

The Focus

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The Monday Poem: ‘Sir Isaac Newton’s First Law of Motion’

December 25, 2016

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

Sir Isaac Newton’s First Law of Motion

by Matthew Olzmann

Objects in motion will remain in motion unless acted upon by an outside force. Objects at rest will remain at rest unless acted upon by an outside force. Matthew Olzmann

is an object at rest, and will remain at rest,

reclining on the couch while drinking Guinness
and watching football. Or, he is an object at rest,
and will remain at rest, sprawled over the couch
while drinking Guinness and watching hockey.
Or, he could be merely napping on the couch,
having already nished a Guinness,
and though the TV is on, he’s not watching,
because it’s three in the afternoon and there’s nothing to watch. Where does Matthew Olzmann go
when he shuts his lovely eyes and dreams
his lovely dreams about drinking Guinness
while hunting saber-toothed tigers? Obviously,
he goes nowhere. Let me say this again. The man
is an object at rest, a legendary object at rest,
and will remain at rest unless acted upon
by his wife, who comes home shortly
and will remind him to take out the garbage
or go to the grocery store. Matthew Olzmann
would have performed these duties by now,
but it’s hard to rise from this couch,
impossible actually, if one believes in physics. Matthew Olzmann believes in physics.
Let no one say he did not believe.



Happy Holidays to the SUNY Broome Community

December 23, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa or simply happy holidays to all in our SUNY Broome academic community!

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of our students and the communities of the Southern Tier that we serve with exceptional education programs.

Have a happy and healthy and well deserved break with your friends, families and loved ones. You've earned it!

Sincerely,

Kevin E Drumm, PhD

President

SUNY Broome Community College

Season's Greetings from SUNY Broome!



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=UO7eT2ooVwg>



Testing Center Winter Term hours

December 22, 2016

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Attention faculty teaching over Winter Term:

The Testing Center will be open for Winter 2017 on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 778-5038 with any questions or concerns!

Posting Final Grades – Fall Semester 2016

December 21, 2016

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

Final grades for the 2016 fall semester are due at 5 PM on Wednesday, December 21, 2016.

Students will be able to view their grades on their MyCollege account starting on Thursday, December 22, 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 students graduation certification.

Delaying the processing of the students transcript for transfer and employment opportunities.

Grades that are not submitted are not counted while conducting academic standing.

Once again we will be posting grades online using MyCollege.

From the Desk of Dr. Battisti: Reflecting on Fall 2016

December 21, 2016

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Colleagues,

As another successful semester draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your strong commitment to the mission of the college, namely, ensuring that “SUNY Broome Community College provides a quality educational experience to a diverse population, offering all the opportunity to identify their potential and to realize life goals.”

It is a continuing pleasure to work with such committed, dedicated, and creative colleagues. My best to you and your families throughout the next few weeks and into the coming year.

Best wishes for 2017,

Francis

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Yes, ladies, STEM fields really are for you!

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Women engineers from across Lockheed Martin's Rotary and Mission Systems business unit encourage young women to pursue careers in science, mathematics, technology and engineering. To learn more about Lockheed Martin's STEM initiatives, visit: www.lockheedmartin.com/stem

To view a great video showcasing Lockheed Martin's talented Women in Engineering and highlighting their STEM initiatives, visit:

Meet Lockheed Martin's Women in Engineering



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=IxxhYP0Ws-k>



Spring Final Registration Week

December 20, 2016

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Final Registration for Spring 2017 will be held from Monday, Jan. 23, through Friday, Jan. 27. Students can visit the Admissions office (Wales 102) as a starting point for assistance and information!

HOURS:

- Monday, Jan. 23: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 24: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 25: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 26: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 27: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

www.sunybroome.edu/finalreg

2017 Mileage Rate

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The IRS standard mileage rate to be reimbursed effective Jan. 1, 2017, will reduce to **\$.535 per mile**.

Chancellors Award For Student Excellence

December 20, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

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

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

Recognition Ceremony

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

Nominations

In order to be eligible, the student must graduate between June 2016 and May 2017. Nominations must be returned by noon January 23. These nominations can be filled out electronically here

<https://goo.gl/forms/9twmFWWvFZmTTpUR2> or the questionnaire can be printed and submitted to the Student Activities Office to Science Building 224. Anyone can nominate a student or the student can self-nominate.

The committee is also always looking for others to help review the applications. If you would like to be a part of the selection committee to decide on the nominations, please contact Jason Boring at Boringjw@sunybroome.edu or call the Student Activities Office at 607-778-5033.

Preserving SUNY Broome history, one audio wave at a time

December 19, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Left to right: Austin Birchard, Nate Roseburgh, Tim Skinner

Dec. 3, 1961. John F. Kennedy was in the Oval Office. The United States was two months away from involvement in the Vietnam War. The Beatles were enjoying rising popularity in the European music scene, but were still unknown in America.

On that long-ago day, conductor Charles M. Greene wielded his baton for Broome Technical Community College's holiday concert. Punctuated by the occasional crackle and pop from the old record, the orchestra members played the Christmas section of Handel's *Messiah* – a rare auditory peak into the college's past.

A relative of Communications Professor Tim Skinner discovered the old record while cleaning; it had belonged to a former high school music teacher from Chenango Valley. Skinner is currently working with two freshmen Communications students, Nate Roseburgh and Austin Birchard, to restore the recording to its former glory.

Nate and Austin are members of the Musicians Network, a campus club that meets at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays in Titchener 103. The club began 10 years ago under Professor Jason Detrani, and gives musicians or those interested in music a chance to connect, work together on projects, play in bands, go on trips and more.

The prospect of restoring damaged vinyl interested Roseburgh, who was taught to deejay at a young age – and clean the scratches in the vinyl. Both Nate and Austin used technology to restore the recording, going wave by wave to eliminate clicks and pops. Much of the work took around a week and a half, Roseburgh explained.

“You get to actually sit for the duration of the record and then the editing process can take up to a whole day to a week,” he said.

“It depends on how many scratches are on the record,” Birchard added.

The project isn’t entirely completed; some audio cleanup remains to be done, the students said. Preservation efforts will also continue with Professor Detrani and his photography students, who will scan in the album cover and the concert program. The ultimate goal: Preserve a piece of Broome Tech history for generations to come.

“We’re going to be donating the recordings to the library on behalf of the Musicians Network,” Skinner said.

Ring in the new year with Fitness Fusion

December 19, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness



The SUNY Broome Wellness Committee is sponsoring a six-week mini-session of Fitness Fusion this winter — free for faculty and staff!

The class will meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5 to 5:45 p.m. in Student Center 106, the Dance Room. Class dates are Jan. 4, 9, 11, 18, 23 and 25; there is no class on Jan. 16.

The class focuses on core strengthening, as well as stretching. You'll 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, and enjoy Pilates, yoga, sculpting and barefoot cardio.

There's only room for 20 participants, so if you're ready to commit to this program, sign up today!

Contact Continuing Education 778-5012 – Course Reference **#GW003-01**

Cassandra Domingo Leads Discussion at National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology

December 19, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



SUNY Broome student Cassandra Domingo will present a Participant Idea Exchange, *Supplemental Instruction*, at the 39th annual National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology in St. Pete Beach, Fla., in January.

During the presentation, she'll lead interested professionals in a discussion of the types of SI available, their relative effectiveness, and the types of training used for Supplemental Instruction Leaders. This presentation is a continuation of the work Ms. Domingo has done during her independent studies with Dr. Bill Altman (Psychology & Human Services).

More information about the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology is available at <http://nitop.org/>.

Your voice matters: Take the Climate Survey

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Your voice matters! Help strengthen our current initiatives for nontraditional by gender students, as made possible by a grant under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 administered by the NYS Education Department.

[Take the faculty survey here.](#)

[Take the staff survey here.](#)

Nontraditional by gender refers to programs in which 75% of the career is dominated by a particular gender. Examples of non-traditional by gender professions would be female engineers and male elementary educators.

Participation in this survey is anonymous, voluntary and confidential. Participants are not required to answer any questions they are not comfortable in answering. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Petrus (petrusre@sunybroome.edu). We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Dr. Bill Altman Presents Research on Student Preparedness at the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology

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Cassandra Domingo

SUNY Broome's Dr. Bill Altman (Psychology & Human Services), Dr. Judith Pena-Shaff (Ithaca College Psychology Department), and SUNY Broome student Cassandra Domingo (Phi Theta Kappa) will present their research, The Impact of Students' Reading Comprehension on Academic Achievement in General Psychology, at the 39th annual National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology in St.Pete Beach, Fla., in January.

Their research explores the impact of a need for reading or writing remediation on students' success in General Psychology. More information about the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology is available at <http://nitop.org/>.

Dr. Bill Altman on a Panel About Teaching Careers at the National Institute for the Teaching of Psychology

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SUNY Broome's Dr. Bill Altman (Psychology & Human Services) has been invited to participate in a Participant Idea Exchange, *Starting and Succeeding with a Great Career at a Teaching-Focused Institution*, with co-presenters Jay Michaels (University of South Florida, Sarasota-Manatee) and Andrew Christopher (Albion College), at the 39th annual National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology in St. Pete Beach, Fla., in January.

The presenters will discuss the issues, challenges and benefits that graduate students and early career psychologists may face when beginning a career at a teaching-focused institution. They'll discuss how to tailor job applications for different types of institutions, as well as finding ways to balance teaching loads with research, writing and other professional responsibilities. More information about the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology is available at <http://nitop.org/>.

The Monday Poem: 'Her Head' by Joan Murray

December 18, 2016

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

Her Head

Joan Murray

Near Ekuvukeni,
in Natal, South Africa,
a woman carries water on her head.
After a year of drought,
when one child in three is at risk of death,
she returns from a distant well,
carrying water on her head.

The pumpkins are gone,
the tomatoes withered,
yet the woman carries water on her head.
The cattle kraals are empty,
the goats gaunt—
no milk now for children,
but she is carrying water on her head.

The engineers have reversed the river:
those with power can keep their power,
but one woman is carrying water on her head.
In the homelands, where the dusty crowds
watch the empty roads for water trucks,
one woman trusts herself with treasure,
and carries water on her head.

The sun does not dissuade her,
not the dried earth that blows against her,
as she carries the water on her head.
In a huge and dirty pail,
with an idle handle,
resting on a narrow can,
this woman is carrying water on her head.

This woman, who girds her neck
with safety pins, this one
who carries water on her head,
trusts her own head to bring to her people
what they need now
between life and death:
She is carrying them water on her head.



Congratulations to our Vanguard finalists!

December 16, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



UPDATE: VANGUARD FINALISTS

2015 - Joseph Siedel: Elementary Education Teacher

2016 - Jessica Elmore: Manufacturing Engineer

2017 - Three students are being considered!

Alexandra Kendrick - Engineering Science
Arianna Wagner - Criminal Justice - Corrections
Brandy Warner - EMT Paramedic



Kudos are in order for Alexandra Kendrick (Engineering), Arianna Wagner (Corrections) and Brandy Warner (EMT), our Vanguard Award finalists for 2016-2017!



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Click [here](#) and [here](#) for stories about our previous Vanguard Award winners.

Facilities update for November and December 2016

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Click below for the Facilities Update for November and December 2016.

