christie classics, Asian thrillers and famous authors such as Gillian Flynn, Dan Brown, Jeffrey Deaver, John Sandford and Patricia Cornwall. Professor Corprew was a big fan of this genre and shared his passion (and his books) with colleagues.

Tera Doty-Blance reports that the event raised \$ 105 in support of the planned memorial scholarship for Professor Corprew.

I.J. Byrnes notes that over \$2,000 has been raised to date for the scholarship. Friends and colleagues of Will are invited to contribute to the Wilbert E. Corprew Memorial Scholarship. Please note that the fund ID # is N50325

Tera Doty-Blance and I.J. Byrnes would like to acknowledge and thank the **generous book donors** for this event:

Jim Gormley

Carolyn Raychawdhuri

Hal Koster

Lorenz Firsching

Marcia Blackburn

Mary Beth Palmer-King

Irene Byrnes

Dot Braun

Amanda Truin

The Blance Family

Maribeth Palmer-King

Paul Sweeny

Heather Coggin

Tera Doty-Blance and I.J. Byrnes would like to acknowledge and thank the generous **book buyers** for this event:

Paul Sweeney

Kerry Weber

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Dilmurod Saliev

Cindy Knapp

Phyllis Amenda

Miriam Benson

Judy Giblin

Amanda Truin

I.J. Byrnes

Tera Doty-Blance and I.J. Byrnes would like to acknowledge and thank the **generous cash donors** for this event:

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Kevin Drumm

Terri Fadden

Carla Michalak

Debbie Lake



Professor Corprew

SUNY Broome instructor to lead Downtown Singers' concert

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Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

SUNY Broome viola instructor Marisa Crabb will conduct the Binghamton Downtown Singers and orchestra Saturday, June 4, in a performance of Sir Karl Jenkins' *The Peacemakers* and Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem*. Crabb is the Downtown Singers' artistic director.

Soprano Stacey Geyer and bass-baritone Timothy LeFebvre will be the guest soloists. Geyer will be a Tri-Cities Opera Resident Artist for the 2016-2017 season. LeFebvre, a former TCO resident artist and frequent Downtown Singers soloist, will be a guest artist for the upcoming TCO season.

The Parlor City Boys' Chorus also will be featured in *The Peacemakers*, which premiered in 2012 and provides a musical setting for words of peace from a variety of religious and inspirational texts. Several of the Downtown Singers choristers are current or recent members of SUNY Broome choral ensembles.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church, 308 Main St., Johnson City. General admission tickets at \$15 will be available at the door.

For more information, visit www.downtownsingers.org. call 607-648-5032 or email

DTS_Concerts@stny.rr.com

In the Community: Sweet Frog fundraiser to support BHS Class of 2016

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Cool off with some frozen yogurt at Sweet Frog — and support the Binghamton High School Class of 2016! Twenty percent of your purchase will help support the After Prom Party.

The offer runs through Sunday, May 29, and is effective at the store at 46 South Washington Street in Binghamton. Print out the below flyer and show it at time of purchase.

It's A
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Fundraiser



20% of proceeds go towards
Binghamton High School
Class of 2016
After-Prom Party

Monday May 23rd until Sunday May 29th

Sweet Frog

46 South Washington Street
Binghamton NY 13903

Sunday-Thursday 12pm-9:30pm

Friday-Saturday 12pm-10pm

****Must show flyer****

****Cannot be handed out within 300ft of store****

Venessa Rodriguez joins the United Way board

May 24, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

Congratulations to Venessa Rodriguez, who was recently appointed to the [Broome County United Way's Board of Directors](#)!

At SUNY Broome, Rodriguez serves as Staff Associate to the Associate Vice President for Learning Assistance Services, and is also part of the Student Success Squad and co-chair for the President's Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion.

Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti is also a member of the United Way board.

Fairly recently, the United Way switched to a community impact model with a focus on education, health and income. Dr. Battisti felt that Rodriguez would be a good fit for the board, given her work with the President's Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion. Rodriguez was then interviewed for the position by Jessica Krohn, a United Way executive board member and an adjunct instructor at SUNY Broome.

"Honestly, I hadn't considered being on an executive board for anything," Rodriguez said. "I really appreciate Dr. Battisti's mentorship and vote of confidence. It means a great deal."

congrats



Event to explore ‘Responding to the Opioid Addiction Epidemic’

May 24, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

The Broome Opioid Abuse Council and The Community Foundation for South Central New York are holding “Responding to the Opioid/Heroin Addiction Epidemic,” with presenter and trainer Andrew Kolodny, M.D., at noon June 7 in the Broome County Forum in downtown Binghamton.

Dr. Kolodny is executive director for Physicians for Responsible Opioid Prescribing, chief medical officer of the Phoenix House Foundation, senior scientist at Brandeis University’s Heller School for Social Policy and Management, and a research professor at New York University’s Global Institute of Public Health.

From 1 to 3 p.m., Dr. Kolodny will describe the scope of the prescription opioid and heroin crisis, its historical context, contributing factors, and lines of evidence indicating the role of addiction in exacerbating morbidity and mortality, and he will provide a framework for developing interventions to address the epidemic of opioid addiction.

There will be opportunities to speak with area treatment providers and gather literature about their programs from 12 to 1 and 3 to 4 p.m.

All are welcome to attend the event, which is being organized by Professor Carole Cassidy, who teaches Criminal Law at SUNY Broome.

[BOAC Seminar Brochure \(3\)](#)



Last chance to register for the Skorko Charity Open!

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The third annual Lee Skorko Charity Open will be held Friday, June 3, at the En-Joie golf club. Register your team today to secure your spot!

This all-day event will benefit the James Lee Skorko Scholarship fund at SUNY Broome. All students will receive \$20 off their entrance fee onto a team — an \$80 per team discount!

The tournament will have two flights and tee times will be in the morning and the afternoon. Registration begins at 7 a.m., with the first shotgun flight at 7:45 a.m. Registration ends at 12:45 p.m., just before the 1 p.m. afternoon start. The morning session includes breakfast and lunch, and the afternoon includes lunch and dinner at 6 p.m.

The golf tournament, including cart and meals, cost \$85 per person. The dinner banquet only (no golf) costs \$45.

Click [HERE](#) for online registration or call (607) 778-5221. All forms are also available on the [website](#).



Testing Center summer hours

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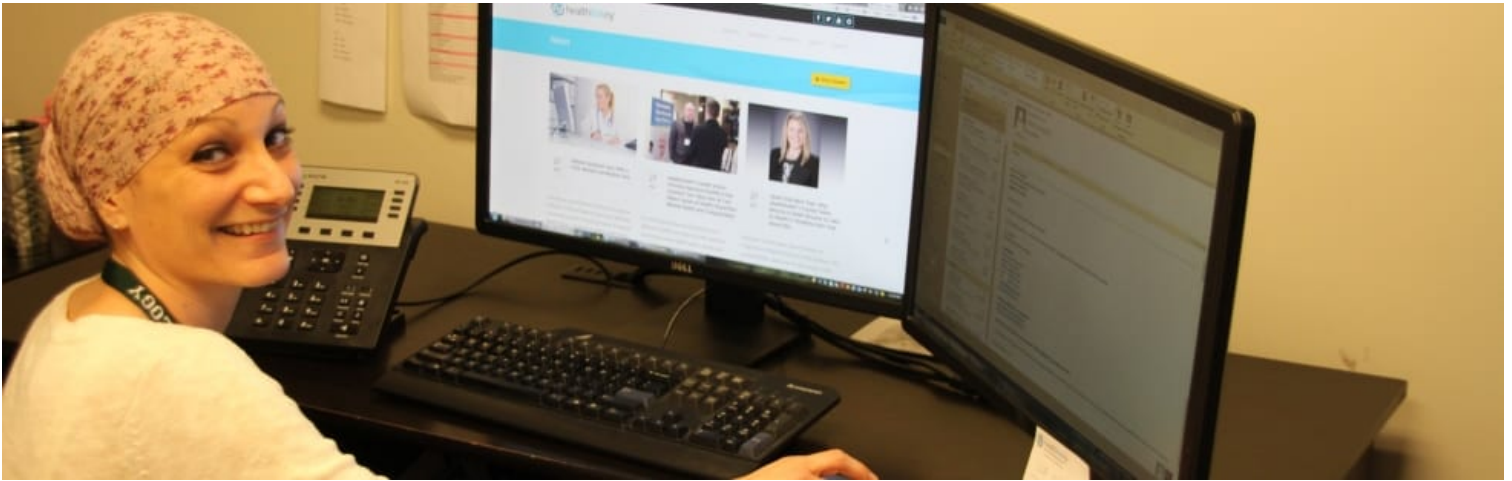
The Testing Center will be open for Summer 2016 beginning Wednesday, June 1, during the following times:

- Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon
- Thursdays from 12 to 3 p.m.

Discover the Future of Health Care: HIT major interns at HealthlinkNY

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There's plenty to do and learn when you intern at HealthlinkNY, as Rebecca Palombo found out.

How many people does it take to run a Health Information Exchange? A lot, discovered Palombo, who just completed her internship at HealthlinkNY. During her internship, she shadowed many of them: Project Managers, Deployment Coordinators, the Technology Team, staff members working the Help Desk, Compliance, as well as Programs and Services. Palombo attended meetings, worked on projects, and learned every facet of the HealthlinkNY HIE.

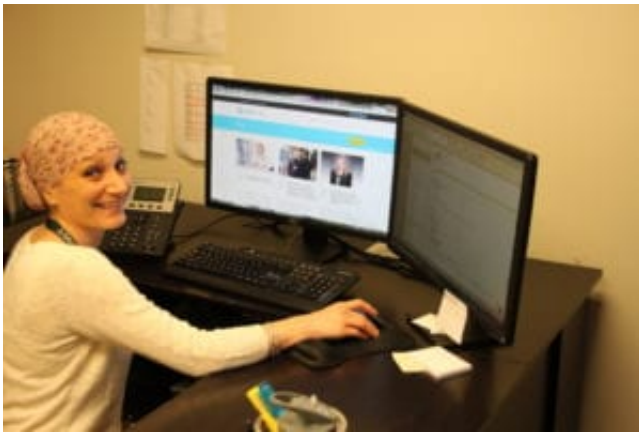
"This has been the absolute best experience for me and my personal career goals," says Palombo, who graduated this month from SUNY Broome Community College with an Associate's Degree in Health Information Technology. "I have learned so much in the short time that I have been here. The knowledge the IT team has is amazing, and getting to see how everything works on the back end has been a great experience."

HealthlinkNY hosts interns throughout the year. During her internship, Rebecca fulfilled her clinical experience requirements for her degree. Other interns have assisted with special projects. No experience is required, but curiosity, intelligence, and energy are a must.

"HealthlinkNY finds great use in bringing on our upcoming medical professionals for an inside look at the health information exchange and its benefits to the medical community," says Christina Galanis, president and CEO of HealthlinkNY.

HealthlinkNY is currently accepting applications for the summer and fall. And who knows? It might lead to something more permanent.

Palombo is eager to work at HealthlinkNY if a position opens. "I would like to personally thank everyone at HealthlinkNY for this great opportunity. I look forward to the possibility of working here in the future," she adds.



Rebecca Palombo. Photo by HealthlinkNY

Pomp and Circumstance: Highlights from Commencement 2016

May 24, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



As proud graduates gathered before the doors of the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena, Ahilya Willis' toddler daughter tried on her mortarboard.

"Heart on fire, brain on ice," the words across the top read. The slogan captured the Vestal graduate's philosophy when it came to the pursuit of education: A mix of fiery passion and clear-headed determination.



Ahilya Willis

"It took me a while," Willis said of the Certificate in Medical Administrative Skills she earned at SUNY Broome. Her journey is not yet over: In addition to a job at UHS, she plans to return to the college to pursue a degree in Medical Assisting.

Willis was among the 1,290 graduates in the Class of 2016, who celebrated their achievements at the college's 68th annual Commencement on May 19.



The procession enters the arena

Two by two, smiling graduates processed into the Arena in their crisp black or yellow robes, some adorned with stoles, medals or cords denoting their achievements. Many took time to smile at beaming family members in the stands above, or give a quick hug or handshake to professors and college staff as the line of recipients snaked through the Arena foyer.

“This is the day I’ve been waiting for since day one,” Nursing graduate Erroll Moore of Binghamton, who is transferring to Binghamton University, said with a wide smile. “We did it! We made it through.”



Erroll Moore

A better future

The annual ceremony drew local dignitaries from across the region, as well as parents, family and friends of SUNY Broome’s 1,290 graduates.

Of these graduates, 38% were male while 62% were female. The ages of the graduates range from 18 to 64, with an average age of 25. Approximately 67% of the graduates were traditional, while 33% were non-traditional older students. The most popular graduating major was Individual Studies, as it has been in previous years.



Communications students

For many students, Commencement serves as a validation of their hard work – a journey that can take years. But in the end, the grueling hours spent in the classroom and the lab or toiling over projects instead of catching up on sleep were well worth it, said Margaret Coffey, chair of the college’s Board of Trustees.

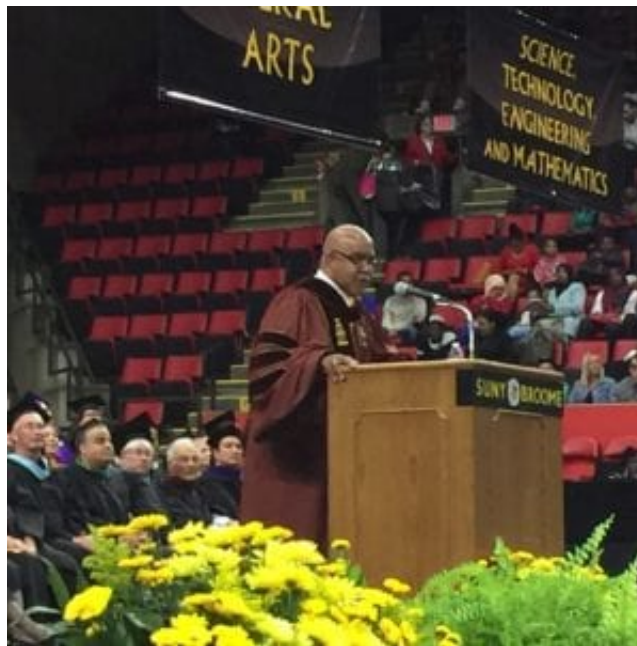


Margaret Coffey speaks

Research shows that college graduates have a better chance at life – finding better jobs and more fulfilling careers, adopting healthier lifestyles, and even being more likely to vote and donate blood.

“But more than that, the benefits last generations: Your children will also be more likely to attend college, and have the same opportunities for their future,” she pointed out. “Better jobs, a bigger paycheck, even better health: That makes all those late-night study sessions worthwhile, doesn’t it?”

Many community college students are the first generation of their families to attend college. Special guest speaker Dr. Walter Bumphus was among the first members of his family to graduate high school. He didn’t stop there. He went on to become a community college president in both Texas and Louisiana, and is currently president of the American Association of Community Colleges.



Dr. Walter Bumphus

“I had never seen a college president from my background, a college president with my complexion, who looked like me. I thought, why not?” said Bumphus, who is African-American.

Bumphus was presented with few role models in his Kentucky hometown; preacher and teacher were the main options. He pursued the latter for his career, earning his Ph.D. Education is a game-changer not only for students, but their future families, he pointed out. His own family is testament to that: His wife also holds a Ph.D., as does one of his daughters, while another daughter is working on hers now. Five of his grandchildren are currently enrolled in community colleges.

“You’re in a position now where you can really follow your dreams,” he advised students. “To thrive in this economy, we have to do something irreplaceable, something personal.”



‘Go for it!’

U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer, the event’s other special guest speaker, said his message to graduates was simple: “Go for it.”



And, he added, make sure you or your parents claim your education tax credit, which knocks \$2,500 off your taxes per year if your family income is below \$200,000.

In what has become an annual tradition, Schumer related his own experiences of “going for it” – and stumbling along the way. He eschewed a scholarship that would have sent him overseas for college, in favor

of a girlfriend – who later dumped him. After completing law school, he defied his parents' wishes and decided to enter politics – facing off against his own mother, who urged friends and community members to vote against her son for a seat in the New York State Assembly so that he would abandon his political aims.

Schumer, then just 25, won – and his political course was set, he recounted.

A year of accomplishment

SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm recounted some of the many accomplishments of the 2015-2016 school year.

The college is returning to its birthplace in downtown Binghamton with a new downtown center, which will be located in the historic [Carnegie Library](#) and house the Culinary Arts program. It's just a few blocks from the [Southern Tier High-Tech Incubator](#), where SUNY Broome will have its own floor to foster student entrepreneurship.



SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm

Developments continue on the Dickinson campus as well. Plans are underway to completely renovate the [Mechanical Engineering Building](#), among the oldest on campus. [New digital X-Ray equipment](#) was installed this year in Decker Health Sciences, giving students access to the cutting-edge technology they will work with during their careers. The Agency – formerly known as the Broome County IDA – is also building a [one-stop center for economic development](#) on campus, which will open up opportunities for internships, applied learning and workforce development.

During the past year, a retired area dentist also [donated an airplane](#) to the college's future Aircraft Maintenance degree program. Recently, the college also [received \\$1 million](#) as part of the state's Energy to Lead competition, which will fund a new geothermal heating system while fostering student involvement in sustainability efforts and entrepreneurship.

Students also [went to Haiti](#) to help those in need, providing healthcare, solar energy and clean water, as well as to [Costa Rica](#), the Everglades and national parks across the country to study rare ecosystems. Also in the past year, Hornets have [interacted with peers in Mexico](#) and other countries as part of their courses, [made documentaries](#), engaged in [top-notch research](#), performed [athletic feats](#), discussed the tough issues during this year's [Convocation Day](#) and [Ethics Conference](#), and more.

SUNY Broome, Dr. Drumm emphasized, is an important part of the region's social and economic development – not only for its involvement in large-scale efforts such as the [Upstate Revitalization Initiative](#), but in the fostering of students' future careers.

“You are the region’s strength and its future. It is through your efforts – the businesses you start, the goals you achieve, the problems you solve – that the community is renewed and remade into something better,” he told graduates.

