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Breaking Ground, the SUNY Broome Literary Magazine, is again seeking creative work from students, faculty and staff for its 2017 edition.

Send in your best original poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction, memoirs, artwork, photography or graphic stories for the annual theme issue. As with past issues, the only criteria are vividness, vitality, depth of thought and expression and, above all, excellence.

The theme of the 2017 issue is boundaries, partitions, barriers and borders: all those unyielding things that separate us — those actual, tangible boundaries as well as those that separate us intellectually, spiritually and emotionally.

Deadline for Submissions:

March 27, 2017

For submission guidelines and to submit your creative work, go to
<http://www2.sunybroome.edu/english/breakingground/>

Life of the Mind: Meet researcher and future aviation psychologist Cassandra Domingo

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Everyone has areas where they can use a little help. Cassandra Domingo needed help with math, so she took advantage of SUNY Broome's tutoring program to stay on top of her statistics class.

The tutoring sessions did more than help her learn statistics. They also planted the seed for multiple research projects, which this future psychologist has presented at both national and international conferences.

"The most important thing about coming to SUNY Broome is what I want to do in the long term," Domingo, a Liberal Arts major from Johnson City, reflected. "SUNY Broome does a really great job in focusing on where you want to go. I never thought that undergraduates could do research; it never even crossed my mind."

Domingo, who is one of SUNY Broome's peer tutors, conducted research on the impact of supplemental instruction on student success. She found that the final grades of students who took advantage of supplemental instruction for introductory psychology averaged 20 points higher than those who didn't attend the sessions, earning a B rather than a D. They also improved their study skills and their confidence, and developed the habits crucial to college success.

Her research didn't stop there. A second study tracked students who came to peer tutoring, and their progress. "It was really cool to watch their progress, but there was a visible decline when students drop out of tutoring," she observed. "If they were in the session, they did significantly better."

As one research question inevitably leads to another, the study points to a new focus: What tools can we give students so that they retain the skills they learned in their tutoring sessions? Note-taking strategies could be



one such area for improvement, Domingo said.

“All I could think was, how can we flip this to be a little better for them?” she said of her tutoring subjects.

Domingo has taken her research on the road, presenting at professional conferences along the Eastern seaboard. As a first-year student, she presented a research poster on the effectiveness of peer-assisted study sessions in June 2016 at the Eastern Conference on the Teaching of Psychology in Staunton, VA. For an undergraduate student – a freshman at a community college no less – to present at a professional scientific conference is exceedingly rare, according to Dr. Bill Altman, her psychology professor and research advisor. While most students who present at conferences do so as part of a professor-led research team, Domingo conducted her own research – something more expected of a graduate student than a college freshman.

More opportunities followed. She presented her research and led a Participant Idea Exchange on supplemental instruction in January at the 39th annual National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology (NITOP) in St. Pete Beach, Fla. While the June conference was small with less than 100 participants, NITOP is an international conference, Domingo said. She’ll be presenting at another international conference in May on the lasting effects of supplemental instruction.

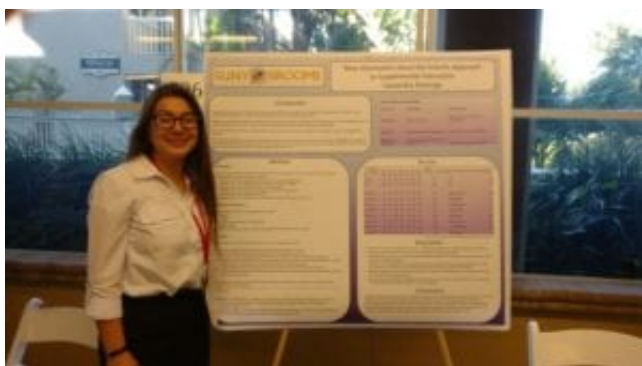
“I think I was the only community college undergraduate student,” she said of her experience at NITOP. “I was also the only undergraduate student to host a participant idea exchange.”

So, what’s it like to present in front of professionals in your field?

“The walk to where you’re presenting is so nerve-wracking. As you get closer, it gets more and more serious,” Domingo said.

Nerves aside, the reception of her work was positive, and Domingo fielded interesting and supportive questions and comments.

“Every single person was just so excited that anyone was doing research,” she said. “It’s all of these professionals pulling you up.”



Chess, airplanes and Ben Franklin

Like many SUNY Broome students, Domingo is the first person in her family to attend college. And far from being a budding scientist from her early years, she never considered research as a possible career; in fact, she didn't even take a science course during her senior year of high school.

When it came time to consider college, SUNY Broome wasn't even on the list; Cassandra expected to attend a four-year school. All that changed after a family member fell ill, and Domingo chose to stay closer to home. It proved a fortuitous choice; by the second semester, she was connecting with professors, tutors and staff, she said.

"Now I would absolutely say that coming to SUNY Broome has completely changed my trajectory. I had no idea of what I wanted to do," she said. "If I went to another college, I would have been lost in a sea of students."

In addition to her research accomplishments, Domingo is one of three [Jack Kent Cooke scholarship semi-finalists](#) from the college, along with Heather Coggin and Werley Scott Paul. Outside of class, she is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and Chess Club, even though she didn't know how to play the game when she joined.

"The professors who mentor the club are scary good. We have nationally ranked players," she said. "It's



probably my favorite club on campus."

After she graduates in May, she plans to study psychology at Cornell University – and then transfer to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to become an aeronautical psychologist.

Yep, that's a real career – and a diverse one. They can study the human factors connected with airplane crashes, conduct grief counseling in the wake of emergencies and help vet candidates looking to attend pilot school, for example.

"I'm really interested in research, and it's a pretty small niche field with a lot of really cool research being carried out," she explained.

Once she announced her interest in psychology, Dr. Altman encouraged her to look into her options. She read through a 75-page document from the American Psychological Society on every career available to those with a psychology degree, and took note of what piqued her interest.

Psychology is an endlessly fascinating field because, ultimately, it's all about understanding human behavior, Domingo said.

"The more you learn, the more questions you have. It's a rabbit hole of interesting things, like one called the Ben Franklin effect," she explained.

The Ben Franklin effect?

“Years ago, someone hated Ben Franklin. He had a rare book collection. Franklin asked the man to borrow a book and they started a conversation about the book,” she said. “It caused cognitive dissonance, and the other guy ended up liking him. He ended up being Ben Franklin’s best friend.”

Hungry? Blue Line cafe hours for March

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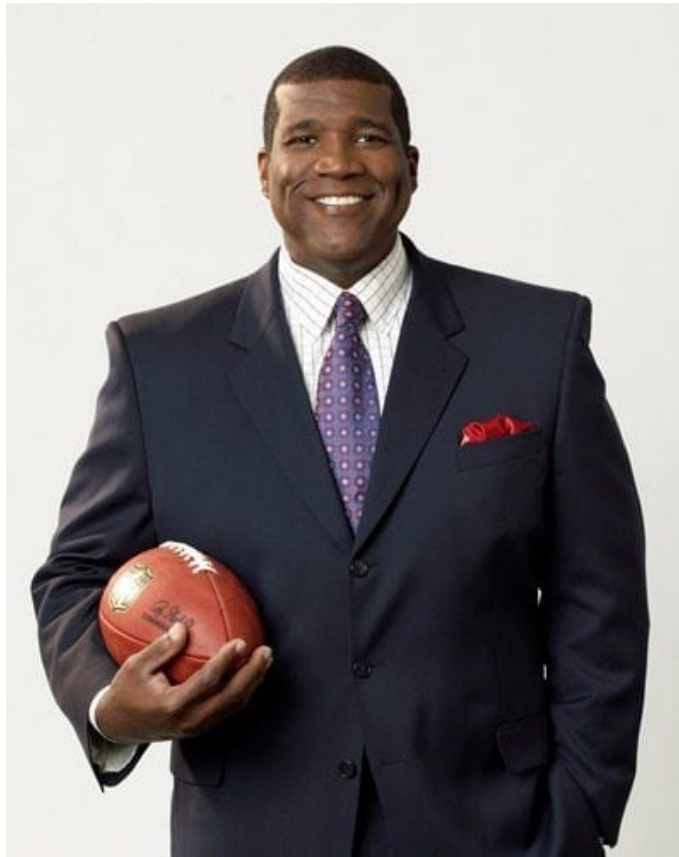
Hungry? Check out the hours for the Blue Line concession stand in the Ice Center for the month of March. Remember: The Blue Line accepts cash, credit, flex and Buzz Bucks, but does not accept meal plans.

- Thursday, March 2: 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 3: 5:15 to 10:15 p.m.
- Saturday, March 4: 1:30 to 10:30 p.m.
- Sunday, March 5: 8 to 11:15 a.m., 1:15 to 6 p.m.
- Thursday, March 9: 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 10: 8:30 to 10:15 p.m.
- Saturday, March 11: 1:30 to 3:15 p.m., 7 to 8:45 p.m.
- Sunday, March 12: 1:15 to 3 p.m.
- Friday, March 17: 8:30 to 10:15 p.m.
- Saturday, March 18: 1:30 to 3:15 p.m., 7 to 8:45 p.m.
- Sunday, March 19: 1:15 to 3 p.m.
- Friday, March 24: 8:30 to 10:15 p.m.
- Saturday, March 25: 1:30 to 3:15 p.m., 7 to 8:45 p.m.
- Sunday, March 26: 1:15 to 3 p.m.
- Friday, March 31: 5 to 8 p.m.
- Saturday, April 1: 7 to 10 p.m.

March 9 Common Hour: Losing Isn't Everything

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Join the National Society for Leadership and Success from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, March 9, in Applied Technology Building Room 118 for a broadcast speaker event. This week's speaker will be Curt Menefee.