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December 2016 Budget and Finance Update

December 16, 2016

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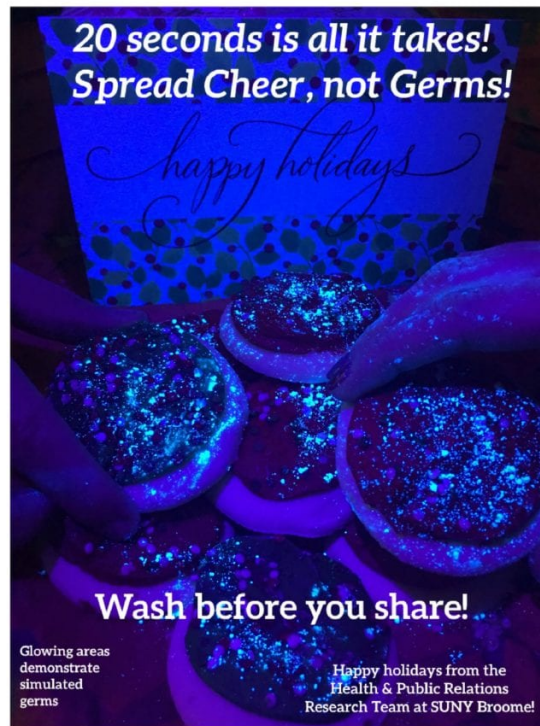
Click below the the December 2016 Budget and Finance Update.

[Budget Update December 2016](#)

Happy Holidays from the Health & Public Relations Research Team

December 16, 2016

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness



Professors Kim McLain and Tim Skinner and the Health & Public Relations Research Team would like to wish the campus community a happy holiday season!

Remember to wash before you share! It takes only 20 seconds to perform an effective hand wash and help prevent the spread of bacteria and viruses.

Rubbing hands together (friction) and running water are the two most important factors for good hand hygiene. It doesn't matter whether you use hot or cold water! Just be sure to wash.

Enjoy the holiday season!

SUNY Broome to participate in efforts to commemorate women's suffrage in NY

December 15, 2016

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SUNY Broome faculty and staff are part of efforts to commemorate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in Broome and Tioga counties.

Assistant Professor Carla Michalak and Staff Associate Maureen Kollar took part in a Dec. 15 press conference by the Broome – Tioga County Suffrage Anniversary Committee.

State and county-wide events are already in the planning process for next year, including a parade, a display

at the Roberson Museum, a cemetery tour, on-campus events and more.

Women won the right to vote in New York State in 1917. Women across the country were granted the right to vote in 1920 with the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

If you have ideas for the commemoration or would like to contribute stories, artifacts, memorabilia from that time period, email btsuffrage@gmail.com.

SANS – OUCH! Dec. 2016: Securely Disposing of Your Mobile Device

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SANS is excited to announce the December issue of OUCH! This month, led by Guest Editor Heather Mahalik, we focus on Securely Disposing of Your Mobile Device. We chose this topic as so many people get new mobile devices during the holidays, we want to be sure that if you dispose of any older ones you do so securely. Please be sure to share this with family, friends and coworkers.

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SUNY Broome Faculty Mentor for 2016-17

December 15, 2016

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Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that Christine Duffy-Webb has accepted the role of the SUNY Broome Community College Faculty Mentor for 2016-17. Christine has served at SUNY Broome as an adjunct instructor since 2007 and currently teaches in the Teacher Education/Early Childhood department. Christine brings a wealth of enthusiasm and experience to this role, which will benefit our students.

Please join me in welcoming and supporting Christine as our Faculty Mentor.

What is a Faculty Mentor? Faculty Mentors are an important part of the residential life experience in many colleges. They bring together living and learning, acting as a bridge to help students connect their academic life with their life outside the classroom.

What does a Faculty Mentor do? Faculty Mentors work with faculty, staff, and the administration to support residential students. A major goal of the position is to promote engagement in academics that does not end in the classroom. At SUNY Broome, part the Faculty Mentor's role will be to lead community-specific academic and extracurricular activities and programs for residential students and foster faculty and student interaction.

What will students gain from working with a Faculty Mentor? Students will learn how to network and make use of campus support, set and reach personal goals, and successfully complete their degree. They will work with the Faculty Mentor to build unity and community between the residents and the campus community, the community at large, and their own residential community.

How can I contact the SUNY Broome Faculty Mentor?

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Calendar and End of Year Letter from Payroll

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Please click below for information regarding the upcoming year from Payroll.

[2016 End of Year Letter](#) [2017 Pay Dates](#)

Bird's eye view: Wilson Chen captures the beauty of campus

December 15, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Wilson Chen flies his drone

Wilson Chen sees the SUNY Broome campus from above – the paths snaking through the autumn trees, the tops of buildings gleaming with snow, each vista slowly melting into another.

But the Engineering Science major isn't Superman or riding the wings of eagles. Instead, his hobby is aerial photography and he uses a drone to capture majestic views of the campus he calls home.



Wilson's drone's-eye view of the Student Village

His actual hometown is on the other side of the globe – in Guangdong Province in southeastern China; Wilson, whose first name is actually Jiongzheng, attends SUNY Broome as an international student. He loves to tackle challenges, and has jumped wholeheartedly into both academic and campus life.

In addition to his highly challenging major, Chen is a Resident Assistant at the Student Village, and a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the Engineering Club. In addition to taking 18.5 credits this semester, Chen juggles two other campus jobs: working for Public Safety and as a math tutor. When he does have a spare moment, he heads to the engineering lab to work on projects he enjoys. He doesn't mind the hectic nature of his days, he said.



Wilson's drone's-eye view of the Student Village

“Even though I am busy, I still can balance my work and my academic well and get a 4.0 GPA,” he said.

You might see Chen on campus flying his drone; that's the fun part of the process, he said. He did his research to find the drone best suited for his hobby, and learned how to edit video to give his clips a seamless feel. It can take several hours to create a drone video, but the end product is worth the effort.



Natural Science Center, via Wilson Chen's drone

Graduating in May, he's "90 percent certain" that he will transfer to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) to complete his bachelor's degree in computer system or electrical engineering.

Why cross the globe to come to SUNY Broome?

"I wanted to go to a two-year school to adjust to the environment first and improve my English," he explained, "and then go to a four-year school. I want to take time to improve."



A drone's view of campus, courtesy of Wilson Chen

Language is the most difficult barrier for many international students to overcome, and international students such as Wilson also must navigate cultural differences. Living in the Student Village helped on both counts; it provided Chen with the opportunity to make many American friends and further his knowledge and experience of the culture.

"I like the environment here and everything here," he said.



Flying the drone is the fun part, Wilson says

Chen became an RA to push himself, and continue his progress in the English language. It also gave him the opportunity to develop additional skills — problem-solving, communication and leadership, he noted — that will translate to academic and professional success down the road.

“I want to learn as much as I can and get more experience in America,” he said.

Please check with the Office of Public Safety on current policies before flying a drone on campus.

Season's Greetings from SUNY Broome!



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=UO7eT2ooVwg>

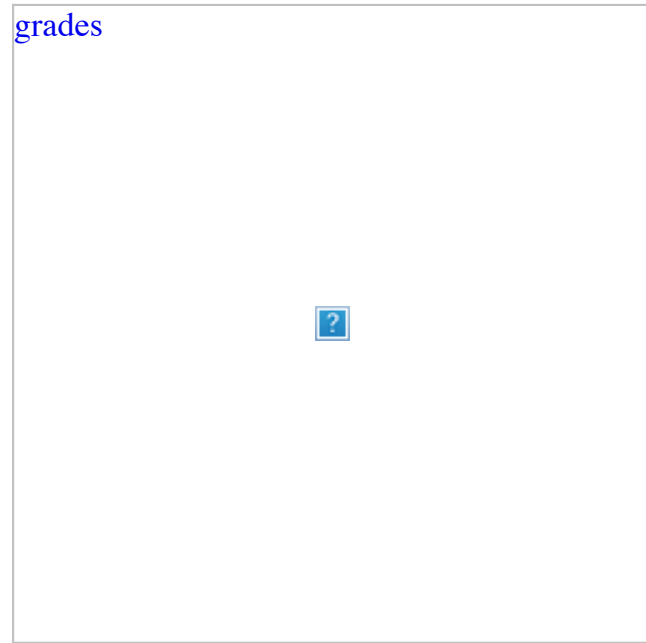


Final Grades Due at 5pm on December 21

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Final grades for the Fall 2016 semester need to be posted by 5 p.m. on December 21.



SUNY Broome, Marywood University sign two new agreements for seamless transfer

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SUNY Broome Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti and Marywood University President Sr. Mary Persico

SUNY Broome and Marywood University recently signed two new transfer agreements for their accounting

and nutrition and dietetics programs.

Articulation agreements allow students to finish the first two years of their bachelor's degree at SUNY Broome, and then seamlessly transfer to a four-year institution to complete their bachelor's degree without any loss of credit. SUNY Broome currently has such agreements in a wide range of programs with 28 different colleges and universities.

After finishing their A.S. degree in Health Studies, SUNY Broome students can transfer directly into Marywood's Nutrition and Dietetics program. Similarly, Accounting majors at SUNY Broome can finish their Bachelor's in Business Administration: Accounting at Marywood. USA Today ranked Marywood, based in Scranton, fourth on its list of the 10 Best Colleges to Study Health Professions.

"We're honored to announce these new articulation agreements with an exceptional university like Marywood," said SUNY Broome President Kevin Drumm. "These agreements ensure that every credit counts toward a valuable bachelor's degree and saves students tens of thousands of dollars in the process."

"This articulation agreement between Marywood University and SUNY Broome opens up a number of new opportunities for our students," added SUNY Broome Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti. "Both accounting and nutrition are vibrant fields that can lead to a range of fascinating careers."

Dr. Battisti also has the distinction of being a graduate of both schools: He earned his associate's from SUNY Broome, and went on to earn his Ph.D. from Marywood.

SUNY Broome has multiple articulation agreements with Marywood, offering students the opportunity to complete bachelor's degrees in areas including art therapy, photography, graphic design and nursing. In addition to SUNY Broome, Marywood partners with two-year colleges throughout northeastern Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey.

"Marywood University is one of the best places to prepare for a career in the health professions," said Sr. Mary Persico, IHM, Ed.D., president of Marywood University. "We are proud of our partnership with SUNY Broome and the opportunities that our collaborative articulation agreements afford to students," she continued.

For further information on SUNY Broome articulation agreements please visit: <http://www2.sunybroome.edu/counseling/transfer-counseling/articulation-agreements/>

Phi Theta Kappa Student Leader is Jack Kent Cooke Semi-Finalist

December 15, 2016

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The President of the SUNY Broome chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year schools, has been named a semi-finalist in the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship competition.

Heather Coggin, who is also a student in the Business Division, was selected for this honorary status from among 2,800 outstanding student submissions from around the country. Heather completed more than 100 pages of combined application forms and documentation in order to be considered for the scholarship.

Heather is one of 550 semi-finalists competing for the Jack Kent Cooke scholarship, which pays up to \$40,000 toward the expenses of an undergraduate degree. Both Heather and chapter faculty adviser, Professor I.J. Byrnes, attended an on-line webinar about the scholarship in preparation for Heather's submission.