In his speech, he highlighted the accomplishments of three students:

- [Stella Safari](#) of Johnson City, who is an advocate for the college’s [AA1 program](#). Her parents, who emigrated from Rwanda, made incredible sacrifices for Stella and her sisters. Deciding between Cornell University and the University at Buffalo for her next step, Stella is determined to make a difference in the lives of the next generation by creating a nonprofit to help children in poverty.
- [Erroll Moore](#), a Nursing student raised in Guyana. In addition to being the first male in his father’s family to graduate high school, he battled health issues and homelessness after returning to the United States. Determined to succeed, he was adopted by a kind couple, the Teekasinghs, and followed them to Binghamton, where he was accepted by SUNY Broome’s competitive nursing program. He is currently working at Lourdes Hospital, and will continue his studies at Binghamton University.
- [Jessica Elmore](#), the college’s first graduate in the Manufacturing Technology program. Like many community college students, Jessica already had earned a bachelor’s degree when she returned to Broome from another degree – this time to advance her career at a local manufacturer. Although she worked the overnight shift, she succeeded as a full-time student – and was often the only woman in her class. She went on to win the Vanguard Award for students pursuing careers non-traditional for their gender, and her capstone project helped save her employer real money by reducing waste.

Meet a few of this year’s graduates

No, you’re not seeing double. Andrew and Matthew Benninger, who sported matching stoles from Phi Theta Kappa, are twin graduates in Communications – and grateful for their experience at SUNY Broome.



Andrew and Matthew Benninger

The Endwell brothers said they learned a good deal from the program, and feel they are well-prepared for their impending transfer to Binghamton University.

“I learned so much about writing and film, all the small things that will help me as I go to a four-year school,” Andrew said.

Of course, having a built-in support system is a help, too.

“It’s always great having a twin because he can help me out,” Andrew said.

“Great minds think alike,” Matthew quipped.

The hands-on nature of SUNY Broome’s programs appealed to both Erroll Moore, highlighted in this year’s graduation speech, and [Lisa Brown](#), who earned a Medical Assisting degree.



Erroll Moore

“They showed us what it was like to be on the floor. When I got on the floor during my clinicals, it clicked into place,” said Moore, of Binghamton.

Brown, of Waverly, jumped at the opportunity to enroll in Medical Assisting. She found not only excellent academics, but a close-knit group of students that made her experience even more enjoyable.



Lisa Brown

An added plus: She was hired by the same office where she completed her internship. She’ll also return to campus this fall as part of the [Excelsior College partnership](#), which will allow her to complete her bachelor’s degree while taking courses on campus.

“I’ve gotten a job out of this. It’s prepared me very well,” she said. “I couldn’t be happier with the amount of education I’ve been provided.”



Arron Liriano

Arron Liriano, a Sports Management major from the Bronx, also found great value in his internships: one with the Binghamton Senators hockey team, and the other with Binghamton University athletics. His experience truly prepared him for his next step: completing a bachelor's degree in the field at Ithaca College.

He also found a solid support system. A [Student Village](#) resident for two years, he's close friends with his roommates, who are headed to the University at Albany and SUNY Fredonia. He was also a part of the college's [EOP Program](#), and found a good deal of encouragement there.

"Everybody here is really friendly. There is great support," he recounted. "The teachers want you to succeed."

Don't let Samantha Lee's glittery mortarboard fool you. Although it reads "I still have no idea what I'm doing," the Human Services major has big plans: transferring to Binghamton University for her bachelor's and eventually a doctorate to become a clinical psychologist.



Samantha Lee and friends



And the Vestal resident knew the ins and outs of campus as well: as a Student Ambassador and Student Assembly Senator, a peer tutor and LingoNet intern, and a member and often officer of a wide range of groups, from the Black Student Union to the International Student Organization and the Kingsman Public Service Club. She has even worn the Hornet costume as Stinger, the campus mascot.

“I’m definitely going to miss being a student ambassador and being the school mascot. I think that meeting people along the way – each person has shaped me into being a better person,” she reflected. “I met excellent faculty and great professors.”

Sam had a chance to give her own personal farewell to campus: She was selected by the Student Assembly to give a speech during the event. Her lighthearted speech touched on the challenges students face: parking tickets, wifi access and the impossibility of writing a paper and eating pistachios at the same time.

Like many students, Lee said she chose SUNY Broome for its location, affordability and academics. She found it a positive experience, and a second home where she made lifelong connections.

“SUNY Broome has shaped me into a better person,” she said. “It helped me find what I want to do, so I’m very grateful for all these experiences.”

[Click here for even more Commencement photos!](#)



Other Commencement 2016 photos



















Relay For Life of Binghamton to take place June 10 and 11

May 23, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness



The Relay for Life of Binghamton returns to campus on June 10 and 11.

The all-night community event to fight cancer kicks off at 6 p.m. June 10 with a Survivor Lap, followed by a Survivor Dinner. The event then continues all night, ending at 6 a.m. June 11.

For more information or to register visit: relayforlife.org/binghamtonny



Speakers of the House to meet June 3, 17

May 23, 2016

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Want to communicate with confidence? Become a better speaker and presenter? Learn to listen effectively while developing your leadership skills and helping others reach their goals?

Join Speakers of the House, SUNY Broome's chapter of Toastmasters International! You're invited to attend any of their meetings, which begin at 3:10 p.m. on June 3 and 17 in Wales 203B.

For more information, visit <http://speakersofthehouse.toastmastersclubs.org/> or find us on Facebook: Speakers of the House.



The Passing of Anne Uncapher's Mother

May 23, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



The mother of Anne Uncapher of the Dental Hygiene Department passed away on Friday, May 20, 2016.

Obituary follows:

<http://www.barberfuneralhome.com/obits/obituary.php?id=605156>

HealthlinkNY's Crystal Felker returns to SUNY Broome to talk to HIT students

May 20, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

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Every year, Crystal Felker, Senior Director of Programs and Regional Director of the Southern Tier at HealthlinkNY, returns to her alma mater, SUNY Broome Community College in Binghamton, to tell health information technology students about what life is like out in the real world.

Her message to students: “Understanding HIEs (health information exchanges) and their importance will be an essential part of your job. As future registered health information technicians embark on careers, you will learn very quickly just how much HIEs will influence your work in health information management and medical records.”

Registered Health Information Technicians (RHITs) are responsible for accurately compiling and protecting patient health records, and HIEs now give RHITs access to patient records both inside and outside their provider organization, with patient consent.

“The good news is that providers now have a more complete view of their patients across multiple settings,” she says. “And HealthlinkNY can connect providers to the HIE so that patient records from other providers can download right into a patient’s electronic health record, or EHR. RHITs who understand HIEs will be able to help leverage that connectivity to improve patient care.”

A More Complete Picture of the Patient

Felker, who graduated from the College’s Health Information Technology (AAS) Degree program in 2011, earned her RHIT certification and was soon hired by HealthlinkNY, a Qualified Entity (QE) designed by New York State to operate the regional HIE in the Southern Tier and the Hudson Valley. Although one does not need to have earned an RHIT to work at a QE, it is extremely helpful.

“An RHIT has a comprehensive understanding of patient records, both on paper and electronic, and its uses — this is incredibly valuable to a regional HIE operator,” Felker explains. She adds that HIT students at SUNY Broome, most of whom go on to earn an RHIT, receive specialized training in privacy and confidentiality, auditing and compliance, electronic data security, HIPAA regulations, analytics, and other complex issues that are an integral part of HIE recordkeeping.

However, one of the most important things an RHIT can do is be an “evangelist” to maximize the value of patient record look-up.

“RHITs often find themselves in a role where they can influence how the provider’s office operates,” Felker says. “Understanding and promoting HIE adoption could be crucial to the organization’s success, especially as more federal and state programs require interoperability among providers. In our changing health care arena, a registered health information technicians who are familiar with the nuances of HIE will be of particular value to their health care employers.”

A Dedicated Alumna

Felker's presentation to seniors in the senior seminar is just one of many ways that she gives back to SUNY Broome's HIT program. She assists in program development as a member of the department's HIT Advisory Board; tutors students enrolled in the Medical Terminology course, and serves as a clinical advisor to students. Ask her why she is such a devoted alumna, and she'll tell you that having knowledgeable partners within provider organizations is likely to accelerate provider participation with HealthlinkNY.

"That is why I personally, and HealthlinkNY as an organization, maintain a strong relationship with the local colleges and universities," she says. "Teaching future RHITs about HIEs benefits them, but it also benefits us."



Free: Desk and hutch unit

May 20, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



The alumni office has an extra desk and hutch unit free to any office on campus that would like it. Email alumni@sunybroome.edu if you are interested or call extension 5477.



Heart of the Arts: Arts Council employee, intern graduate from college

May 20, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Entrepreneurship Instructor Laura Knochen-Davis, executive director of the Broome County Arts Council, shared a photo of her intern, [Matthew Pitcher](#), and BCAC Office Administrator Mary Jo Kelleher, both of whom graduated Thursday with degrees in Individual Studies.

Kelleher had previously attended three colleges in the 1970s and 1980s and is now 60 years old, Knochen-Davis said.

“It was an exciting time for me as an entrepreneur instructor at SUNY Broome for 10-plus years to sit on the platform and watch these wonderful and accomplished individuals from the community get their degrees,” she said. “Thank you to Donna Rehak for making the magic happen for these two individuals from the Broome County community and so many more!”



Welcome Regina Alfieri, SUNY Broome's Director of Alumni Engagement!

May 20, 2016

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The BCC Foundation is pleased to introduce Regina M. Alfieri, the new Director of Alumni Engagement.

Regina, who is an Alumna of the class of 2009, is beyond thrilled to be back at SUNY Broome. After graduating from SUNY Broome, Regina transferred to Binghamton University, where she earned both a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master of Science in Student Affairs Administration. For the past five years, Regina has worked on campus at Binghamton University in the areas of Admissions and Recruiting, Career Services and TRIO Programs. Regina's passion for higher education, love of the local area and ability to foster relationships with students and alumni make her a perfect fit for the BCC Foundation and SUNY Broome.

Regina's office is located in Wales 213 – across from the Foundation suite. Feel free to stop by and introduce yourself sometime soon!



The Fast and the Furious: The Green Machine takes first place

May 18, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



[The SUNY Bearcats Motorsports Team](#), a cooperative effort between Binghamton University and SUNY Broome, took first place in an [international competition](#) for its electric car.

The [Society of Automotive Engineers' Formula Hybrid competition](#) takes place on the New Hampshire International Speedway and draws competitors from around the world, from schools in India, Turkey and Canada to big names on the East Coast, such as the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, the University of Michigan, Princeton, Yale and Boston University.

This is only the second year for the team, which was founded by Binghamton University and SUNY Broome alumna [Michelle DiGiacomo](#). Her father, Electrical Engineering Technology Professor Gary DiGiacomo, serves as a team advisor.

The Green Machine – the moniker for the team's vehicle – came in first in the Electric division, beating out the University of Vermont and RIT.

To prepare for this year's competition, the Green Machine was redesigned from the ground up, with an all new frame and suspension. While the drive train was reused due to budget constraints, the entire electrical system was redesigned and required. SUNY Broome was mainly responsible for designing and building the electronic systems for the car, and also assisted with the overall assembly of the vehicle.

"Our design vision was to keep it simple and sustainable," said Mike DiGiacomo, a freshman on this year's Hornet team and Michelle's brother, on behalf of the Hornet portion of the team.

He was joined this year by two SUNY Broome seniors: Taras Stets and Doug Klein.

An Electrical Engineering Technology (EET) major, Stets was responsible for all aspects of the car's electrical system. He worked on all aspects of the design and build of the high- and low-voltage enclosures, and the 2/0 cables that are used to power the car. He was also the team's registered safety officer during the competition, and responsible for all of the required documentation, such as schematics and data sheets for all components used on the car. Additionally, Stets was responsible for getting the car through tech inspection and also for charging and powering up the car for each stage of competition.

Klein, an EET grade now pursuing Engineering Science, had worked on the project last year. This year, he

designed and built a new custom circuit board to generate a CAN signal, which He also helped the BU students work on a custom dash display for the car.

Mike DiGiacomo, a computer science student who also worked on the project last year, was responsible for designing and implementing isolation systems in the electric box, as well as overall system integration in the car. He made sure the car had good ergonomics, helped install various parts — and also took the wheel.

He drove the autocross portion of the event and helped the team secure the fastest time of the day. Autocross, also known as solo racing, involves navigating the car through a course set up by cones, with the objective of getting the fastest time.

“Being a part of this project has really helped me grow not just as an engineer, but as a professional,” Mike DiGiacomo said.

The team credited Professor DiGiacomo for motivating them to produce their best work, and for the countless hours he put into the project.

“We couldn’t have done it without his ceaseless support,” the team said in a statement.



Spring 2016 Carnival of Assessment on May 19

May 18, 2016

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The spring 2016 Carnival of Assessment (Assessment Day) will be held on May 19, 2016, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Theme: Closing the assessment loop using Student Learning Outcome results.

Venue: Titchener Hall RM 101

Time: 9 a.m. to noon

Events will include presentations from each academic division on the use of student learning outcome assessment results to improve courses taught in subsequent semesters. Light refreshments will be served. You are encouraged to attend.

Dining Hall Summer Hours

May 18, 2016

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SUNY Broome's Dining Hall will be closed the week of May 23 to 27, and reopen on Tuesday, May 31, on a summer schedule.

Summer hours will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday in the main café only.



Marketplace: Nursing student available for childcare, housekeeping, odd jobs

May 18, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Do you need help around the house? Fatima Ibrahim, a SUNY Broome Nursing student, is looking for part-time employment.

Fatima, who has a Bachelors degree in Psychology in her native Sudan, is willing to do a wide range of tasks, from housekeeping and baby care to pre-school education and shopping.

If you're interested, email her at queennono85@hotmail.com.

A quartet of excellence: SUNY Broome's first Honors Program grads

May 17, 2016

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This week, Jesse Brenon, Kellie Harrison, Abagael Rudock and Victoria Studer will become the first graduates of SUNY Broome's new [Honors Program](#), which starting in Fall 2015.

Before they took that final step, however, they fulfilled one last requirement: presenting the findings of their Honors projects to a room full of onlookers. The projects, much like the students themselves, showed diverse strengths and interests: physical therapy treatments for concussions, the startup of an effort to aid local shelters, rebuilding a campus club geared toward the LGBT community, cigarette taxes and their impact on the economy.

"I like that they made a program to bring the people who are more advanced together. We had a great experience," said Studer, a Business Administration major who is transferring to Binghamton University, and hopes to one day own her own business.

For her project on the impact of cigarette taxes, Studer was mentored by Professor Giovanni Scaringi. She used both her research and her design skills for the presentation, which featured an animated graphic of a smoker.

Her topic was spurred by personal interest: getting her mother and brother to kick the habit.

"I have a number of family members who smoke. I try to get them to quit," she said. "When the taxes go higher and higher, they complain. I thought I could prove them wrong."

It turns out that tobacco was not only the nation's earliest cash crops, but also an early source of government tax revenue. Taxes, it turns out, are an effective way of cutting smoking rates particularly among teens; a 10 percent price increase leads 5 to 15 percent of teens to stop, Studer noted. That's particularly pertinent when you take into account that four out of five smokers begin the habit at age 18 or younger.

Jesse Brenon, who is graduating from the Physical Therapy Assistant program, also drew on his experiences for inspiration. His subject was concussions, which he will likely deal with as he pursues his chosen career.

"The number of kids with concussions has gone up. It's one of those things that I would need to know about.

It's very applicable to real life," said Brenon, who has a job lined up for him in the Syracuse area after graduation.

Brenon is a former soccer player, and hated taking headers. While he hasn't had a concussion himself, he had friends who did. His project – under the mentorship of Professor Denise Abrams — dealt with the latest in evidence-based treatments for the condition, including cognitive and visual training, and hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

Abagael Rudock turned to the campus for her project, conducted under the mentorship of Professor Ellen Brand. She revitalized Unity in Pride, a campus club for the LGBT community that had faded away. In addition to organizing meetings, she started the group's Facebook page, WordPress blog and email address, and made plans to pass the club onto an interest member following graduation.

"I learned a lot of things about the campus," said Rudock, who is transferring to BU. "I learned how to be patient because I usually had to wait a while to get everything done."

Kellie Harrison tackled two projects under the mentorship of Professor Jesse Katen: one a charity effort, and the other personal in scope.

In "The Power of a Simple Box," Harrison detailed her efforts to collect and donate hygiene items to nonprofits including Danielle House and a shelter for children in abuse situations. She worked with high school hockey teams, setting up a donation contest in which the winner received additional ice time. Local companies also donated money. All told, the effort raised \$2,000 and collected 4,500 items – with the most dedicated donors typically being those who had little themselves.

"Something as simple as a toothbrush can make a big impact," said Harrison, who plans to transfer to Northeastern.

Her second project explored career options – in an effort to set her own course.

"I changed my major four times in a year," she admitted.

She learned about funeral directors, politics, advertising and law by attending a political debate and shadowing people in the field. Along the way, she learned a few things about herself: She wants to run for political office someday, needs a job that keeps her intellectually engaged – and really doesn't want to pursue an embalming license.

For now, she plans to major in pre-law at Northeastern, and eventually pursue her studies in Constitutional or human rights law.

The four graduates-to-be shared their thoughts on the Honors program with faculty members following the presentation. Communication needs to be tweaked, they said, but overall they found the experience to be beneficial and challenging. Brenon particularly enjoyed a course called "Frontiers in Science," which was taught by both Professor Bruce Oldfield and the participating students.

Two additional students — Telisha Sodan and Rebecca Wilkinson — are expected to complete the Honors Program this summer, and 33 new Honors students are expected to enroll this coming academic year.

"You took the challenge. You should be honored by this," Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti told the four presenters.



Jesse Brenon and Denise Abrams



Victoria Stader



Abagael Rudock



Kellie Harrison



Jesse Brenon



Abagael Rudock, Kellie Harrison, Victoria Studer, Jesse Brenon



Jesse Katen and Kellie Harrison



Abagael Rudock and Ellen Brand

Honoring our Civic Sherpa: The Douglas C. Garnar Center for Civic Engagement ****Updated****

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For 45 years, Professor Doug Garnar has been an integral part of SUNY Broome life: inspiring students in the classroom, encouraging members in the larger community to embrace their civic responsibilities, and even sleeping outside all night to raise awareness of the plight of the homeless.