Curt Menefee is the host of FOX NFL Sunday and the author of the book *Losing Isn't Everything*. Menefee's book is a thought-provoking look at athletes whose legacies have been reduced to one defining moment of

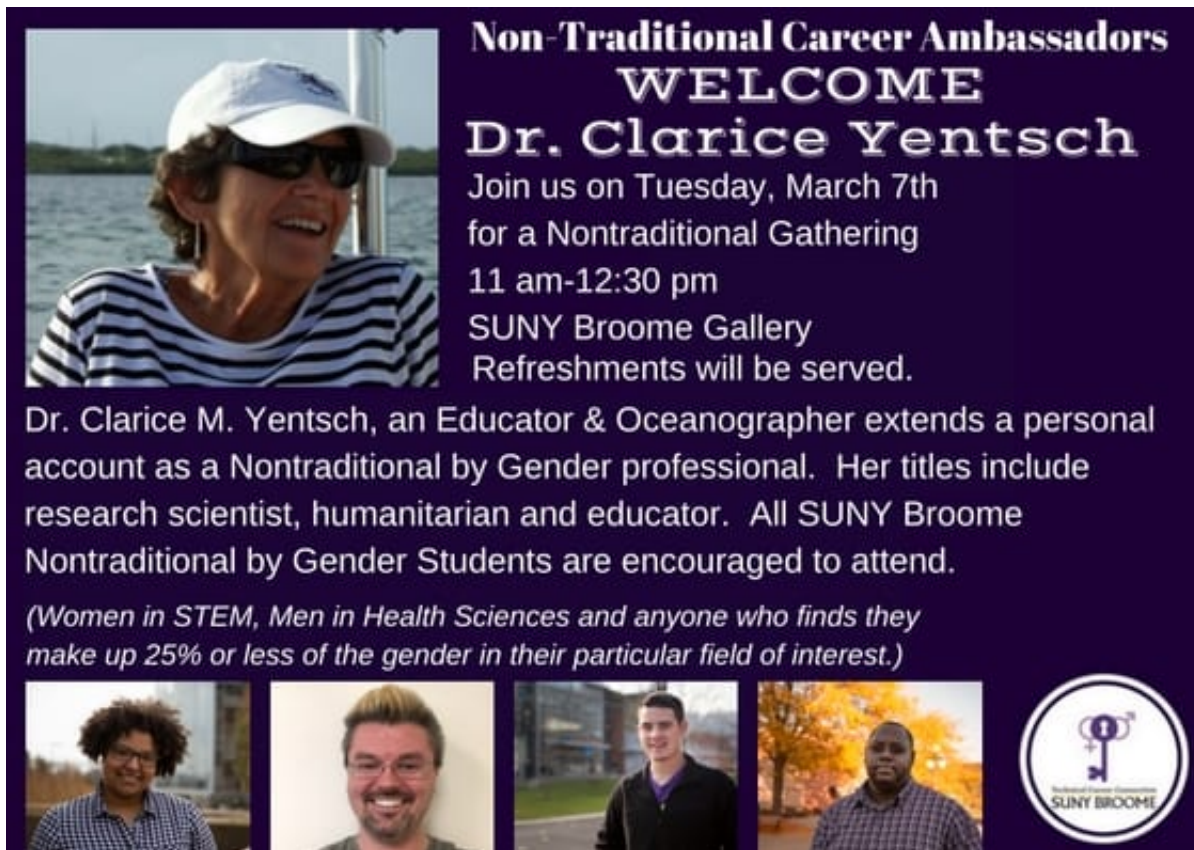
defeat and what their experiences can teach us about competition, life and the human spirit. Menefee approaches both his life and his career from a truly global perspective, attributing career success to three steps: work hard, be passionate and enjoy life.

Menefee will be sharing the hidden lessons behind the toughest losses in sports history, his observations on turning failure into success, and the importance of being resilient in the face of adversity.

Visiting scholar to discuss the experience of students pursuing fields non-traditional by gender

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Non-Traditional Career Ambassadors
WELCOME
Dr. Clarice Yentsch
Join us on Tuesday, March 7th
for a Nontraditional Gathering
11 am-12:30 pm
SUNY Broome Gallery
Refreshments will be served.

Dr. Clarice M. Yentsch, an Educator & Oceanographer extends a personal account as a Nontraditional by Gender professional. Her titles include research scientist, humanitarian and educator. All SUNY Broome Nontraditional by Gender Students are encouraged to attend.

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Dr. Clarice Yentsch will be empowering non-traditional by gender students by sharing some of her experience and how she overcame challenges in her career. All are welcome to attend this special Q&A from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 7 in the Gallery @ SUNY Broome, located on the first floor of the library.

Yentsch is exhibition curator for [Innocent Souls: Vietnam](#) 1968 and president of The Waypoint Foundation, with advanced degrees in education and oceanography. Her career includes 20 years as a research scientist with Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Science in Boothbay, ME; 10 years in systemic science and mathematics education reform with a focus on gender challenges with the Education Development Center, Boston, MA; and 10 years in museum work. Consulting experiences include the American Museum of Natural History in

New York City, the Natural History Museum of the Smithsonian in Washington DC and the Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Society and Museum in Key West. Her current professional interest is 'Humans and the Sea' and her affiliation is Research Scientist and Adjunct Professor at Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale FL.

March 2 Common Hour: Barbara's Rags to Riches Story

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Join the National Society of Leadership and Success for a broadcast speaker event from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, March 2, in Applied Technology Building Room 118. Barbara Corcoran will be speaking.

Barbara Corcoran is an entrepreneur, author, speaker, investor and “Shark” on the popular ABC network show “Shark Tank.” Contrary to her professional successes, Corcoran struggled in both high school and college, and had 20 jobs by the time she turned 23. It was at that time she borrowed \$1,000, quit her job as a waitress to start a tiny real estate company in New York City and created the foundation to become one of the most successful entrepreneurs in the country. Over the next 25 years, Barbara turned the \$1,000 loan into a \$5 billion real estate empire.

Barbara is famously brash, courageous, and a brilliant identifier of opportunity and talent often invisible to others. Barbara has invested in more than 25 entrepreneurs over the last six years, personally helping each one succeed. She continues to speak, coach and share her knowledge with audiences all over the world. Corcoran will share her personal experiences and offer coaching to help students identify opportunities to build their own foundations for success.

March 2 Common Hour: Create your dream job through entrepreneurship

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SUNY Broome Honors Program's Speakers Series presents "Take Your Passion and Make it Happen: Creating Your Dream Job Through Creative Entrepreneurship" at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 2, in Decker 117.

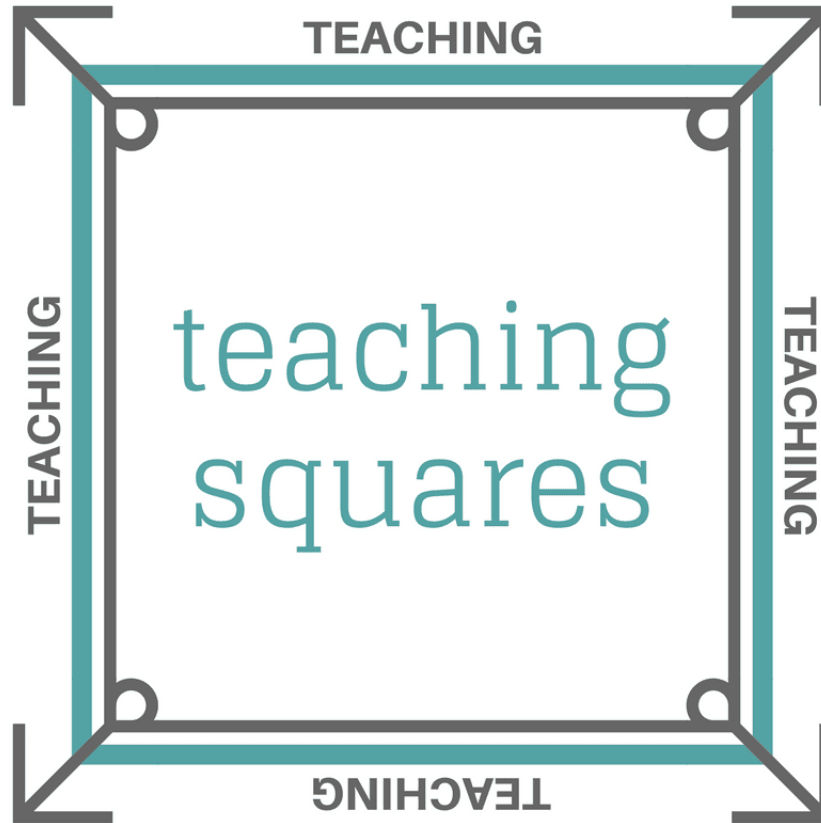
Jesse Katen is the coordinator of the Honors Program at SUNY Broome and the owner of The Jesse Katen School of Dance in Windsor, NY. He also travels extensively as a professional dance competition judge and was named the 2016 Outstanding Dance Judge of the Year at the Dance Industry Awards in Las Vegas. He will be speaking on the rewards and challenges of starting and owning a small business and how young people can create dream job opportunities for themselves through creative entrepreneurship.

The entire campus community is invited to this event.

Upcoming Professional Development: Spring 2017 Teaching Squares

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Improving Teaching Building Community Spring 2017

The Philosophy: The cornerstones of Teaching Squares are the positive attitudes and behaviors that create a mutually supportive, energizing environment for sharing the joys and challenges of teaching.

The Purpose: The Teaching Squares program is designed to improve teaching skills and build community through a structured, non-threatening process of peer classroom observation and shared reflection.

The process involves the best aspect of peer learning – observation and discussion – while excluding judgment and evaluation. Participants in a square learn about the best practices of other faculty in order to improve their own teaching.

Who's Involved? A Teaching Square is a group of four faculty members, usually from different disciplines who:

- Engage in reciprocal classroom visits (on campus or online)
- Reflect on classroom observations
- Share teaching materials
- Share best practices

Teaching Squares are available for face-to-face, blended, and fully online teaching modalities.

Time Commitment: Participants typically spend 7-10 hours per semester in Teaching Squares activities (scheduled via Doodle poll) which include:

- Initial organizing meeting – all Squares kickoff (1 hour)
- Three classroom visits (online or face-to-face)
- Square share session (1 hour)
- Wrap-up meeting – (1 hour)

The Benefits: By participating in Teaching Squares, you will have an opportunity to:

- Observe, analyze, and celebrate good teaching
- Increase your understanding of an appreciation for the work of your colleagues
- Enhance your own teaching based on the shared observations and reflections of your Square partners

Indicate interest by registering before 3/3/2017: [Register Here](#)

SUNY Broome to host 15th annual Science Fair on March 18

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The 15th annual Southern Tier Scholastic Science Fair will be held at SUNY Broome from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18.

The Southern Tier Scholastic Science Fair is dedicated to encouraging middle and high school students of the Southern Tier of New York State to pursue and excel in scientific and technological inquiries through individual science projects. Co-sponsored by SUNY Broome, Lockheed Martin, BAE Systems, IBM, the Miller Auto Team and The Triple Cities-NY Chapter of Sigma Xi, the Science Fair provides a forum for developing academic skills such as becoming familiar with the scientific method, conducting an independent scientific investigation, speaking and preparing an organized display.

In addition to meeting with the judges and being considered for more than \$2,000 in awards and prizes donated by local businesses and organizations, nearly 100 local students will have the opportunity to participate in two exciting workshops. Faculty from the Physical Sciences Department in the SUNY Broome Division of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math will conduct a morning workshop called *Solar System Simulations*. In the afternoon, students will experience aspects of animal science with Jordan Patch from Animal Adventure Park, and engineers from Lockheed Martin will conduct experiments with liquid nitrogen. Lunch will be provided to all student participants.

