

The Focus

faculty / staff e-newsletter

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SUNY Broome Budget Update: June 2016

June 30, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Click below to view SUNY Broome's June 2016 Budget Update: [June Budget Update \(PDF\)](#)

Food for Thought Pantry

June 28, 2016

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Please note that the Food for Thought pantry is still operational over the summer. It will be operating out of the Dean of Students, Student Activities, Student Housing Suite in Science Building 227 during normal business hours. You can drop off non-perishables here anytime during the day. In addition students can pick up presorted bags of food during business hours as well.

During the Spring and Fall semesters the Student Assembly office in Science Building 107 and 107A will have scheduled hours that they will be available to pick up bags of food and the Student Activities Office will act as a backup for any hours they are not available.

If you have any questions you can contact Jason Boring at boringjw@sunybroome.edu or call 607-778-5033

COIL Update from Kathleen McKenna in Celaya, Mexico:

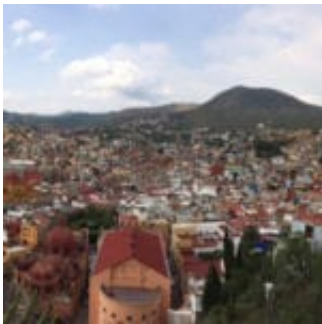
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I've been in Mexico since June 20, and will be home on June 29. During the first half the trip, Lynda Carroll and I were in Cuernavaca with 58 other US and Mexican professors, attending a workshop on Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL). In pairs, we will be continuing our COIL work in the fall. Each US prof is partnered with a Mexican prof, and we will bring our students together via a mix of Skype, Blackboard, Facebook, and/or other technologies. Our trip is being funded by a State Department grant to SUNY. Our Mexican partners will visit our campuses in the fall.





Since leaving Cuernavaca, I've been in Celaya. SUNY Broome has a long history of collaborating with Celaya, thanks to the relationship established by Alberto Miller and Alejandro Saldana. Celaya holds a very special place in my heart—I've been here twice before, and have some beloved former students here.

In the first picture, you'll see me in Celaya with Gaby Carrillo, who studied with us at SUNY Broome in 2013. We had a lot of catching up to do, and it was wonderful to see her.

Next, you'll see the beautiful city of Guanajuato, then Maggie Sierra Contreras, who studied with us in 2014, and Sebastian Martinez, who studied for two years (2013-2015) at BCC, in the final cohort of SEED students (Scholarship for Education and Economic Development). I shared a delicious brunch with Sebastian, Maggie, and Maggie's family at the beautiful new restaurant she and her sister are running.

Finally, you'll see me on Sunday at the base of the Pena de Bernal, and you'll see the view from as close as we got to the top (85% of the way—we turned around when the thought of coming back down started to look more complicated). The final photo is Roberto Orozco Bush, my COIL partner. We and our students will be collaborating on projects in International Relations in the fall.

Here's a little info about the Pena de Bernal:

<http://web.archive.org/web/20150313213447/http://www.georgianewsday.com/science/157824-mexican-monolith-is-world-s-tallest-freestanding-rock.html>

Monday's work included meeting with the English teachers with whom I've been collaborating. We planned for our fall COIL work together and we made a video together to share with our students in the fall. We began

to discuss the possibility of adding my German COIL partner (Potsdam) to a collaboration of Mexico-US-Germany at some point in the future.

Hasta pronto!
Kathleen

Please make Binghamton Advantage Orientation Students Welcome

June 28, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Throughout the next few weeks, there will be Binghamton Advantage (BAP) students on campus for their summer orientations. Please make these students feel welcome!

TIAA-CREF to hold individual counseling sessions on July 6 and August 23

June 27, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Mark Your Calendar!

TIAA-CREF announces Individual Counseling Sessions at SUNY Broome Community College.

You can discuss your personal financial situation with an experienced TIAA-CREF Financial Consultant on a confidential basis. They are available to discuss how to help you pursue your financial goals by investing in financial products such as mutual funds, brokerage, life insurance and annuities.

A detailed evaluation tells you everything you need to know and do.

Our individual counseling session will help you answer these questions:

- Are my investments properly allocated?
- Am I on track to meet my retirement goals?
- Am I saving enough?
- How and from where do I draw retirement income?

Date, Time & Location

Wed, Jul 6, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Wales Building Rm 203A

Wed, Jul 6, 2016 – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Wales Building Rm 203B

Tue, Aug 23, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Wales Building Rm 203A

Sign up Today:

Space is limited, so please RSVP as soon as you can.

Register at www.tiaacref.org/schedulenow or call 800 732-8353, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (ET).

Facilities Update: June 2016

June 27, 2016

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Please click the below link for the June 2016 facilities update.

[Facilities Update](#)

Hasta Luego! SUNY Broome professors graduate from COIL Partnership training

June 24, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Lynda Carroll and Kathleen McKenna and their Mexican partners have graduated from the Mexican Multistate COIL Partnership training.

Lynda and her partner, along with Mexican colleagues and a colleague from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, have left for a campus visit in San Luis Potosí. Kathleen and her COIL partners will leave for Celaya shortly. Because of pollution-control laws, they cannot drive in the Mexico City area until after 11 a.m.

Hasta luego! Stay tuned for more details on the next grant for the Mexican Multistate partnership. Contact Jan McCauley or Kathleen McKenna to learn more.



Get in shape with our Summer Fitness Fusion class!

June 23, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

The SUNY broome Wellness Committee is sponsoring a free Summer Fitness Fusion class for faculty and staff.

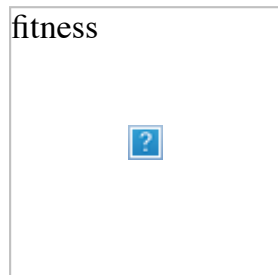
Class will run from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesday on July 11, 13, 18, 20, 25 and 27, and August 1, 3, 8 and 10 in Student Center Dance Room 106.

The class will involve strengthening of core, with stretching, to increase flexibility. Plus:

- Learn the importance of core strength and flexibility.
- Feel healthier through regular movement.
- Get weekly tips and workouts to ease you into a successful program.
- Build motivation through positive support and long-term health benefits.
- Enjoy Pilates/Yoga, Sculpting and Barefoot cardio.

Your commitment will be to attend a minimum of eight classes, and to participate to the best of your ability. Hurry — there is only space for 20 participants, so if you're ready to commit to this program, sign up today!