Now, his legacy will live on in the newly-dedicated Douglas C. Garnar Center for Civic Engagement, located on the first floor of the Science Building. The redesigned space includes a meeting room, computer terminals, a media library pertaining to public deliberation and other civic engagement interests, and plenty of Binghamton-centric artwork from the Ed Aswad collection.

New: Click below for the Flickr photo gallery!



“On this campus, you cannot mention civic engagement without mentioning Doug in the same sentence,” SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm said.

The center was named for the college’s self-designated “civic Sherpa” in a May 9 ceremony that drew many of Garnar’s colleagues and even some local officials, as well as his wife, sons and grandchildren.

Community colleges have been an integral part of democracy since their founding, noted President Drumm. The Truman Commission report on higher education, which spurred the creation of the modern community college system after World War II, dubbed them “democracy’s college” and touted their importance in educating the American citizenry.

“By making higher education available to all for the first time in world history, in a very real sense community colleges have played a historical role in democracy,” Dr. Drumm said.

Professor Garnar has taken the mission of democracy’s college to heart, and has spent decades putting it into action. Known for his commitment to both students and the community good, he has coordinated service-learning efforts, directed the Community Internship program and played a leading role in the General Education reforms of the 1990s.

He helped establish the college’s Common Hour activities, which brings the campus together weekly as an academic community, as well as founded the Ecology Club, the annual Sleep Out for the Homeless and the Older, Wiser Learners program. Garnar also has led efforts to offer programs off campus, and played an important role in creating the Shared Governance system. He was also the very first community college faculty member to be awarded the SUNY Distinguished Service professorship.

Garnar reinvigorated the campus’ Civic Engagement Board and organized public deliberations in and out of the classroom, as well as political candidate debates, community events, forums and voter registration activities. Outside of SUNY Broome, he served for many years on the Urban League Board of Directors, his local school board and, more recently, became the first community college faculty member to be elected to the Board of the National Issues Forum.

And while he has officially retired, you would probably never know it. To this day, he continues to be actively involved in civic engagement events. Just in the past few months, he held a workshop for the community on how to run for political office, slept outside all night long during the Sleep Out and hosted an important discussion during the Ethics of Addiction conference.

Several of Garnar’s colleagues shared stories of their time together. Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti was part of the Class of ’71 with Garnar. One of their first endeavors together was the establishment of the campus’ childcare center, he remembered.

“Your work will always be here, the legacy,” Dr. Battisti said.

Professors Scott Corley and Lisa Strahley, who are currently involved in the campus’ civic engagement efforts, described his work as inspirational. Corley said he particularly appreciated Garnar’s efforts to incorporate diversity into his civic engagement work.

Professor Hal Koster remembered meeting Garnar for the first time in 1988, “in the context of playing Vanna White.” Garnar had brought more than 800 people to the cafeteria to discuss a massive incinerator proposed for the county, which citizens ultimately rejected.

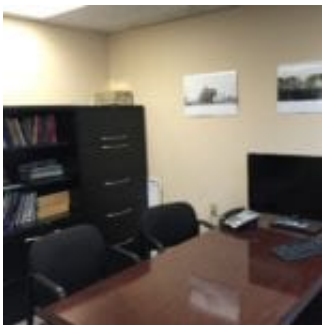
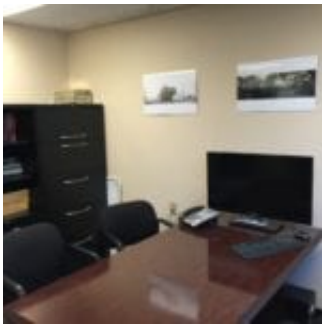
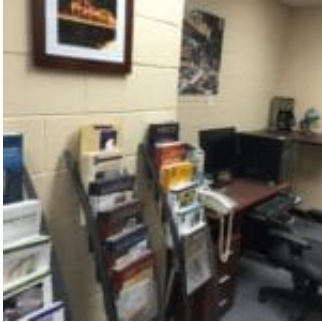
“I saw that people-power can operate,” Koster remembered.

Garnar said he was honored by the dedication, and hopes that the campus community and beyond will continue to be involved in civic engagement efforts. In an interview with Fox 40 news, he also encouraged citizens to vote in the upcoming election.

“Please remember that the best way to honor Professor Garnar is to be an informed and engaged citizen and do the work of democracy. Step up and join the discussion. Register to vote – and vote. Exercise not only your rights, but uphold your responsibilities,” President Drumm said.







Information on graduation for the Platform Party

May 17, 2016

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Graduation will take place on Thursday evening, May 19, 2016, at 7:30PM, at the Broome County Veteran's Memorial Arena.

Points of Interest:

- Dignitaries' regalia will be available at the Arena Thursday evening, the 19th.
- All members of the platform party will assemble on the ground floor of the Arena under the bleachers at 6:45 p.m. The Bookstore representative will be available to assist you in robing. Coats and jackets may be left in this area, but it is advisable to keep your valuables with you.
- You may enter this area through the ground level doors facing Stuart Place where the graduates will be lining up.

Thanks to our Public Service Office, parking is available at Binghamton University Downtown Center adjacent to the Arena. The entrance to the lot is located on the south side of the Downtown Center off Susquehanna Street. One of our security officers will be at the gate with a list of the platform party, checking names. **Unlike previous years, we may end up filling up with spots so please know that parking here is not guaranteed — but we are doing everything we can to attempt to secure a spot for each person on the platform.** In this case, you will have to find parking on your own.

Attached is the FAQ sheet that came out in a previous email which has much of the same information. If your plans change, and you will not be able to attend the ceremony, please let us know. If you have any other concerns or questions, please feel free to call the Student Activities Office at 778-5033.

[GraduationFAQforAttendees2016](#)

EOP reflects on this year's successes

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Sixteen students were recently honored during EOP's Awards Ceremony, and were recognized by the SUNY Chancellor for their outstanding academic achievement.

Huyen, a Nursing student, went to Haiti as part of SUNY Broome's Health for Haiti course. Alisa, EOC President, has 111 signatures of students who want alternative transportation for students on the weekend. Arron received more than \$49,000 in scholarships to attend Ithaca College. Three students will be RAs in the Student Village, and Ms. Soto is the new president of Student Assembly.

Many students focused on keeping education as one of their topic priorities as they dealt with difficult situations, such as the loss of a loved one. The EOP Population did well!



Special meeting of the Board of Trustees

May 16, 2016

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The Board of Trustees of SUNY Broome Community College has scheduled the following Special Meeting of the Board for the month of May:

- **A Special Meeting of the Board** has been called by Chairperson Margaret Coffey for **Friday, May 20, 2016 at 9 a.m.** to be held in room D117, of the Decker Health Science Building.

Purpose:

It is anticipated that an Executive Session will be called to discuss Personnel/Collective Bargaining issues

All meeting sites are on the SUNY Broome campus and the meetings are open to the Press and Public

Service Learning Request Information

May 16, 2016

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Fellow Colleagues:

My name is Giovanni Scaringi and am honored to be the new Service Learning Coordinator at SUNY Broome. In September of the Fall 2016 Semester, The Office of Civic Engagement will be hosting a Service Learning Fair in order to introduce students as well as our ourselves to some of the great organizations that exist in Broome County to further help stimulate academics and service across all constituencies.

My request is two-fold. First, please let me know if you already offer some service learning project in any course you instruct. Second, if there is a specific organization that you would like to see present at the Service Learning Fair, please let me know. You may contact me at scaringigp@sunybroome.edu. Thank you for all of your help and I hope to hear from you soon!

Photos from the Award & Retirement Recognition Event

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Did we catch you on camera? [Click here for photos from the Award & Retirement Recognition Event!](#)



SUNY Broome receives \$1 million for green energy efforts

May 16, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



SUNY Broome will receive \$1 million as part of the Energy to Lead competition, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced May 16.

Bard College and the University at Buffalo also received \$1 million awards. Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that New York State will award \$1 million each to Bard College, University at Buffalo and SUNY Broome Community College as part of the “Energy to Lead Competition.” The competition, first announced by the Governor in October 2015, challenged student-led coalitions from New York colleges and universities to design and develop innovative plans for campus and community-wide clean energy projects. The announcement was made at Bard College in Dutchess County.

“The ‘Energy to Lead Competition’ is challenging New York’s emerging energy leaders to turn innovative ideas into cutting-edge solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower energy bills and improve resiliency in communities across the state,” Governor Cuomo said. “I congratulate our winning students and faculty, and commend them for their commitment to helping to build a cleaner, greener New York.”

The “Energy to Lead Competition” is part of Governor Cuomo’s Reforming the Energy Vision strategy to build a clean, resilient and affordable energy system for all New Yorkers. Through REV, New York State has set the following 2030 energy targets: generate 50 percent of electricity from renewable energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent from 1990 levels and reduce energy consumption in buildings by 23 percent from 2012 levels. Collectively, the three winning college projects will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by the equivalent of taking 17,000 cars off the road each year.

The \$3 million competition was administered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and was open to student-led coalitions from two- or four-year public or private colleges or universities. The competition challenged schools to develop ideas for innovative projects in energy efficiency, renewable energy or greenhouse gas emission reduction on campus, in the classroom and in surrounding communities.

Applicants were required to demonstrate innovation in one or more of the following areas: project design, business model, partnerships, and/or curriculum integration. They were also asked to describe the project’s impact on greenhouse gas emissions, how they would measure success and how they would use the \$1 million award to advance the project.

Richard Kauffman, Chair of Energy and Finance for New York State, said, “Students bring a unique urgency, passion and creativity to the fight against climate change. As we remake our energy system in New York, we are thrilled to harness the leadership of our young people to help us do it faster, cheaper and bigger than any other state. I look forward to the next phase, when the winners will turn these strong ideas into real projects for the benefit of their colleges, their communities and the state as a whole.”

John B. Rhodes, President and CEO of NYSERDA, said, “New York is a national leader in developing innovative energy solutions to protect our environment and grow our economy. Congratulations to the winners and all the participants in ‘Energy to Lead’ for taking up this challenge and developing compelling ideas that not only solve critical energy issues on their campuses and communities, but that also make a point of ensuring others can learn from and replicate their success.”

SUNY Broome’s Geothermal Learning Laboratory project will show how a geothermal system can harness the energy stored in the earth to heat and cool a campus, serve as a hands-on learning resource for college and secondary school students, and generate energy bill savings that can be reinvested in energy conservation measures. The project is expected to result in the avoidance of 135 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually.

“The greening of SUNY Broome just took a huge leap forward. We can’t thank the Governor and NYSERDA enough for such a critical award,” **said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm.** “This initiative will substantially decrease our carbon footprint while fostering student involvement in sustainability efforts and entrepreneurship. It must be noted that students were integral to the development of this proposal. What better way to inspire the green innovators of the future!”



Left to right: Students Morgan Wood, Kenyatta Torrence, Director of Sponsored Programs Shelli Cordisco, Student Trustee Tom Flynn, student Sohaid Reid

SUNY Broome Commencement to be held May 19

May 16, 2016

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-1,290 Students Will Graduate as the Spring 2016 Semester Concludes-

SUNY Broome's Spring 2016 graduation ceremony will be held at **7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 19, at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena, which is located in downtown Binghamton.**

SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm will welcome students, as well as local dignitaries from across the region, parents, family and friends of SUNY Broome's 1,290 graduates.

Of these graduates, 38% are male while 62% are female. The ages of the graduates range from 18 to 64, with an average age of 25. Approximately 67% of the graduates are traditional, while 33% are non-traditional.

The most popular graduating major is Individual Studies.



Fall Open House to be held November 5

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Mark your calendars before the summer break! Our new Fall Open House will take place on November 5. Stay tuned for further details. Information will be posted at www.sunybroome.edu/fallopenhouse



Rich Harrington receives NYSCA grant

May 16, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

SUNY Broome Adjunct Instructor Rich Harrington is the recipient of a New York State Council on the Arts Finishing Fund grant for his project, “Direct Instruction.” Finishing Funds grants support artists in the completion/post-production of film, video, sound, new media and Web-based work.

Nick Rubenstein, Co-Founder/Creative Director of the LUMA Projection Arts Festival, worked with Harrington to create a piece that incorporates video projected images on a wall of 477 “Language Master” speech therapy cards used in elementary schools of the 1960s. Accompanying the video piece is a 42-minute audio track created from the included cards.

The piece provokes questions of language, meaning, repetition, gender roles and place in the context of mid-century suburban middle-class American culture.

Academic Master Plan

May 16, 2016

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Colleagues,

I am pleased to notify you that the Academic Master Plan has been returned from the consultant, Strategic Innovations in Education. Thank you to everyone across campus who was involved in this effort. Your input, comments, and feedback have been greatly appreciated. Attached to this message is a copy of the final document.

As stated in the document:

“The following plan has taken into consideration the perceptions, ideas and vision of more than 250 participants representing faculty, students, staff, employers, community leaders and collaborating University administrators through a process of field interviews, focus group discussions and surveys. Data was analyzed from several sources in the community, State and the SUNY system. Current academic programs were examined for relevancy, sustainability and validity. Setting of academic program development priorities establishes a framework for action, taking the College from where it is now to where it needs to be in the future.

The Plan utilized demographics, enrollment and workforce trends, benchmarking and performance data as well as market need and demand data to determine new job and career demand. Current academic program and faculty strengths were a driving force behind the recommendations. Other key strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that were identified from survey results and interview data played a significant role in the formulation of the plan. An analysis of current space and new program needs identified the physical facility and technology infrastructure needs essential to the success of any new initiative and the continued support to current academic programs.”

Since the Academic Master Plan is a living document, we will make use of it in conjunction with developing the college's Strategic Plan and the Facilities Master Plan, as we shape the direction of the college over the coming years. As we begin to work with the content of each of these documents, the entire campus community will be involved and updated on progress and accomplishments. Members of the campus community will be invited to assist in developing strategies to implement what has been and will be articulated in these key documents. Academic Affairs will work closely with the entire campus throughout this process.

I hope that you will make a point to review the Academic Master Plan (attached), as well as be involved in the development of the 2017-2022 Strategic Plan so you are informed and involved in the direction that SUNY Broome is headed. The projected timeline for the completion of the Facilities Master Plan is July, and this report will also be reviewed by the campus to inform the direction of the college. Should you wish to get involved in the planning and implementation process, please contact your Dean or the supervisor in your area.

If you missed the information that was distributed in November that provided background about the Academic Master Plan, I have included some of it below.

Thank you,

What is an Academic Master Plan?

The Academic Master Plan provides guidance and content on how the college attains its academic mission. It will define for the College a multiple strategic approach to becoming a leader in the higher education environment. The planning team will provide internal and external environmental scanning as well as a competitive analysis. The developed academic master plan will serve as a foundation for leveraging faculty, help identify academic program strengths, suggest new programs, as well as identify effective strategic partnerships. The integrated strategic academic plan and integrated enrollment model will provide the critical path needed to maintain a competitive edge in the ever-changing educational landscape.

Who will be involved in formulating the Academic Master Plan?

SUNY Broome has engaged Strategic Innovations in Education (SIE), a national consulting firm who is collaborating with our facilities planners, to create a comprehensive academic master plan. They are implementing a campus-wide process of communicating with all areas of the College including Deans, faculty, students, alumni, employers, and economic development organizations to identify, develop and leverage the strengths of the entire College to proactively meet the needs of students and the community.

How will SUNY Broome use the Academic Master Plan?

The SIE focus is to help Broome achieve a competitive advantage by establishing new academic programs and repositioning some of our current programs for future growth through the further development of our vision that is anticipatory and focused on quality education.

[SIE SUNY Broome AMP 4 1 16](#)

Art 116 Beginning Painting Evaluation and Exhibit

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Please join us on Friday, June 3, for an exhibit featuring paintings created by SUNY Broome Art 116 students.

Location:

Atomic Tom's
196 State Street, Binghamton NY

Date:

June 3 at 5:15 p.m. (family and friends)
First Friday event to follow starting at 6 p.m.
Exhibit is also open Saturday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Contact:

Professor Zeggert
zeggertdp@sunybroome.edu

[Atomic Tom's Art Show Invitations \(1\)](#)



New Enrollment Management Contacts

May 16, 2016

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As many of you know, recently the college completed an important transformation in the areas of marketing, recruiting, admissions counseling, and enrollment processing.

Within Academic Affairs, a new sub-division dedicated to Enrollment Management has been developed.

There has been much discussion and excitement about the opportunities this new structure brings to the table, and many improvements are already settling into place.

The reorganization included a number of key transitions within all departments involved. To clarify the *key points of contact* within these areas, please see the outline below.

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT SUBDIVISION

Jesse Wells

Executive Enrollment Management Officer

wellsje@sunybroome.edu – (5199)

Jesse will oversee this new subdivision, and will be available to address and discuss long-range admissions and enrollment planning, potential major improvements to campus-wide procedures and processes, internal and external enrollment communication campaigns, and critical enrollment workflows.

–Portal and Web Development – Loren Leonard (5296)

–Marketing Project Coordination – Ashley Blackwell (5296)

ADMISSIONS OFFICE

778-5001 – www.sunybroome.edu/admissions/

Elisabeth Costanzo Stewart

Assistant Director, Admissions

Recruitment & Engagement Coordinator

costanzoes@sunybroome.edu – (5565)

Elisabeth will oversee student r

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and outreach functions, admissions counseling, special admissions initiatives (Binghamton Advantage Program, Competitive Admissions), inquiry handling, visits, and welcome Center functions.

This office includes:

– Recruiting and Admissions Counseling – Maja Szostak, Alicia Dixon-Garrard

– Study Abroad – Maria Basualdo

– Welcome and Enrollment Information Center

Susan Wellington

Assistant Director, International Admissions

wellingtonsl@sunybroome.edu – (5187)

Susan will oversee international student recruiting and admissions counseling.