Family and friends are welcome to attend our awards ceremony scheduled to start around 2pm in the Baldwin Gym. We are pleased to welcome our honored guests who will help us to recognize and congratulate our student participants: Dr. Amy Brandt, Associate Vice President and Dean of Health Sciences and Distance Learning at SUNY Broome, Professor Kenneth Mansfield, Associate Vice President and Dean of STEM at SUNY Broome, Dr. Francis Battisti, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer at SUNY Broome, Broome County Executive Jason Garnar, and Assembly Woman Donna Lupardo.

For more information, to volunteer or to register for the fair, please visit www.bccsciencefair.wordpress.com.

Blood Drive March 2: Help Save a Life

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Help save a life: Donate blood! The Medical Assisting Club & Clinical Laboratory Technologies Club will be hosting the annual American Red Cross Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 2, in the AT Atrium.

The students will have tables set up for recruitment in the Student Center and Titchener on Feb. 27 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Erin O'Hara-Leslie at oharaleslieek@sunybroome.edu or 778-5161.

Primary scheduling will be from our students at recruitment tables listed above, but walk-ins are welcome, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment. To see if you are eligible to be a Double Red Donor, check out this link: <http://www.donatebloodnow.org/SponsorDrive/doublered.asp>

PTK international film series: The Robber on March 1

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Join us for a viewing of *The Robber* (German, 102 minutes) at 6 p.m. March 1 in Titchener Hall 102!

Imagine you have two obsessions: running and robbing banks. This film, based on a true story, features a record-breaking marathon runner in Vienna who just can't seem to stop knocking over banks. You will never forget Hands as he literally runs from the law, and from whatever is driving him to an inevitable confrontation with forces that threaten his freedom and sole relationship.

[Read more about the international film series here.](#)

Meet with a TIAA Financial Consultant at SUNY Broome

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No matter where you are in life — just getting started or planning for retirement—a session with Alicia Brady can help you create a unique plan for your goals. And, it's at no additional cost as a part of your retirement plan. You'll get answers to these questions and more:

- Am I invested in the right mix of investments to help meet my goals?
- Am I saving enough to create the retirement income I need?
- How do I take income from my retirement account once I stop working?
- How do I plan for short-term goals such as saving for a house or education expenses?
- How do I manage debt, save money and balance various financial priorities at the same time?

Register for a session to get an action plan created especially for you.

Visiting campus on:

- March 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Wales 203A
- April 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Wales 203B
- May 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Wales 203A
- June 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Wales 203A

RSVP today as space is limited. Register at www.TIAA.org/schedulenow or call 800-732-8353, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (ET).

SUNY Broome Women's Institute to host director of 'The Illusionists' on Feb. 28

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Elena Rossini

The SUNY Broome Women's Institute is proud to host the screening of the critically- acclaimed documentary, *The Illusionists*, at 6 p.m. Feb. 28 in Decker Health Sciences Building Room 201.

Producer and director Elena Rossini will be attend the event and be available for a question and answer session following the film.

The documentary exposes the multi-billion dollar industries that give us images of unattainable beauty. Humorous and shocking at the same time, Rossini's film turns the mirror on the media and how it promotes the "perfect" body. It shows dramatically how our lives are saturated with these images on a global scale.

A moderated panel discussion including Elena Rossini and members of SUNY Broome's Women's Institute will be conducted afterward. A reception will follow the program.



March 2 Common Hour: Point-Counterpoint

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Join Scott Corley and Carla Michalak, two faculty panelists with divergent points of view, at 11 a.m. March 2 in T-102 for Point-Counterpart, a discussion of the most important current issues of the day.

Active shooter training March 2 and 16 in BB-224

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Are you prepared for emergencies? SUNY Broome's Office of Public Safety will hold active shooter training for faculty, staff and students from 11 to 11:50 a.m. March 2 and March 16 in Business Building Room 224.

Learn how to maximize your own safety, and the safety of our campus community.

The Monday Poem: ‘The Owl and the Pussy-Cat’ by Edward Lear

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

The Owl and the Pussy-Cat

BY EDWARD LEAR

I

The Owl and the Pussy-cat went to sea
In a beautiful pea-green boat,
They took some honey, and plenty of money,
Wrapped up in a five-pound note.
The Owl looked up to the stars above,
And sang to a small guitar,
“O lovely Pussy! O Pussy, my love,
What a beautiful Pussy you are,
You are,
You are!
What a beautiful Pussy you are!”

II

Pussy said to the Owl, “You elegant fowl!
How charmingly sweet you sing!
O let us be married! too long we have tarried:
But what shall we do for a ring?”
They sailed away, for a year and a day,
To the land where the Bong-Tree grows
And there in a wood a Piggy-wig stood
With a ring at the end of his nose,
His nose,
His nose,
With a ring at the end of his nose.

III

“Dear Pig, are you willing to sell for one shilling
Your ring?” Said the Piggy, “I will.”
So they took it away, and were married next day
By the Turkey who lives on the hill.
They dined on mince, and slices of quince,
Which they ate with a runcible spoon;
And hand in hand, on the edge of the sand,
They danced by the light of the moon,
The moon,
The moon,
They danced by the light of the moon.



The Life of a Wanderer. On a literal level the phrase refers to Lear's constant traveling as a self-proclaimed "dirty landscape painter" from 1837 until he finally settled at his Villa Tennyson on the San Remo coast of Italy in 1880. But wandering, in that it suggests rootlessness, aimlessness, loneliness, and uncertainty, is also a metaphor for Lear's emotional life and for the sense of melancholy that so often peeps through the playfully absurd surface of his nonsense verse. (Vivian Noakes)

March 2 Common Hour: Lebanese Red Cross and Syrian Refugees in Lebanon

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[Study Abroad Illustration](#)



It's been five years since the beginning of the Syrian Civil War in March of 2011. There around 13.5 million Syrians are refugees; 50% of them are children under the age of 18, and about 5 million are in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt.

In 2011, the population of Lebanon was about 4.5 million. In 2016 the population increased to 6.5 million; 1.5 million are Syrian Refugees. Having about a quarter of the population relying on international aid gravely impacts the economy and the quality of life, not just for the refugees, but for the Lebanese as well

At this Common Hour event **at 11 a.m. March 2 in Decker 201**, members of the Student Assembly will raise awareness on this topic and clear up any misconceptions about Syrian refugees. They will also collect donations to help the Lebanese Red Cross with their mission in Lebanon and help the Syrian refugees.

From the Desk of the Dean of Students: #IllGoWithYou at SUNY Broome

February 24, 2017

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Friends and Family of SUNY Broome,

As national dialogue continues around the state's right to determine to what extent we are required to support an individual's gender identity, we must continue to show our commitment to educate, both academically and personally, all SUNY Broome community members on the benefits of having a campus that embraces

diversity and multiculturalism. It is our duty to create and act as role models for inclusivity while allowing all individuals an equal opportunity to flourish. Our support for all of our faculty, staff, and students is unwavering. We **WILL** continue to welcome individuals of all identities to SUNY Broome, and I will serve as an advocate to best ensure that all community members feel comfortable about being themselves while here.

If, at any point, you do not feel comfortable going into a restroom, locker room, or any other gender-identified location on campus please ask me, or anyone wearing an #IllGoWithYou button, to walk in with you. While New York State Human Rights Law continues to identify gender identity as a protected class, we will do more than protect. We will welcome, embrace, support, and serve all individuals.
With confidence,

Scott Schuhert

Dean of Students and Title IX Coordinator

In the Wild: SUNY Broome alumni play an integral role in Everglades course

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This year's Ecology of the Everglades course and facilitators

Imagine going camping for two weeks. When would you make the reservations? How would you get there? What would you bring to eat? Now multiply that by two dozen people – and you'll get a sense of what goes into facilitating a course like BIO 200: Ecology of the Everglades.

Started decades ago by Professors Rick Firenze and Dave Walsh, the popular Winter Term course brings students to Florida's Everglades National Park, considered by many environmentalists to be the country's most unique and endangered wilderness area. Students study ecological principles through an extensive wilderness camping experience, which includes hikes through the swamp, canoeing through mangroves,

ocean kayaking, lectures, projects and more. Dr. Firenze still teaches the course, along with Professor Mark Demetros.

While they may be fascinated by the flora and fauna surrounding them, those two-dozen Hornets need to eat, get around and get access to popular national parks – some of which require you to register nearly a year beforehand. Enter alumni Robin Alpaugh and Ben Andrus. Alpaugh, currently the Executive Director of the United Way of Broome County, first attended the course as a student, after learning about it from Professor Walsh.



This year's Ecology of the Everglades course

"I've been involved in Scouting since I was a kid, and I'm an Eagle Scout. I had the camping thing down," said Alpaugh, a graduate with degrees in Liberal Arts at what was then-BCC and political science at Binghamton University.

"What a life-changing experience it was!" he reflected. "The classroom is essentially the national park. There were no walls, no chalkboards."

Some years later, the trip's previous cook stepped down – and Alpaugh jumped at the chance to help out. Another alumnus, Lou Pizzuti, became the cook, with Alpaugh as his assistant, for nearly eight years. When Pizzuti stepped down, Alpaugh took the lead.

For the past decade, he has worked alongside alumnus Ben Andrus, a Binghamton University librarian, and the operation has become increasingly refined. Gone are the days of box mac and cheese with that neon-yellow sauce, and the quick hot dogs.



This year's Ecology of the Everglades course

"We really raised the bar since I was a student," Alpaugh said. "We see what other community colleges do down there and they really rough it; students prepare their own food. We do breakfast, lunch and dinner. Every year, we try to do it a little better and a little bigger."

Andrus and Alpaugh even had a cooking competition, pitting Robin's unique cheese sauce (yes, mac and cheese, but homemade) against Ben's pasta dish. (Alpaugh won.)

The dynamic duo does more than just cook, however. They're responsible for the entire infrastructure behind the course, from planning to travel, said Andrus, who has been going to the Everglades with the class for 14 years, the first year as a student. Both the Everglades and the National Parks course that takes students out west during summer term require strategic planning, from the parks the students will be staying at to travel routes, and where to pick up supplies along the way. Some of the parks are immensely popular, and require reservations months in advance.

"Two weeks after we get back, I'm making reservations for the following year," Andrus said.

In short, their goal is to make a complex operation run smoothly – knowing that everything can turn on a dime. These can include medical emergencies, and the two facilitators are willing and able to transport students in need to the nearest hospital – and they have.