Contact Continuing Education 778-5012 – Course Reference #GW003-05
Allison Ellis – Instructor



SUNY Broome educators say ‘Hola!’ from Mexico

June 21, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Lynda Carroll, Kathleen McKenna, their Mexican partners Juan de Poo and Roberto Orozco Bush, Bob Balkin of SUNY's Latin America office and Elizabeth Thompson of the U.S. embassy send greetings from the COIL workshop in Cuernavaca! Sixty U.S. and Mexican educators are training for four days.





Summer Fire Drill season is here

June 21, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Fire drills will soon be happening for Summer Term. There are a few things to remember:

- 1) Please exit the building as soon as the alarm sounds. DO NOT attempt to finish the class.
- 2) Please close your room door.
- 3) Please exit the building and have your students move away from the building.
- 4) An officer will need to walk through the building to make sure that all of the doors, audible/visual alarms, and any other related items have operated correctly and make sure everyone has exited the building.
- 5) The sooner the building is cleared, the sooner everyone gets back inside.
- 6) DO NOT go back into the building until you have been told to do so.

We are also required to take a head count and make sure everyone has exited the building. So, if you ask a question, you'll know why we don't answer (we're counting!)

If you have any questions regarding procedures, please consult the Emergency Response Guide.

*** Remember, we are REQUIRED by New York State Law to perform fire drills throughout the year. Your assistance is greatly appreciated in accomplishing this.

American Dining Creations undergoing management change

June 21, 2016

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American Dining Creations is undergoing a management change at SUNY Broome.

David Young has been promoted to Executive Chef for Higher Education. He will be overseeing all collegiate dining for American Dining Creations. While he will still be very involved with SUNY Broome's dining program, he will also be involved with the programs at each of the company's nine college campuses.

Kyle Maurer will be taking David's place as the Director of Dining Services for ADC at SUNY Broome. Helen DeVita will continue her work as catering director, and ADC is currently interviewing for a qualified candidate to fill the campus chef position.

"Thank you for all of your support in elevating SUNY Broome's dining services over the past two years that I have been on campus," Maurer said. "We can't wait to continue to meet and exceed your standards, and grow the program into a truly top-notch dining experience!"



Recently approved by BOT: Revision of policy on copyrighted material

June 21, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

The SUNY Broome Board of Trustees recently approved a revision to the college's policy on copyrighted material. Click the document below to review.

[1.24 Copyright Material](#)

Strawberry Fest in the Dining Hall from June 27 through July 1

June 20, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Celebrate Strawberry Fest in the campus café from June 27 through July 1!

Featured recipes include strawberry and grilled chicken salad, salmon and strawberry quinoa, a grilled chicken and strawberry wrap, strawberry-kissed French toast, and assorted strawberry parfaits.



June 24 event: Found Objects at tour of three State St. galleries

June 20, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



A three-gallery tour from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday June 24 will explore how different artists incorporate “found objects” in their art.

SUNY Broome Adjunct Instructor Rich Harrington reprises objects from his childhood in the autobiographical show “This is the way we play and learn” at Anthony Brunelli Fine Arts. Muffin Ray uses found textiles in her colorful mixed media pieces at the Orazio Salati Gallery, and Peg Johnston has curated an Eco-Art Exhibit called TRASH! at the Cooperative Gallery where all of the art is made from waste materials.

The tour, with short talks at each gallery, will start at the Brunelli Gallery, 186 State St. at 6:30 p.m., Salati’s Gallery, 204 State St. at 7 p.m., and the Cooperative Gallery, 213 State St. at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.



Speakers of the House Summer Meetings

June 20, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



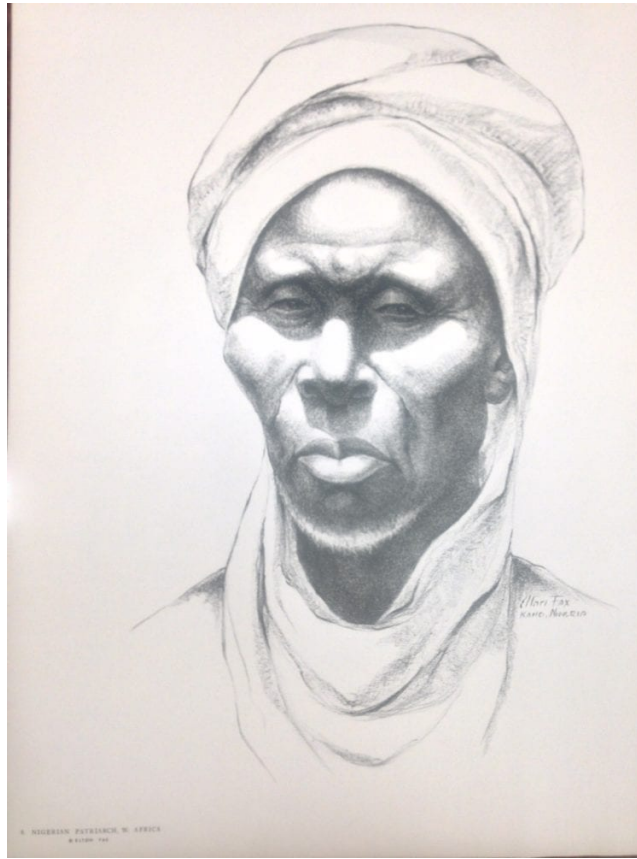
Speakers of the House (Toastmasters International) will meet on the following Fridays: July 15, July 29, August 12 and August 26. All meetings are at 3:10 p.m. in Darwin R. Wales Center Room 203B. For more information, please visit www.speakersofthehouse.toastmastersclubs.org.



The Gallery to feature drawings by African-American artist Elton Fax

June 19, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



The Gallery @ SUNY Broome is pleased to present “Black and Beautiful,” featuring by [Elton Fax](#). The exhibit records the plight of people in Third World countries based on his travels over several decades.

The exhibit will be on display from June 20 through July 8, 2016. The Gallery is located on the first floor of the SUNY Broome Library.



Portrait of an elderly Black woman, 1834

Master of Student Affairs Administration Information Sessions

June 17, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Are you interested in earning your master's degree? Do you have a passion for working with students?

The Student Affairs Administration (MSAA) program at Binghamton University is a 45-credit program offering a foundational curriculum focused on student development theory, culture and diversity, student personnel services, and law in higher education. A dual degree with Public Administration also available (MPA).