Professor Byrnes noted, "Heather is an outstanding student, both in terms of her academic accomplishments and in terms of her leadership and service to our campus. Notably, Heather was on the winning team for the 2016 Honors Case Study Challenge Award. She has also won the Coca-Cola medallion and placed on the All-New York Academic Team. She was one of the first student leaders on campus to win the Five Star Competitive Edge recognition. Heather is active in Student Assembly and in the organization of the campus food pantry."

Heather Coggin is emblematic of the great success students can achieve at SUNY Broome. Congratulations to her!

Cafe Night: Students Raise Funds to Supply Local Police with Books and Toys for Children

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By Gina Minoia

The sounds of Christmas jazz, the smell of coffee, and the sight of homemade baked goods greeted guests as they walked into Hawley Street's YWCA last Friday — all part of *Cafe Night: Coffee for a Cause*. The fundraiser was organized by SUNY Broome student Kathryn Wills and her classmates from the Early

Childhood Education course offered at the college in collaboration with *Books to the Rescue! Broome County*.

Books to the Rescue! is an organization sweeping the nation with the goal of stocking first responder vehicles with new, engaging children's books along with new stuffed animals. These resources are meant to soothe children in stressful, traumatic situations as well as promote literacy in communities.



When Kimberly Brown, Broome County coordinator for *Books to the Rescue!*, visited Kathryn's Early Childhood class to introduce the initiative, Kathryn and her classmates were eager to jump on board for their Service Learning projects.

"The passion exuded about it really got through to the students," remembers Christine Webb, professor in the Education department.

The aspiring teachers quickly got to work spreading awareness about *Books to the Rescue!* Kathryn explained, "Not a lot of people knew about this initiative." Students organized bake sales and promoted their cause at a Fall Festival, eventually leading up to their *Cafe Night: Coffee for a Cause*.

The "Cafe Night" included live music from local musicians such as Corinne Roma, Brittany Miller and a jazz ensemble, delicious baked goods provided by students, Nezuntoz Cafe and Jaret's Stuffed Cupcakes, hot beverages including coffee and cocoa, a number of basket raffles, beautiful artwork on display by Meg Reynolds, and book readings for children by local police officers.

The Service Learning Initiative is an important element of SUNY Broome's Teacher Education program, and aims to promote community service and teamwork among pre-service teachers. For their Service Learning project, students are asked to seek out a local cause to promote or serve, reflecting afterwards on their experience working in the community. Christine Webb described the initiative as "an opportunity to seek out agencies that support our community," and Kathryn Wills saw in the large-group project a way to "value other people's opinions and goals."

The long-awaited event was a success: *Cafe Night* combined with previous fundraisers throughout the semester raised more than \$800, and Kim predicts that the funds will fill four duffel bags with high-quality books and stuffed animals.

The students and *Books to the Rescue! Broome County* would like to thank the following offices and departments from SUNY Broome who donated materials to this cause: the Admissions, Foundation and

International Studies offices, as well as the Liberal Arts, Learning Assistance and Communications departments.

The Service Learning Initiative promotes positive contribution to our local community, and the students working to serve *Books to the Rescue* truly embody this type of learning. Kathryn hopes that her work with the foundation will help to strengthen “the bond between police officers and their community,” as well as provide “comfort in a time of need.”

Gina Minoia is a freshman in the Education program. Photos are by Kathryn Wills.

Professor Strahley joins NIFI board

December 14, 2016

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SUNY Broome Professor Lisa Strahley, Chair of Teacher Education and Early Childhood Education and the college's Civic Engagement Coordinator, has joined the board of the National Issues Forums Institute (NIFI).

"I am honored and excited to serve on the NIFI board," Professor Strahley said. "Deliberations help citizens address community issues and gives a voice to all."

Professor Doug Garnar, after whom the college's Douglas C. Garnar Center for Civic Engagement is named, is also a member of the board.

The National Issues Forums is a nonpartisan, nationwide network that promotes nonpartisan public deliberation in communities across the country. NIF is rooted in the notion that people need to come together to reason and talk — in short, to deliberate about common problems. The public deliberation process, conducted face-to-face with fellow citizens, helps people see issues from different points of view and discuss potential solutions.

NIFI, based in Dayton, Ohio, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that serves to promote public deliberation and coordinate the activities of the National Issues Forums network, which includes an array of civic, educational and professional groups, organizations and individuals. NIFI has 16 directors and officers drawn from diverse fields such as government, journalism, secondary and higher education; many NIFI directors also have extensive experience in neighborhood and civic organizations, libraries and religious organizations.

NIFI's activities include publishing issue guides and other materials used by local forum groups, encouraging collaboration among forum sponsors, and sharing information about current activities in the network.

Please donate: Art and Music for Haiti

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SUNY Broome's Health for Haiti program needs donations of the following items so they can bring art and music education to more than 400 children in the poorest communities in Haiti this January:

- Craft foam sheets
- Felt (including small scraps)
- PVC up to 1.5" wide (scraps are fine as long as they are longer than 6")
- Hardwood wooden dowels (.25" – 1.5" wide)
- Colored pencils and pencil sharpeners
- Crayons (Crayola – Dollar Store crayons don't work in the hot climate)
- Colored ball point pens
- Wooden clothespins
- Decorative craft items such as pompoms, googly eyes, pipe cleaners, feathers, sequins, etc.
- Construction paper (regular and heavy duty)
- Newsprint pads/rolls
- Sketch pads
- Plastic beads (including Perler and Pony)
- ¾" colored "duck" tape
- Plastic Easter eggs
- Children's scissors



Please drop donations off in the box located in the Liberal Arts Office, Titchener 210, or contact Marcia Blackburn (blackburnmc@sunybroome.edu) to arrange pickup.

Around the world: Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) update

December 14, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



As the semester winds down, SUNY Broome faculty and students are wrapping up collaborations with Mexico, Turkey, Morocco and Germany, and are looking ahead to Spring 2017 collaborations.

In 2016, several faculty members and their international partners had the opportunity to travel abroad for training together, courtesy of grants won and administered by the SUNY COIL Center, which is currently located in Manhattan. The staff of the COIL Center, including SUNY Fellow Jan McCauley of SUNY Broome, offer faculty partners in-depth training on devising and carrying out meaningful and manageable

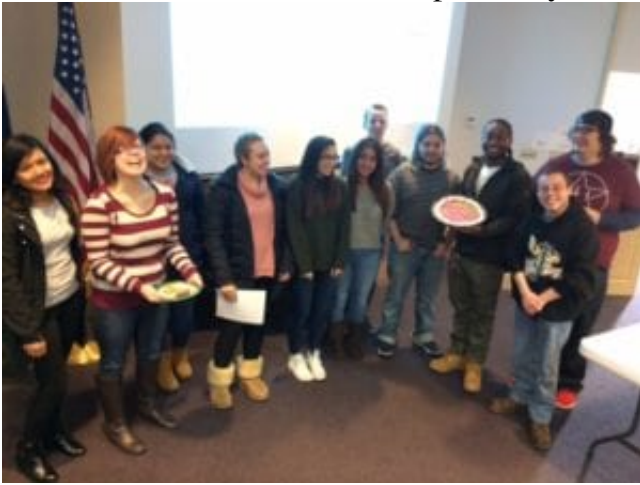


COIL modules.

On campus, Tim Shea, Nick Eggleston, Fermin Romero and Carine Surdey have helped make sure that we've been able to connect via Skype and Blackboard. Students and faculty members have also used Facebook, WhatsApp, Google Docs and Moodle to be in contact with one another.

Students in Lynda Carroll's Archaeology class worked with Juan Lozano's Architecture students in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, on re-purposing old buildings. While the architects worked on building plans, the archaeology students assessed the local impact of the re-purposing.

Gina Eckert's History students worked with Erkan Saka's students in Istanbul on creating a database of Western and Eastern philosophies. They have also been watching the news and contacting their partners to confirm that none have been impacted by the recent violence in Istanbul.



Marcia Blackburn returned from SUNY COIL training in Egypt this semester and hit the ground running in November. Her students have worked in Facebook with their peers in Morocco, sharing video tours of their campuses. She will be completing a more in-depth COIL module with her SOS students in the spring, and Alice Caroompas, who traveled with her to Egypt for training, will be offering a COIL English class in the spring as well.

Kathleen McKenna's Effective Speaking classes have partnered with Mexico and with Germany. One group had several class-to-class video conferences with their Mexican counterparts. Students in both places shared entertaining and emotional stories, such as the story of the Headless Horseman, The Boy Who Cried Wolf or the personal story of a terrifying car crash. We heard Mexican students speak about a brother with Cerebral Palsy and the San Marcos Fair, which lasts for a month, and then joined in a debate about the relative merits



of iPhones and Androids.

The other Effective Speaking class worked in small groups with German university students in Potsdam, Germany. Those groups helped one another prepare speeches and papers on the rise of populism globally, on human trafficking and on migration issues in the U.S. and Europe. Exchange students from Mexico and Germany participated here on campus as well. Kathleen's International Relations class worked with their peers in Celaya on the same topics, and completed an exercise that had them "applying for" \$10 million grants from the UN to address transnational problems in three countries.

While COIL is relatively new to SUNY Broome, our mentors in SUNY have been at it for 11 years. It is a dynamic movement of dedicated faculty members who work closely together designing and redesigning lessons and modules to help the students meet their course objectives while meeting the additional goal of working with and learning from global partners in the 21st century.

COIL-ing requires creativity and flexibility when Plan A fails, or the tech doesn't work, or there's a power outage on one end, or the students or faculty members feel overwhelmed, or there's no wifi on one end or the other. Despite those challenges, students in COIL classes, some of whom have never been on planes before, are meeting and working with their peers around the world. They are increasing their tech skills, their collaboration skills and their diplomacy skills. As they work together to share with one another and to craft a project together, their skills grow and they become more aware of the world in which they will be living and working. The projects also engage them more deeply with their classmates here on the SUNY Broome campus.

Spring 2017 COIL offerings include ENG 111, SOS 155, HIS 116 and SPK 111.

For more information, contact any of the COIL professors, or Kathleen McKenna, COIL Coordinator, at mckennakm@sunybroome.edu or at 778-5137.

Look for upcoming information about SUNY COIL Center grant opportunities for travel and training. SUNY requires interested faculty members to participate in an online orientation. In addition to grant-funded opportunities, the COIL Center offers training for partners who prefer to train and plan together on line. If you are curious about how you might build a COIL module into one of your classes, chat with us.

Business and Public Services Toys for Tots drive is a success

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Hospitality Event Management students and the Hospitality Programs Department hosted their first annual individual Business and Public Services Toys for Tots drive on Thursday, Dec. 7.

With the help from the Hospitality Club, CJESSA Club, Business Club, International Club and Alpha Beta Gamma, the event was a huge success. The students raised more than \$3,500 for toys for the community.

A special thank you to Tioga Downs Casino for their continued annual contribution, this year in the amount of \$1,500, the largest single contributor to our funding efforts. Kudos to our local law enforcement officers, in particular Binghamton Police Officer Theresa Johnson, the Binghamton Police Bureau and local law enforcement agencies, for their continuous community service. The Business and Public Services Division would like to thank everyone that came out to support such an important event.





Faculty/Staff Appreciation Sale at the Campus Shop

December 14, 2016

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Happy holidays from the Campus Store! There is a Faculty/Staff Appreciation Sale today, Dec. 14, and Thursday, Dec. 15. Faculty and staff get 25 percent off apparel and gift items!