ENROLLMENT SERVICES OFFICE

778-5527 – <http://www.sunybroome.edu/registrar>

Martin Guzzi

Director of Enrollment Services

guzzimj@sunybroome.edu – (5295)

Marty will oversee all student registration and records processes, from application and registration through transcript requests. He will also oversee placement assessment processes, enrollment verification, attendance and grading.

- Degreeworks, Program and Course Revisions, TAP – Dawn Kutz
- Enrollment Services – Anthony Zostant
- Placement Assessment – Susan Pero

NEWS & MEDIA

Jennifer Micale

Senior Staff Assistant

Media Relations & Social Media Coordinator

micalejr@sunybroome.edu – Office: (607) 778-5682 –

Cell: (607) 725-6795

Jennifer will oversee all media relations and inquiries, emergency communications (RAVE Alerts), social media reporting and monitoring, and act as chief editor and lead writer for college articles and publications.

MARCOM OFFICE

778-5296 – www.sunybroome.edu/marcom

–Enrollment Events and Marketing Productions – Silvia Briga (5296)

–Print and Web Graphic Design (Marketing and Recruiting Materials) – Ciara Cable (5296)

This new model allows enhanced focus on improving enrollment processes, removing “pain points” and barriers, documenting and developing clear processes and procedures, strengthening our marketing and recruiting messages and activities, and establishing consistent and valuable student life-cycle communications models.

NOTE: A helpful contact list by Specific Enrollment Subject and Question will be distributed next week.

We ask for your continued patience and support as we explore new options, and undertake new initiatives, to streamline and improve the enrollment experience for our students.

The Monday Poem: ‘The Whistler’ by Mary Oliver

May 15, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

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

The Whistler

Mary Oliver

All of a sudden she began to whistle. By all of a sudden
I mean that for more than thirty years she had not
whistled. It was thrilling. At first I wondered, who was
in the house, what stranger? I was upstairs reading, and
she was downstairs. As from the throat of a wild and
cheerful bird, not caught but visiting, the sounds war-
bled and slid and doubled back and larked and soared.

Finally I said, Is that you? Is that you whistling? Yes, she
said. I used to whistle, a long time ago. Now I see I can
still whistle. And cadence after cadence she strolled
through the house, whistling.

I know her so well, I think. I thought. Elbow and ankle-
Mood and desire. Anguish and frolic. Anger too.
And the devotions. And for all that, do we even begin
to know each other? Who is this I've been living with
for thirty years?

This clear, dark, lovely whistler?



Personnel changes: Maureen Kollar assumes permanent role in Academic Affairs

May 13, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Colleagues,

I would like to apprise you of a recent change in personnel. Ann Czernecki, Staff Associate decided not to return to her role in Academic Affairs. We wish her the very best and hope that she will continue to remain in touch with her colleagues at SUNY Broome.

Following a search, Maureen Kollar filled the temporary Staff Associate position and has now accepted the full-time, permanent position. Prior to working in Academic Affairs, Maureen worked in Admissions for two years. Maureen has been tasked with coordinating Orientation, conducting outreach in regional high schools, serving on the Open House committee, assisting with the implementation of on-boarding, and supporting other Academic Affairs initiatives. She is a welcome asset to the Academic Affairs team.

Thank you for your support and have a wonderful summer!

Dr. Francis Battisti

Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

SANS – OUCH! May 2016 Internet of Things

May 13, 2016

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We are excited to announce the May issue of OUCH! This month, led by the infamous James Lyne, we focus on the Internet of Things (IoT). Specifically, we discuss what IoT is, how IoT impacts our personal lives, and what we can do to protect IoT devices. As such, we ask you share OUCH! with your family, friends, and coworkers.

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Watch: SUNY Broome's Bollywood-themed Mock Wedding

May 13, 2016

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SUNY Broome goes Bollywood at this year's Mock Wedding! Check out the video here:

Bollywood Mock Wedding @ SUNY Broome



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=aCEk222AU7E>



Residence director reflects on the little things

May 13, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



By Jarvis McCowin

I arrived at the Student Village on a cold, snowy January day. It was January 29, around 3 p.m. to be exact. I remember that day like it was yesterday. I was wearing a black t-shirt, grey sweatpants, and my favorite running shoes. I was nervous, excited and very eager to take a nap after a long, yet adventurous 16-hour drive.

I was greeted by smiles and curious eyes when I stepped foot in the Student Village for the first time. I felt that I belonged. I felt as though I was home. I still feel that way.

Our Facilities Manager, Chris, and one of the Resident Assistants, Logan, helped me unload my car. It was one of the easiest moves I have experienced.

Fast-forward to this day — me reminiscing on my shared moments with residents, the RAs that I supervise, the professional staff in Housing & Residential Life and other members of the campus community. I find myself appreciative of *the little things*. These moments (e.g., smiles, high fives, feeling valued, playing UNO with residents, countless moments of pure joy and nothing but laughter, and many more wonderful moments) have made my transition to SUNY Broome nothing short of amazing.

Among the memories made thus far, those that I cherish the most are the moments shared with the wonderful RAs I supervise. The ten beautiful souls in the picture below helped me transition to SUNY Broome mid-academic year with ease. They answered the million-and-one questions I had. They were very patient with me (and still are) as I learned how things worked here.



Eight of the ten RAs are moving on to further achieve their goals. Some are graduating from Broome and will enter the workforce, or continue their education at four-year institutions such as SUNY Delhi, SUNY Purchase, John Jay College and the University of South Florida; another will be continuing in our dental hygiene program. The other two will be returning to the RA position for the upcoming academic year. I will miss the eight non-returning students and look forward to hearing about their future accomplishments.

I hope each of the RAs know how much I value their commitment to providing an enriching living and learning environment for residents living in the residence hall. It is my hope that they also know how grateful their supervisor is for all they are, and all they are becoming.

They inspire me daily. They are valued. They are appreciated. They will always have a special place in my heart for helping me to pause, reflect and take time to acknowledge the value in *shared moments* and *the little things* in life.

I love them for that.

Bridge to Success now open for registration

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The Bridge to Success is now open for registration!

SUNY Broome's Bridge program now has three components: Literacy, English and Math.

The Bridge's objectives are to provide prospective students an opportunity to brush up on comprehension strategies in each content area. Students who successfully complete any component will then be placed in sequential/college-level coursework, eliminating the need to take developmental classes.

For more information on the Literacy/English Bridges, call the LAD at (607) 778 – 5038 or email [Professor Chandler](#).

Students interested in taking the Math Bridge can contact [Professor Williams](#) at (607) 778 – 5126. Health Science majors should contact the [Academic Advising Department](#) at (607) 778 – 5210 or refer to departmental advisors for specific mathematics advising. ***Please note: eligibility for the Math Bridge is major-dependent for those programs requiring an MAT 096 equivalent.***

Students can request more information at [Thinktank: Bridge to Success](#) or visit [The Bridge to Success Program](#) to access the Bridge brochure.

	July 11 – July 22:	July 25 – August 5:
Math	CRN 8204	CRN 8205
Literacy	July 18 – July 29: CRN 8200	August 1 – August 12: CRN 8201
English	July 18 – July 29: CRN 8202	August 1 – August 12: CRN 8203



Health Services Survey: Complete it, and you may win a Fitbit!

May 13, 2016

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The Health Services Office is looking for feedback on the resources offered. Please complete a short survey on what services currently available that you have used, feel are valuable to maintain and what other services you would like to see be made available. Anyone who completes the survey and provides contact information will be entered to win a Fitbit Charge HR.

[Click here to complete the survey.](#)



Register your vehicle for the 2016-2017 academic year

May 13, 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.

Need Ink Cartridges?

May 12, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Admissions has extra ink cartridges for various printers.

Here is a list:

Size	Type	Quantity
TN-460	Toner Cartridge	3
TN-570	Toner Cartridge	3
Laserjet 304A	Magenta Cartridge	3
Laserjet 304A	Yellow Cartridge	3
Laserjet 304A	Blue Cartridge	3
Canon GPR-6	Black Toner	4
Laserjet 61X 4100-4101		1
Canon FX3		1
HP 97	Tri-Color Ink	6
HP Inkjet 20	Print Cartridge Black	2
HP 23	Tri-Color Ink	1
HP 45	Black Ink (twin pack)	2
HP 56	Black Ink	1
HP 96	Black Ink	1
HP Officejet 88	Magenta	1
HP Twin Pack 45 black + 78 tricolor		1
HP Twin Pack 96 Black		2
HP Twin Pack 57 tricolor		1

If you need any of these, please email Kris at lanskm@sunybroome.edu.

Table: Fee to good home

May 12, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Mary Gilbert in Financial Aid has a sturdy table, in good shape, free to the first taker!

29.5" high

24" deep

60" wide

Contact her at gilbertma@sunybroome.edu if you'd like it.



May 17 Concert to Support Harmony for Haiti

May 12, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



It has been over thirty years since “We Are the World” was released by the supergroup USA for Africa. Now, some super SUNY Broome music students are releasing their own version as part of the Harmony for Haiti project.

The students recently recorded the 1985 charity single along with four other songs. The recordings will be used in July at a three-day Health for Haiti music education program for nearly 250 kids in rural Haiti.

Please support the SUNY Broome music students and the Harmony for Haiti project by attending the Music Association Concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 17 in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre. At the concert, the students will perform “We Are the World” and accept donations for Health for Haiti.

Special thanks to Music Professors Brenda Dawe and Peter Sicilian!



Fall 2016 Brochure of Lectures, Film Screenings and Discussions

May 12, 2016

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

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

[Brochure, Fall 2016](#)

Attention Teaching Faculty: A hard copy of this brochure was sent your way via campus mail to make it easy to plan to invite students to participate in these events as you plan your Fall 2016 courses. **The attachment below provides the content of the brochure.**

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

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

Professor Diane Kelly

Professor Jen Musa

Professor Doug Garnar

Professor Scott Corley

Professor Carla Michalak

Professor Marcia Blackburn

Professor Laura Letson

Professor Rick Firenze

Professor Lee Whitted

Professor John Sterlacci

Professor Major Barnett

Professor Tim Skinner

Professor Chris Keaty

Professor Ed Evans

Professor Richard Schleider

Professor Theodore Nappi

Professor Jason Detrani

Student Activities Director Jason Boring

Phi Theta Kappa Chapter President Heather Coggin

For further information, contact

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What's Going on at SUNY Broome



Upcoming Board of Trustees meetings

May 12, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

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

- May 24, 2016 (Tuesday) – Monthly meeting of the Finance and Facilities Committee, 8 a.m., Wales Administration Center Conference Room 107
- May 26, 2016 (Thursday) – Monthly meeting of the Board, 5 p.m., Decker Health Science Building Libous Room D117.

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

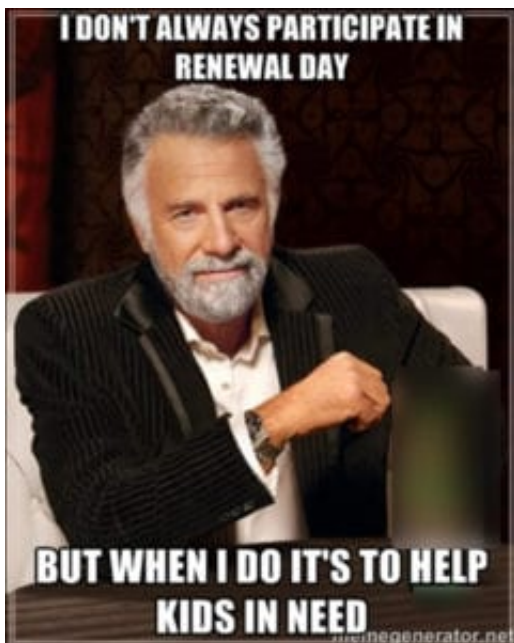
The Renewal Day Great Bike Build for Charity!

May 12, 2016

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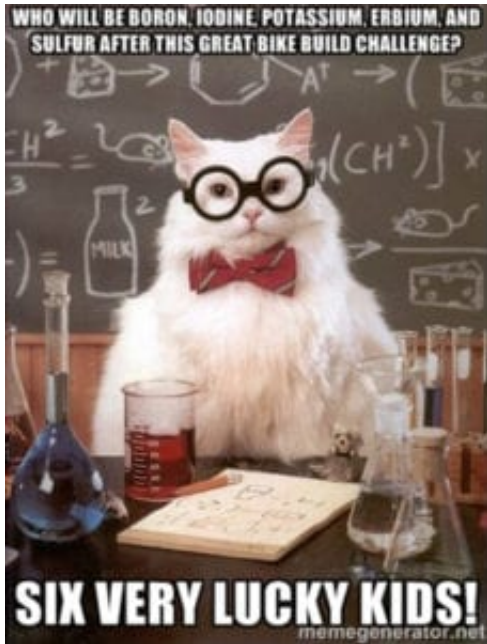


We are looking for a few good memes...I mean, TEAMS to participate in this epic Renewal Day Activity on May 18! Speaking of memes...



The Great Bike Build is a fun-filled series of team challenges and activities, but the real winners are the kids

who will receive a gently used bike.



Think you've got what it takes? We do.



But WAIT!



One finds co-workers and friends who are up for the challenge of earning and assembling bikes. Each team receives a bike part for every challenge/activity they successfully complete. Winners of the challenges receive time advantages for bike assembly.



Challenges include trivia, name that tune, relay races, team building/strategy games, and more. Having a well-rounded team of SUNY Broomers with different skill sets is advantageous. So build your team strategically....



Or be truly daring and say,



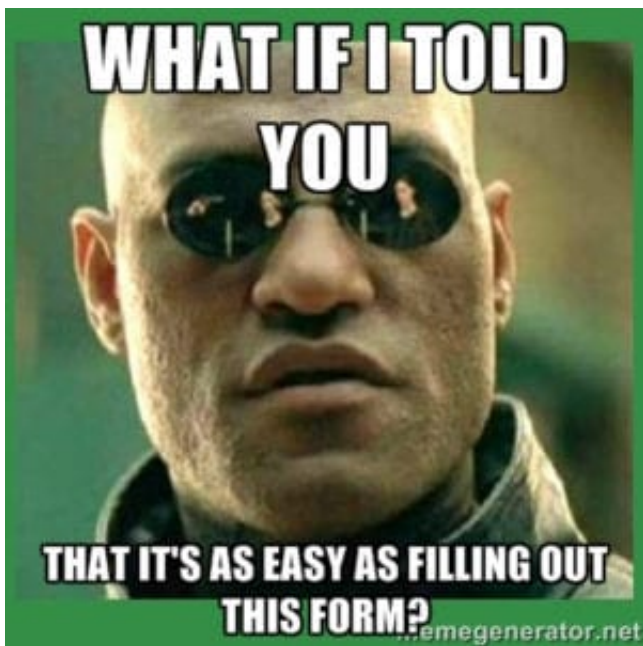
Either way, we are hoping for 6 teams with...



Originally, we were hoping for cross-campus representation on our teams. But we're happy to revise that rule and open it up to everyone...if you want to participate you can simply ignore the Philosoraptor and his restricting restrictions. You'll get to meet plenty of people when you're trying to outfox them in trivia!



So how does one get registered for the Great Bike Build?



[The Renewal Day Registration Form](#)

Come join us for a morning of fun and good deeds. Renewal Day, May 18th from 9-12 in the Ice Center. And you, too, can say...



Needed: 12 home chefs for Renewal Day cook-off challenge – individually or as a team

May 12, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Hurry! It's not too late to sign up for the Chopped Creations Competition for the Renewal Day cook-off challenge. We continue to look for 12 innovative home chefs. **Sign up individually or as a team.**

The event sponsored by American Dining Creations and the Employee Wellness Committee, will take place from 2 to 3:30 pm on May 18, 2016.

Participants will compete on a team of three and receive a basket of ingredients they must turn into a culinary creation. All participating "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 individually or on a team of three, email Patti O'Day at odaypg@sunybroome.edu by May 16.

Posting Final Grades – Spring Semester 2016

May 11, 2016

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If you are teaching any classes this spring, please read the following message.

The last day of the semester is Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

Final grades for the 2016 spring semester are due at 5 PM on Thursday, May 19, 2016.

Students will be able to view their grades on their MyCollege account starting on Friday, May 20, at 8 AM.

If you have held all of your class meetings and have your final grades calculated, you may begin entering your grades at this time.

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

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

Once again we will be posting grades online using MyCollege.

Bus crash: SUNY Broome students brave rain, unknown chemical in Mock Disaster

May 11, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



As the rain sheeted down, first responders assessed the scene.

The bus, at least, was upright. Blood ran along the sidewalk, as victims waited for help or wandered dazed. The moped driver who had run the red light lay draped across his bike, dead. An eerie white powder floated above the scene, prompting the need for a Hazmat team and a decontamination unit.

The response was real, immediate and dedicated – although the accident itself was staged, part of SUNY Broome’s fifth annual Mock Environmental Disaster Drill. As in previous years, the mock disaster event involved multiple victims – 40 in total, played by SUNY Broome students transformed by gory movie makeup, including a dangling eyeball worthy of *The Walking Dead*.

Students in a variety of Health Science, Criminal Justice and Emergency Services programs were tasked with caring for these victims, using the skills and knowledge learned in their respective programs under the watchful eye of faculty.

“This is the way it gets,” Professor Michael Washington, coordinator of the college’s Fire Science, EMT and Paramedic programs, advised a student attempting to assess the scene at hand.

Tragedy with a purpose

As in previous years, the scenario had a certain cinematic complexity. Biology students were on a field trip to Greenwood Park to collect water samples when their bus is cut off by a moped driver. The bus swerves, throwing students against the windows, each other and the floor. For all his evasive maneuvers, the driver still cannot avoid the motorcyclist – and five nearby pedestrians.

Some, such as the moped driver, are dead, while others have varying degrees of injuries – identified by the tags students are wearing. One of the pedestrians was smoking an electronic cigarette at the time, which blew up in her face and caused extensive burns. A suspicious white powder, which emanated from the moped driver’s backpack, coated the scene – eliciting the first Hazmat element in a disaster drill to date.

While unscheduled, the pouring rain added an additional layer of realism.

“It’s supposed to be a hands-on experience, and a chance to practice things we don’t always get to practice,” said senior Paramedic student Nate Smith, this year’s incident commander.