Learn more at the following sessions, which take place from 12 to 1 p.m. in Wales 203B:

- June 28
- July 21

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



Academic Calendar 2016-17

June 16, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Fall 2016

August 29: Classes Start

September 5: Labor Day (No Classes)

October 10-11: Mid-semester Break (No Classes)

November 23-26: Thanksgiving Break (No Classes)

December 19: Last Day of Classes

December 21: Grades Due

Winter 2017

January 9: Classes Start

January 16: Martin Luther King Day (No Classes)

January 27: Last Day of Classes

January 30: Grades Due

Spring 2017

January 30: Classes Start

February 20: Mid-semester Break (No Classes)

April 4: Convocation Day

April 17-21: Spring Break (No Classes)

May 23: Last Day of Classes

May 25: Grades Due

May 25: Graduation

Summer 2017 Full Term

June 5: Classes Start

August 11: Last Day of Classes

August 14: Grades Due

Summer 2017 Term I

June 5: Classes Start

July 7: Last Day of Classes

July 10: Grades Due

Summer 2017 Term II

July 10: Classes Start

August 11: Last Day of Classes

August 14: Grades Due

Six Week Summer Term 2017

July 3: Classes Start

August 11: Last Day of Classes

August 14: Grades Due

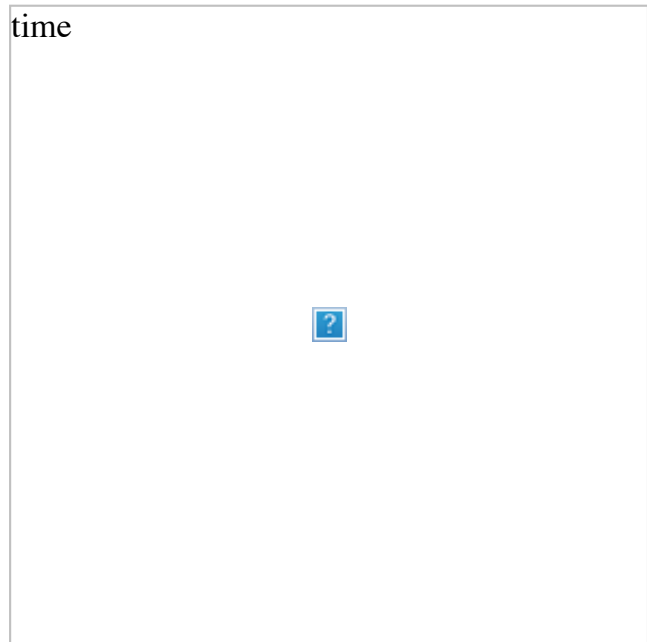
Eight Week Summer Term 2017

June 19: Classes Start

August 11: Last Day of Classes

August 14: Grades Due

The 2016-2017 Academic Calendar was developed and recommended by the College Assembly to the Executive Council. The Executive Council gave final approval for the calendar at the 6/7/16 meeting.



Jarvis McCowin Published in the Journal of College Student Development

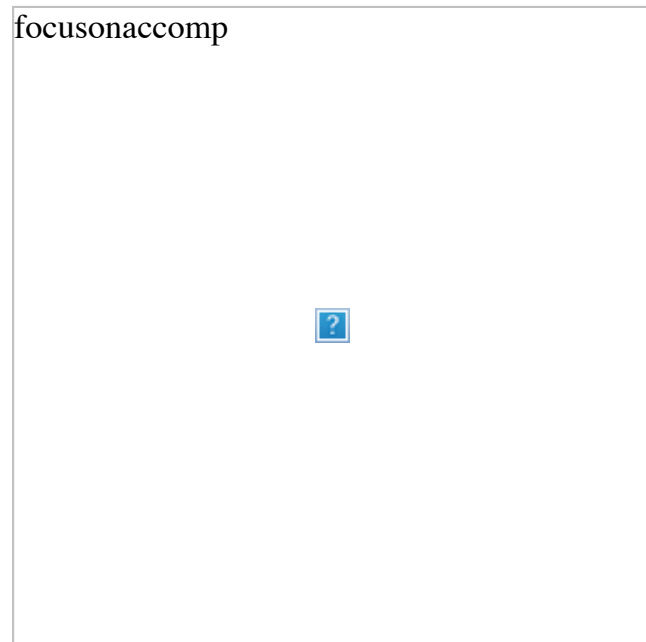
June 16, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

Student Village Resident Director Jarvis McCowin was recently published in the *Journal of College Student Development*, a publication of the American College Personnel Association — College Student Educators International.

In partnership with Eugene Parker III, Cassie Barnhardt and acclaimed researcher Ernest Pascarella, McCowin’s article focused on “The Impact of Diversity Courses on College Students’ Moral Development.”

Congratulations to Jarvis on this enlightening publication!



Two HPSS Faculty Members Awarded SUNY COIL Travel Grants

June 14, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Lynda Carroll and Kathleen McKenna will be traveling to Mexico from June 20 to 29 to participate in a SUNY Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) initiative: the Mexican Multistate COIL Initiative. They are among 18 U.S. faculty members who will attend a workshop in Cuernavaca with 18 Mexican partners to prepare to teach COIL-ed courses in the fall. This grant is funded by the US State Department.

Lynda's Archaeology course will be partnered with an Architecture course in San Luis Potosi, and Kathleen's International Relations course will be partnered with a Public Policy course in Celaya.

After five days in Cuernavaca, the faculty members will travel to visit their partners' campuses as well. In the fall, the Mexican partners will visit the SUNY Broome campus and will participate in activities on our campus.

For more on this grant and on other SUNY COIL initiatives, follow this link: <https://www.suny.edu/suny-news/press-releases/october-2015/10-8-15-coil/suny-to-create-new-coil-partnerships-with-universities-in-mexico.html>.



Summer 2016 New Student Orientation schedule

June 14, 2016

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There will be eight new student orientation programs this summer. Students can sign up online at <http://www.sunybroome.edu/web/events/orientation> or call Maureen Kollar to register via phone (5648).

The first new student orientation program is an evening program on June 30 (5 to 8:30 p.m.). Daytime programs are July 7, July 28, August 4, August 11 and August 18 (9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.). An orientation for residential students is on July 23 (10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.). Lastly, an orientation for students in Health Science's competitive program is on August 26 (9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

To view agendas and other orientation information you can access documents in the O:Drive, under campus-wide orientation. If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Kollar at 5648 or kollarmk@sunybroome.edu.