Alpaugh and Andrus' contributions to the trips are deeply appreciated by the professors and the students.

"Robin Alpaugh and Ben Andrus are much more than just our cooks and our drivers. They are indispensable partners in our field courses in both the Everglades and the National Parks out west," said Dr. Firenze. "They are truly the infrastructure that allows the course to run smoothly and efficiently. And in courses of this nature, infrastructure is everything. The students absolutely love both Robin and Ben and those of us who are fortunate enough to teach these wonderful courses rely on them for both the planning and execution of the course. Simply put, these courses could not run without them."

Proud Hornet



Robin Alpaugh and the Bromleys

Robin Alpaugh has remained deeply connected to SUNY Broome – in more than just trips to the wilderness.

While studying political science, he worked on several political campaigns, including that of 1971 alumnus Bob Moppert. Alpaugh then spent two years as SUNY Broome's Director of Alumni Affairs while working on his Master's degree, before joining the state's department of economic development. He served as deputy regional director for Empire State Development before joining the United Way as its new executive director

last year.

“Fortunately I’ve had jobs that allowed me to go to Florida for two weeks,” he said of the Everglades trip. “I haven’t missed one yet.”

He had a chance to meet up with alumnus Bromley and his wife Karen, who both live in Florida, during the last trip. The Bromleys spent the day with the class at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, participating in lectures and a walk-through.

Karen Bromley, a retired faculty member from Binghamton University, said she and her husband enjoyed the visit, and particularly the opportunity to speak with students in the class. Among her husband’s fond SUNY Broome memories were field trips led by faculty members to enhance the student experience – just like the Everglades course is today.

Both Alpaugh and Andrus are hardworking and highly knowledgeable, she noted – more than a bit like ecologists themselves. “Both of them helped us expand our knowledge of Florida, even though we’ve lived here for three years,” she said.

Alpaugh hopes to meet more alumni on these trips – and not just in the Everglades. For the past six years, he has also headed out west to assist the BIO 115: Ecology of the National Parks course. This year, Alpaugh, Andrus and up to 28 students will head to national parks in California, Arizona and Utah. It would be a great opportunity for West Coast alumni to meet up.

In fact, alumni can show up in the most unexpected places. In the Everglades, a few hikers spotted the class’ colorfully decorated vans and stopped to say hello; they were alumni. Last summer, the National Parks class stopped at a gas station and convenience store outside of Zion National Park; the owner turned out to be a former BCC instructor, Alpaugh remembered.

While filled with beautiful vistas, the trips are admittedly a good deal of work for Alpaugh and Andrus and very labor-intensive. So why keep doing it?

The opportunity to get out of the upstate winter and into shorts and a t-shirt for two weeks, for one, Alpaugh admitted. And there are the intangibles, too, such as watching new faces each year behold the wonders of the natural world.

As students, Andrus and Alpaugh said they both forged friendships on their ecology trips that last to this day. Seeing friendships emerge among the alumni of the future is a special treat.

“It’s fun to watch the groups. First day riding in the van they’re still getting to know each other and more reserved,” Alpaugh said. “By the end of the trip, it’s a family. They become lifelong friends afterward in many cases.”

Save the Date: Spring Open House on April 29

February 24, 2017

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The Spring Open House will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29, in the Ice Center!

An electronic registration form will be sent to all campus departments the week of February 27 to sign up for this event. The Open House Committee appreciates your continued support making this event possible.

Facilities update for February 2017

February 24, 2017

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Click below for the college's facilities update for February 2017:

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Budget and Finance Update for February 2017

February 24, 2017

Categories: FOCUS on Finances

Click below for SUNY Broome's budget and finance update for February 2017.

[Budget Finance Update February 2017](#)

Feeling blue? Get group therapy for social anxiety and depression

February 24, 2017

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

It's not easy being a real human being. Join our SUNY Broome group to address your uncomfortable experiences of social anxiety and/or depression from noon to 12:50 p.m. Wednesdays from March 1 to May 3 in Student Services Building Room 214B.

This group will be led by social worker Marc Lippman, and will accept new members up to March 15. Please sign up before then if you are ready to try something new to help relieve your burdens.

Call our Counseling Center at 778-5210 to sign up.

Celebrate spring with these Friday Dining Hall specials

February 23, 2017

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Celebrate spring thaw Friday, Feb. 24, in the SUNY Broome Dining Hall!

The Elements concept will be available for lunch and dinner at the Global Eatery, featuring protein-packed power bowl salads and bone broths such as the Grecian, Black and Blue, and Southwest Chicken Broth Bowl, as well as a make-your-own option with kale, soba noodles, farro, black beans and tons of other fresh toppings.

They will also have a custom Smoothie and Milkshake Bar set up, with tons of fruit, yogurt and juices for a cool and healthy smoothie (or a double chocolate shake with whipped cream and Oreo crumbs, if you prefer).

A once in a lifetime chance: Middle school students apply to P-TECH

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SUNY Broome Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti had quite an offer for a room full of eighth-graders.

“How many of you in this room would like to be given \$100,000?” he asked, and a sea of hands shot toward the ceiling in response. “That’s exactly what today is about!” Dr. Battisti told them.

Fifty of the approximately 115 middle-school students in the room will have an incredible opportunity for their future: the chance to earn a college degree for free, while working on their high school diploma.

Funded by a grant, the [Pathways in Technology Early College High School](#) (P-TECH) program is a collaboration between SUNY Broome, Broome-Tioga BOCES, area school districts and a half-dozen industry partners, and is designed to provide a career pathway for economically disadvantaged students.



The six-year program supports students in earning both their high school diploma and associate's degree from SUNY Broome in health science, computer technology or engineering technology. Students are also supported by industry partners, who provide mentorship, guidance and workplace learning during the six years. Students apply for the program through their guidance counselor, and will know whether they have been accepted for a fall start later this spring.



Hasan Wakefield

They don't need to be stellar students to apply, Dr. Battisti said, although they will work hard once they're in the program. A SUNY Broome graduate, he wasn't the world's best student himself when he was their age, he admitted.

The future scholars took a tour of campus, exploring classrooms and lab space. They had some good questions, too; Hasan Wakefield of Binghamton's East Middle School was intrigued by the EMT classroom with its ambulance simulator, and wanted to know how much voltage a defibrillator uses.

The physical therapy lab with its water tank was fascinating, added Wakefield, who was interested in both

health and computer science.



Justin Golden

Justin Golden of Windsor already knows his passion: computer science and coding. Still, the tour exposed him to a range of opportunities and experiences. His favorite part?

“It was so good! I can’t choose,” he said.

One task he took a shine too: Creating a peanut butter and jelly sandwich by using algorithms.

“It helps solve the problem you want to solve,” Golden explained of the concept, which is integral to computer science.

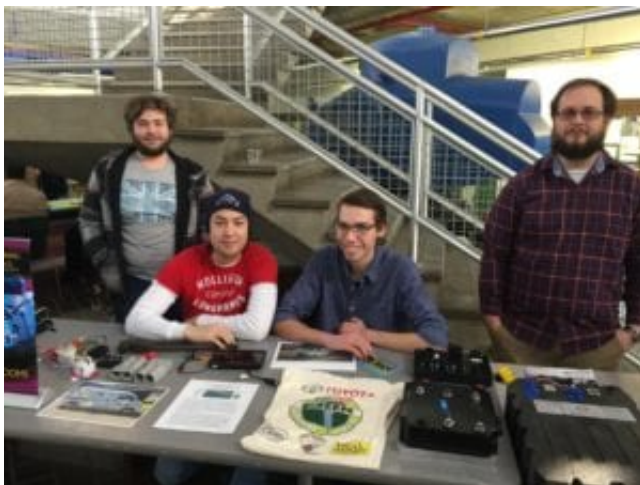
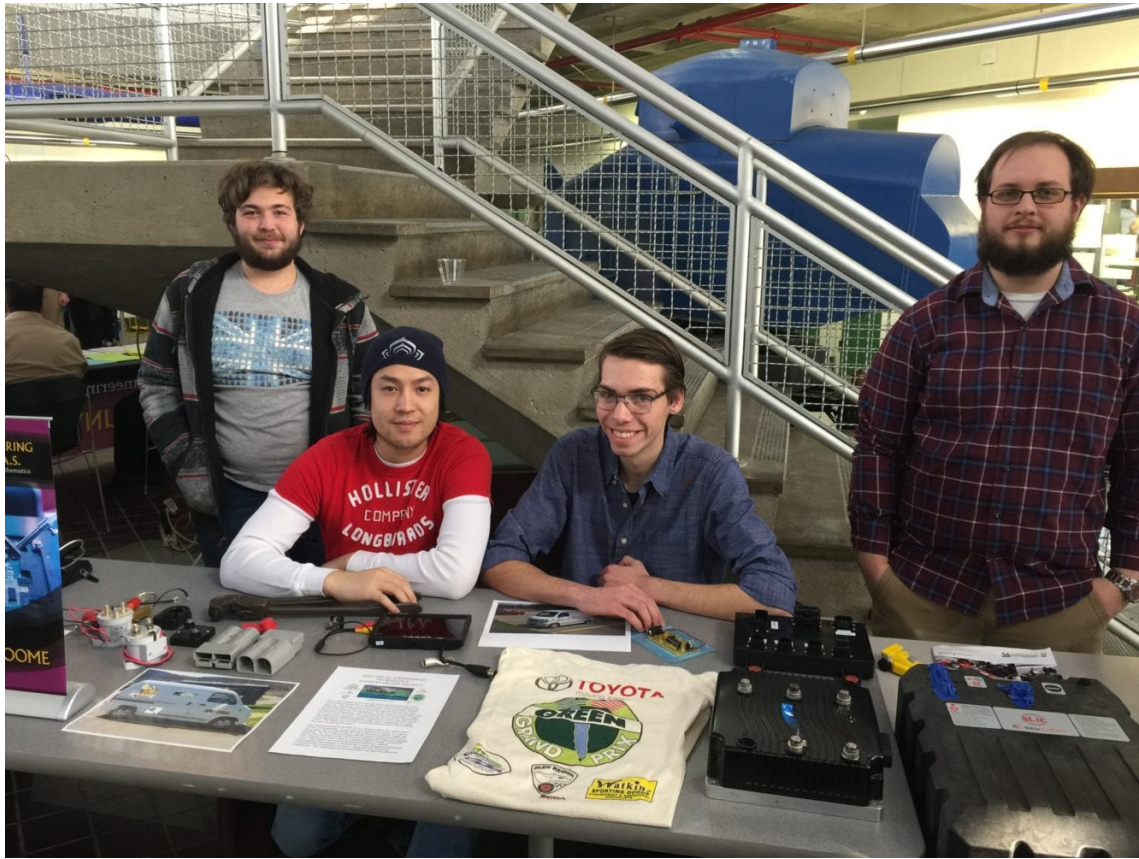
Like their peers, both students were excited by the opportunities that P-Tech represents.