As the lead for the paramedic students, Smith – who coincidentally has the same name as last year’s incident commander – had to marshal resources, coordinating the massive rescue effort just as he would in a real event.

The drill involved more than 322 students from a variety of departments, as well as Broome County Hazmat, the Broome and Tioga county health departments and the Chenango Fire Company. Binghamton Mayor Rich David paid a visit, as well as Lt. Ben Harting from the Sheriff’s Office and other local officials.

Students from Criminal Justice and Emergency Services were the first responders, securing the scene and starting initial triage, as well as acting as Unified Disaster Command under Smith. Paramedics carefully maneuvered victims onto stretchers and delivered triage and emergency care, aided by Medical Assisting students. The wounded were then transported into the hospital – in this case, the Decker Health Sciences Building – where they received treatment from appropriate departments.

First stop: the elevators, where Health Information Technology students checked in with paramedics. During the drill, HIT students completed paperwork required for admission, ordered treatment and testing. Medical Assisting students in the Ambulatory Care Center provided care to victims with less severe injuries – and also responded to a more severe emergency, when Patient 13 had a cardiac arrest.

Victims with more severe injuries ended up in Decker Room 322, the emergency room. At a bed on the far end of the room, yellow-shirted nurses Jennifer Linn Hoover, Cody Shapley, Cody Garner and Ellen Gallagher worked as a team, responding to the needs of a gravely injured patient. They had been preparing for their roles in class, and felt that the drill provides much-needed practice in critical situations.

“It never hurts to be ready,” Garner concluded.

While the injuries weren’t real, some of the care was, as nursing students called for blankets and towels for shivering and soaked patients.

Up in the X-Ray lab, teams of technicians waited for victims to arrive. As paramedics pushed Victim 13’s gurney into the room, students sprang into motion. Carefully, they maneuvered the victim – played by student Jacob Yoest, who hadn’t yet had his scheduled heart attack – into position to scan an injured leg.

“Right now, it’s starting to get a little chaotic,” reflected RadTech student Lindsay Suwark. “You’re trying to see how you can help — and stay out of the way.”

Down the hall, CLT students worked in the hematology lab, running tests and calling in results. An adjoining lab served as the blood bank. Physical Therapist Assistant students also practiced their skills, treated designated patients in the Physical Therapy Lab.

While the day was cold and wet for all of the victims, those exposed to the chemical – flour sprinkled by Professor Washington – had the wettest time of all. Among them were HIT student Paige Mealick and Criminal Justice student Marci Ritter, who were adorned with gory makeup. They chose to participate as a learning experience, they said, and because it looked like an interesting time.

Students in the chemical exposure wore swimsuits under their clothes. After they stripped down, they were hosed off outside – and then again in the decontamination unit by responders wearing Hazmat suits.

“This water is cold!” one chattering student exclaimed.

The victims who lost their lives also presented an educational opportunity, as dental hygiene students prepared to work in a makeshift morgue. They would be identifying victims using dental records, Allison Gokey explained.

She and fellow students Amy Squire and Allison Fitzgerald were excited to be a part of the drill, they said.

“It’s cool how they get everyone involved,” Squire said.

Food, media and more

Involvement in the Mock Environmental Disaster wasn’t just limited to first-responders and Health Sciences students. The drill also provided students from other programs a chance to practice a wide variety of skills.

Hospitality students cooked up hundreds of meals, just as they would if working for the Red Cross. Armed with cell phones, Business Information Technology students created and uploaded coverage of the drill to social media. Acting as reporters and videographers, Communications and Media Arts students collected video and information about the incident, and broadcasted live from the event via Skype – while students securing the scene as police officers kept a watchful eye on secured areas.

2016 Mock Disaster Live Broadcast

 <https://youtube.com/watch?v=yfoc59raOAM>



All the students involved in the effort – whether victims, first-responders or journalists – took the drill seriously, and responded with professionalism and dedication despite the pouring rain.

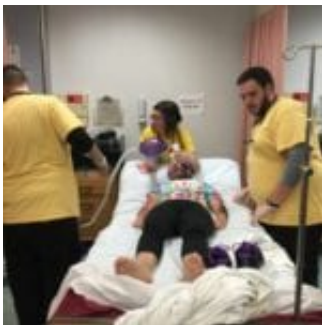
“We have so many things that are happening in this world and we really want to prepare (students) and have them as prepared as they can be,” Professor Erin O’Hara-Leslie, Chair of Medical Assisting and Health Studies, told Time Warner Cable News.



Mock Environmental Disaster 2016

















Men's Tennis Team heads to National Tournament

May 11, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Congratulations to the Hornets Men's Tennis Team!

They will be headed to Collin College in Plano, Texas, for the NJCAA 2016 Men's National Tennis Championship, which runs from May 16 through May 20.

Participants include sophomores Steven Wagner, Evan Picciano, Andrew Emmons, Aleksander Boychuk and Jesse Brenon, and freshmen Corey Cadwell and Tyler Klossner. The head coach is Tom Carter.



Testing Center Hours

May 11, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

The Testing Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, May 16, and Tuesday, May 17.

Appointments are necessary. Stop by L017 or call 778-5038 to schedule.

Absolutely no walk-ins will be accepted.

[grades](#)



Student photography exhibit reception on May 12

May 11, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Students enrolled in SUNY Broome's photography classes are hosting an exhibition of their work in The Gallery @ SUNY Broome all this month. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, May 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. All are invited!

The Gallery is located in the campus Library, on the first floor.



Focus on Wellness: Learn CPR on May 16

May 11, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

Did you know May 15 through 21 is Emergency Medical Services week?

Stop by the Student Center lobby on May 16 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to learn CPR from the Union Volunteer Emergency Squad. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is a lifesaving technique useful in many emergencies in which someone's breathing or heartbeat has stopped, including heart attack or near drowning.



Leaving a Legacy: Scholarships aid the next generation, while remembering the last

May 10, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Dr. Amiruz Zaman would have been deeply proud.

The physician wasn't on hand to meet Emily Gibson, the SUNY Broome student receiving the scholarship that bears his name; he had passed away years ago, unexpectedly at the age of 46.

"He was a very compassionate person. Patients loved him," said his wife, Dr. Ferdous Zaman, her daughter Farah by her side before the start of the 2016 Student Awards Recognition Reception.



The Zaman family and Emily Gibson

More than 200 merit-based scholarships totaling more than \$700,000 were presented during the annual event, hosted by the Broome Community College Foundation. The annual event – the largest hosted by the foundation each year – drew more than 400 individuals, including students and their families, donors, representatives from local corporations and organizations, SUNY Broome Trustees and members of the BCC Foundation Board.

Ken Kidder III, the president of the BCC Foundation's Board of Directors, and SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm thanked students and donors alike – the former for their hard work, and the latter for the

generosity that makes education possible for so many. The event was the Foundation's largest Awards and Recognition ceremony to date.

Scholarships covered a wide range of majors, as well as other circumstances: married students, scholar athletes, international students

Many were established by former faculty, Foundation board members or local community members, or organizations.

In Memorium

It's not unusual for scholarships to be established in memory of a loved one or colleague.

The James Lee Skorko Scholarship, for example, was established three years ago in memory of a long-time member of SUNY Broome's Information Technology Services department. James Skorko spent 30 years as a computer programming analyst before losing his life to bladder cancer.

The campus community raises money for the scholarship – given to SUNY Broome students pursuing a program in computer studies – with an [annual June golf tournament](#). This year's scholarship recipients are Jenny Bejarano and Jamie Carpenter.

The Steven L. Amell Entrepreneurial Spirit Award was given this year to Jessie Bullis, Katie Kotchkin and Cameron Vakili. The award remembers a highly respected businessman who taught at SUNY Broome, and had a background as a commercial banker, entrepreneur and counselor at the Small Business Development Center. He lost his life to ALS in 2012.

He was very involved in SUNY Broome's Entrepreneurial Assistance Program, said SUNY Broome Vice President Debra Morello, meeting with Amell's wife Nancy and long-time friend Diane Julian.

"He was pretty special," Nancy Amell reflected. "He loved this school. This will keep his spirit going."

"He was a graduate and he came back. He gave students so much," added Julian. "This is a way to perpetuate his legacy."

Other examples of memorial scholarships abound. The many Paul & Mary Calice & Mildred Barton Memorial Scholarships span all divisions, and remember the parents and companion of the late Emil Calice, who gifted the college nearly \$11 million in his will.

One of the Calice recipients is Saleh Yacoub, an ESL student from Sudan who said he was honored to receive the scholarship.

"I want to go back to Sudan and build hospitals and schools for my village," said Yacoub, who ultimately hopes to become an engineer.

The Ourania Brennan Scholarship, given this year to Christina Eggleston and Holly McCracken, was established in memory of a child who lost her life due to a medical condition shortly after birth. The Deputy Kevin Tarsia Memorial Scholarship, given this year to Arianna Wagner, remembers a law enforcement officer who lost his life in the line of duty. The Derek Dylan Prindle Memorial Scholarship, given to Richard Gould, honors the life of a professor's son and SUNY Broome graduate who died tragically.

Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti established the Frank & Sylvia Battisti Memorial Scholarship to honor his parents, Italian immigrants who never had the opportunity to attend

college themselves.

“My father was an immigrant, and he had to leave his country at the age of 14 on his own,” recounted Dr. Battisti. “My mother had to stop her education in the eighth grade because her own mother was sick. Still, they believed very strongly in education.

This year’s scholarship goes to Samantha Lee, a Student Senator active in many aspects of campus life, with dreams of becoming a psychotherapist. A Human Development major, Samantha plans to transfer to Binghamton University, ultimately to earn her Ph.D – “a long ride,” she admitted.

“It means so much to me,” she said of the scholarship. “I knew I had to try for it when I saw (Dr. Battisti’s) last name.”

The two caught up and posed for a picture together at the scholarship event.

Education was always close to the heart of Dr. Amiruz Zaman, an ear, nose and throat specialist who originally hailed from Bangladesh. In addition to treating patients, he helped teach residents from SUNY Upstate Medical, helping them on their path to a medical career. It was a role he loved, remembered his wife.

Dr. Amiruz Zaman’s desire to help extended beyond the walls of the clinic and classroom.

“He would talk with people and help finance their education. Education was sacred to him,” Dr. Ferdous Zaman explained. “He was a great philanthropist.”

Also a physician from Bangladesh, Dr. Ferdous Zaman raised their daughters after her husband’s passing. They’ve done well; one has become a physician herself, and the other an attorney. Dr. Ferdous Zaman has a second career herself, working as a tutor in SUNY Broome’s Learning Assistance Department.

She’s seen firsthand how students struggle with paying for college, sometimes holding several jobs as they pursue their studies. Establishing a scholarship in her husband’s name felt like the right thing to do.

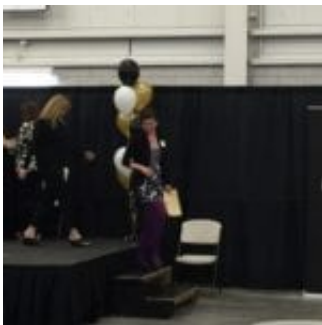
For recipient Emily Gibson, the scholarship will help her achieve her medical-field dreams: first, transferring to Binghamton University and ultimately attending pharmacy school

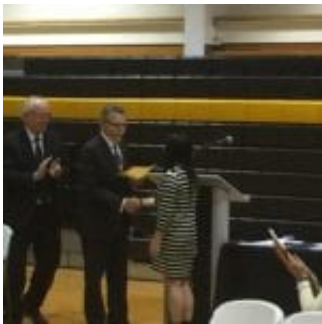
“I heard he was a really great man,” Gibson, a Liberal Arts in science major, said of the scholarship’s namesake. “This will really help my career.”











This year's Spirit Award winner is.....

May 10, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

The Spirit Award Committee is pleased to announce that the 2016 Spirit Award Winner is Loreta Paniccia. Loreta was presented the award at the Employee Recognition Dinner.

Items from her nomination state:

“She isn’t afraid to think unconventionally to find better ways to address the needs of students, and she encourages others to think beyond boundaries.”

“Her enthusiasm for experiences, interactions, and new friendships is unmatched and contagious.”

Loreta is celebrated for being the “spirit” behind the award, working every year behind the scenes to promote the essence of it.

Loreta joins previous Spirit Award selections:

2011 Marty Guzzi

2012 Sharon Eldridge

2013 Donna Rehak

2014 Michelle Perricone

2015 Michael Carra

Thank you to all who contributed to our Awards & Retirement event!

May 10, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Thank you to all who contributed to making our Awards & Retirement a success:

Patti O'Day, Silvia Briga, Ciara Cable, Jennifer Micale, Karen Pticher, Donna Rehak, Karan Drum, Brenda Dawe, Dr. Drumm, Frances Battisti, Loreta Paniccia, and Katie Bucci

Congratulations to all of our Chancellor Award winners:

Ed Evans

Deena Price

Erin OHara-Leslie

Scot Beekman

Jamie Heron-Starr

Melissa Glenn

Good luck on your new adventure to all of our retirees:

Jamie Antonakos

Brenda Artman

Mike Carra

Andrew Chervak

Dominic Depersis

Cheryl Heath

Jane Hlopko

Maruja Lander

Regina Losinger

Doug Lukasik

Matt Ryan

Terri Schlitsey

Debbie Spanfelner

Cindy Stevens

Hakan Ugur

Dennis Walker

Glen Wood

Photos from the event to come soon!

Draft Middle States PRR for Campus Review

May 10, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Please review the draft of the Middle States PRR, attached below. Feedback should be sent to Dean Sesime Adanu via adanusk@sunybroome.edu by 2 p.m. Monday, May 16.

[PRR- Middle States](#)

Save the Date: Graduation is May 19

May 10, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



SUNY Broome President Dr. Kevin E. Drumm will host the [spring 2016 graduation ceremony](#) at **7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 19, at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena, which is located in downtown Binghamton.**

Dr. Drumm will welcome students, as well as local dignitaries from across the region, parents, family and friends of SUNY Broome's 1,285 graduates.

Join us in celebrating this year's graduating class!



HIT heads to CNYHIMA conference

May 10, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

HIT Instructors Dawn Sella Graney and Maureen Marks accompanied 14 second year HIT students to Syracuse on Friday, May 6, for the CNYHIMA (Central New York Health Information Management) annual meeting.

The meeting was entitled “Making the Connection” and speakers gave updates on HIPAA, Compliance, ICD-10-CM Coding and Clinical Documentation Improvement. Dawn played a Medical Terminology Millionaire game with the 112 attendees and was installed as the CNYHIMA Communications Director for the next two years. Also, soon-to-be HIT grad Crystal Albanese was the recipient of a CNYHIMA scholarship.

Help make campus beautiful this Wednesday!

May 10, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

SUNY Broome students and staff will come together for one day to help spruce up our campus. Join us for garden projects, raking, weeding and even trash pick-up from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Wednesday, May 11.

Come for just a few minutes, volunteer for the entire event: Anything you can give is appreciated!

We will have a sign-up table outside of the Library Building, near the parking lot facing the Student Village. Volunteers will be directed to the work area of their choice.

A small amount of your time and effort can make a big difference! Sign-up using the link below:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044dadad2aa6fc1-campus>



Krispy Crème doughnut fundraiser

May 9, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Get some doughnuts! The House of Worship church on 93 Riverside Drive is kicking off a Krispy Crème fundraiser in June, at a cost of \$7.50 a box. Doughnuts will be delivered to customers on June 24. Interested? Contact Professor Major Barnett at mbarnett18@juno.com.

Renewal Day 2016 – Registration Now Open!

May 9, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Join us for a day of celebration and renewal for all SUNY Broome faculty & staff! The Renewal Day Committee has planned an event full of activities, competitions, workshops, food and fun. You're not going to want to miss it!

Want to know more about what Renewal Day 2016 has to offer? Detailed workshop descriptions and the schedule of events are provided in the attached document.

To register for workshops and/or lunch, please complete the [Renewal Day Registration Form](#).
[Renewal Day 2016 Schedule of Events](#)

Student Assembly Election Results

May 9, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Student Assembly elections concluded at noon on Friday, May 6. Thank you and congratulations to everyone that ran for a Student Assembly Executive Board position! This year's election had an impressive turnout.

The winners of the election are...

President – Amanda Soto

Trustee – Kayla Ocasio

VP of Student Activities – Jessie Bullis

VP of Academic Affairs – Jeremiah Godfroy

VP of Financial Affairs – Heather Coggin

If you see these students on campus, please feel free to congratulate them!



Dr. Bill Altman Is Appointed Associate Editor

May 9, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



SUNY Broome Professor Dr. Bill Altman (Psychology & Human Services) has been appointed as an associate editor for a new series of e-books from the Society for the Teaching of Psychology (a division of the American Psychological Association) on the teaching of psychology.

The new series, *Teaching Tips: A Compendium of Conference Presentations on Teaching*, will gather information from paper, panel and poster presentations at major psychology conferences to make that research available to anyone who wishes to learn more about best practices in teaching. The e-book, edited under the direction of Richard Miller (Texas A&M University – Kingsville) will be published annually in the fall, and will be available at <http://teachpsych.org/ebooks/index.php>



Survey on Mission, Vision and Values of the College

May 9, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Dear Campus Community,

As part of the college's next 5 year strategic planning process, you are invited to share your thoughts on what the mission, vision, and values of the college should reflect.

[Please take our survey by clicking on this link.](#)

Focus_Survey



May 12 Common Hour Event: Eating Differently

May 8, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Join our panel of faculty and students as they discuss “Eating Differently: From Dairy-Free to Vegan” at 11 a.m. May 12 in T-102.

Panelists Heather Coggin, Gian Roma, Joyce Prindle and I.J. Byrnes will share their health journeys and an insider’s view of what it means to eat differently in America.

[Common Hour Logo](#)



The Monday Poem: ‘A New Poet’ by Linda Pastan

May 8, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

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

A New Poet

—Linda Pastan

Finding a new poet
is like finding a new wildflower
out in the woods. You don't see

its name in the flower books, and
nobody you tell believes
in its odd color or the way

its leaves grow in splayed rows
down the whole length of the page. In fact
the very page smells of spilled

red wine and the mustiness of the sea
on a foggy day – the odor of truth
and of lying.