SUNY Broome congratulates 2016 Chancellor's Award winners

June 13, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Congratulations to SUNY Broome faculty, staff and students who received the prestigious SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence this year.

Recipients include:

- Assistant Professor Erin O'Hara-Leslie, chair of Medical Assisting and Health Studies, who received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service
- Associate Professor of Biology Melissa Glenn, who received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching
- Assistant Director of Administrative Information Systems Scot Beekman and Coordinator for Professional Development Jamie Heron-Starr, who received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service
- The Teaching Resource Center's Deena Price, who received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service
- Instructor [Ed Evans](#) of SUNY Broome's Communications and Media Arts program, who won the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching
- Students [Steven Burnette](#), [Richard Connolly](#), [Kellie Harrison](#) and [Chandler Prouty](#), who won the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.

"It is a great honor to recognize SUNY Broome's Chancellor's Award winners," said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. "The talent and dedication of our faculty and staff is one of our greatest assets, and so crucial to our mission as a community college. Congratulations to all of our winners."

"The Chancellor's Award for Excellence is our way of saying 'thank you' to the many faculty across our university system who have gone above and beyond as they educate, mentor, and conduct research alongside our students, as well as the staff whose service to SUNY is of the highest caliber," said SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher. "It is an honor to recognize excellent work across the SUNY system. Congratulations to all of this year's recipients."



Left to right: Melissa Glenn, Deena Price,
Jamie Heron-Starr, Scot Beekman, Erin
O'Hara-Leslie, Ed Evans

Marketplace: Need UK currency?

June 13, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Is anyone going to England, Scotland, or Wales?

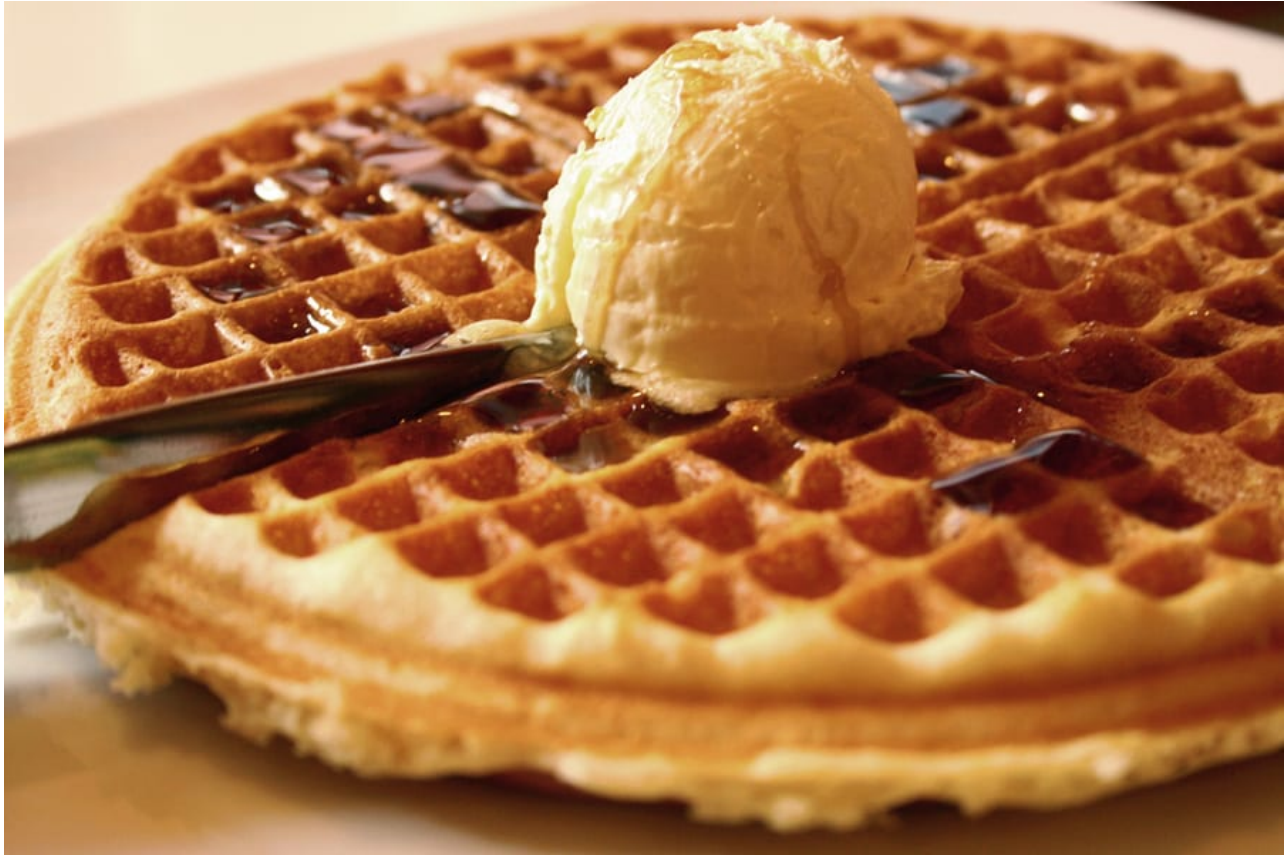
Glenn Modrak has 15 pounds and 41 pence to exchange at whatever the current rate is for U.S. dollars at that moment. You save exchange fees, and have currency to use on the flight over (but only on airlines based in the UK).

Interested? Drop by his office in AT 104D or call ext. 5331.

Summer Waffle Week at the Dining Hall

June 10, 2016

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Head to the SUNY Broome Dining Hall the week of June 13 a waffle extravaganza!

Each day will feature a different recipe, using fresh-baked waffles with a variety of toppings. Some of the recipes include S'mores Waffles, Spicy Chive Chicken & Waffles and the "Graceland" Waffle with bananas, peanut butter and bacon!

The Dining Hall is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the summer.

Please note that the Blue Line Café outside the Ice Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, June 17, for the Career Fair. The main café will not be open that day.



Turn the lights off: SUNY Broome to participate in Daylight Hour June 17

June 10, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

SUNY Broome will participate in this year's [Daylight Hour](#), an initiative that seeks to raise awareness about the role daylight can play in lighting our offices and reducing our environmental impact.

Businesses, colleges and universities across the country are participating in the effort, including multiple SUNY campuses and SUNY central.