“That would be incredible,” Wakefield said of the prospect of being accepted. “It’s a once in a lifetime chance.”

Engineering Open House gives students, local companies a chance to celebrate STEM

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The hybrid van team from the local chapter of IEEE

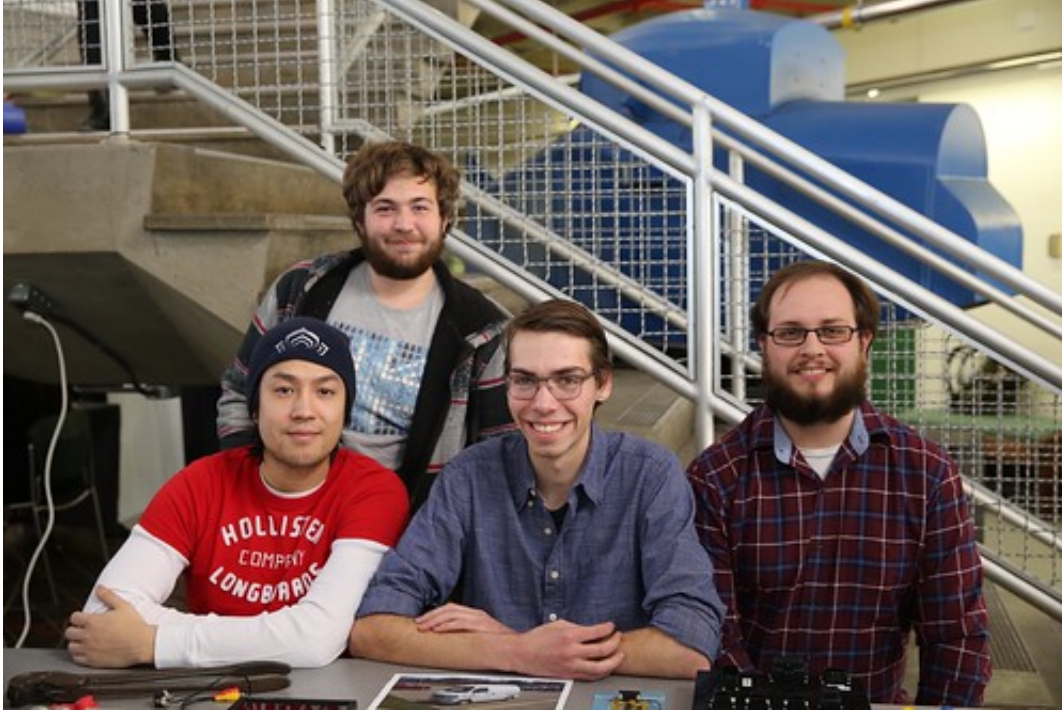
Drones and robots. Swinging pendulums. Electronic games. A juiced-up electric van that will blow away the competition – hopefully – on the race course.

These are just some of the projects undertaken by SUNY Broome's Engineering Science students. They had the chance to share their hard work Feb. 22 at an Engineering Open House, in celebration of National

Engineering Week.

“It’s a chance to celebrate engineers and the work that they do,” said Professor Robert Lofthouse, chair of Engineering Science and Physics.

The event also provided opportunities for networking with area employers to find internships and job opportunities. Rockwell Collins, Raymond Corporation, BAE Systems, Lockheed Martin and Amphenol Aerospace sent both representatives and interactive displays, including a hybrid bus from BAE.



Engineering science majors Sean King and Tyler Klossner and their electronic Yahtzee game

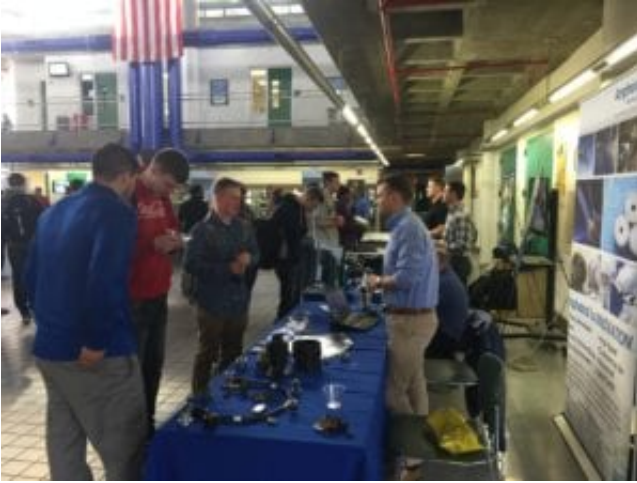
Engineering science majors Inam Ullah and Ethan Zaweski demonstrated the projects they built in their micro-processing course: a pair of small vehicles able to detect obstacles and either stop or reverse direction. Nearby was a drone project they were working on with other team members.

Both plan on studying civil engineering, most likely at SUNY Stony Brook, they said.

Engineering science majors Sean King and Tyler Klossner also showed off their micro-processing work: an electronic version of Yatzhee, formed of chips, wires and switches. Both are planning on careers in computer engineering.

“It’s a virtual version of the classic board game,” King explained. “It’s a fully working game.”

“Flip the switch to roll the dice,” Klossner said, indicating the row of five solver switches.



The event also included displays from local engineering firms

Computer science student Mike DiGiacomo and his team – members of the local chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) – couldn’t bring their project into the room. That’s because it’s an old van, which will be getting new life as a green racer.

The students are taking an electric van formerly used by the maintenance department and retooling it with more efficient lithium batteries, DiGiacomo explained. They’ll also be making the boxy white vehicle more aerodynamic, replacing the side-mirrors with cameras.

“The end goal is to compete in [Toyota Green Grand Prix](#),” DiGiacomo said. “The competition is April 7 at Watkins Glen.”

It features two main events. One requires the green vehicles to drive 100 miles at an average speed of 45 mph, while the other consists of autocross, a timed competition that has drivers navigate through a defined course. Good thing Mike is an experienced driver: Last year, he was behind the wheel of the [Green Machine](#), an electric car built by both Binghamton University and SUNY Broome students.

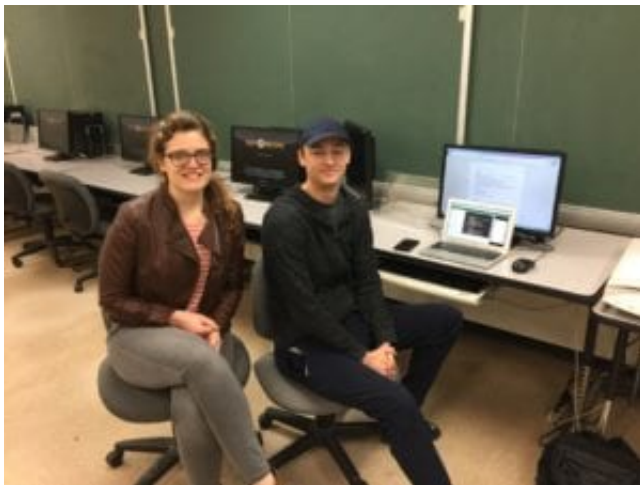
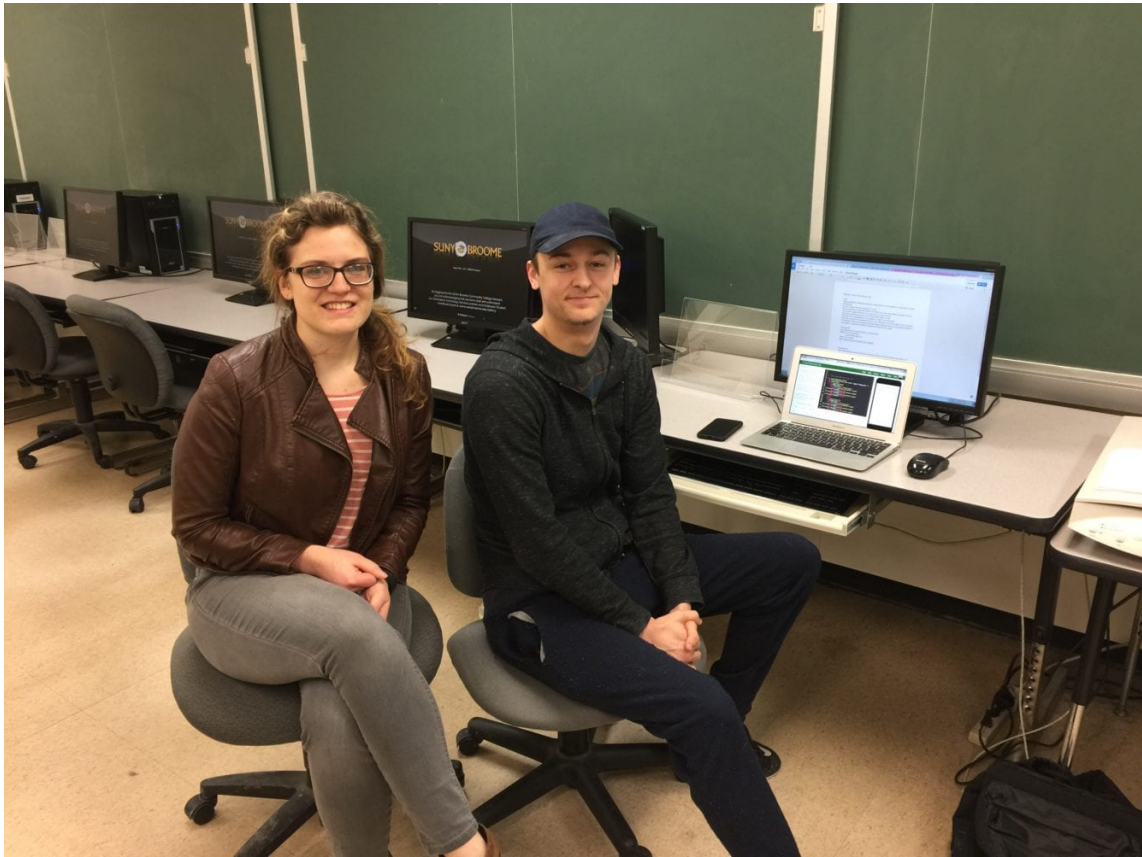
He can add media star to his engineering credentials as well, after he was interviewed by [Fox 40](#) for a story on the Engineering Open House.

“This event is huge for us,” he told the reporter. “This is really a good way for us to put ourselves out there, and to get more exposure for the event and for our program.”