Sunday, Dec. 18: Contemporary Concert

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The Contemporary Music Concert will be 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18 in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre. The concert will feature SUNY Broome students performing original compositions or covers in pop, jazz, rock, Broadway, rap, hip-hop and other music of today. Donations will be accepted for *Health for Haiti*.

Real Hornets wear pink: SUNY Broome donates \$1,200 to American Cancer Society

December 13, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments, FOCUS on Wellness



left to right: SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm, Robyn Callaway with the American Cancer Society, Dean of Students Scott Schuhert, SUNY Broome events coordinator Taylor Groo

Helped by a giant inflatable flamingo, the SUNY Broome community recently donated \$1,200 to the American Cancer Society to support individuals with breast cancer.

SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm and Dean of Students Scott Schuhert recently presented the

American Cancer Society with an oversized pink check announcing the donation.

“We’re proud of all those who organized and participated in this effort, and look forward to getting ‘flamingoed’ in years to come,” said Dr. Drumm.

The flamingo ended up in various campus offices. To send it on its way, offices donated to the American Cancer Society, using decorated pink jugs. Organized by the Dean of Students Office, fundraising efforts also include a barbecue luncheon during October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Members of the campus community were also encouraged to wear pink during October to show their support for breast cancer awareness.

“I would like to thank the SUNY Broome college community for their generous donation to our mission to free the world from the pain and suffering of cancer,” said Robyn Callaway with the American Cancer Society. “It’s going to take all of us, working together, to beat this disease. These funds will help us serve patients right here in the Southern Tier with programs like our Road to Recovery program, which provides free rides to and from treatment for those who need it. Newly diagnosed patients can turn to us for wigs, emotional support, resources and more. Today, two out of three people survive cancer. Together with tremendous community support, we are working tirelessly to make that three out of three.”

Ourania's legacy: Raising awareness of neonatal donation

December 13, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

InMemoriam (1)



SUNY Broome Professors Alison and Daniel Brennan will be flying to Pasadena, Ca., on Dec. 28 to help decorate the Donate Life Float and to attend the 2017 Rose Parade on Jan. 2 to see their daughter Ourania's floragraph as it passes by.

One of 60 floragraphs that will grace the Donate Life float, Ourania's floragraph was present at Lourdes Hospital on Nov. 30 so that family and friends could place the final seeds at a finishing party celebrating her brief but beautiful life. Ourania was selected for this honor by the International Institute for the Advancement of Medicine (IIAM), the group that helped to place her organ and tissue donations after she passed away in June 2013. Ourania was only the second neonatal donation that IIAM had been involved with at the time, although now more than 60 such donations have been coordinated by the group.

Alison and Daniel Brennan are grateful for the opportunity to raise awareness about the possibility of neonatal donation and the comfort it can bring to grieving families.

[Read a news story on Ourania's legacy here.](#)

UHS discusses job openings with HIT seniors

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Representatives from United Health Services (UHS) Hospital requested to meet with Health Information Technology (HIT) third-semester seniors to discuss nine coding job openings in their HIT Department.

UHS will offer these full-time jobs as part-time so students can complete the final semester and clinical. Because of the solid, dependable reputation our HIT program has enjoyed for many years and the special training and skill requirements it fulfills in the community, these employers seek out and are willing to work with our students, offering flexible hours so they can complete their Associate degrees and earn their certifications. Upon completion, the security of a full-time job awaits these students, along with other terrific benefits. Not bad for three semesters of college work!

[MedicalSymbol](#)



Interim AVP/Dean of STEM

December 13, 2016

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Colleagues,

Please join me in welcoming Ken Mansfield to the position of Interim AVP/Dean in the STEM Division. Ken is a BCC graduate and has worked at SUNY Broome for more than 33 years in many positions, including Chair and faculty member in the Computer Science department and as an administrator and faculty member in the Computer Center. His organizational knowledge and experience will be assets to the STEM Division.

I would appreciate your support and assistance in helping Ken to learn the facets of his new role on campus.
Francis L. Battisti, Ph.D.

Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

SUNY Distinguished Service Professor

SUNY Broome Community College

Farewell party for Kelli Ligeikis on Dec. 13

December 12, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



After 29 years at SUNY Broome, Kelli Ligeikis has accepted the position of Provost at SUNY Delhi.

Please join us from 12 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, outside of AT-201 to congratulate her and wish her well!

Snacks, cake and beverages will be offered.



The First Speakers of the House Toastmasters Table Topics Invitational Contest was a great success

December 12, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Twenty-three students competed in front of a packed room of students, faculty, friends and Toastmasters judges. The Speakers of the House club and faculty members Alice Caroompas and Tuong Nguyen worked together with volunteer Carol Papkov and fellow Toastmasters Mary McCarthy and Ross Gleason of Leaders and Learners at Binghamton University and Warren Musselman of Morning Knights in Endicott. The program was also assisted by Rhoda Neal, Liberal Arts Dean Michael Kinney and Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti.





The students represented their Effective Speaking classes and the campus Toastmasters Club, Speakers of the House. Each was given the choice of three questions, and each spoke extemporaneously for 1-2 minutes. Prizes were \$75, \$50, and 5 times \$10. Winners also received lovely trophies. All contestants won 16 GB flash drives.

Speakers were asked to choose and to answer one of the following questions:

- Describe your first day of school or your first teacher.
- What form of evil would you eliminate if you could?
- How do you inspire people?

Which question would you have chosen? What would you have said? The students inspired us with their

humor and wit and with their heart-felt personal experiences. Kudos to all those brave enough to think and speak in front of a room full of 70 people! The event challenged the students to think on their feet, as they will have to do throughout life. It offered great preparation for job interviews and for getting to know new people.

The winners were:

First place: Quishanah Pieternella

Second place: Alyssa Lat

Honorable mention:

Celine Munroe

Dave Tanner

Lorne Campbell

Nicklaus Walz

Sarivanh Luanevinakho

Thanks to all who made the event such a success! Watch for information about our Spring Contest!

Visit our Toastmasters Club at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, in Wales 203B. All are welcome to visit and to join — students, staff, and community members.

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Around the World: Professor travels to Egypt and Lebanon for course

December 12, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Professor Alice Caroompas traveled to Egypt and Lebanon during the Fall 2016 semester to develop a Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) course with a professor from Lebanon. Her travel was funded by a grant from the State Department and the Stevens Initiative of the Aspen Institute.

From Alice:

U.S. and international partners met and attended a conference at the American University at Cairo in order to learn how to plan our courses together. We had some opportunities to see the city. I got to see the pyramids... a lifelong dream. The University itself is rather new and one of the visual features that was especially interesting was the photo montages which used pictures taken during the Tarir Square uprising to create larger pictures.

AUC photo mosaic

 <https://youtube.com/watch?v=04aIvdMKNyA>



When I traveled to Beirut, we flew in over the Mediterranean, another dream come true. I got to visit the campus of Al Kafaat University. I especially appreciate their mission statement:

AKU (AL KAFAAT UNIVERSITY) is an inclusive, community-driven institution of higher education which serves the diverse needs of Lebanese people. It provides open access to education and empowers students through innovative academic programming and applied, experiential learning. AKU prepares students for the real world, a requisite for success as active economic contributors and members of a vibrant society.

*It seems very close to what we are trying to accomplish here at SUNY Broome. I got to meet University Vice President **Dr. Marcelle Khorassandjian**, who was our gracious host while I visited campus. I am pictured in her office here with my partner, Professor Marwan Azouri.*



I consider myself very lucky to have had this opportunity to travel, and I appreciate the words and actions of support that I received from this campus, the Stevens Initiative and the U.S. State Department. What comes next is a sharing of information and interaction with actual Lebanese students in real time (online, of course) and years of collaboration with teachers from Lebanon and other countries!

I look forward to talking to students and colleagues about this adventure and about how to be a part of it!



During the Spring 2017 semester, students in Alice Caroompas's ENG 111-07 section will collaborate with Business students at Al-Kafaat University in Beirut, Lebanon.

Ethics Conference: Save the Date/Call for Presenters!

December 12, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



The eighth Interdisciplinary Conference on Applied Ethics will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 24, 2017. This year's theme is "The Ethics of Communication." Topics include how to identify fake vs real news, HIPAA laws, the ethics of how to communicate with patients about bioethical issues and many others!

Faculty and staff who have potential topics they may wish to present are encouraged to contact Tim Skinner at skinnertj@sunybroome.edu or Kim McLain at mclainkb@sunybroome.edu

SUNY Broome and Binghamton University faculty and students can attend this conference free of charge. Dinner will be provided. Registration and further details to follow. Articles related to the ethics of communication can be found on reserve at the SUNY Broome Library.

More details to follow!



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Passing of the Mother of Paula Fitch, Dental Hygiene Faculty

December 12, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

[InMemoriam \(1\)](#)



Paula Fitch's mother, Joyce Serbonich, passed away on Dec. 6, 2016. She resided in Little River, SC. A memorial service will be held at a future date at the family's convenience. Read full obituary at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pressconnects/obituary>. Paula is a Professor in the Dental Hygiene Department.

Helping Hornets: Medical Assisting students combat hunger for students in need

December 12, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Medical Assisting students in Professor Kim McLain's Medical Assisting Science class thank the campus community for assisting in the collection of food donations to support our campus food pantry.

Many thanks to the Student Assembly and Student Activities offices for their partnership, and to American Dining for their donation of six turkeys!

Students collected donations on campus from Nov. 4 through Dec. 6, in collaboration with faculty, staff and deans from each division. They collected 439.6 pounds of food and made holiday baskets, complete with a dinner and gift card for students in need on campus.

To culminate their service learning project, students attended the Hunger Banquet to learn about food insecurity and social inequities regarding food resources. Thank you to all to help make this project a success!



Art 116 Painting I Evaluation and Exhibit on Dec. 19

December 12, 2016

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Please join us at the SUNY Broome Gallery for the Painting I Final Evaluation and Exhibit from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Dec. 19 in the Gallery @ SUNY Broome, located on the first floor of the Library.

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



How to Increase Meaningful Communication Between Faculty and Staff

December 12, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

[academiccoffeehouse](#)



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, December 15, 2016

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: W203B

Presenter: Dr. Francis Battisti

Register: [Register Here](#)

Posting Final Grades – Fall Semester 2016

December 12, 2016

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

The last day of the semester is Monday, December 19, 2016.

Final grades for the 2016 fall semester are due at 5 PM on Wednesday, December 21, 2016.

Students will be able to view their grades on their MyCollege account starting on Thursday, December 22, 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 students graduation certification.

Delaying the processing of the students transcript for transfer and employment opportunities.

Grades that are not submitted are not counted while conducting academic standing.

Once again we will be posting grades online using MyCollege. Please see the examples below. For more detailed instructions, please refer to the attached instructions.

Please remember to select Fall Semester 2016 for the term. If you encounter the incorrect grading mode, e.g. A-F, rather than S/U, please contact the Registrars office.

grades



New York State Park Police to have a table on Dec. 16

December 12, 2016

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The New York State Park Police will be conducting outreach from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, in the Business Building lobby. Stop by to learn more about positions with the Park Police and the civil service exam requirements.



Dec. 15 Common Hour: Global Competencies

December 11, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Find out from Professor I.J. Byrnes and guest student leaders how to internationalize your experiences at SUNY Broome as well as your resume at 11 a.m. Dec. 15 in T-102. “Global Competencies” is sponsored by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.