Daylight Hour will run from 1 to 2 p.m. on Friday, June 17. During this time, we encourage faculty and staff to turn off lights in areas where natural light is adequate for work use.

We encourage the campus community to take part, and share their efforts on social media with the hashtag #daylighthour.



Don't miss it: Student Photography exhibit closes on June 14

June 10, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Don't miss SUNY Broome's Student Photography Show, currently on exhibit in the Gallery @ SUNY Broome! The exhibit will be available during the Library's operating hours through the end of the day on Tuesday, June 14.

The Gallery is located on the first floor of the SUNY Broome Library.





Q&A in the wake of the Orlando shooting on the morning of June 15

June 10, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness



The sympathy of the SUNY Broome community goes out to the victims and families of yet another tragic shooting.

In these times, we all struggle to reach out and offer what we can to aid those in need. At the same time, we often need to deal with our own concerns and fear of what may happen next and where it could occur.

In response, Public Safety and Counseling Services have scheduled an open Question & Answer session for 8 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, in Decker 313. Please feel free to stop by during that period or call the office of Public Safety Chief Joe O'Connor at any time.

A Rare Honor: SUNY Broome student to present at scientific conference

June 9, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Cassandra Domingo, a first-year student at SUNY Broome, will present a research poster on the effectiveness of peer-assisted study sessions on June 25 at the Eastern Conference on the Teaching of Psychology in Staunton, VA.

“This is exceptional in three ways,” said Dr. Bill Altman, her psychology professor and research advisor. “Undergraduates rarely present at scientific conferences. When they do, they’re usually juniors or seniors who’ve worked on a research team led by a professor. Ms. Domingo did this research on her own. On top of that, she was invited to a professional conference, while most undergraduate teams present at student conferences. She’s a first-year student achieving what’s more typical of graduate students.”

Domingo found that the final grades of students who took advantage of supplemental instruction for introductory psychology averaged 20 points higher than those who didn’t attend the sessions, earning a B rather than a D. “But that wasn’t the most important difference,” she explained. “Students who attended regularly improved their study skills and self-confidence. They developed the habits you need to succeed throughout college.”

While it would be natural to assume that Domingo was always a budding scientist, she didn’t even take a science course in her senior year of high school and never considered science as a career. In fact, she’s the first person in her family to go to college.

“This opportunity changed my life,” said Domingo. “I was surprised by how exciting it was to do research and how badly I wanted to know the outcome.”

Before she had the chance to teach and do research, Domingo — like many students — feared failure and often tried to avoid attracting attention to herself. “Now I have the courage to take more chances and I’m not as afraid of making mistakes. We’re trained to believe that failure is the end of the world when it’s actually the first step toward success.”

Her advice for other students? “Don’t sleepwalk through college. There are so many chances to explore your interests. Say ‘yes.’ Try things. You never know what you’ll discover.”

Ms. Domingo will graduate from SUNY Broome a semester early and likely transfer to Binghamton University to finish her undergraduate work. She's already contacted several graduate schools and is considering a career in aviation psychology.

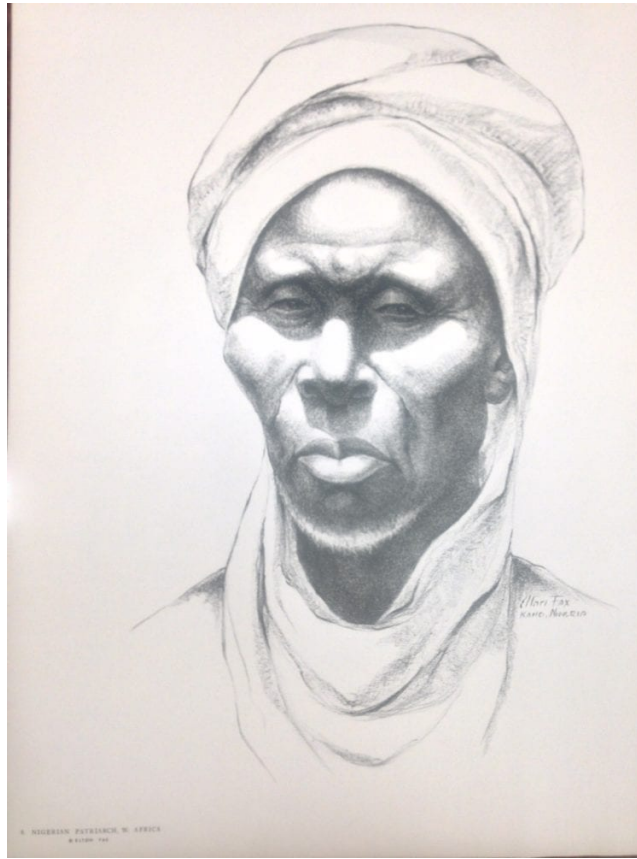
Her poster can be viewed at: www.linkedin.com/in/cassandra-domingo-583701119.



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Portrait of an elderly Black woman, 1825. J.M.W. Turner.

Gallery to feature paintings by Brian Keeler

June 9, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



The Gallery @ SUNY Broome is pleased to present “Light as Muse — Muse as Light,” an exhibit of recent paintings by Brian Keeler, from July 11 through August 31. An artist reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 15.

The Gallery is located on the first floor of the SUNY Broome Library.



Student Village donations aid local charities

June 9, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

When more than 360 Student Village residents head home in the end of May, they can leave a lot behind. Those items, however, won't end up in the landfill; rather, they will help schoolchildren, families in need, and even our four-legged friends.

The Student Village's residential life staff, faculty mentor and facilities director have been working on donations since the end of the spring semester. Last year, the Student Village donated approximately 2,800 pounds of usable goods to the Rescue Mission, including clothing, bedding and small appliances, said Facilities Manager Christopher Menzel. They're on track to do the same this year.

Faculty mentor Virginia Shirley has been sorting through donated items.

"So far I've taken two car loads of items to the Front Street Animal Shelter and to The Humane Society," said Shirley. Items included old towels, worn blankets and cleaning supplies — needed in animal care — as well as \$16.86 in spare change that was donated to Camp Bark-a-Lot.

She has also taken a carload of items to The Salvation Army, and is planning to take a load of school supplies to TRIO. Four and a half shopping carts full of food will also head to the local food pantry.

"I'm working on a load of goods for PAL (Parents as Leaders) to include kitchen items and cleaning supplies," she added. "I'm currently working with Volunteers of America to see what items we have left that they're interested in."