Up to the challenge: SUNY Broome team enters coding contest

February 23, 2017

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Jessica Nurczynski and Robert Homan, two of BITBYTES' team members

The challenge: create an app and website to spread the word about the [Excelsior Scholarship](#), Gov. Andrew Cuomo's plan to make a SUNY and CUNY education tuition-free for many students.

The deadline: Two short weeks.

Enter BITBYTES, a team of innovative Business Information Technology students – plus a Hospitality student with web skills. They're working on a website and app with a tile design, akin to the layout on

Windows 10.

“It’s going to include information on what’s going on in regards to Cuomo’s proposal, plus a way for you to do a quick application,” said team member Jessica Nurczynski. A quick will pop up to determine if users are eligible for Excelsior, she noted. “Ideally, it will transfer into an application,” she added.

The team includes Nurczynski, a Hotel and Restaurant Management major with a degree from SUNY Oswego and experience in coding, and Robert Homan, a senior working on a Business information management Major, with a certificate in Website Development. Both were working on the project in the Business Building last Wednesday. After graduating in May, Homan plans to put his skills to use in the workforce, while Nurczynski hopes to one day open her own restaurant.

There is also Colin Lake, a non-matriculated student enrolled in BIT 288 Web App Development, who is also a graphic designer with a Bachelor’s from Binghamton University; he’s just breaking into coding and has been recently hired by Freshy Sites, according to Professor Sandy Wright. Rebecca Fishman, a New Media Design Certificate student, has a prior degree in English from Binghamton University, and is taking courses to enhance her skill set as a website content writer.

And then there is the remote member: aspiring web developer and graphic designer Elizabeth Ruscito, a Website Development and Management Certificate major in Long Island. She’s a fully online student, and the team has been communicating remotely to develop their design and the website, Wright said.

The team started work after registering on Feb. 14, and “it blasted off from there,” Homan said.

“We still have to do a few things – the design for the tiles, create the graphics. Right now, we’re doing a prototype,” he explained. “It doesn’t have to be a complete model yet.”

The Coding Challenge is an opportunity to refresh team members’ coding skills – and spread the word about Cuomo’s proposal, which would help students if it’s enacted, Homan said.

“I think it’s a great idea, although I’m not sure if it’s feasible realistically,” Nurczynski said about the Excelsior scholarship, while Homan nodded his head in agreement. “There’s a lot of people in New York State who can’t afford college.”

March 2 Common Hour: Point-Counterpoint

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Join Scott Corley and Carla Michalak, two faculty panelists with divergent points of view, at 11 a.m. March 2 in T-102 for Point-Counterpart, a discussion of the most important current issues of the day.

Follow our Online Learning Facebook page

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Students, faculty and staff interested in timely reminders and helpful hints for success in online learning are encouraged to follow our new SUNY Broome Online Learning Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/sunybroomeonlinelearning/>
Connect with learners and instructors like you! Suggested content welcome. Contact Michelle Beatty, online learning concierge, at beattymr@sunybroome.edu.

Join us for Student Success World Cafe Lunch and Discussion

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Student Success World Cafe Lunch and Discussion

Join us on Thursday, March 9, from 12:30-3:30 pm in Decker 201 for a Student Success World Cafe Lunch and Discussion facilitated by the Achieving Success team members and Coaches. This interactive campus gathering will allow us to engage in discussion about our ICAT results and capture specific ideas about improving student success at SUNY Broome.

If you plan to attend please register using this link: [Register Here](#)

The passing of Margaret Deys

February 22, 2017

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Margaret Deys, our friend and former colleague, passed away last Saturday at Wilson Hospital after a long illness. Margaret was a dedicated, longtime member of the English Department until her retirement from the SUNY Broome. Her obituary appeared in today's Press & Sun Bulletin, and you can read it online here:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pressconnects/obituary.aspx?n=margaret-deys-ludwig&pid=184208748&fhid=16171>

Margaret's family has arranged a get-together at Jonathan's in Endwell (534 Hooper Road) from 4 to 7 p.m. this Friday, February 24, to celebrate her life and share stories and memories. There is also information in the obituary about organizations she supported over the years to which people can donate in her honor.

Kickoff Event for the NEA Big Read

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Please join us for the kickoff event of the NEA Big Read at 7 p.m. Feb. 24 in Decker 201.

The NEA Big Read is a national program that encourages the love of reading by helping a community share a good book. Starting this Friday and running through the end of March, SUNY Broome is presenting programming about this year's selection:



Tim O'Brien

The Things They Carried

Come share refreshments with the SUNY Broome community and learn about what we have in store for the next exciting month!



RSVPs requested: <http://bit.ly/2kN8BJz>

SUNY Broome grad to speak at Toastmasters about initiative in Haiti

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John-Roosevelt Hyppolite

John-Roosevelt Hyppolite, a SEED (Scholarship for Education and Economic Development) student from Haiti who graduated in May 2015, will be the keynote speaker at this Friday's meeting of the Speakers of the House Toastmasters International Club at 3:10 p.m. Feb. 24 in Wales 203-B.

Along with his SEED classmates from Haiti, Patrick Pierre Millien, Werley D. Scott Paul, Ketia Loundine Chery and Esther Jean-Louis, Roosevelt has founded a Christian Children's Program in L'Asile, Haiti, called

Hands of Love. The project has also been supported by ESL faculty member Myriam Stanton; former SEED Program Coordinator Claudia Beebe; a missionary friend from Endwell, Roger Paul Correll; Roosevelt's brother, Georges Kelysinson Hyppolite; and his friend Frantzso Boissot. Even Roosevelt's mom, Madame Julio Hyppolite, is involved in the project. She runs the Bible Studies and arts programs.



The Hands of Love is a Christian initiative in Haiti

At SUNY Broome, Roosevelt designed a community action plan for a project he would institute upon his return to Haiti, and now it is a reality! He wanted to make a difference in lives of children in Haiti. While at SUNY Broome based on his community action plan, Roosevelt was selected to attend the prestigious Clinton Global Initiative University in Miami.

His initiative is described as follows on the Hands of Love website, <http://handsoflovehaiti.blogspot.com/>:

Hands of Love is a Christian program of support to children who cannot be supported by their parents to go to school. This program is based on three three aspects: educational, spiritual and social.

Educational: Help the children to go to school to be well-educated in order to reduce the delinquency rate and build strong and powerful leaders for a better future generation.

Spiritual: Help the kids to grow spiritually through Bible Studies, Christian activities and VBS (Vacation Bible School). These activities will help them to know more about Jesus and grow according to the scriptures.



Social: Integrate the children in social activities such as planting trees, cleaning streets and many other community service activities in order to teach them about community development and have them participate fully in the development of their country, Haiti .

In describing Hands of Love, Roosevelt says, "Hands of Love is not only about helping children through education, but also about sharing the gospel of Jesus. Every child we help get an education is a child prevented from joining a gang."

Come hear him speak and learn how you might help!

SUNY Broome Women's Institute hosts film, discussion of 'The Illusionists' Feb. 28

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Rossini

Are you tired of being barraged with images of what you are “supposed” to look like?

The SUNY Broome Women's Institute is proud to host the screening of the critically- acclaimed documentary, *The Illusionists*, which tackles the multi-billion dollar industries that create these images on a global scale. You will get to meet Elena Rossini, the Italian producer and director of the film who will be present as part of a panel following the screening.

Sign up to attend at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, in Decker Health Sciences Building Room 201. A reception will follow the program.

The Women's Institute is proud to host such a distinguished filmmaker, photographer and social entrepreneur on women's issues as Elena Rossini. She is the founder and editor-in-chief of "No Country for Young Women," a website that provides positive role models for young girls with more than 100 interviews of successful professional women from across the globe.

Rossini, who lives in Paris, also co-founded the Gender Gap Grader. which publishes gender gap estimates for particular industries such as The Internet Movie Database (IMDB). Check it out at [Gender Gap Grader](#)

Independent Filmmakers Meeting on Campus March 3

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The Southern Tier Independent Filmmakers Society (STIFS) will be meeting at 7 p.m. Friday, March 3, in Titchener Hall Room 102.

Faculty member and filmmaker Nick Bongiorno will be showing a long trailer to his new feature-length documentary, *Juggernaut: A Tale of Toxicity and Redemption*. The program will also include a presentation on advice for makers of short films.

Filmmakers, film students, screenwriters, actors, editors, cinematographers and all those interested in working in film or learning more about the art of screenwriting and filmmaking are welcome to attend. This event has been sponsored by the SUNY Broome Communications Department and Leonine Productions.

Feb. 27 to March 3 is Mardi Gras week in the Dining Hall

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Get a taste of Mardi Gras in the SUNY Broome Dining Hall from Feb. 27 through March 3!

Special features will include Bananas Foster French Toast and Fat Stack Pancakes for breakfast, and Cajun Mac & Cheese, Shrimp Po' Boys, Blackened Salmon BLTs, Chicken and Sausage Jambalayas and Blackened Chicken Alfredo as entrees.

Laissez les bons temps rouler!

Don't be afraid of Aunt Flo: AA1 students bring girls' health initiative to Haiti

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Brittany Carpenter (left) and Emma Weiss (right) in Haiti

Remember that class in elementary school where they separated girls from the boys, and talked about menstruation? If you were a girl in the class, you probably giggled to hide some of the awkwardness, but you learned a lot, too.

Now imagine that you didn't have a class like this, your female relatives never talked about menstruation –

and pads and tampons weren't available in any store. What would happen when you had your period? Would you know how to handle it? Would you even be able to attend school?

Four students in the [AA1](#) program's Art of Science class tackled this sensitive issue with ProjectP, an adaptation of a program that [SUNY Broome alumna Allie Schmidt](#) helped implement in Uganda. Two of the [AA1](#) students – Brittany Carpenter and Emma Weiss – took the program to Haiti, where they put it into



action.

“We taught women and girls about puberty and why the body is going through changes,” Carpenter explained.

“Even adult grown women were asking us questions. They don't have classes like we do here on puberty,” Weiss added.

Carpenter, Weiss and teammates Sarah Sherman and Hector Lopez adapted the iRise program to teach girls and women about their anatomy, menstrual cycle and reproductive health. They also created kits so that the women could sew their own reusable menstrual pads; in this, they were aided by local sewing groups who tested the template and patterns, donated materials and supplies, and made some pads to share with the girls. They also created a website, <https://www.projectp.org/>, to share their work, as well as the patterns and templates for homemade menstrual pads.



Making menstrual pads

Carpenter and Weiss joined the [Health for Haiti](#) class this January to implement the project. Working with an

amazing translator – SUNY Broome alumna Esther St. Louis – they delivered the program in three communities, reaching more than 75 girls and women, Professor Jennifer Musa said. To help explain anatomy, they brought models from the college’s biology department.