And the words are so familiar,
so strangely new, words
you almost wrote yourself, if only

in your dreams there had been a pencil
or a pen or even a paintbrush,
if only there had been a flower.

About the Poet

Poet **Linda Pastan** (1932-) was raised in New York City but has lived for most of her life in Potomac, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, DC. In her senior year at Radcliffe College, Pastan won the *Mademoiselle* poetry prize (Sylvia Plath was the runner-up). Immediately following graduation, however, she decided to give up writing poetry in order to concentrate on raising her family. After ten years at home, her husband urged her to return to poetry. Since the early 1970s, Pastan has produced quiet lyrics that focus on themes like marriage, parenting, and grief. She is interested in the anxieties that exist under the surface of everyday life.



May 11 Doctoral Colloquium to feature Dr. Joan Koster

May 8, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

Dr. Joan Koster will be the presenter at the May 11 [Doctoral Colloquium](#), which runs from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the TRC. She will present on “Bookmarking racism: Challenging white privilege through children’s literature and participatory action research in a suburban school.”

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

May 8, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

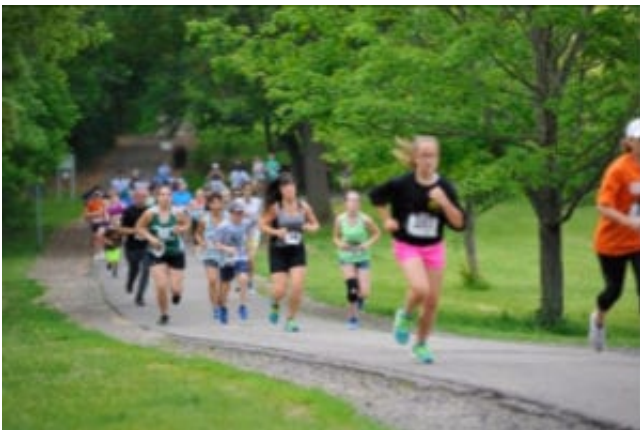


A Room to Heal is sponsoring its fifth annual 5K Run and Walk on Saturday, May 21, at Otsiningo Park. Have fun and **wear your pajamas!** (Yes, you read that correctly.)

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.



Notice to Faculty: MLA releases major revision to academic style guide

May 6, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

The Modern Language Association released a major revision to its academic style guide on April 1, 2016. An ad hoc group of faculty from the Library, the English Department, and the Writing Center recently discussed the best path to implement the changes for writers on our campus. These are not intended to be viewed as requirements but as recommendations to coordinate the transition from the 7th edition to the 8th edition of the *MLA Handbook*.

We anticipate that many sources of information about MLA format that students use, such as Purdue's OWL, EBSCO Host's MLA citation samples, and citation generators like Citation Machine, will be adopting the new format at different rates over the upcoming months. (OWL Purdue states that their site will be updated in June.) Because of this, we suggest that, for the end of the spring semester and over the summer terms, instructors who use MLA format continue to accept 7th edition format for papers and citations. While doing so, please be aware that some students may use sources following the 8th edition format; instructors should be prepared to accept both. Individual instructors may find it helpful to keep an eye on their own preferred sources of information about MLA formatting to see when those guides are updated.

We anticipate that by the start of the Fall 2016 semester most electronic style guides will have been updated, and resources from the Library, Writing Center, and other campus services will have been as well. Beginning in the fall, then, we anticipate that instructors should be able to expect students to use the 8th edition format consistently.

Instructors who plan to use style handbooks in their classes in the Fall 2016 semester should check to see what version of MLA format their chosen handbook uses. Many publishers state that they will offer revised editions of their textbooks reflecting the 2016 MLA changes this summer along with supplements for textbooks that will not be revised. Instructors can find out more about the currency of their preferred textbooks and handbooks by contacting the publisher or sales representative. When ordering books for the fall, check to be sure you are using the ISBN for the newest versions with the 2016 MLA updates.

Please stay alert for further announcements, professional development offerings, and the release of other tools for faculty and students who are familiarizing themselves with the new MLA 8th edition format.

Need statistics? Use Statista through the Library

May 6, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Need to get your facts straight? The Library at SUNY Broome has a trial subscription to Statista!

Statista is one of the world's largest statistics portals, and gives users access to relevant data from more than 18,000 sources. The customized search query form provides you with a list of statistics, studies and reports relating to your search request within a matter of seconds – kick-starting your research.

[Click here to access Statista through the SUNY Broome Library.](#)



‘Your Voice Matters’ Issues Update

May 6, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

All issues, suggestions, and concerns that were received during the two Your Voice Matters events held this year have been added to the attached Issues and Concerns spreadsheet.

The spreadsheet lists when the issue was received, who submitted it (if known), a brief description of items, to whom they were referred, and the current status. Issues received this year begin with #182. Those from previous years are items #1-181.

Please note that some items are currently in discussion by the shared governance groups, and that each open item will continue to be updated with referral date and status.

[1_issueandconcernsspreadsheet](#)

Issues and concerns may be submitted at any time on the shared governance website:

<https://mycollege.sunybroome.edu/web/shared-governance>

Shared governance meetings are open to the campus community.



Hot off the Press: SUNY Broome's Fit-Friendly Gold Award

May 6, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

Hot off the press, SUNY Broome won the American Heart Association's Fit Friendly Gold Award!



Author, filmmaker and mental health advocate to speak in Binghamton

May 6, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

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

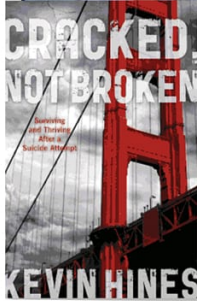

Lecture & Book Signing with
Kevin Hines
Author of "Cracked, Not Broken"

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

Available at youmha.com or at MHA5T

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The man who jumped off the Golden Gate bridge just 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 being healthy, healthy, healthy, healthy, healthy.

[Seating is limited! Purchase tickets online at \[yourrha.com\]\(#\)](#)

This Monday: A Spring Faculty feature concert

May 6, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Come join the SUNY Broome String Ensemble and Concert Band for a program featuring a few of our fantastic faculty members from the Music Program. The music varies from Mozart and Debussy, to film scores from Schindler's List and the pop tune "Somebody to Love." It is sure to be a great program!

Monday, May 9th at 7:30pm in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theater

[Click here for the complete concert schedule.](#)



It's concert season at SUNY Broome! Click for the complete schedule

May 6, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

The Performing Arts Department's Music Program presents a wide array of end-of-semester recitals and concerts. All concerts are at 7:30 p.m. in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theater.

Monday, May 9

The newly formed Concert Band will join together with the String Ensemble for an evening of great music. Come and join us while the String Ensemble features talented Music Program professors Brenda Dawe, Tony Godoy and Marissa Crabb in Mozart's *Alleluia*, Hovhaness' *Prayer of St. Gregory* and the *Theme from Schindler's List*. It is sure to be a great program. The Concert Band will be performing four pieces, including an exciting march medley and a great arrangement of the music from the feature film *Lord of the Rings*.

Tuesday, May 10

Come join the Chambers Singers in an evening of diverse choral music. It is sure to be an enjoyable program!

Thursday, May 12

Jazz guitarist Jeff Barone will appear as the guest artist with the SUNY Broome Jazz Ensemble. Mr. Barone has worked with Tom Harrell, Bobby Caldwell and Joe Magnarelli. He has performed at Carnegie Hall and the JVC Jazz Festival, in addition to headlining in some of New York's most notable jazz clubs, including Birdland and The Bar Next Door.

Most recently Jeff was included in Scott Yanow's new book entitled "The Great Jazz Guitarists: the Ultimate Guide." He has been active performing on Broadway in shows such as *Wicked*, *Rocky*, *Seussical* and James Joyce's *The Dead* (featuring Christopher Walken and Blair Brown).

The SUNY Broome Jazz Ensemble will be conducted by Dr. Mike Dubaniewicz, whose resume includes performances with Maynard Ferguson, Dianne Schuur and Natalie Cole. Music to be performed will include pieces by some of the great American Big Band writers including: Duke Ellington, Oliver Nelson and Bob Mintzer.

General admission charge is \$5; free for students and faculty.

Friday, May 13

The end of the semester Student Recital will feature almost all of the music students from the SUNY Broome Music Program. In this recital, they will perform the music they have been studying throughout the semester. Please come and support the music students and our fantastic music program.

Monday, May 16

The Guitar Ensemble will perform their end of the semester concert featuring the music of Spain, including the well-known piece "Malagueña." The concert will also showcase individual musicians with solos and duets. It is sure to be a fun entertaining program, so we hope to see you there!

Tuesday, May 17

Come join the Music Association at a concert featuring Contemporary Music. Broadway, Pop, Rap and Jazz.

Donations accepted for Health for Haiti and there will be a special performance as part of our Harmony for Haiti project.

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Join us May 9 for the dedication of the Douglas C. Garnar Center for Civic Engagement

May 6, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Please join us on Monday, May 9, for the dedication of the Douglas C. Garnar Center for Civic Engagement.

The program runs from 5 to 5:30 p.m. in Business Building 110, followed by a reception in the newly dedicated center — located in Old Science Building Room 104 — from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

[Professor Garnar](#) recently retired after 44 years of dedicated service to the college. Join us as we celebrate the legacy of the campus' own “king of civic engagement.”

[garnar](#)



Wrestling with the tough questions: The Ethics of Addiction

May 5, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Your client is struggling with sobriety. “It’s just not worth it,” he says. “I’m going to quit therapy.” Do you respect his decision, or persuade him to stay?

Another client drives with alcohol in her system to the clinic – just under the legal limit – and is furious that you refuse to see her for a session. Do you let her drive herself home? Take the keys and call a cab?

A client sends you a friend request on Facebook. Or perhaps it’s your supervisor, or an employee. A fellow counselor repeatedly ends appointments by hugging clients – but only female clients.



Dr. Kimberly Walitzer

These are just some of the ethical quandaries that face addictions professionals, according to Dr. Kimberly Walitzer, deputy director and senior research science at the University at Buffalo’s Research Institute on Addictions. The keynote speaker for SUNY Broome’s seventh annual Ethics Conference – the Ethics of Addiction – she detailed some of the questions and scenarios addictions counselors face.

Addiction are fairly common in our country, Walitzer noted: 29 percent of Americans will have an alcohol use disorder and 10 percent a drug addiction over the course of their lives. Addictions professions are governed by a code of ethics when it comes to treating these populations, set forth by NAADAC, the Association for Addictions Professionals.

In her own practice, Walitzer abides by certain ethical principles:

- “If it feels uncomfortable or sneaky, it probably is. Think carefully about it.”
- “Once a client, always a client. Avoid dual relationships.”
- “Think it through.”

While the answers to some ethical quandaries may be fairly clear – Don’t accept that friend request! – most are difficult, requiring us to examine our personal and professional principles.

“What’s important is that we think about it, we struggle with it and we make informed decisions,” Walitzer said.

Wide-ranging conference

Led by talented faculty members, the April 30 conference tackled a wide of issues during morning panel discussions.

Raymond Serowik, director of Broome County’s Opioid Overdose Prevention Program, discussed the use of the medication naloxone, or Narcan, to counter opioid overdoses and the ethical considerations that attend its use. Professor Doug Garnar and his son, Seth, discussed the impact of drug use on families, while Professor Jason Detrani showed the film “Web Junkie,” which centers on Internet addiction. Philosophy Club President Steven Burnette, Student Assembly President Heather Coggin and Philosophy Professor Irene Byrnes also led a discussion of Johann Hari’s book *Chasing the Scream: The First and Last Days of the War on Drugs*, which argues that society has failed to understand addicts and addiction.

Professor Rey Wojdat, chair of the college’s Hospitality programs, held a blunt and frank discussion on responsible alcohol service. It’s a timely topic for students in the college’s Bartending class who are, in essence, training on how to legally dispense a drug. They face two branches of ethical concerns: one stemming from their moral obligations, and the other from their legal requirements.



Professor Wojdat

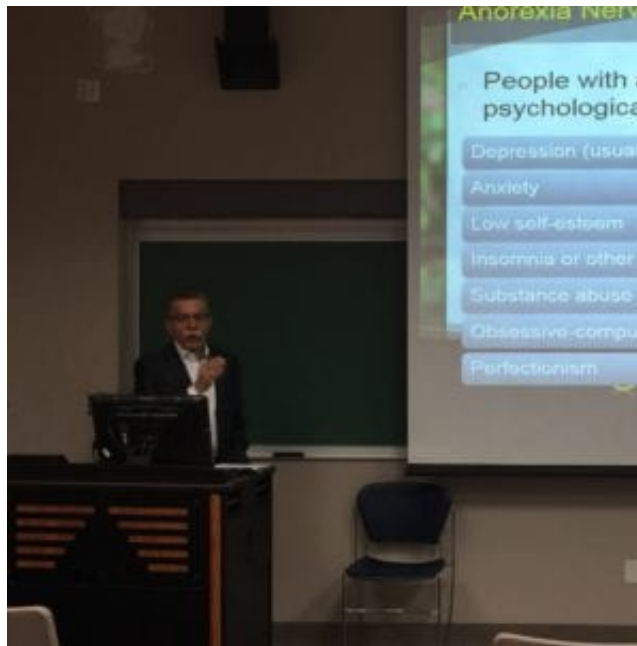
“It’s all fun until there’s metal going to the bone,” Wojdat said.

Bartenders should think twice about engaging in such practices as pouring alcohol directly into a patron’s mouth, often called a layback. That’s especially important when the legal ramifications are considered.

“I ask my students, ‘Do you want to be the person pouring alcohol into people’s mouths?’” Wojdat said.

Across the hall, SUNY Broome Executive Vice President Francis Battisti and his wife, dietician Dr. Helen Battisti, discussed the ethical dilemmas related to food. Dr. Francis Battisti, a psychotherapist in addition to his academic background, covered a range of eating disorders that could be interpreted as addictive behaviors, from anorexia and bulimia to binge-eating disorder. As with addictions, several factors place a person at risk from eating disorders, including psychological problems, biological factors and socio-cultural conditions.

“Fifty percent of elementary and 61 percent of middle school girls are currently already dieting, which we know doesn’t work,” Vice President Battisti said.



Executive Vice President Battisti

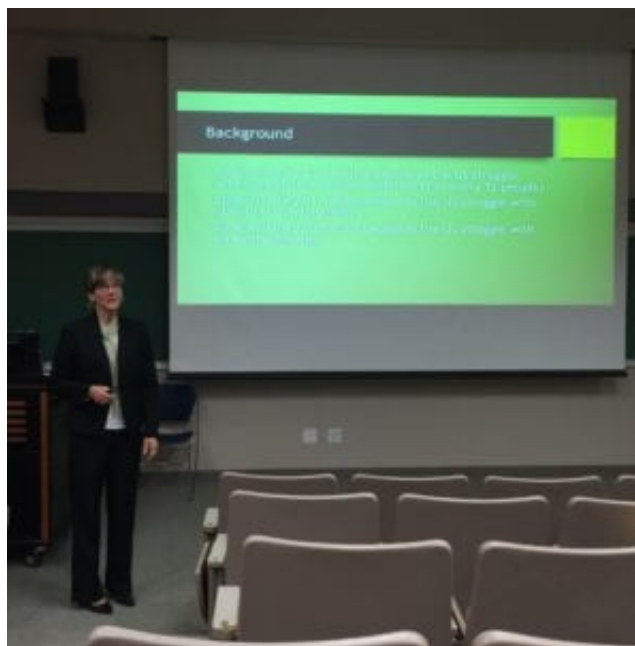
Obesity could be interpreted as the result of addictive behavior, said Dr. Helen Battisti. She noted that while one in 12 Americans struggle with drug or alcohol addiction, one in every three struggles with weight.

Studies have shown that laboratory rats will work as hard for a combination of fat, sugar and sodium as they will for stimulants, cocaine or other drugs, she noted. In a similar vein, food scientists since World War II have worked to engineer a Bliss Point in food, to create a maximum amount of craving. The science behind this food engineering was initially used during the war to create rations that soldiers would be willing to eat, Helen Battisti said.

“It’s tapping the same point in the brain that drugs and alcohol taps,” she said.

And that leads to an ethical dilemma: Is it wrong to engineer food in such a way, if obesity is the result? The Battistis brought up a real-life example of this ethical quandary: a candy sale to raise funds for diabetes research, or even the many pizza and bake sales on campus.

“Is there anything wrong with having a pizza sale when two thirds of us are obese?” Vice President Battisti asked.



Dr. Helen Battisti



The Battistis

While it may not be immediately obvious, gaming and gambling are just as pervasive as alcohol and food addiction. Examples run from raffles and card games to flipping coins and the lottery, according to instructor Laura Letson in her talk on “Unraveling the Truth: Gaining a Realistic Perspective on Gaming, Gambling and Ethics.”

The former executive director of the New York Council on Problem Gambling, Letson is a nationally known expert on the issue – and the daughter of a compulsive gambler who has seen the addiction’s impact firsthand. In New York State, about 5 percent of all adults experience problem gambling. And societal issues often cross streams: 30 to 50 percent of problem gamblers are substance abusers, and 10 to 30 percent of addicts in treatment are also compulsive gamblers. Nearly 35 percent of compulsive gamblers go on to commit crimes, whether cashing bad checks or robbing a convenience store.



Professor Letson

State government both regulates and promotes gambling, which has been criticized as a conflict of interest, Letson said. And although gaming facilities have self-exclusion policies and advertise the gambling helpline number, measures to address the problem aren't always enforced or prominent enough.

"There are plenty of places that are doing it right, but they're not the majority of operators," she said.

A chance to discuss

The campus community also had a chance to weigh in on the ethics of addiction during a panel discussion with Serowik, Dr. Walitzer and Communications Professor Tim Skinner. Students and faculty members asked a wide range of questions, from the impact of gender on ethical decision-making to whether an addictive personality exists, and the legalization of marijuana.

Both Walitzer and Serowik didn't support legalization efforts, saying that making another drug more readily available could compound societal problems.

"One of the concerns about legalizing marijuana is that it becomes normative," Walitzer explained. "Just because it's legal, it doesn't mean it's safe."