Upcoming Board of Trustees meetings

June 8, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

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

- **June 21, 2016 (Tuesday)** – Monthly meeting of the Finance and Facilities Committee, 8:00 a.m., Wales Administration Center Conference Room 107.
- **June 23, 2016 (Thursday)** – Monthly meeting of the Board, 5:00 p.m., Decker Health Science Building Libous Room D117.

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

Corporate Challenge to impact campus traffic on Thursday, June 9

June 8, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

The Corporate Challenge will take place tomorrow on Thursday, June 9. Lot 12 (Alumni Drive) will be closing at 1 p.m. for set-up. Staff members who park in this lot must move their vehicles to any other lot by this time.

In addition, please be advised that the campus will be closed to all traffic from 5 to 6 p.m. during the actual race. Please plan accordingly. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Achieving the Dream 2016

June 7, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Colleagues,

SUNY Broome has recently been awarded a spot in this year's Achieving the Dream (ATD) 2016 cohort. Partnering with ATD and other cohort institutions, we plan to take full advantage of this opportunity to enrich the SUNY Broome experience for all students. We will do this by leveraging the work that has already been done to assess our needs and draw on our existing strengths.

Over the past few years our college has implemented a number of excellent student success initiatives. However, small scale, fragmented efforts struggle to yield the results we seek and are often not sustainable. Our goal is to implement holistic, large scale change that will significantly impact student progression and completion. ATD provides us the guidance and tools to focus our efforts and scale them to achieve this goal; all while aligning with our Strategic Plan and campus culture.

Our next step with the ATD initiative will be for a nine person team consisting of faculty and administrators to attend the ATD Kick-Off Institute where we will meet our coaches, network with colleagues from other colleges and deepen our understanding of the ATD process. Our group will return ready to share what we've learned with the campus and begin our work together.

Throughout our work with ATD, we want to ensure that the campus community is actively involved in implementing the needed changes and kept up to date on our progress. You can expect to hear updates through emails, announcements and monthly ATD newsletters. We will also be formulating work groups to coordinate various initiatives of the ATD process.

Heather Darrow, Staff Associate for Student Retention, has been identified as coordinating the ATD efforts for our campus. If you have any questions or want to get involved, please contact Heather Darrow at x5643 or darrowha@sunybroome.edu

Our combined, focused efforts will provide a framework to make this academic initiative a success for our students.

Francis L. Battisti, Ph.D.

Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

SUNY Distinguished Service Professor

SUNY Broome Community College

Senior Picnic & Fun Fest on June 22

June 6, 2016

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The annual Senior Picnic & Fun Fest will be held Wednesday, June 22, on the SUNY Broome campus.

Lunch is served at noon, and costs \$4 per person. Tickets are available at Continuing Education in the Wales Building Room 115. Please purchase your tickets by 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2016.

The meal will include:

- Rotisserie Chicken
- Red Potato Salad
- Baked Beans
- Strawberry Shortcake
- Bottled Water

seniorpicnic



SUNY Broome wins Fit-Friendly Gold Award for the third year

June 6, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

For the third year in a row, SUNY Broome has earned the [American Heart Association's Fit Friendly Worksite Gold Achievement Award](#).

The award weighs multiple factors, including employee wellness programs, fitness offerings, nutritional choices and smoking policies, as well as community outreach. SUNY Broome has contributions in all areas, including employee fitness classes, the campus Fitness Center and a vibrant wellness program, multiple healthy food options in the dining hall, CPR and First Aid training and more. The college's Health for Haiti Global Service Learning course takes health and wellness international, by offering medical care, solar-powered clean water apparatus and more to one of the world's poorest nations.

"We're very proud to have a Gold Achievement Award for the third year," said Human Resources Officer Lynn Fedorchak. "We're the only community college that received the award."

"The SUNY Broome community takes health and wellness seriously, whether it's on campus or in the community through our myriad healthcare academic programs – or even in Haiti," said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. "We're so pleased with this recognition and proud of our academic community for promoting healthy living on multiple fronts."



SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm accepts a plaque from the American Heart Association's Gina Chapman for the campus' Fit Friendly status.

Stay Connected: Meet SUNY Broome's new Director of Alumni Engagement

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Stop by the Broome Community College Foundation's offices in the Darwin R. Wales Center or at SUNY Broome's alumni events, and you'll see a new – and inevitably smiling – face.

The Foundation recently welcomed Regina M. Alfieri as its new Director of Alumni Engagement. She's an alumna herself, graduating with a Liberal Arts degree in 2009.

"We are thrilled to welcome Regina to our advancement team. She is a product of Broome, and she is an excellent example of how our students benefit from their time here," said Foundation Executive Director Cathy Williams.

"We are looking forward to working with her as she develops and implements a plan that will help to connect with alumni in ways we never have before," Williams added. "Her energy, attitude and SUNY Broome roots all make her a significant addition to our team!"

A native of Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, Alfieri ended up at SUNY Broome after she and a friend moved to Vestal.

"I was a little older as a student. I graduated here at the age of 24. I had a lot of excellent faculty mentors," she remembered. Among her favorite professors: Ellen Brand and Jim Gormley.

After completing her degree, she 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.

Alfieri plans to increase outreach to younger alumni in their 20s and 30s, to carry the Hornet legacy into the future. She also plans to foster connections between alumni and current students, in the hopes of inspiring the latter to become engaged alumni themselves after they receive their degrees. Other ideas include an alumni-

student mentoring program, stronger affinity groups and a career network for alumni.

If you'd like to meet Regina yourself, don't be shy. Her office is in Wales 213, and she will be part of future alumni events.

"I love to talk," she said. "Anyone should feel that they can approach me."



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Proposed 2017-22 Broome County Capital Improvement Plan Presented for Approval

The SUNY Broome 2017-22 proposed capital improvement program is presented this month for approval by the Board of Trustees. This plan needs to be submitted to Broome County Government this month to meet their capital planning timelines.

It may be necessary to modify this proposal later this summer after the final master facilities plan concepts have been vetted and our campus master facilities plan is finalized. We worked with our master planning team in the development of this 2017-22 CIP, and we believe it represents the direction our master plan is heading in.

The first 6 items are listed in priority order for 2017 – and are the most critical at this juncture. If approved, they are associated with formal Broome County approval to proceed with the project and one half of the project funding where Broome County is providing the local required match.