“We learned that most girls, especially the ones at the orphanages, knew nothing about their period and that it is often very frightening and shameful for them,” Dr. Musa said. “None of the women and girls we worked with knew the correct anatomy, so the models were very enlightening for them.”



All four students are former classmates; they attended Johnson City High School, and learned about the AA1 program from fellow JCHS grad [Stella Safari](#). In her senior year of high school, Weiss decided to come to SUNY Broome to discover her interests and options. It worked; she plans to transfer to New York University, Cornell University or Ithaca College and major in clinical psychology.

“It’s challenging. It definitely opens your eyes to the vast education you can receive,” Carpenter said of the AA1 program, which allows students to complete their associate’s degree in a single year. She’s not sure of where she’s transferring yet, but plans to major in biology and ultimately physical therapy.



While Carpenter worked with a nonprofit in high school, Health for Haiti marked the first time that she and Weiss could travel to another country to work with people in need. The opportunity to put their project in place was deeply meaningful, they said.

And while Haiti and the United States have cultural differences, some scenes remain the same – such as the embarrassed giggles in puberty class.

“Even here in the U.S., you kind of laugh,” Carpenter said. “They were just as immature as I was when we first learned about it.”





ProjectP in Haiti





Health & Public Relations research team accepted at two research conferences

February 22, 2017

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Congratulations to the Health & Public Relations Research Team on acceptance of their research proposals at two upcoming conferences!

Dr. Kimberly McLain, Professor Timothy Skinner and research team students Maria Bajwa, Myriah Bodie, Kayla Boorum, Marisa Cicak, Donette Hutchison, Erin Page, Rebecca Polosky, Stephanie Rose, Mike Sherman, Matthew Slilaty, Austen Strauss, Jacob Yoest and Erik Young will be presenting their research findings at the upcoming Communicating Connections: Conference for Undergraduate Research at RIT and at the SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference at SUNY Fredonia.

The team will present qualitative and quantitative findings of the impact of a media campaign on handwashing knowledge and prevalence along with a slide show of public health campaigns developed.

Student Assembly election winners

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Congratulations to the winners of the Spring 2017 election for Student Assembly Senators!

Your new senators are: Colin Mack, James Boyko, Sherry Guile, Sierra Stevens, Erika Quamina and Aileen Garcia.

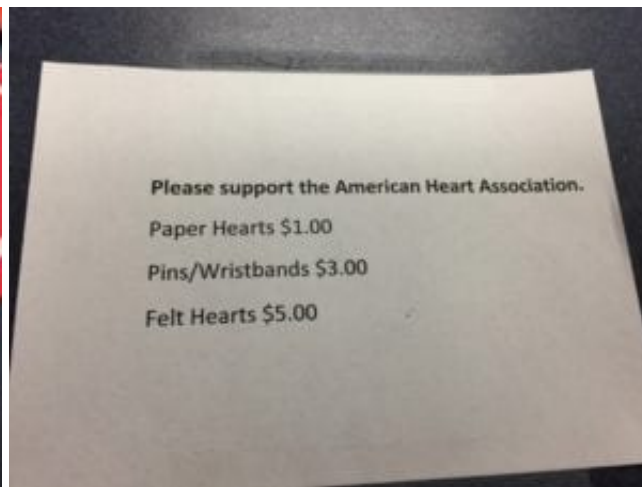
Pins, wristbands, hearts on sale to support the American Heart Association

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Support the American Heart Association! Pins, wristbands and hearts are all on sale in the TRC, located on the first floor of the library to your immediate left as you walk in the door. All proceeds support the AHA.



Submit your creative work to Breaking Ground! Deadline is March 27

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Breaking Ground, the SUNY Broome Literary Magazine, is again seeking creative work from students, faculty and staff for its 2017 edition.

Send in your best original poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction, memoirs, artwork, photography or graphic stories for the annual theme issue. As with past issues, the only criteria are vividness, vitality, depth of thought and expression and, above all, excellence.

The theme of the 2017 issue is boundaries, partitions, barriers and borders: all those unyielding things that separate us — those actual, tangible boundaries as well as those that separate us intellectually, spiritually and emotionally.

Deadline for Submissions:

March 27, 2017

For submission guidelines and to submit your creative work, go to

<http://www2.sunybroome.edu/english/breakingground/>

The Passing of Mrs. Jeannette Melious

February 21, 2017

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It is with sincere sympathy that we acknowledge the passing of Mrs. Jeannette Melious, Jan Hertzog's beloved mother. Mrs. Melious died this past weekend at Elizabeth Church Manor at the age of 96. She was a talented musician and she taught music for children and adults with special needs for both the ARC and for BOCES. There will be a memorial service for her this summer, when her entire family will be present and able to celebrate a life well-lived.

Campus Directory for 2016-2017 ****Updated****

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Click below to access the Campus Directory for 2016-2017.

[Campus Directory 2016-17](#)



Women's History and Culture Film Institute on March 7

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SUNY Broome students are invited to participate in the March 7 Women's History and Film Institute, which begins at 9 a.m. in the Liberal Arts Conference Room in the Titchener Hall Liberal Arts Suite, Room 210.

Students who plan to attend this event should watch one to four films related to women's issues, history or culture in order to receive scholarly certificates for their participation. All details regarding the institute are attached in the file below.

[WHCFI, Spring 2017](#)

Blood Drive March 2: Help Save a Life

February 21, 2017

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Help save a life: Donate blood! The Medical Assisting Club & Clinical Laboratory Technologies Club will be hosting the annual American Red Cross Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 2, in the AT Atrium.

The students will have tables set up for recruitment in the Student Center and Titchener on Feb. 27 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Erin O'Hara-Leslie at oharaleslieek@sunybroome.edu or 778-5161.

Primary scheduling will be from our students at recruitment tables listed above, but walk-ins are welcome, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment. To see if you are eligible to be a Double Red Donor, check out this link: <http://www.donatebloodnow.org/SponsorDrive/doublered.asp>

Hear Jeff LeBlanc perform on March 21

February 21, 2017

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Come hear singer/songwriter Jeff LeBlanc perform from 11 a.m. to noon March 21 in the SUNY Broome Dining Hall. His songs have been featured on hit TV shows, including *Keeping Up with the Kardashians*, *Jersey Shore* and *Teen Mom*.

Leaving the nest: STEM Dean Kelli Ligeikis becomes SUNY Delhi provost

February 21, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Associate Vice President and Dean of STEM Kelli Ligeikis speaks to science fair participants.

You could say that Dr. Kelli Ligeikis grew up at SUNY Broome.

At the age of 25, fresh from a gig at the New York State Department of Transportation, the North Country native joined Broome Community College – as it was then called – as an instructor in Civil Engineering Technology. A licensed civil engineer with a degree from Clarkson University, she dedicated the next three decades to the college, steadily assuming roles with greater responsibility: faculty member, department chair and finally Associate Vice President and Dean of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

While her experience at SUNY Broome shaped her own trajectory, she also shaped it in turn: from doubling enrollment in Fast Forward, the college's concurrent enrollment program, and tripling enrollment at the satellite campus in Owego, to providing academic leadership and oversight for her most dramatic project, the Natural Science Center.

After 29 years, this Hornet was ready to take flight – and head to her new career as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at SUNY Delhi, effective Jan. 16. Chosen from among 30 candidates identified by a national search, she will be the four-year school's chief academic officer; she succeeds Dr. John Nader, who became president of Farmingdale State College.

“It's the next logical step for my career,” said Ligeikis, who earned a Master's in Social Sciences from Binghamton University and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Phoenix during her years at SUNY Broome. “It's a great place for me. With my youngest son in college, it's an opportune time.”

SUNY Delhi President Michael R. Laliberte cited Ligeikis' expertise in technology programs, as well as her ability to create innovative programs that foster student success, as invaluable to shaping his college's future.

The move is a positive one for SUNY Delhi, but bittersweet at SUNY Broome – both to Ligeikis and her colleagues. Stepping in her shoes as interim dean is Computer Science Professor Ken Mansfield, a BCC

graduate who has worked at SUNY Broome for more than 33 years in multiple positions.

“Kelli’s departure is a big loss for SUNY Broome and a big gain for Delhi,” SUNY Broome President Kevin Drumm said of her departure. “Kelli is an energetic and innovative academic leader who will be greatly missed, but she was ready for this big step to provost and we wish her nothing but good things at our SUNY sister college.”



Dean Kelli Ligeikis speaks

Shaping SUNY Broome

Much has changed at SUNY Broome in the past three decades, but one spot appears to defy the passage of time: The Mechanical Building, where Ligeikis worked for 21 years before becoming dean, and one of the first buildings to be constructed on the Dickinson campus in 1956. It was home to the “Tech” or Applied Sciences division, the precursor to STEM, which officially began in 2007 when biology joined the division.

“I like being the dean and supervising STEM,” Ligeikis reflected. “Because of my engineering background, I’ve likely been able to do some of the things another person might not be able to do in this position. I expect that the person who assumes this role will bring a whole new perspective and make it their own.”

As dean, she took over the Fast Forward program from Admissions. She led the team to earn national accreditation and was integral in over 200 percent growth of the program. SUNY Broome added Early College to the mix, giving high school students the opportunity to take courses on campus, as well as off-campus courses through satellite locations in Owego, Binghamton and, for a time, Whitney Point and Waverly.

Katie McGowan Bucci, the chair of Outreach, who oversees the Fast Forward and Early College program, notes that Ligeikis is both a good listener and an effective leader. Not only a mentor, the former dean has become a lifelong friend and someone whom Bucci admires.

“She gives credit where it is due, she sees the bigger picture, and she has never lost sight of the student as she has risen into administration. Her authenticity is rare,” she said. “All of this combined with her ability to ‘get things done’ make her the very best colleague I have ever had the pleasure of working with.”

Ligeikis also worked on a range of grants that helped shape campus life, including the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program, a collaboration between the college, Broome-Tioga BOCES, 12 area school districts and a half-dozen industry partners. The six-year program supports students in earning both their high school diploma and associate’s degree from SUNY Broome in health studies, computer technology or one of three engineering technology programs.

One especially proud moment for Ligeikis was the Fall 2013 opening of the Natural Science Center, the first new classrooms on campus in 15 years; she had academic oversight over the entire project.

“That was the most important and special project I worked on at Broome. I look at that building as a gateway to the college,” she reflected. “When you stand on the corner and look at the building, it sparkles.”

More recently, Ligeikis also served as the facilitator for the creation of the college’s new Master Plan, a roadmap for the future that integrates facilities and academics into a comprehensive whole. The last comprehensive campus facilities plan had been completed in 2007.