Interested in working for NYS DOC? Visit their table Dec. 13 and 15

December 11, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Did you miss the New York State Department of Corrections & Community Supervision's visit on November 30? NYS DOC will return to table **from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, and Thursday, Dec. 15, on the first floor of the Business Building.**

Recruiters will be providing information to students interested in careers with the NYS Department of Corrections & Community Supervision. An examination for the position of NYS Correction Officer Trainee is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 11, 2017. Please stop by the table for information, or visit <http://www.doccs.ny.gov/jobs/jobs.html>.



BPS Last Chance Advising for Spring 2017 on Dec. 15

December 11, 2016

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Last Chance Key Showing Final Opportunity Online

Get advised and registered before the holiday break from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, in Business Building Room 132 for the following majors:

- All Criminal Justice & Emergency Services

- All Business
- All Business Information Technology
- All Hospitality

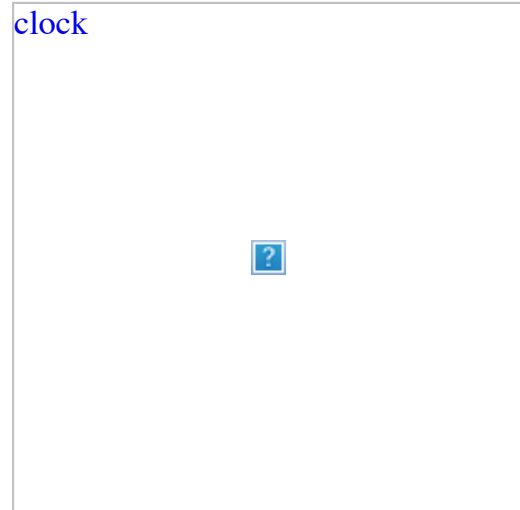
Get registered now! All current students should be registered by Dec. 19.

Last Day of Classes

December 11, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

The last day of classes for Fall 2016 is December 19.



The Monday Poem: ‘My Father Whistled’ by Thomas Lux

December 11, 2016

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

My Father Whistled

Thomas Lux

only when he was nervous
about fixing something, anything.
It was an aptitude he lacked.
He worked as a weaver
in a silk mill, then as a chauffeur,
and then he fell
into his life’s work, at which he excelled:
he drove a truck filled
with clinking milk bottles,
and deposited them on doorsteps,
front and back, and some even in the fridge.
I called it whistling, but there was little or no
sound: he’d make the whistle-lips
and blow a song of air, of breath,
hitting the muffled higher notes
when the nut did not fit the bolt,
when a belt needed an extra hole.
He put the snow chains on himself.
He’d usually get it done.
He never asked for help,
and was given none.

Lux is vocal about the tendency in contemporary poetry to confuse “difficulty” with “originality.” In an interview with *Cerise Press*, Lux stated: “There’s plenty of room for strangeness, mystery, originality, wildness, etc. in poems that also invite the reader into the human and alive center about which the poem circles.” Known for pairing humor with sharp existentialism, Lux commented in the *Los Angeles Times*, “I like to make the reader laugh—and then steal that laugh, right out of the throat. Because I think life is like that, tragedy right alongside humor.”

Lux has been praised for his poetry, but as he told Elizabeth Mehren in the *Los Angeles Times*, “This is not something one chooses to do...It is something I was drawn to. I do it because I love to do it, and because I don’t have any choice. If I don’t write, I feel empty and lost.” He added, “Poetry exists because there is no other way to say the things that get said in good poems except in poems. There is something about the right combination of metaphor or image connected to the business of being alive that only poems can do. To me, it makes me feel more alive, reading good poetry.”



Friday, Dec. 16: Choir Concert

December 11, 2016

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The program is a kind of Choral Smorgasbord: There will be something to delight everyone! Selections will include Jonathan Larson's hit tune from *Rent*, Stephen Schwartz's sentimental showstopper from *Pippin*, opening and closing selections from Samuel Adler and Gregg Smith, as well as works by William L. Dawson, Randall Thompson, Haydn and Brahms. Admission is free and begins at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16 in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre.

Thursday, Dec. 15: Jazz Band Concert

December 11, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



The SUNY Broome Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Mike Dubaniewicz, will feature guest artist Jimmy Johns at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15 in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre. Mr. Johns will be featured on the vibraphone, a percussion instrument which has a longstanding tradition in jazz music.

In the past, Johns has performed with such jazz legends as Hank Jones, Cedar Walton, Slam Stewart, Sal Nistico and Nick Brignola. Johns currently performs and teaches extensively in New York State as one of the top call drummers and vibraphonists.

The concert will include music from the libraries of Buddy Rich, Sammy Nestico and Rusty Dedrick. General admission is \$5, and the concert is free to faculty and students.

Health for Haiti fundraiser at Enfield's Restaurant on Dec. 13

December 9, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



Enfield's Restaurant at 800 Hooper Road in Endwell is hosting a Health for Haiti benefit starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Professors and Health for Haiti founders Maureen Hankin and Jen Musa will be the guest bartenders at the restaurant during the event. All proceeds will support the Health for Haiti program.



What's Going on at SUNY Broome the Week of Dec. 12?

December 9, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

[What's Going on at SUNY Broome](#)



The answer: plenty! Click the following flyer from Student Activities to find out what's going on, from bake sales to music performances!

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Tuesday, Dec. 13: Masterworks Concert

December 8, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



The SUNY Broome Masterworks Concert, involving SUNY Broome's College Choir, Chamber Singers and the College Community Choir, will be heard in concert at the Helen Foley Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13. The program will feature J.S. Bach's Advent cantata *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* and J. Haydn's *Missa brevis St. Joannis de Deo* "Little Organ Mass," as well as Music Program Faculty members Brenda Dawe, soprano; Gerald Grahame, tenor; and Randolph Messing, bass. The program will be performed with orchestral accompaniment under the direction of Fitzroy Stewart.

At door ticket sales:

- *Students/Seniors* :\$10
- *General*: \$12

Pre-sold ticket sales:

- *Students/Seniors*: \$7
- *General*: \$9
- Call (607) 778-5326, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2:25 to 3:15 p.m. for tickets

Santa's Many Helpers: SUNY Broome holds 20th annual Giving of the Toys

December 8, 2016

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The choir sings

Beautiful tones filled the Baldwin Gym as the college choir, directed by Fitzroy Stewart, lifted their voices to sing about love. And more joyful noise followed: The spontaneous laughter that comes from generosity and bigheartedness, as always the underlying melody of SUNY Broome's annual Giving of the Toys.

This is the 20th year for the holiday tradition, originally begun by Student Activities director David Maslar and continued by his successor, Jason Boring. Clubs and offices from throughout campus took part, donating toys of all descriptions, as Student Assembly played Santa's helpers and organized donations.



The Hornets women's soccer team donates soccer balls

The toys are given to Broome County Toys for Tots, run by area police departments since 1962.

"We donate over 4,000 presents to over 4,000 children and families each year," said Johnson City Police Officer Jody Kennedy, on hand to represent Toys for Tots and thank the college community for its many gifts.



The Hornets women's soccer team donates soccer balls

As is tradition, the Hornets sports teams donated the tools of their trade: basketballs from the basketball team and soccer balls from the women's soccer team, who recently won the National Championship. The Hornets cheerleaders donated Barbie dolls, and Counseling and Advising wheeled in bicycles. SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm played his own sort of Santa, hauling a giant green sack full of toys to the man in the red suit on behalf of the Administration. Student Village Residence Directors Jarvis McCowin and Brittany Washington ferried several bags to Santa.



The Foundation's Andrea Roma (left) and Regina Alfieri with their donations

“They’re board games, because we’re never bored in Housing!” McCowin quipped.

Clubs and offices each took their turn, although some donated in absentia – such as Maintenance and Finance, busy with their on-campus duties. The cutest donation by far was given by the tykes at the BC Center, who lined up to give Santa their toys, wide-eyed and sometimes a little shy.

Erin Page joined multiple members of the Communications Club as they made their way down the stands to give their gifts. Her donation: “Cool Play-Doh” – something appropriately creative for a Communications major. It feels good to donate, she said.



Left to right: Dental Hygiene seniors Emily Vincent, Smita Singhal and Megan Greatsinger

Dental Hygiene seniors Emily Vincent, Smita Singhal and Megan Greatsinger agreed. They were there to represent the Dental Hygiene Club, which donated a selection of art supplies, games and soft toys.

“It feels good to be able to help out and to meet with all the people,” Vincent said.

“It encourages me to give presents to those who can’t afford them,” Singhal added.

“I’m more in the holiday spirit by giving,” Greatsinger summed up.







Dec. 12 through 16: Celebrate the holidays in the Dining Hall

December 8, 2016

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It's the holidays, and the Dining Hall is on board! From Dec. 12 through 16 in the main café, American Dining Creations will be featuring a great selection of holiday themed recipes and grab-and-go items.

Features include “Snow Day Breakfast” pancakes, Holiday Cookies, a Stuffed Turkey Sandwich and Peppermint Bark. End the semester on a delicious note!



Your input needed: Classroom technology needs

December 8, 2016

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tech



The campus technology committee is requesting your input to identify needs for upgrades and enhancements of classroom multimedia as well as suggestions for new classroom technologies.

Please use the following form to submit your ideas and requests:

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

Pick up a holiday food bag from Student Assembly

December 8, 2016

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Stop by the Student Assembly office to pick up a holiday food bag, thanks to the generous donations from MDA 102!

Student Assembly has 12 bags available on a first-come, first-served basis in Science Building Room 107/107A. If no one is in the office, you can go to the Student Activities Office in the Science Building 227.

If you have any questions, please contact:
studentassembly@acad.sunybroome.edu

The Arts at SUNY Broome: Your online source!

December 7, 2016

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Music concerts, art shows and more! Find out what's going on in the arts community both on campus and beyond at www.sunybroome.edu/arts.



An important notice about shredding and recycling

December 7, 2016

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earlyalert



It has been brought to Maintenance's attention that items that aren't shreddable have been being placed in the locked shredding bins. This causes damage to the knives in the shredding truck when these items are shredded.

Please place only confidential shreddable paper in the locked shredding bins. Please place any other recyclables in the proper bins and garbage in the garbage containers.

Thanks You, Maintenance

The Business of Sports: Watkins Glen donates memorabilia and announces scholarship at SUNY Broome

December 7, 2016

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The twin pieces of metal leaning against the windows of SUNY Broome's Sports Management classroom were far from pristine, but sports history was written into every scratch.

The one on the left – a number 14 on a field of red – comes from a car driven by Ty Dillon. The other – white, with the word “nature’s” written across it – comes from number 10 car driven by famed NASCAR driver Danica Patrick. Both Dillon and Patrick drove cars for the Stewart-Haas team, co-owned by Gene Haas and the legendary Tony Stewart, a three-time sprint Cup Series champion and a familiar face at Watkins Glen International.



Left to right: Sports Management Professor Ed Yetsko, Watkins Glen's Rob Murphy, SUNY Broome Executive Vice President Francis Battisti, SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm, Dean of Business and Public Services Beth Mollen, Watkins Glen President Michael Printup

The Glen donated the items, along with a pair of banners that adorned the famed track, to the Ice Center classroom, where they will mark the start of a local sports hall of fame. And the Glen certainly is unique in Upstate New York; it's the only NASCAR facility in the state, and one of only 23 in the entire country, according to Watkins Glen President Michael Printup.