The outer years on the proposed capital improvement plan are for planning purposes only – funding approval isn't included at this juncture. They are revised as needed and roll forward every year until they land in the 'approved' year.

Increase in SUNY Share Of Capital Projects Funding Proposed – From 50% to 60% – 75%

NYSCC presidents have developed and recommended several policy changes to SUNY leaders to help ease community college financial burdens. Five proposals that have the most support within SUNY are being discussed with legislators and leaders (by SUNY) during the final weeks of the legislative session to get support and sponsorship for them.

One of the five – if approved – will bring additional state funding to NYS community college capital projects by increasing the state's share of financing required for critical maintenance projects from 50% to 75%, and from 50% to 60% for new construction projects. This change would allow local sponsors to better afford supporting needed capital improvements and new projects.

\$1 million NYS Energy to Lead Grant Awarded That Will Be Used to Install Geothermal

... funding now in place for a significant part of campus plan to become 'net zero energy consumer' in place

SUNY Broome has been awarded a \$1 million New York State Energy to Lead grant that will enable the campus to install a geothermal system to produce enough energy to heat and cool our 60 year old Mechanical Building, which will soon be undergoing renovation and transformation into an Advanced Manufacturing Center, and (as much as) another equally sized building.

The Geothermal system will be placed deep in the ground in the green space between our AT, Business, Student Services, and Student Center.

Geothermal is a critical part of meeting our recently set campus goal of net zero energy consumption by 2030. In order to meet this goal, we need to produce as much energy as we use. In addition to reducing consumption and pursuing other green energy producing technologies, geothermal sets us well on the path to

meeting this goal.

Solar Remote Net Metering to be Explored as Second Way to Produce Energy for Campus

In the coming months we will be seriously exploring additional green ways to produce energy to meet our Net Zero Consumption Goal including solar net remote metering, where we would partner with a private firm who would invest their capital to develop a solar farm to produce electricity that would offset a significant part of our electrical use on campus.

We will update Trustees as this exploration proceeds.

Carnegie Library Renovation Underway and \$2+ Million in Tax Credits Being Actively Pursued

We had our first job meeting on the Carnegie Library last week. We plan on meeting about every 2 weeks until the design phase of the interior begins.

A second opinion has been sought on how to be most successful in pursuing New Market Tax Credits. This consultation has confirmed the direction we are headed in, and our funding proposal is now in their hands. An additional second opinion is being sought on the feasibility on attaining Historical Tax Credits.

Environmental Consultants Sought and Recommended

The College let a Request for Proposal last month to provide environmental consulting services for the campus. This touches our facilities team primarily because we provide support when remediation is needed in our older buildings – primarily for asbestos. Two firms are being recommended forward for approval this month and will provide additional choices beyond those on county contract.

Business Building Lecture Hall Renovation Underway

Lecture Hall B-110's renovation has started. Seat selection and color schemes have been finalized.

Ice Center Replacement Cooling Tower on Order at Discount

...Investigation into Cause of Failure Wrapping Up

The Ice Center "Cooling Tower" will be ordered next week at a greatly discounted price. The investigation into its failure is coming to an end and will be finalized after pieces of the coil have been sent out to be examined and analyzed.

Mechanical Building Renovation Construction Management Services Search Proceeding

An addendum has been issued with additional information on the construction timeline and budget for the renovation of the mechanical building into an Advanced Manufacturing Center, and the timeline to interview and recommend a firm has been extended into May.

Landscaping Brick Added to Digital Sign on Campus Front Lawn

Brickwork has been added to the digital sign on the campus front lawn.

Counseling Office Renovation and Student Services Building Remediation Proceeding

The asbestos abatement of caulk for selected windows in the Student Services Building has been completed. The Counseling Center renovation will begin right after graduation with new lighting, paint, carpet, ceiling

tile, and furniture in the lobby/waiting area. Color schemes are still being discussed.

Applied Technology Building Floor Patch and Paint Bid Let – Low Bid Vendor Identified

A bid was let this month to patch and repaint all common area floors of our AT building, and a low bidder has been identified, who is being presented for Trustee approval this month. The work will occur over the summer.

Additional AT Improvements Planned – Door Painting and HVAC

Painting of the interior and exterior entrance doors will begin when weather permits. Also, we will be replacing the two air handling units in our Placement Testing Center with two whisper quiet units.

Prepared by R. Losinger, VPAFA, and Phil Testa, Director of Campus Operations – 5/18/16

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Fall '16 Student Registrations Off to a Slow Start Compared ith Last Fall

... but last fall's 'hot start' melted off by semester start – efforts underway to improve

Early fall '16 enrollments are off to a slow start compared with last year – they are down 14% compared to last year at this time.

This is an improvement since our first fall enrollment comparison in which we were down +17% in registrations compared to last year. This comparison is alarming at first glance – especially with three-quarters of our revenues directly linked to enrollment – until you look deeper into our previous fall enrollment trend – a 'hot start' that entirely 'melted off' by semester start.

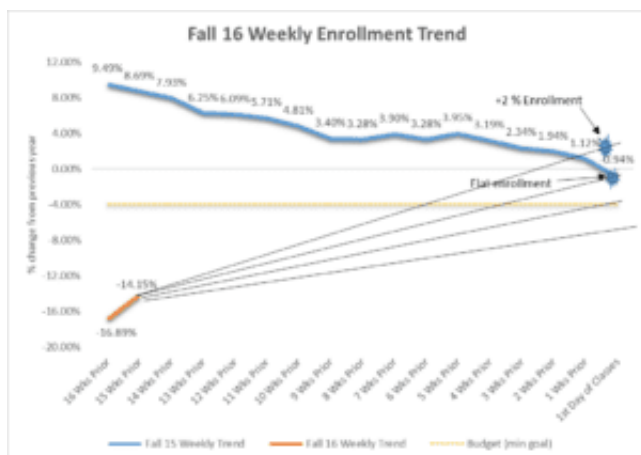
It is theorized that the current fall enrollment trend decline compared with last fall will improve as the summer passes and last year's 'hot start' melts off.

However, this improvement is not being assumed – we are doing everything possible to encourage continuing students to register now, to expand our marketing efforts, and to move new students from 'accepted' to registered' for the fall semester.

The fall enrollment picture is being monitored very closely by the executive team on a weekly basis including the new measure displayed below, with enrollment management plans modified as needed.

A 4% enrollment decline is budgeted next year in the name of fiscal conservatism, but our goal is to sustain enrollments.