A SUNY Broome student, now clean of heroin for five years, related her own struggle with the stigma of addiction, which is difficult to overcome and often a barrier to treatment.

Serowik noted that Broome County was one of the first places in the country where addiction was treated as a disease rather than a moral failing. Back in 1859, the Castle on Robinson Street was among the first rehabilitation facilities of its kind.

"We have to try to remove the stigma. This is a disease," Serowik stressed.



The panel discussion



Buzz Report: Student Village residents have a tough conversation about microaggressions

May 5, 2016

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On Monday, April 19, Residence Director Jarvis McCowin and I held a program in the Student Village classroom discussing microaggressions, stereotype threats and discrimination on campus. This program was reactionary in many ways and followed a town hall facilitated by the Residence Hall Council, as it sought to educate residents about their own privileges, biases, etc., while providing a space for residents to share their experiences.



Examples of Resident Assistant experiences with microaggressions and being stereotyped





Community building definitely occurred after the light bulbs went off, and residents had their “aha” moments. They started to realize that they were not alone; they have shared experiences on campus, including incidents of racism, sexism, xenophobia, homophobia (forms of oppression leading to microaggressions) and with stereotypes (e.g., being called a jock, assuming one lacks intelligence due to hair color, etc.). It was a wonderful opportunity for reflection and growth. Learning also occurred as residents were able to name the hurt and pain caused from these daily attacks on their identities. Over time, these subtle attacks take a toll as they build up and impact their emotional well-being.

Residents learned about the aforementioned scholarly terms (e.g., microaggressions, stereotypes, privilege, oppression, etc.) by viewing videos such as [this](#), and also learned about campus activism regarding the program topic through the [I, Too, am Harvard](#) campaign. After viewing, residents reflected, and shared their lived experiences with discrimination and being stereotyped on campus. Some students expressed that professors treat them differently than students who are from this area. Other students expressed that they feel targeted in many situations, solely because it is assumed that they are “city kids.”

To conclude the program, we asked the residents where we should go from here. How do you bring up the issue of racism on campus? How do you enlighten those who have been ignorant for so long? The majority of the responses were heartbreaking yet inspiring to witness. Residents voiced experiences about where they felt targeted because of the color of their skin, their gender expression or political ideology, among other social identities. Particularly, our residents with marginalized identities are not feeling welcomed, nor does it appear that they feel a sense of belonging to campus. For example, one resident shared logging on a social media account (Yik Yak) only to find that another post was targeting “those city kids living in the dorms.” Other residents had countless examples of how Yik Yak impedes their ability to function inside and outside the classroom. This is only one aspect of how residents are viewed as “the other.”

Although there were only about 15 participants in the program, many expressed that they didn’t think this would ever change. They claimed that you can’t fix ignorance, that the only way people stop being ignorant is if a drastic event occurs in the person’s life that makes them see things from a different perspective. The participants also mentioned that ignorance is something that is learned, and that it is hard to unlearn things that you have known for so long.

There was one resident that disagreed with these views. She believed that you must help people try and see

the problems and the issues. She used the example that you can grow up in a Christian household, live by certain standards and beliefs because those are all that you are taught, and then open your mind later. Just because that is all that you were taught doesn't mean you can't expand your minds and grow as a person.

However, no one knew what we could do to help these situations. Many stated that awareness isn't enough, because people can be aware of these problems but that doesn't mean that anyone will do anything to change what's going on. Which begs the question: Where do we go from here as a campus?

Buzz reporter Victoria Estell is a Residence Assistant and a SUNY Broome student.

Professor Doug Garnar: Sleep Out for the Homeless was a success

May 5, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

Last Friday, despite four hours of rain, more than 40 people participated in the annual Sleep Out for the Homeless to raise money for the Coalition for the Homeless of the Southern Tier. Sixteen tents and one box provided shelter and more than 25 people stayed the entire evening, including four senior citizens and my two grandsons.

Dancing and song were provided by very talented students from the Student Village. The Student Assembly provided important help to make it a success.

It's an important issue. Two years ago, there were 947 homeless people in Broome County; today, there are 1,326.

There is still time to make a contribution to the Sleep Out. Send your contribution to myself (Doug Garnar) or the FSA by May 12.

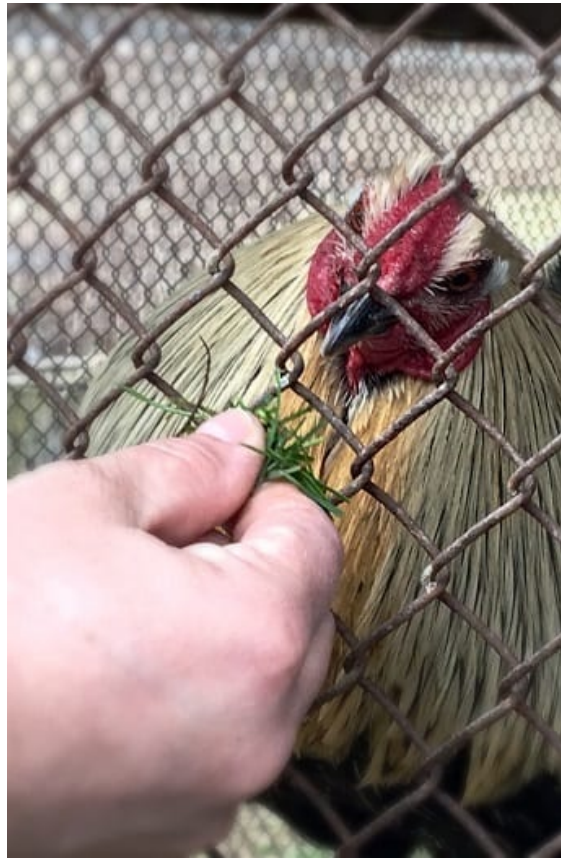
— Professor Doug Garnar



May 10 event: 8th Annual Breaking Ground Reading by Contributors

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BREAKING GROUND 2016

Feast or Famine

8th Annual Reading

May 10, 2016

6:00 – 10:00 pm

Decker Hall Room 201



An evening of readings

by contributors to *Breaking Ground*

the Literary Magazine of SUNY Broome

11th Annual Website Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

May 4, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

SUNY Broome Community College's Entrepreneurial Assistance Program (EAP) along with the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce held their 11th Annual Website Ribbon Cutting ceremony on April 20 to honor those clients that have gone through the program, started their business and have created their online presences. The following entrepreneurs were honored:

Stephen Musok, partner of Next Wave Motors, LLC, at www.nextwavemotors.com and <https://www.facebook.com/Next-Wave-Motors-933174570103409/>

Amanda Scarpato, partner of A & P Technologies at <http://AandPTechnologies.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/AP-Technologies-714398351912778/?fref=ts>

Tammi Seeley, owner of Up The Creek Ladies Consignment Boutique at <http://upthecreekladiesconsignment.vpweb.com> and <https://www.facebook.com/upthecreekconsignment/?fref=ts>

Kathleen Westgate, owner of Kathy's Soaps at www.Kathysoaps.com and www.etsy.com/shop/KathySoaps

Professor Sheridan-Brennan receives national recognition for Outreach

May 4, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

Professor Alison Sheridan-Brennan of the SUNY Broome Chemistry Department was honored by the American Chemical Society as a 2016 Outreach Volunteer of the Year at the Binghamton Awards Dinner on April 28. One of only 31 individuals recognized nationwide, Professor Sheridan-Brennan has been active for nearly 20 years in numerous outreach efforts aimed at improving public understanding of chemistry.

In addition to her tireless involvement in existing area programs targeting K-12 students, Professor Sheridan-Brennan was responsible for bringing the You Be The Chemist® Challenge program to Greater Binghamton. Professor Sheridan-Brennan was presented with the award by her eldest daughter Calliope.



Open House Feedback Request

May 4, 2016

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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your participation and support for Open House 2016. We had a great day and the event was a success! In the interest of continuous improvement we wanted to offer the opportunity to provide feedback on your experience with the event. Please take a few (brief) minutes to complete the survey located at the following link:

https://docs.google.com/a/sunybroome.edu/forms/d/1ldftQvVWq9Gq__AqGAmermdcmMOsNOTrSz1rRT7MkNE/viewform?usp=send_form

Click SUBMIT when you have completed the form. You will receive a confirmation message when your responses have been recorded.

Attached is the Open House 2016 program, in case you wish to reference it.

Have a great summer and thank you again for your involvement and support!

The Open House Committee

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Thanks to Matt Brannen and Students from the BC Center

May 4, 2016

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On March 28, the students from Matt Brannen's class donated several items for the children at the BC Center. Items included markers, chalk, bubbles, crackers, construction paper and many other art type materials.

The children of the BC Center greatly appreciate your kind donation! Many thanks to Matt Brannen and his students!



EOP program to celebrate this year's successes on May 6

May 4, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Is EOP successful? You bet! SUNY Broome's EOP graduation rate is one of the highest in the State of New York, according to representatives from SUNY Central Administration.

"EOP received an increase of over \$15,000 for the second time this academic year and an allocation to run a Summer EOP Academy in the Summer of 2017," stated Claudia Clarke, Director of the college's EOP program.

In celebration of students' academic achievement and persistence, EOP is having its 2016 awards luncheon at 4 p.m. Friday, May 6, in the Student Village classroom. Students will be receiving certificates sent from SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher, and Achievement Pins will be given to students who have kept their education as one of their top priorities. Liberal Arts Dean Michael Kinney will also be giving words of encouragement.



Fall 2016 classroom needs survey

May 4, 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/>

Thank you,

John Petkash

Chairperson, Campus Technology Committee

BCC Foundation to award more than 200 scholarships on May 5

May 4, 2016

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The Broome Community College Foundation will hold its annual Scholarship Reception at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at SUNY Broome's Ice Center.

The Foundation will award more than 200 merit-based scholarships recognizing more than 275 students during the event. This doesn't include recipients of grants-in-aid, which is awarded to students through Financial Aid.

There will be an all-campus awards presentation at 6 p.m. Awards for the four academic divisions – Business and Public Services; Health Sciences; Liberal Arts; and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics – will commence at 7 p.m.

More than 400 individuals are expected to attend, including students and their families, donors, representatives from local corporations and organizations, SUNY Broome Trustees, and members of the BCC Foundation Board.

The Foundation awarded just over \$700,000 in 2015 and will hope to exceed that amount this year.

The Foundation also will award many merit scholarships to incoming SUNY Broome freshmen for the Fall 2016 semester; they are recognized at the awards ceremony at their high schools.



Academic Coffee House: Achieving the Dream...What is it? Why now? What is the focus of this initiative?

May 4, 2016

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Achieving the Dream...What is it? Why now? What is the focus of this initiative?

Starting in fall 2016, SUNY Broome will be actively engaged with the Achieving the Dream national initiative. Join the discussion..

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](#)

A-Buzz with Activity: De-Stressing, a Job Fair and Hot Dogs

May 3, 2016

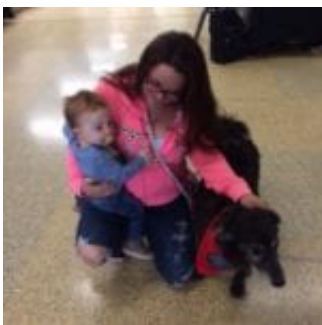
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Campus was a-buzz on May 3! Keep Calm and Ace Your Finals brought yoga, therapy dogs, bubble wrap, healthy snacks, crafts, coloring and more to the Quad and Student Center.











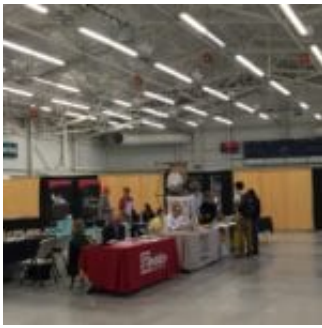






A short distance away, the Hospitality Career Fair drew job-seekers to the Ice Center:





And the Paintball Club sold hot dogs outdoors.



A Thank You from the Ethics Conference Committee

May 3, 2016

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We want to say thank you to all that helped and participated in this year's Ethics Conference. We had about 150 students registered and it was great success.

Thanks to our Ethics conference committee (in alphabetical order) : Professor Brenda Dawe, Professor Erin Frye, Professor Erin Heard, Professor Julianne Klepfer, Professor Phyllis O'Donnell, and Robin Petrus, also our student contributors Heather Coggin, Stephen Burnette, and Richard Connolly from PTK.

Thank you to Michael Kinney, PhD Associate Vice President and Dean of Liberal Arts/Learning Assistance Services for helping us acquire the funding for our event.

Thank you Professor Joyce Prindle, for providing us with the information needed to help organize/promote the conference.

Thank you to our Breakout session presenters (listed in alphabetical order): Dr. Francis and Dr. Helen Battisti, Steven Burnette, Philosophy Club President; I.J. Byrnes, Professor, Philosophy Program; Heather Coggin, Student Assembly President, Professor Jason Detrani, Professor Doug Garner and Seth Garner, Professor Laura M. Letson (MPA), Raymond Serowik (Program Director, Broome County Opioid Overdose Prevention Program), Professor Rey Wojdat. We got a lot of very positive feedback about your presentations! Thank you for taking the time out of your day to present.

Thank you to our keynote speaker: Dr. Kimberly Walitzer for taking the time to speak to us and help put the capstone on the entire day.

Big thanks to everyone at MARCOM! From website help, poster creation, marketing/promotion to our audio and video needs. Silvia Briga, Erin Merritt, Loren Leonard, Ciara Cable, Jennifer Micale, and Rich Birdsall, thank you.

And finally, thank you to our Maintenance staff for getting everything set up for us and Helen DeVita and the team from American Food and Vending for the wonderful lunch.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Professor Timothy J Skinner and Dr. Kimberly B McLain (co-chairs, Ethics Conference committee)

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Five F.A.S.T. things you should know about stroke

May 3, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

May is American Stroke Month

You don't need superpowers to be a hero when it comes to stroke, you just need to pay attention to the risk factors and know the warning signs.

"Stroke is largely preventable and treatable," said Dr. Satish Krishnamurthy, director of minimally invasive neurosurgery at SUNY Upstate Medical University and American Heart Association/American Stroke Association advisory board member. "The best way to beat a stroke before it damages your brain is to never have one – about 80 percent of strokes are preventable. The second best way to beat a stroke before it damages your brain is to identify one immediately when it occurs and call 911."

For American Stroke Month this May, the American Stroke Association's *Together to End Stroke* initiative, nationally sponsored by Medtronic, offers five things everyone should know to be a Stroke Hero and stop the nation's No. 5 killer in its tracks.

1. **Anyone Can Have a Stroke (Even Superheroes)**

Some stroke patients don't "look the part" and they may not have traditional stroke risk factors like high blood pressure. Stroke is more common in older people, but young adults, teens, children, babies and even the unborn can be victims.

2. **High Blood Pressure is Public Enemy # 1 for Stroke**

About 80 million Americans have high blood pressure, yet about half with the condition do not have it under control. Three out of four people who have a first stroke report blood pressure higher than 140/90 mm Hg, making blood pressure the most important controllable risk factor for stroke.

3. **Stroke Targets by Color**

While stroke is a leading cause of death for all Americans, African-Americans are at an increased risk. Blacks are twice as likely to have a stroke compared to whites, and are more likely to have a stroke at a younger age.

4. **Stroke is Largely Treatable**

Clot-busting drugs and medical devices like stent retrievers have made stroke largely treatable, but most patients need to get to an appropriate hospital to be evaluated and treated within 3 to 4.5 hours of the first symptom. With nearly 2 million brain cells dying every minute during a stroke, there's no time to phone a friend, take a nap, or wait until Uber stops surging. Calling 911 is the best call for stroke.

5. **Friends Usually Save Friends from Stroke**

You've heard the saying "Fast friends". If you're having a stroke, that's exactly who you need nearby. Two out of three times, it's a bystander making the decision to call 911 or seek treatment on behalf of someone suffering a stroke. To remember the most common stroke warning signs and what action to take, learn **F.A.S.T.** If you see **F**-Face drooping, **A**-Arm weakness or **S**-Speech difficulty, it's **T**-Time to call 911.

The American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association, launched *Together to End Stroke* with inaugural sponsor Covidien, now Medtronic, in 2013 to elevate the message that stroke is largely preventable, treatable and beatable.

Like the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association, Medtronic is committed to improving the lives of stroke patients. Over the past three years, Together to End Stroke has helped boost stroke warning sign recognition, which leads to more people getting to treatment in time. We are happy to continue our support of this important initiative to raise awareness of stroke.

For more information about stroke and to learn how to be a Stroke Hero for American Stroke Month, visit www.StrokeAssociation.org.

About the American Stroke Association

The American Stroke Association is devoted to saving people from stroke — the No. 2 cause of death in the world and a leading cause of serious disability. We team with millions of volunteers to fund innovative research, fight for stronger public health policies, and provide lifesaving tools and information to prevent and treat stroke. The Dallas-based association was created in 1997 as a division of the American Heart Association. To learn more or to get involved, call 1-888-4STROKE or visit strokeassociation.org. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Proposed 2016-2017 College Budget

May 3, 2016

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Campus community: The proposed College budget for 2016-2017 is enclosed.

[Proposed Budget 2016-2017 Document](#)

Faculty-owned textbook reserves

May 3, 2016

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The library is in the process of removing expired course reserve materials from the Textbook Reserve Collection.

If instructors have personal copies of books on reserve for courses that will not be taught during the upcoming Summer or Fall semesters, please contact Noah Roth at rothnw@sunybroome.edu with a list of the courses and textbooks that will not be used. Please include your department and office number so items can be returned.

Please also consider donating unused texts on reserve to the library. Donations will be added to the library's circulating collection.



Coming to Campus: Economic and Business Development Center for Broome County

May 3, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



The Agency Broome County IDA/LDC has secured a grant through the NYS Economic Development Assistance Program and will construct the building on the south entrance of the SUNY Broome Campus. The building will house The Agency, Alliance for Manufacturing & Technology, Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce, National Development Council, NY Business Development Corporation, and Visions Federal Credit Union. This will greatly enhance the College's Continuing Education workforce development activities and applied learning programs for students. Since the College's inception, SUNY Broome has maintained solid relationships with area economic development groups.