The donation was facilitated by SUNY Broome alumnus Rob Murphy, currently senior manager of business development for Watkins Glen. Murphy graduated from Broome in 1999, Binghamton University in 2001 and received his MS in Sports Management from SUNY Cortland in 2009.



Watkins Glen President Michael Printup and SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm

“What many people don’t realize is that sports is big business. In fact it’s an enormous business, one of the biggest industries in the country, with billions of dollars in revenue,” SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm said. “And the jobs in sports are wide-ranging, from sales, promotion and human resources to accounting, law, facility operations and event management.”

During the Dec. 7 announcement at the SUNY Broome Ice Center, Printup made an additional announcement: Watkins Glen is going to fund a \$2,500 scholarship for a Sports Management student at the school.

“We hope to be a catalyst in the whole process,” he said.



Left to right: Rob Murphy, Dr. Francis Battisti, SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm, Michel Printup

The track president then gave Dr. Drumm a gift that exemplifies the wide-ranging opportunities in sports marketing: a special edition Zippo lighter. Based in Pennsylvania, Zippo is one of the track's most long-standing corporate partners and has given its name to the Zippo 200 at the Glen.

A native of Western New York, Printup's own career has been long and varied, including work for the Texas Rangers, Boston Bruins and more. Experience in the sports industry can transfer to all manner of different sports during the course of a career, he advised future students.

"It's such a dynamic business, although there are some long hours," Printup said.

In addition to Watkins Glen, the Binghamton area is blessed with an incredible range of sports organizations and facilities, President Drumm said, from professional hockey and baseball to a PGA Champion's Tour event and a pro-circuit tennis tournament, one of the few in the Northeast.

Sports management professionals from these organizations visit the college's Sports Management classes to give students firsthand insights into the business of sports. They also offer opportunities for applied learning, in the form of internships that can lead to real jobs in the field, Dr. Drumm said.

Now in its third year, SUNY Broome's Sports Management A.S. degree program is popular among students; transfer options for a completion of a bachelor's degree include SUNY Cortland, SUNY Brockport, SUNY Canton and St. John Fisher. Find out more at www.sunybroome.edu.

Be the Change: Organizational Meeting on Dec. 13

December 7, 2016

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Looking to do something more than share posts on Facebook? Be the Change, a progressive coalition for students, faculty and staff, is holding an organizational meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, in TH-109.

You can also sign up on Dec. 8 during a tabling event at the Student Union.

What's the group about? Organizers explained:

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Funeral Information for the Mother of Susan Wellington – International Admissions

December 6, 2016

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[InMemoriam \(1\)](#)

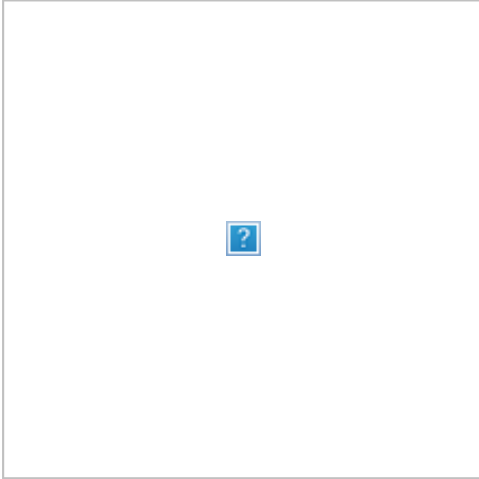


Susan Wellington's mother, Marge Norton, passed away on Dec. 3, 2016. Calling hours for Marge Norton will be on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016, at Larger Parish Church in Canaseraga, NY, at 11 a.m. The funeral will be immediately following calling hours.

Business and Public Services Toys for Tots Drive

December 6, 2016

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Please join the Hospitality Event Management Students as they host their final event of the semester this Thursday. Please join them along with the Business and Public Services Division for their first annual individual Toys for Tots Drive, Thursday, December 8th at 12pm in Casino Vespa.

Participating Clubs

Hospitality

The Criminal Justice and Emergency Services Student Association (CJESSA)

Alpha Beta Gamma-Business National Honor Society

Business

A chance to shine: Toastmasters speech contest on Dec. 9

December 6, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



The SUNY Broome Speakers of the House Toastmasters Club and faculty members Alice Caroompas, Kathleen McKenna and Matt Papkov invite you to attend the **Student Table Topics (Impromptu Speaking) Invitational Contest at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, 2016, in Decker 201. Refreshments will be served.**

The speakers will speak for 1-2 minutes on a topic first presented to them at the meeting. Cash prizes will be awarded. Come watch our students hone their speaking skills, and learn about Toastmasters.

The competitors were selected in their Effective Speaking classes and at Toastmasters Club meetings earlier this semester. The contestants are:

Matt Papkov's Students

Alexis Robinson

Eric Gossert

Fred Murcay

Ally Wohl

Emily Pullis

Lucas Poznak

Malik Moody

Rickey Blount

Nicklaus Walz

Alice Caroompas's Students

Lorne Campbell

Sarivanh Luanevinakho

Alyssa Lat

Dave Tanner

Sebastian Van Loan

Josh Walford

Kathleen McKenna's Students

Carsten Kasper

Flor Guzman

Janette Alfaro

Celine Munroe

Jillian Axelrod

Maria Chapero

Toastmasters Club Representatives

Winnie Chen

Quishanah Pieterella

Luis Gonzalez

Karla Mercado

Root for the Hornets: This week's games

December 6, 2016

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Root for the home team! Check out the following Hornets games this week. Home games are in bold. For more information, visit bcchornets.com.

Men's Basketball

- **7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, vs. Northampton CC in the Baldwin Gym**
- 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, vs. SUNY Adirondack in Queensbury

Women's Basketball

- **7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, vs. Niagara CCC in the Baldwin Gym**
- 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, vs. SUNY Adirondack in Queensbury

Ice Hockey

- 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, vs. Mohawk Valley CC in Utica

Christmas dinner (or lunch) comes early!

December 6, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

xmas



Colleagues and SUNY Broome students: I am so excited to announce that **all** SUNY Broome faculty, staff and students are invited to the newly opening CoreLife Eatery in the University Plaza in Vestal next Wednesday, December 7, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Just show your SUNY Broome ID for a free meal.

There really is such a thing as a free lunch! See the attached invitation for the details.

Happy holidays and bon appetit!

-Kevin E Drumm, PhD

President

SUNY Broome Community College

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‘Health for Haiti’ really needs your help!

December 6, 2016

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“Health for Haiti” desperately needs over-the-counter medical supplies to run our medical clinics in January 2017. If each member of our SUNY Broome community brought in one item, we would be well stocked for our clinics. We need the following items:

- Aspirin, Tylenol (Adult and Child)
- Cough/cold syrups (Adult and Child)
- Vitamins (Adult and Child)

Multi-vitamins, Iron, C, D and Calcium

- Ointments

Neosporin, Hydrocortisone, Antifungal

- Antacids
- Pedialyte Powder

Donation boxes are at the Administrative Offices, DH-217, NSC-207, B-104, TH-210, W-107, SS-210 and the Library Circulation Desk. Donation boxes will be picked up on Thursday, Dec. 15.

Sunday, Dec. 11: Applied Lesson Recital

December 6, 2016

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Dec. 11-18: Enjoy a week of beautiful music at SUNY Broome

December 6, 2016

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It's time for the end-of-the-semester concerts! Enjoy the following performances, both on campus and in the community, from Dec. 11 through 18.

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Tuesday, Dec. 13: Masterworks Concert

The SUNY Broome Masterworks Concert, involving SUNY Broome's College Choir, Chamber Singers and the College Community Choir, will be heard in concert at the Helen Foley Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13. The program will feature J.S. Bach's Advent cantata *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* and J. Haydn's *Missa brevis St. Joannis de Deo* "Little Organ Mass," as well as Music Program Faculty members Brenda Dawe, soprano; Gerald Grahame, tenor; and Randolph Messing, bass. The program will be performed with orchestral accompaniment under the direction of Fitzroy Stewart.

At door ticket sales:

- *Students/Seniors* :\$10
- *General*: \$12

Pre-sold ticket sales:

- *Students/Seniors*: \$7
- *General*: \$9
- Call (607) 778-5326, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2:25 to 3:15 p.m. for tickets

Thursday, Dec. 15: Jazz Band Concert

The SUNY Broome Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Mike Dubaniewicz, will feature guest artist Jimmy Johns at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15 in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre. Mr. Johns will be featured on the vibraphone, a percussion instrument which has a longstanding tradition in jazz music.

In the past, Johns has performed with such jazz legends as Hank Jones, Cedar Walton, Slam Stewart, Sal Nistico and Nick Brignola. Johns currently performs and teaches extensively in New York State as one of the top call drummers and vibraphonists.

The concert will include music from the libraries of Buddy Rich, Sammy Nestico and Rusty Dedrick. General admission is \$5, and the concert is free to faculty and students.

Friday, Dec. 16: Choir Concert

The program is a kind of Choral Smorgasbord: There will be something to delight everyone! Selections will

include Jonathan Larson's hit tune from *Rent*, Stephen Schwartz's sentimental showstopper from *Pippin*, opening and closing selections from Samuel Adler and Gregg Smith, as well as works by William L. Dawson, Randall Thompson, Haydn and Brahms. Admission is free and begins at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16 in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre.

Sunday, Dec. 18: Contemporary Concert

The Contemporary Music Concert will be 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18 in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre. The concert will feature SUNY Broome students performing original compositions or covers in pop, jazz, rock, Broadway, rap, hip-hop and other music of today. Donations will be accepted for *Health for Haiti*.

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One of the best aspects of the event in the past has been that each group has brought toys appropriate to organization: the Finance Office has donated cash registers and calculators, the Soccer teams gave soccer balls, Educators of Children Club contributed books, and, one year, the Administration brought puzzles, etc.

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Buzz report: Finding a home at SUNY Broome

December 5, 2016

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By Amanda Tersigni

If you're determined to accomplish a goal and not afraid to take a chance, then SUNY Broome is the place for you. By coming to SUNY Broome with an open mind, there are opportunities around every corner, along with a promising future of experience and education. Seeing this, I knew that SUNY Broome was the place for me without any hesitation.

There is no doubt that I was drawn to SUNY Broome originally because of the [exceptional soccer program](#), which was introduced to me after a soccer trip I took with the coach here. However, to say that I came here for soccer wouldn't be true; looking back on the time I spent here, soccer was one of the hundreds of reasons why SUNY Broome felt like a home to me. One tour was all it took to see the small but beautiful campus, along with the variety of majors to choose from and the new and welcoming residence hall.



After getting home that night, I considered all of my options. I didn't feel pressured to decide right at that moment where I would attend school in the fall, but I had this ball of excitement in my stomach when I thought about returning to SUNY Broome. It was then I knew that I would attend SUNY Broome and pursue higher education. Of course, there were times that I was afraid to leave my family and move an hour away from them, but I was able to see the potential to create lifelong relationships and share different experiences that would help me find who I wanted to be.