Below is a comparison of our fall '16 enrollment trend (orange) and our fall '15 weekly enrollment trend (blue). Fall '15 registrations were off to a hot start at a near +10% in student registrations. However, by semester start, student registrations had melted away by nearly 12% before the inclusion of Fast Forward registrations. The additional black lines represent where our enrollments may end up by semester start, a converging line forecast.



Summer '16 Enrollment Improving – Very Close to Budget Target

We have seen major improvement in our summer enrollment picture over the past several weeks. Summer

enrollment is now nearly flat compared to last year at this time. We are up nearly 3% in total student headcounts, while down just slightly in total FTEs. Flat enrollment is budgeted.

'15-16 Enrollment Forecast At ~ 2 % Decline – Flat Enrollment Budgeted
... \$440k negative revenue impact offset by expense reductions

With fall, winter, and spring enrollments nearly final, we have forecasted an overall enrollment decline of ~2% for the year. This results in estimated losses of \$440k in tuition revenues for the fall and spring terms. The revenue decline is forecast to be offset by reductions in spending that are discussed in detail on the budget forecast.

'15-16 Fund Balance Forecast Adjusted

With spring enrollment mostly settled, our projected fund balance is now \$3.7M, or ~7.5% of the current net operating budget – \$100k less than last month, but still several hundred thousand dollars more than this year's beginning fund balance.

'16-17 Budget Proposal with County Executive and Legislature

Our 2016-17 budget proposal has been delivered to Broome County Legislature for their review and recommendations. The proposal includes a 2% increase in sponsor's contribution as well as a conservative enrollment forecast of -4% for the upcoming academic year. The County Executive indicated a continued, strong commitment towards the college, and the financial ability to fund 1% of the proposed increase in sponsor's contribution.

'16-17 Rental State Aid Allocations Announced – Amount 'As Planned and Anticipated'

The allocations for rental aid has been distributed to all New York State Community Colleges. SUNY Broome will be receiving \$259k in rental aid for 2016-17. This is an additional \$30k in rental aid compared to last year, as planned and anticipated.

Department of Education Announces Changes in Student Debit Card Rules to Benefit Students

Recently the Department of Education made some rule changes regarding debit cards that will benefit students who choose this refund option.

There have always been many positive reasons for students to choose the refund debit card for their student account credit balance refunds. The card gets the students' refunds in to their hands quickly and seamlessly. Students do not have to wait for the paper checks to be mailed and then go to a bank to cash them (many banks no longer want to cash checks for non-account holders). Many students do not have existing bank accounts. The debit card eliminates having large amounts of cash for the student to handle and they are able to safely make purchases using the debit card.

1. While the choices available are not changing – the way in which choices are presented is changing. The new cash management rule prohibits mass mailing of non-active refund debit cards to students without the students' prior consent. Past practice has been to mail a card for students to activate along with providing the other available options – ACH to an existing account or paper check. Students will now be contacted with choices available without the card included in the mailing. Students must now actively choose to have the card mailed to them. Using their own bank account will be listed as the first choice available.
2. New rules establish that if the student chooses the refund debit card – that to better meet the needs of student account holders that they have convenient multiple points of access to ATM machines rather than one

machine located on campus. These must belong to a surcharge-free national ATM network. The network that will be available to our students is the All Point ATM network with 43,000 surcharge free ATMs throughout the US.

3. The biggest change for the college is the requirement to make available our contracts as well as account fee information on our website. This will be done by posting a link – all necessary documentation and disclosures will be posted and updated.

4. For students who choose the debit card they will have the following available:

a. Participating retailers will provide NO PIN Fee cash back at the register

b. Teller Withdrawals – with no teller withdrawal fee, students can visit their local bank and get a cash advance.

c. Free checks – not only is Online Bill Pay free, but now students can order a checkbook for free with the new account.

d. Guarantee that an FDIC – insured checking account with all consumer protections is available – regardless of credit history

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

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Purchasing Cutoff Fiscal Year 2016

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July 1, 2016, has been established as the cutoff date for purchasing (encumbering funds) for Fiscal Year'16.

Please review your department's needs and place orders via the requisition/PO process no later than Thursday June 30th in order to meet the July 1 cutoff. To accomplish this, requisitions will need to be created and approved at the department level by June 30, 2016. Items on these orders should be received no later than August 15.

Existing Standing Orders will be good for placing orders through July 31. Items ordered on a Standing Order should be received no later than August 15.

Some items may require significant lead times and departments should plan accordingly.

Items or services received on or prior to August 31, 2016, must be expensed against your FY'16 budget.

Your department's budget may be viewed using the Budget Query function in Banner. The SUNY Broome Purchasing Guidelines are available in Banner Self Service on the Finance tab for easy reference. However, please do not hesitate to call Purchasing at x5196 or x5225 for assistance or questions – we look forward to helping you with your purchases.

As we did last year – the new budget year will open mid-August

We will be opening the new fiscal year (FY17) on August 15.

What does this mean?

This means two fiscal years will be open at the same time – the current year (FY16) and the new year (FY17).

The new year is being opened two weeks early to assist departments by providing time to review purchasing needs for the start of the new year/semester and to allow departments to create requisitions earlier so as to be ready for September.

The items and services requisitioned during the early opening for FY'17 must not be received prior to September 1, 2016. Any items or services received prior to September 1, 2016 must be expensed against your FY'16 budget.

To help ensure that the FY'17 items and services are not received prior to September 1, the Purchasing Office will include language on the purchase orders stating that goods and services are not to be delivered until after August 31.

Please remember that all orders must be placed via the requisition/purchase order process – orders may not be called or faxed in.

Thank you for your assistance. Please call with questions or concerns.

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SPK 110 as a GenEd

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We are glad to announce that as of May 23, 2016, SPK 110: Effective Speaking has been approved by SUNY to meet the General Education Basic Communication requirement. As such, SPK 110 may be another selection (but not a replacement for ENG 110 or 111) in the category “Basic Communication.”

Dr. Tuong Hung Nguyen

Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages, ESL, and Speech

Open parking for faculty/staff

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There is open parking for faculty/staff in all employee lots with the exception of Lot 17, ending August 19.

Corporate Challenge on June 9 to impact campus traffic

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Please note: The Corporate Challenge will be held on campus on Thursday, June 9. The campus will be closed to all traffic from 5 to 6 p.m. that day.