This proximity of this innovative new center One-Stop and the College will assist with the region's recruitment and retention of businesses and industry through enhanced corporate training and consulting, as well as by increasing the pipeline of skilled students to support the business climate and provide for optimal succession planning.



A Circus on Campus: Spring Fling 2016

May 2, 2016

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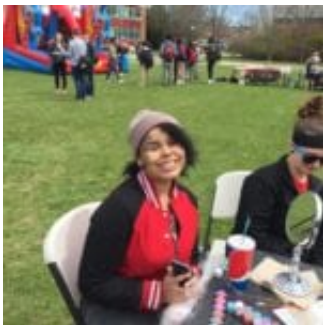


Campus was a circus at last week's Spring Fling — but in a good way!

The campus community was treated to inflatable games, many activities from campus clubs and an actual two-ring circus with trapeze artists. The Binghamton Zoo's ZooMobile, a free spa and free carnival food were also part of the experience.

Enjoy these pictures from the college's social media channels:



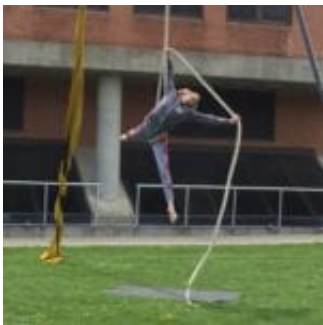
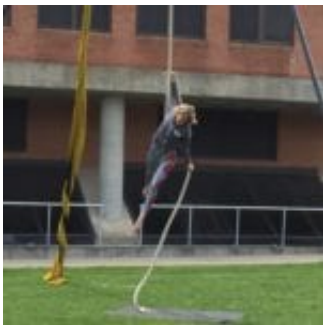


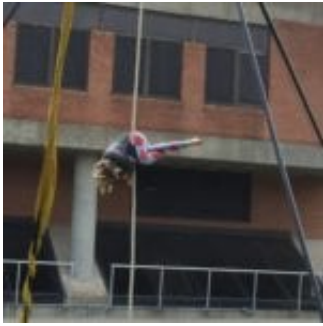












Going global here and at home: SUNY Broome explores its international reach

May 2, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



For SUNY Broome students, the world isn't just limited to the confines of the Binghamton area, or even New York State.

They may share classroom experiences with peers in Mexico, using applications such as [Fuze](#) to connect in real-time across the miles. They may connect with the many international students on campus, through clubs such as the [International Student Organization](#) (ISO), [LingoNet](#) and [Toastmasters](#). And, of course, they may pack their bags and head across the world, whether to [help the needy in Haiti](#) or study rare ecosystems in Costa Rica.

"We have so many cool things going on," said Professor Kathleen McKenna at the start of the April 27 Internationalization Showcase and Roundtable, which featured many of the college's global initiatives.

The event also welcomed Professor Alejandra Ortega of LaSalle University in Mexico City, who was on campus thanks to a SUNY COIL grant. She and Jan McCauley have been collaborating in the virtual world, as have their students.

The COIL connection

Not every community college student can afford to study overseas. Enter SUNY's Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) initiative, which brings the larger world into the classroom by connecting professors from different nations.

"One of the main goals of COIL is the collaboration," Ortega explained. "We created assignments they can do in collaboration online."

McCauley's Introduction to Cultural Anthropology course – largely taken by freshmen – interacted with her counterpart's upper-level communications course in digital culture, which drew mostly college seniors. They were tasked with a shared project: creating an infographic.

There were some communications issues between the American and Mexican teams, McCauley admitted, although they had nothing to do with language. Rather, students in the two countries have completely

different schedules – and the Mexico students are accustomed to giving an immediate response to messages, no matter the hour. The cultural differences were intriguing – if a bit frustrating at times.

“The biggest learning piece was how to communicate most effectively with each other,” McCauley said.

In an earlier COIL course, Anthropology Instructor Lynda Carroll paired with University of Monterrey in Mexico (UDEM) Art Professor Jose Alfonso Guevara López, combining her Introduction to Archaeology course with his course in New Media. At first, it may have seemed an unlikely pairing: archaeology deals with the past, while experimental videos and memes are contemporary. Ultimately, they found a shared theme that centered on heritage, storytelling and material culture. The project also spurred an interactive event, [Herencia/Heritage](#), when Guevara visited campus last summer.

“Throughout the semester, we have our students pair up and have ongoing discussions about themes,” said Carroll, who said she was looking forward to future collaborations.

Study Abroad

SUNY Broome also has a healthy Study Abroad program, including the Health for Haiti Global Service Learning course, which has brought solar power, clean water, healthcare and more to communities in the island nation.

Biology Professor Bill Hollister describes the college’s Study Abroad program in Costa Rica. It is headed by Professor Victor Lamoureaux, an accomplished naturalist who has been to the country six times.

“We were immersed in nature,” Hollister said, showing the group pictures of the region’s diverse flora and fauna, from monkeys and toucans to snakes and poisonous frogs. “It wasn’t dangerous – I swear!”

The class got a real-time helping hand from student Frank Padilla, a Spanish-speaker who was able to communicate with the locals. His skills came in handy from the moment the class touched down in the airport, although the culture differs from other Spanish-speaking countries, said Padilla, whose mother is from Mexico and father from Puerto Rico.

“You know you’ve gotten in with Latin Americans when you start complaining about soccer,” Padilla joked.

The group saw 100 birds in nine days – Lamoureaux counted – as well as sloths, several species of monkeys, leaf-cutter ants and insects of all kinds. While Costa Rica is only the size of West Virginia, it holds 47 percent of the bird population in all of North America, Hollister said.

Campus Life

A global consciousness pervades campus life in other ways, too, that transcend the classroom. The honors group Phi Theta Kappa looks at what it can do to provide students an international experience without leaving home, noted Professor Irene Byrnes.

PTK students took part in a teleconference with a Cornell anthropologist concerning her work in Indonesia. The chapter also won an award for research on the impact of the climbing community on Mount Everest, and offered a resume workshop that emphasized the importance of global competencies.

PTK is also sponsoring an international film festival, which ends on May 11 with the showing of the South African film *Totsi*.

“We wanted to find films from other countries that highlighted their cultures,” explained student [Richard](#)

[Connolly.](#)

Student Ernesto Colon described how Speakers of the House, SUNY Broome's chapter of Toastmasters, helped students counter xenophobia while sharing each other's stories. The same could be said for LingoNet, a cultural and language program that pairs students for cultural and language sharing, leading not only to shared knowledge but a good deal of fun, according to student Samantha Lee.

Any mention of campus life would be incomplete without the ISO, the largest club on campus with more than 60 student members from more than 30 nationalities, noted student Thanaiz Brigitha, who is from the Caribbean island of Curacao. A little known fact: ISO is also open to American students, who are welcome to join the club's many trips and cultural events.

Thank you

Event organizers would like to thank the following presenters:

- Toastmasters International (Ernesto)
- Lingonet and International Students Association (Thaini and Sam)
- COIL with Universidad de Monterrey, Mexico (Lynda)
- COIL with LaSalle, Mexico City (Jan and Alejandra)
- Costa Rica Study Abroad (Bill and Frank)
- PTK's Global Film Festival (Irene and Robert)
- Hands On with Fuze (Fermin and Tim)
- COIL with Celaya, Mexico (Shira, Victoria, Jon, Keyla, and Mercedes)
- Health for Haiti (Jen, Marcia, and students)
- Administrative Support—Francis Battisti, Debbie Morello, Susan Wellington, Maria Basualdo











Reminder: The Color Run to affect campus traffic on May 7

May 2, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Be advised that SUNY Broome will be hosting the Color Run on campus on Saturday, May 7. North College Drive will be closed at 6:45 a.m. for all traffic. All incoming traffic to campus will be directed to Lot 1 via South College Drive. Traffic on campus will be stopped at 8:45 a.m. and reopen before noon. While the run is on, Lt. VanWinkle Drive will be shut down.



Upcoming Professional Development Events

May 2, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

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](#)

Mock Disaster Committee Request for Donations: Bottled Water and Snacks!

May 2, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

The SUNY Broome Mock Disaster Event is a hands-on practical experience and observation for selected students in their field of study. Students are expected to gain valuable real-life experience into operational aspects of their field.

The Mock Disaster Committee requests your support in our efforts with in-kind donations of bottled water and/or snacks for the Respite Room, which will significantly enhance the operation of the success of this day for our students. These events can take an emotional as well as a physical toll on students.

Donated items can be dropped off at the Health Sciences Divisional offices (D217) in the Decker Building on campus. Thank you for your support and please contact Colleen Donahue at (607) 778-5070 with any questions.



Concert and Clinic with Singer/Songwriter Joseph Alston

May 2, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

The SUNY Broome Music Association presents a concert and clinic with prolific songwriter Joseph Alston from the enormously popular folk/Americana band Milkweed.

The event starts at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5, in Campus Services Room 117.

Performing more than 200 shows a year and touring extensively throughout the United States, Alston has worked with a number of different bands in a variety of genres, including bluegrass, country, blues, rock and roll and hip hop. His music has been played on a number of radio stations in the Northeast and Milkweed regularly performs in theaters, venues and music festivals on the East Coast.

This presentation serves as part of the MUS 184 Spring 2016 Songwriting curriculum, and is open to all who wish to attend. The session will include live performance as well as Q &A.



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Hornet Golfers make the All-MSAC Team

May 2, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

Congratulations to [Neil Richetti](#) and [Colin Hizny](#) on the Hornets men's golf team, who were named to the 2016 All-MSAC Team on April 24 following the Panther Invitational! Richetti hit a 77, Hizny hit a 79, [Tyler Graham](#) had an 89 and Nicholas Nestlrode came in at 95. SUNY Broome came in seventh with a team score of 340 at the competition, which took place at Cortland's Elm Tree Golf Course.

"The team as a whole played really well," Richetti said. "We are a close-knit group, and very proud of what we were able to accomplish as a team."

Richetti and Hizny made the top five in their division with Richetti in second and Hizny in fifth,. Richetti and Hizny have already qualified for the May regional tournament at Cornell University.

Richetti, a sophomore from Waverly, not only excels on the golf course, ssaid Coach Patrick Collins.

"He's a very good student and does very well academically," he said. "He did very well that day (at the competition) and our hope is that he continues."

Hizny, a freshman from Union-Endicott, played golf in high school and has shown steady progress, his coach said.

This is the last year for the college's Golf Team, which has a tight schedule, with eight tournaments in three weekends. Congratulations, all!



Please Support SUNY Broome Cancer Away – Relay for Life Team

May 2, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness



Please join the BIOLOGY Department
and Support our Team
SUNY BROOME CANCER AWAY



YOU DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

Please join the Biology Department and support our SUNY Broome Relay for Life Team, called SUNY Broome Cancer Away (<http://bit.ly/240677o>).

SUNY Broome is an In-Kind Sponsor of the American Cancer Society – Relay for Life event to be held here at SUNY Broome from 6 p.m. June 10 to 6 a.m. June 11. You do not have to attend to help in the fight against cancer.

For additional information, go to www.relayforlife.org/BinghamtonNY or contact Phyllis O'Donnell at odonnellpm@sunybroome.edu.

Please help get the word out and thank you for your support!

A poster for the Binghamton Relay for Life event. It features the Relay for Life logo at the top left. The text reads: "BINGHAMTON RELAY FOR LIFE", "WHEN: JUNE 10th-11th, 6PM-6AM", "WHERE: SUNY BROOME", "Please join the BIOLOGY Department and Support **SUNY BROOME CANCER AWAY**". Below this is a logo for "SUNY BROOME" featuring a bee. There are three orange buttons: "DONATE NOW", "DEDICATE A LUMINARIA", and "JOIN OUR TEAM". Below the buttons is the text "HOW: <http://bit.ly/240677o>". Then "CLICK HERE: www.relayforlife.org/BinghamtonNY". A red circle highlights "49 teams" and "172 participants have raised \$17,124.39". Below that is "SCROLL TO FIND OUR TEAM: SUNY Broome Cancer Away" with a broom icon. The text "PLEASE JOIN OUR TEAM BY MAKING A DONATION..." is in bold. At the bottom, it says "YOU DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER".

Theater Show and ‘Thank You Rosa’ a Success

May 2, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



This semester’s theater production was cheered by an enthusiastic audience of more than 140 people on April 14 and 15. The show included student-selected scenes from great playwrights and an original dramatization by the cast and director Katherine Bacon on Rosa Parks titled “Thank You Rosa.”

On the first evening, the Q & A hosted by Professor Margherita Rossi on behalf of the new SUNY Broome Women’s Institute was stimulating and educational. The discussion centered mostly around the events leading up to the famous Montgomery Bus Boycott, which helped launch the Civil Rights movement in the late 1950s. One particular historical point: It was a women’s group, the Women’s Political Council, that originally launched the now famous and successful boycott.



Ice Cream Social on May 6 with the Dean of Students Team

May 2, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Have a sweet treat Friday, May 6, at an ice cream social!

The event, hosted by the Dean of Students team, starts at 2 p.m. and lasts until the ice cream is gone. Come join the team in front of the Old Science Building.



Engineering Science students take top honors at UAV competition

May 2, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

Two SUNY Broome Engineering Science students finished in first place at the second annual SUNY TYESA Mini Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Competition in Rochester. Hornets **Raphael Atiyeh** and **Derek Mantei** are members of the ASEE (American Society of Engineering Education) Club, which sponsored the team.

The April 29 competition, held at Monroe Community College, tasks students to design, build and pilot a UAV — commonly called a drone — to transport a rescue kit through a series of obstacles, and return to their starting point. The project is designed to simulate a rescue kit delivery in which human navigation is difficult or dangerous.

Congratulations to Raphael and Derek!



Derek and Raphael's drone



Professor Lofthouse, Derek Mantei

American Society for Quality presents award to Peggy Sniezek

****updated with photo****

May 2, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

SUNY Broome's Peggy Sniezek, an Assistant Professor of Computer Science Information Systems, received the 2016 Paul A. Robert Award from the American Society for Quality's Binghamton Section.

The award is presented to a local member of the community who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to supporting the Binghamton Section and the local quality community. Presented since 1965, the award's namesake is the founder of the local section.

Sniezek has 15 years' experience in the development and maintenance of Computer Information Systems in the industrial sector. Such systems involved systems analysis and design, database management, information systems security, technical task lead of information systems, and web server development. She has eight years' experience teaching college level Computer Science courses. Peggy is responsible for teaching and advising, leading program development and assessment, developing online course materials and conducting CSIS-related research.

She co-taught the summer course "Quality Principles and Software Design" at SUNY Broome in 2014 to the SEED students, and is the current SUNY Broome ASQ – Student Section advisor.

Her recent American Society for Quality presentations include:

- "A Computer Science Methodology For Your Quality Tool Box" at the ASQ CNY 2012 Conference,
- "Thoughts on Software Quality (Information, Analysis, and Knowledge Management)" at the third International Quality Conference PUCP- ASQ in Lima, Peru June 2015
- "Data Mining Using Pivot Tables" at the Binghamton ASQ dinner meeting, November 2015

In addition to her award, SUNY Broome was provided with a Paul A. Robert historical commemorative plaque showing past recipients of the award. The plaque will be on display at SUNY Broome for the current award period. The plaque was accepted by Dr. Francis Battisti, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer at SUNY Broome, during the April 2016 Quality Day Conference at the Endicott Visitor Center.



See the premiere of ‘Tales from the Parlor City’ on May 12 and 13

May 2, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Com 283 Film Practicum Presents
A SUNY BROOME COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT EVENT



TALES FROM THE PARLOR CITY

Film Premiere
On The SUNY Broome Campus

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Thursday May 12th 11:00 am
Room: T-101
Friday May 13th 6:00 pm
Room: T-102
FREE Admission

Parking Information
Community members attending programs and events should park in Lots 1 through 8.
A campus map can be accessed here www.sunybroome.edu/Parking
For more information Contact: Talesfromtheparlorcity@gmail.com
Also Check us out on Facebook - facebook.com/TalesFromTheParlorCity



SUNY Broome’s COM 283: Film Practicum class is presenting a premiere of “Tales from the Parlor City,” a short film they made, at 11 a.m. May 12 in Titchener 101 and 6 p.m. May 13 in Titchener 102. Join us! Admission is free.

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Also Check us out on Facebook - facebook.com/TalesFromTheParlorCity



May 5 Common Hour: Leadership Lessons from the Campaign Trail

May 1, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Join Economics faculty member Giovanni Scaringi, who was recently elected to public office, for leadership tips that you, too, can put to use at 11 a.m. May 5 in T-102.



The Monday Poem: Two poems about libraries by Nikki Giovanni

May 1, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

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

My First Memory (of Librarians)

Nikki Giovanni

This is my first memory:

A big room with heavy wooden tables that sat on a creaky
wood floor

A line of green shades—bankers' lights—down the center
Heavy oak chairs that were too low or maybe I was simply
too short

For me to sit in and read
So my first book was always big

In the foyer up four steps a semi-circle desk presided
To the left side the card catalogue
On the right newspapers draped over what looked like
a quilt rack
Magazines face out from the wall

The welcoming smile of my librarian
The anticipation in my heart
All those books—another world—just waiting
At my fingertips.

A LIBRARY

Nikki Giovanni

a Library Is:

a place to be free
to be in space
to be in cave times
to be a cook
to be a crook
to be in love
to be unhappy
to be quick and smart
to be contained and cautious
to surf the rainbow
to sail the dreams
to be blue
to be jazz
to be wonderful

to be you
a place to be
yeah... to be



Jane Hlopko's Retirement Party on May 5

May 1, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



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.



Pitch in at Campus Cleanup Day 2016!

May 1, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

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.



Join us: Jane Hlopko retirement celebration on June 2

May 1, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Jane Hlopko, Health Information Technology and Medical Transcription Chair, is retiring after 40 years at SUNY Broome.

If you missed her previous open house, feel free to come to Decker 201 on Thursday, June 2, from 2 to 6 p.m. for cookies and punch. This celebration is for clinical supervisors, previous students and HIT colleagues. All are welcome!

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

May 1, 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.



Hospitality Career Fair on May 3

May 1, 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.