I didn't have a major in mind when I first came to school, but thanks to the fantastic academic advising I received, I knew by the second week what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. Perhaps I got lucky, but SUNY Broome's academic advising helped me see my strengths and weaknesses, view all of my options and then enroll in the program I finally chose. My academic adviser also helped me organize my credits to graduate in three semesters when it normally would have taken four, if not five, semesters.

In conclusion, staying here at SUNY Broome didn't just give me the opportunity to win a national soccer championship, the experience of working as a Resident Assistant or a diploma; it also left me with a second home that I will always hold close to my heart.

Amanda Tersigni of Edmeston, New York, is a [paralegal major](#) and a resident assistant in the [Student Village](#). After graduation, she plans to move to south Florida and begin her career.

SUNY Broome to hold second Hunger Banquet on Dec. 6

December 5, 2016

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SUNY Broome's second Hunger Banquet will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, in Decker Health Sciences Center Room 201. This free meal and educational presentation will be emceed by Venessa Rodriguez, Staff Associate for the Student Success Squad, and Scott Corley, Assistant Professor of History, Philosophy & Social Science.

More than just a free meal, the event increases awareness of food insecurity and social inequities, while also providing information about local resources and volunteer opportunities. While admission is free, there are a limited number of tickets available. If you would like to attend, please contact Melissa Martin in Counseling Services at martinmm2@sunybroome.edu or Laura Hodel at hodellj@sunybroome.edu for tickets.

"Last April, the college held its first annual Hunger Banquet. The idea behind the Hunger Banquet was to find a new and interactive way to bring awareness to the SUNY Broome community about the struggles that many students on our campus and around the world face," Director of Financial Aid Laura Hodel explained. "Many students struggle, often on a daily basis, to have basic needs such as food and shelter met. The Hunger Banquet is a way to bring awareness to the campus and also a way to let those struggling students know that we as a campus community care and have a number of resources readily available to them."

Those who attend the banquet may contribute a non-perishable, canned or packaged food item for the campus food pantry, Food for Thought. The Hunger Banquet will also serve as the kickoff event for a food drive to stock the Food for Thought pantry. This is part of a Martin Luther King Day of Service Project undertaken by Student Activities and Student Assembly. Students who are interested in participating in this project may contact the volunteer Service Coordinator, Student Assembly VP for Financial Concerns Heather Coggin, via email at cogginhl@acad.sunybroome.edu or studentassembly@acad.sunybroome.edu.

The Food Pantry Committee meets from 2 to 3 p.m. every Thursday in SB-107. Students, faculty, staff and community members are welcome at all meetings. Ways to can get involved may include collecting and weighing donations, doing inventory and helping to publicize the project. Another way to get involved is to donate food items, particularly canned goods of any kind. Donations will be collected at the Student Assembly Office in SB-107. For hours of operation and other questions, contact Student Assembly at

studentassembly@acad.sunybroome.edu or Student Activities at studentactivities@sunybroome.edu.

Local assistance organizations will be present during the Hunger Banquet. Those who are unable to attend the banquet can visit the Klee Area, just outside Decker 201, during the banquet for information about services and volunteer opportunities in our community.

The Hunger Banquet is sponsored by Student Activities and the President's Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion. Faculty members, staff members, administrators and students work together on this event.

“I have the audacity to believe that people everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for the minds and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits.”

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Upcoming Board of Trustees meetings

December 5, 2016

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

- **December 13, 2016 (Tuesday)** – Monthly meeting of the Finance and Facilities Committee, 8 a.m., Wales Administration Center Conference Room 107.
- **December 15, 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

CoreValues



Doctoral Colloquium Presentation with Dr. Joshua Peck in the TRC

December 5, 2016

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professionaldevelopment



Doctoral Colloquium Presentation

“The Effect of Environmental Enrichment on Heroin Abstinence and Relapse Using an Animal Conflict Model”

When: Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Where: TRC Conference Room

Presenter: Dr. Joshua Peck

Register: [Register Here](#)

Upcoming Professional Development: Academic Coffee House

December 5, 2016

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academiccoffeehouse



How to Increase Meaningful Communication Between Faculty and Staff

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, December 15, 2016

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: W203B

Presenter: Dr. Francis Battisti

Register: [Register Here](#)

Join us for the Faculty/Staff Campaign Kick-Off Lunch & Enter to Win

December 5, 2016

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It's A New Academic Year!

As a member of SUNY Broome Community College's faculty and staff, you provide the momentum behind our institution's success and have made the College a vibrant, progressive, and accessible means of high quality education for students. It's important that SUNY Broome continues to prosper and grow; providing outstanding education, research, and outreach. Your participation, not your donation amount, is what counts and shows that our faculty and staff believe in the future of this great College.

NEW! Electronic Payroll Deduction Form

We want to provide easy access and guidance to our faculty and staff when setting up their payroll deduction. Enjoy a new electronic form and access to a list of funds, scholarships and projects you can designate your contribution to, helping to make a significant impact in areas you are passionate about.

[Fill out Payroll Deduction Form](#)

[Make Your Gift Today](#)

Join Us for Lunch, Tuesday, December 6, 11:30 am



Join us for lunch! Kick-off the Faculty/Staff Campaign with a delicious lunch for all current and retired employees of SUNY Broome. Enjoy artisan sandwiches, chicken noodle soup, dessert, soda and water. Stop in anytime on Tuesday, December 6th, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Wales Conference Room 203B. Grab some lunch to go or stay and visit!

Enter to win one of these great gift baskets in the Foundation Office, Wales 201

For More Information

For more information about the Faculty/Staff Giving Campaign, please click on the button below or visit www.sunybroome.edu/fscampaign for complete details, events and ways to give.

Thank you for being a part of the SUNY Broome community and have a successful fall semester.

[Faculty/Staff Giving Campaign](#)

Dec. 8 Common Hour: Film Shoot in the Everglades

December 4, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

Find out the perils and possibilities for Communications students who filmed the adventures of biology students taking a course on the Everglades during Common Hour at 11 a.m. Dec. 8 in T-102. This session will be led by Professors Ed Evans and Jason Detrani.

film



Farewell party for Kelli Ligeikis on Dec. 13

December 4, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



After 29 years at SUNY Broome, Kelli Ligeikis has accepted the position of Provost at SUNY Delhi.

Please join us from 12 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, outside of AT-201 to congratulate her and wish her well!

Snacks, cake and beverages will be offered.



The Monday Poem: ‘Adirondacks as Reflected Over Lake Champlain from Waterfront Park’

December 4, 2016

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

[Adirondacks as Reflected Over Lake Champlain from Waterfront Park](#)

[Major Jackson](#)

The mountains are at their theater again,
each ridge practicing an oration of scale and crest,
and the sails, performing glides across the lake, complain
for being out-shadowed despite their gracious
bows. Thirteen years in this state, what hasn't occurred?
A cyclone in my spirit led to divorce, four books
gave darkness an echo of control, my slurred
hand finding steadiness by the prop of a page,
and God, my children whom I scarred! Pray they forgive.
My crimes felt mountainous, yet perspective
came with distance, and like those peaks, once keening
beneath biting ice, then felt resurrection in a vestige
of water, unfrozen, cascading and adding to the lake's
depth, such have I come to gauge my own screaming.
The masts tip so far they appear to capsize, keeling
over where every father is a boat on water. The wakes
carry the memory of battles, and the Adirondacks
hold their measure. I am a tributary of something greater.

About This Poem

“Fathering has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life, and yet, like many fathers I have led an imperfect life that preceded redemption and grace. This might prove, in the end, to be my greatest gift to my children.”

—*Major Jackson*



Remember to RSVP: Holiday Reception on Dec. 8

December 2, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized

President Kevin E. Drumm & the BCC Foundation cordially invite you and a guest to SUNY Broome's Holiday Reception.

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Applied Technology Building Atrium

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres and Beverages will be served

Beer & Wine Cash Bar

Student Assembly will collect your nonperishable food items for CHOW at the door.

Please RSVP by December 5, 2016

(607) 778-5100 • odaypg@sunybroome.edu



In the Community: A Christmas Cantata

December 2, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



You are cordially invited to a Christmas Cantata presented by First Presbyterian of Johnson City at 7 p.m. Dec. 23. Solo presentations include performances by Ellie Rivera, Staff Associate and English Adjunct. Admission is FREE. It's a great family event filled with music!



Student Assembly election winners

December 2, 2016

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Congratulations to our New Student Assembly-elect!

Trustee: Orion Barber

Senator: Damien Zanovitch

Senator: Jessica Hranek

Please congratulate you new Student Assembly representatives!



Spring 2017 Brochure of Lectures, Film Screenings and Discussions

December 2, 2016

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The Fall 2017 Brochure of Lectures, Film Screenings and Discussions is now available online! This brochure and the events detailed in it are sponsored by the Liberal Arts Division.

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

Attention Teaching Faculty: A hard copy of this brochure is on its way to you via campus mail to make it easy to plan to invite students to participate in these events as you plan your Spring 2017 courses. **The attachment below provides the content of the brochure.**

[spring-2017-brochure-1](#)

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 Kathleen McKenna

Professor Lee Whitted

Professor John Sterlacci

Professor Scott Corley

Professor Carla Michalak

Professor Mary Donnelly

Professor Suzanne Hickok

Professor Tim Skinner

Counselor Melissa Martin

Professor Gian Roma

Professor Jason Detrani

Professor Lynda Carroll

Professor Alice Caroompas

SUNY Campus Fellow Jan McCauley

Professor Paul Sweeny

Founder of Kids with Vision Faizan Siddiqi



Convocation Day 2017 Speaker Announced

December 2, 2016

Categories: Uncategorized



The campus-wide Convocation Committee is pleased to announce that Cathy O'Neil, data scientist and author of the best seller and New York Times Book Review Notable Book of 2016, ***Weapons of Math Destruction: How Big Data Increases Inequality and threatens Democracy***, has been selected as our 2017 Convocation Day speaker. O'Neil earned a Ph.D. in mathematics from Harvard University and taught at Barnard College before moving to the private sector where she worked for a hedge fund. She then worked as a data scientist at various start-ups, building models that predict people's purchases and clicks. Dr. O'Neil started the Lede Program in Data Journalism at Columbia University and is the author of *Doing Dating Science*. She appears weekly on the *Slate Money* podcast. O'Neil is also the author of the blog mathbabe.org

We hope that O'Neil will inspire students to consider how big data affects their lives in college, their job prospects and their future employment, credit ratings and how social media affects their lives in a democracy. Please note that **Tuesday April 4, 2017 is Convocation Day** on which no day or evening classes will be held.

Convocation 2017 will focus on important and relevant **themes** such as social justice and big data; news media, democracy and big data; discovering the important roles that your personal data plays in your job search, health insurance and credit scores; recognizing and monitoring how algorithms are used to influence the careers and financial opportunity of the citizenry.

Attention Teaching Faculty: Important information regarding the **Convocation Faculty Scholars** program and the Wednesday January 25, 2017, 9:00 a.m.-Noon, **Convocation Institute** for teaching faculty will be released shortly. Note that our three previous Convocation Institutes for teaching faculty have filled up quickly and over 80 teaching faculty enrolled as Convocation Faculty Scholars in 2016.

Campus Wide Convocation Committee Members

Professor I.J. Byrnes (Chair)

Professor Anne Haner-Uncapher, Health Sciences Division

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

Assistant Librarian, Sue Slivan, Library

Faculty Member Tera Doty-Blance, Adjunct Faculty Member

Professor Gian Roma. Business and Public Services Division

Professor Carla Michalak, Liberal Arts Division

Students to participate in speech tournament on Dec. 9

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The SUNY Broome Speakers of the House Toastmasters Club and faculty members Alice Caroompas, Kathleen McKenna and Matt Papkov invite you to attend our **Student Table Topics (Impromptu Speaking) Contest at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, 2016, in Decker 201**

The competitors were selected in their Effective Speaking classes and at Toastmasters Club meetings earlier this semester.

The speakers will speak for 1-2 minutes on a topic first presented to them at the meeting. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Come watch our students hone their speaking skills, learn about Toastmasters and enjoy some refreshments.

A Christmas Carol at the Phelps Mansion

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The Phelps Mansion Museum, Jan DeAngelo & Co., and Studio 271 Productions will present Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol at the Phelps, 91 Court Street, Binghamton.

You will be swept back to that fateful Christmas Eve when Ebenezer Scrooge learns the 'meaning of Christmas.' Audience members will move through the mansion to see the familiar scenes of Christmas Past, Present and Future. Join us for this classic tale of redemption.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Sunday until Dec. 18; audience is limited to a total of 30 per performance! Admission is \$30 per person or \$50 a couple. Reservations are required. Please call (607) 722-4873 or email us at info@phelpsmansion.org.

"There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor." ~ Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol.



SUNY Broome's 24 Hours of Giving is over. So how did we do?

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Thank you! 24 Hours of Giving Final Results #BROOME24



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=C4doULBgzSY>



The second annual SUNY Broome 24 Hours of Giving has exceeded all expectations! And on behalf of our students – we would like to thank you! Your support is greatly appreciated and truly makes a difference. This day could not have been possible without you! Your donations totaled over \$80,000! We also would like to thank some very special people, whom without their assistance and creativity, this would have been just another day in the office.

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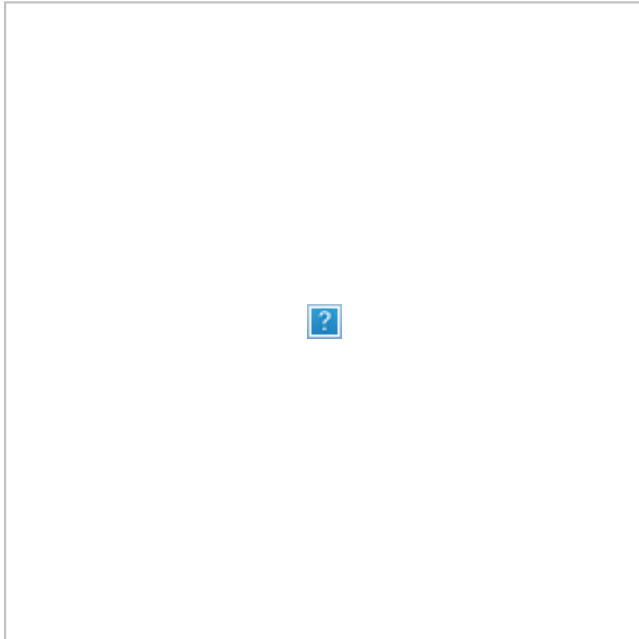
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SUNY Broome continues COIL connection with Turkey

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SUNY Broome's COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) connection with Turkey continued in Fall 2016 and will continue in Spring 2017. Gina Eckert was the beneficiary of a travel grant from SUNY COIL and the Turkish government in Fall 2015.

During the Fall 2016 semester, Eckert's HIS 116 (World History I) course collaborated with Erkan Saka and his students from Istanbul Bilgi University this November for the second time. Their COIL module, named "Creating a Digital Resource for Western and Eastern Philosophies During the Middle Ages," brought together Professor Eckert's World History I and Professor Saka's History of Thought courses.

Their students created an online database concerning Western and Eastern philosophical thought during the Middle Ages. Students learned the history of the Middle Ages as well as the main philosophies from the East and West and interpreted many primary sources concerning these schools of thought. Individual interpretations were posted to an online resource – Wikispace page created by the Turkish counterparts. The American students were responsible for the biographies of the philosophers.

During the Spring 2017 semester, Gina's HIS 116-02 (World History I) course will collaborate with their Turkish counterparts once again.

Doctoral Colloquium Presentation on Dec. 7

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“The Effect of Environmental Enrichment on Heroin Abstinence and Relapse Using an Animal Conflict Model”

When: Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Where: TRC Conference Room

Presenter: Dr. Joshua Peck

Register: [Register Here](#)

S is for Survivor on Dec. 8

December 2, 2016

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Students will be able to share and listen to stories about sexual violence in a safe environment at S is for Survivor. The event runs from 8 to 9 p.m. Dec. 8 in Titchener 102.

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CJESSA to hold Dec. 6 bake sale, 50/50 raffle

December 1, 2016

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CJESSA is holding a benefit bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, in the Student Center. Proceeds go to Binghamton's Police Athletic League.

In addition to baked goods, there will be a 50/50 raffle and a trivia contest for prizes.

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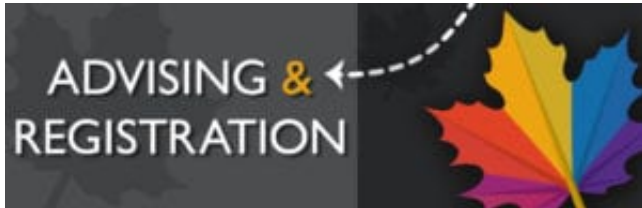
Education and Early Childhood Advisement & Registration Day on Dec. 5

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Monday, Dec. 5, is an Advisement and Registration Day devoted to students in the Education and Early Childhood Department. Don't miss out on the last day. Schedule your appointment today!

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To make an appointment, stop in the Academic Advising Department, SS 210, or call 778-5421.



COIL: Professor Marcia Blackburn traveled to Cairo and Morocco

December 1, 2016

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



During the Fall 2016 semester, Marcia Blackburn traveled to Egypt and Morocco on a SUNY Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) grant funded by the State Department and the Stevens Initiative at the Aspen Institute.

She will be collaborating with her COIL partner in Spring 2017. Students in her Media and Society course (SOS 155) course will collaborate with students at Mohamed One University in Oujda, Morocco.



Chourouq Nasri, Marcia Blackburn and COIL partner Abdellah Elboubekri in front of the Humanities faculty building at University Mohamed I, Oujda, Morocco. Chourouq is partnering with a faculty member at SUNY Oneonta. They are part of a research group in the English Department on Identity and Difference and are both Feminist scholars.

Interested in working for NYS DOC? Visit their table Dec. 13 and 15

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Did you miss the New York State Department of Corrections & Community Supervision's visit on November 30? NYS DOC will return to table **from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, and Thursday, Dec. 15, on the first floor of the Business Building.**

Recruiters will be providing information to students interested in careers with the NYS Department of Corrections & Community Supervision. An examination for the position of NYS Correction Officer Trainee is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 11, 2017. Please stop by the table for information, or visit <http://www.doccs.ny.gov/jobs/jobs.html>.



Comic Book Club: First Meeting on Dec. 7

December 1, 2016

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Enjoy comics? Do you read and collect them, or are you looking to get started? Do you enjoy comic book adaptations such video games, television shows or films?

Whether you're a casual fan or a seasoned collector, join the Comic Book Club! We will discuss the latest news, what we're reading (individually and as a group), what releases we're looking forward to the most, and everything else related to the world of comic books.

News! Film screenings! Contests! Prizes! Giveaways!

The first meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, in Titchener 007.



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Be the Change: Organizational Meeting on Dec. 13

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Looking to do something more than share posts on Facebook? Be the Change, a progressive coalition for students, faculty and staff, is holding an organizational meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, in TH-109.

You can also sign up on Dec. 8 during a tabling event at the Student Union.

What's the group about? Organizers explained:

We know that the last weeks have been hard on a lot of people nationwide. Muslim women have had their hijabs torn off. Pride flags have been burned. African-Americans have been harassed. We say enough. Let's make some positive change in our community!

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Winter Holiday Curtailment Dates for 2016

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Mark your calendars. The dates for Winter Holiday Curtailment 2016 -2017 are Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016, through Jan. 2, 2017. College reopens Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017.

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Join us for the Faculty and Staff Campaign

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As a member of SUNY Broome's faculty and staff, you provide the momentum behind our institution's success and have made the College a vibrant, progressive and accessible means of high quality education for students. It's important that SUNY Broome continues to prosper and grow, providing outstanding education, research, and outreach. Your participation, not your donation amount, is what counts and shows that our faculty and staff believe in the future of this great College. [Click here to view a list of funds you can contribute to!](#)

Faculty and staff have the option of making contributions via:

- NEW! [Electronic Payroll Deduction Form](#)
- [Payroll Deduction Form](#) (PDF)
- Use our [secure online giving site](#). All major credit cards are accepted.
- By check, payable to: BCC Foundation, Inc.

Join us for lunch! Kick-off the Faculty/Staff Campaign with a delicious lunch for current and retired staff of SUNY Broome. Enjoy artisan sandwiches, chicken noodle soup, dessert, soda and water. On Tuesday, December 6th, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Wales Conference Room 203B.

Please [download](#) our Frequently Asked Questions Guide for more information!

Thank you for your continued support!



Faculty and Staff Commuter Survey

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Please complete the following survey about faculty and staff committing habits:

[Faculty and Staff Commuter Survey](#)

This survey is being conducted by students in the EGR 292 – Clean Energy Design class. The results will help us complete the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) inventory of campus greenhouse gas emissions.

SUNY Broome is one of more than 650 colleges and universities that have joined the ACUPCC. As signatories, SUNY Broome has pledged to measure and work to reduce our campus greenhouse gas emissions. Our stated goal is to become climate neutral by the year 2050.

SUNY Broome received a \$1,000,000 a clean energy grant through the NYSERDA's REV Campus Challenge Energy to Lead Competition. This faculty/student-led grant will allow us to install a geothermal system capable of heating and cooling two campus buildings, create a Sustainability Sandbox and Geothermal Learning Lab, and fund a series of student-faculty led cost-saving environmentally-conscious projects. The grant also provides stipends for students work on the grant activities mentioned above, as well as educating the campus and local community about clean energy technologies.

Nov. 28 through Dec. 2 is Mac’n’Cheese week in the Dining Hall

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Mac N' Cheese



The Mac Daddy

penne pasta, pepper jack and cheddar cheese tossed with bacon, shallot, garlic, and thyme

Buffalo Chicken

elbow macaroni and buffalo chicken tossed with cheddar cheese, celery, and sour cream

Mexican Mac

melted pepper jack and cheddar cheese sprinkled with cilantro and tossed with penne pasta, tomato, corn, onion, jalapeño, and scallion

Ragin' Cajun

farfalle pasta mixed with a secret Cajun spice blend and tossed with andouille sausage, green onion, bell pepper and cheddar cheese

Veggie Gratin

penne pasta with cheddar cheese, broccoli, cauliflower, chopped chive, garlic, sour cream and dijon mustard



American Dining Creations is going all-out with Mac’n’Cheese the week of Nov. 28 through Dec. 2 in the Dining Hall.

Each day features a new variation on the classic at the Global Eatery station, including twists like Buffalo Chicken, Ragin’ Cajun and Mexican Mac.

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