She came up with the idea of the “sustainability sandbox,” which fosters student involvement in green energy and entrepreneurship, connected to a \$1 million award from the state’s Energy to Lead competition. The award will fund SUNY Broome’s Geothermal Learning Laboratory project, which will show how a geothermal system can harness the energy stored in the earth to heat and cool a campus, serve as a hands-on learning resource for college and secondary school students, and generate energy bill savings that can be reinvested in energy conservation measures. The project is expected to result in the avoidance of 135 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually.

Ligeikis was also instrumental in obtaining grant funds for the construction of a \$2.8 million advanced manufacturing center that will house technology simulation systems, equipment and other options geared toward the needs of local employers. Overall, the program will increase SUNY Broome’s capacity to train workers in advanced manufacturing areas such as HVAC, robotics, transportation and energy.

That center – as well as the Geothermal Learning Laboratory, and other amenities for agri-business and food technology – will be located in the Mechanical Building, slated for a complete renovation that’s expected to begin in June 2017 and finish the following summer. The building will be renamed the Paul and Mary Calice and Mildred Barton Advanced Manufacturing Center, in accordance with stipulations laid out by the late Emil Calice, who had donated his \$11 million estate to the Broome Community College Foundation.

While Dean Ligeikis signed off on the design, she won’t be there during the construction process – a fact she finds bittersweet. The construction process has always been close to the heart of the civil engineer. There will, however, be a Ligeikis about to see the building transform: her husband David Ligeikis, also a civil engineer as well as an instructor in Engineering Technologies. He’s overseeing the move of Mechanical’s classrooms and offices into the old Science Building for the duration of construction.

The dean’s work will not only live on through the buildings and programs she established, but through her impact on colleagues and students.

“Kelli’s work ethic was inspirational and, through example, she motivated others to succeed,” reflected Vice President for Student and Economic Development Debbie Morello. “This occurred not only in the classroom, but with faculty and staff across campus.”



Dr. Ligeikis speaks at her alma mater, Clarkson, where she played hockey.

On the ice and the golf course

While the SUNY Broome community may know Dr. Kelli Ligeikis primarily as a dean, educator and engineer, she also has another identity – as an accomplished athlete. At Clarkson, she spent four years on the women's varsity hockey team; after graduating and moving to Binghamton, she coached all levels of players for the Southern Tier Hockey Association for 20 years and started the area's first girls' team.

Her accomplishments aren't limited to the ice. She's also an avid golfer, and won the American Cancer Classic locally twice as well as a club championship at En-Joie.

While she'll miss many aspects of SUNY Broome life, her new career at SUNY Delhi has her excited. The four-year school has a golf course right on campus, she said with a smile.

"The day I was there, it was a great day," she said of her experience at Delhi. "It was like being at home."

Dr. Ligeikis' experience as an athlete and as a coach also had an impact on her time at SUNY Broome, reflecting her work ethic of collaboration, said Dean of Health Sciences and Distance Education Amy Brandt. Brandt, who worked with Ligeikis on grants and other projects, said she knew she always had a "teammate" in her fellow dean.

"Grants are very concrete and tangible. What Kelli brought was beyond that," she said. "She filled that intangible space with humor and teamwork."

Mix it up: Prof. Kathleen McKenna brings the world to SUNY Broome

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Humans, by nature, can be a bit clannish. They cluster around others like them – whether in an elementary school lunchroom, a college classroom or the larger world – and, as a result, become trapped in a bubble of their own making.

Professor Kathleen McKenna of the Liberal Arts Division does her best to break those bubbles – albeit in a gentle, supportive way. Students never know where they’ll be sitting in her class; she likes to “mix things up,” organizing seating arrangements in different ways, and getting classmates to leave their bubbles and interact.

McKenna, a former U.S. Customs attorney who came to SUNY Broome in 1993, does more than inspire

individual students to reach out of their comfort zones. With initiatives such as Collaborative Online International Learning, or COIL, she helps students cross international boundaries and meet fellow students from different cultures – even if they never leave campus.

“We just hope there might be a little bit of an increase in understanding, compassion and curiosity about getting to know places,” McKenna said of COIL’s impact on students.

A native of Rome, New York, McKenna became fascinated with the world beyond the United States in high school, when she was an exchange student to Turkey for 10 weeks with the American Field Service. Everything fascinated her: the language, the food, the people, the customs. While earning her Bachelor’s degree in French at LeMoyne College, she studied abroad in France, and followed that up with a law degree and Master’s of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.

Fluent in German, competent in French and able to survive in Spanish, McKenna worked as a U.S. Customs attorney for a year in Washington, D.C. Her husband at the time, who had been born in Cuba, owed the American military three years of service, and the couple headed off to Germany. McKenna taught college courses on the bases, where the University of Maryland offered open admissions courses, a job she loved.

They lived in Bavaria when the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, but McKenna had a chance to see the Iron Curtain’s impact, if anecdotally. Back in November 1989, an East German family joined the Americans to celebrate Thanksgiving dinner, she recalled.

“They were more interested in the fruit salad than the rest of the meal because they couldn’t get fresh oranges and fresh bananas,” she explained.

After returning to the U.S., she taught French at Vestal High School, but yearned to return to higher education. In 1993, she came to SUNY Broome as its Affirmative Action Officer, serving in that position until 2000, in addition to teaching courses. She served as chair of the Department of Criminal Justice, Fire Protection and Homeland Security from 2007 to 2012, followed by a stint as interim chair of the Department of Foreign Languages, English as a Second Language and Speech in 2015.

She has taught a wide range of courses at Broome, from academic planning and effective speaking to American government, criminal justice, criminal procedures, legal ethics and much more. While she’s a faculty member in the Liberal Arts division, she also teaches courses in Business and Public Services, where she has been a dedicated advisor to Criminal Justice and Emergency Services students, as well as a mentor and friend to CJES faculty, according to Professor Kerry Weber, chair of the Criminal Justice & Emergency Services Department.

“She is an extremely sentient colleague who is passionately devoted to the campus community and to the successes of her students,” said Dean of Liberal Arts Michael Kinney. “She is a consummate professional on every level and an inspiration to anyone who ever has had the pleasure of working with her.”



‘Mix it up’

Starting in 2012, McKenna began working more with students in the Scholarships for Education and Economic Development (SEED) program, which gave students from economically disadvantaged countries in Central America and the Caribbean the chance to both pursue higher education and improve their home communities. To improve their communication skills, the students became involved with Speakers of the House, SUNY Broome’s chapter of the international Toastmasters Club, which hones public speaking skills in a supportive environment.

Toastmasters, too, is one of McKenna’s passions; she won second place in a public speaking contest while in high school. She became involved with Binghamton University’s chapter of Toastmasters in 2003, and started SUNY Broome’s chapter with public speaking instructor Matthew Papkov. In 2015, McKenna won the Distinguished Toastmasters Award (DTM) for her service to the club, donning a cape and tiara as fellow club subjected her to a good-natured roast.

The club is currently fairly small, but they’re a passionate bunch and hail from around the globe. They learn to speak eloquently on the spot – and, just as important, give useful feedback that mingles suggestions with praise.

“Toastmasters gives feedback after the speech – a lot of praise, a gentle suggestion, more praise. It’s very laid back and gentle. I use this technique in my classes, too,” McKenna said. “When you give feedback, imagine you’re their coach. What tips do you have for them? The skill is useful if you want to work in management. Speak up, but do it in a way that’s effective.”

Watching the international students mix with their American peers in Toastmasters, McKenna worked on more bubble-bursting initiatives: deliberately designing classes that consisted of half U.S. and half international students. The classes – both public speaking and a walking/fitness class taught by Minnie Daub and Sandy Alter-Ballard – helped break down international boundaries and cultural misunderstandings.

“Human nature is such that people gravitate to the folks they know,” McKenna explained. “I try to get them to mix it up so that folks will really interact more. There have been really good experiences.”

COIL

Established in 2006, SUNY’s Collaborative Online International Learning initiative is another way to mix it up, giving students an international experience without leaving campus. On the community college level, this kind of exposure can be extremely beneficial, as students don’t always have the resources to afford studying abroad.

“I taught one class where a couple of kids in class had never been on a plane before. I’m hoping that it opens up the world to them,” said McKenna, who became involved in COIL in spring 2014, when she and instructor

Jan McCauley attended a conference. McKenna taught her first COIL course in Fall 2015: Public Policy, paired virtually with a class at the Universidad de Celaya.

The program has grown over the past few years. In addition to Mexico, McKenna has worked with partners in Potsdam, Germany. Lynda Carroll taught an archeology course in collaboration with two different professors in Mexico, located in Monterrey and San Luis Potosi and will continue her collaboration in the Fall. Myriam Stanton's English as a Second Language course was paired with a Mexican entrepreneurship class in Chihuahua, while McCauley – a co-coordinator of SUNY Broome's COIL program with McKenna, and currently a SUNY Fellow at the SUNY COIL Center in Manhattan – paired her Cultural Anthropology course with a communications class in Mexico City. Gina Eckert's History course works with students in Istanbul, Turkey.

The latest round of COIL classes will feature partnerships with even more countries; Marcia Blackburn's Media and Society class will be paired with students in Morocco, and Alice Caroompas' Effective Speaking class with students in Mexico. Two additional faculty members, John Sterlacci and Richard Schleider, will be taking SUNY's online COIL course orientation workshop in March, preparing to join the ranks of the COIL faculty. Many years ago, Dr. Alberto Miller, the Director of International Programs, established a partnership with Tecnológico Comfenalco, in Cartagena, Colombia. They have now joined the COIL movement as well, and are interested in partnering with SUNY Broome classes in STEM and English.

Where Taughannock Falls usually
is (Kathleen McKenna and Lynda
Carroll too)

The partnerships don't always require high technology to work; a smartphone can be used for networking, McKenna pointed out. Students also work with each other via Facebook groups, and other social media and networking programs. With the help of Media Services and the Teaching Resource Center, though, the COIL classes have had top-notch synchronous and asynchronous connections with their partners.

COIL classes can raise awareness of the nuances of communication, McKenna points out; students learn to avoid jargon and consider how they express ideas. Collaboration can also shatter stereotypes. Many students in Celaya, for example, went to bilingual schools before coming to college and speak English well, for example.

While she's covering ground virtually, McKenna also has tallied her own flight miles. She's visited Mexico three times, traveled in Europe and paid a visit to Argentina while her daughter studied abroad there. One place she would like to visit: Cuba, perhaps as a possible location for a short-term study abroad program.

McKenna has been an academic innovator since arriving at SUNY Broome, said Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer Francis Battisti. He noted that the COIL initiative has helped the college continue to internationalize its curriculum, increasingly important in a global world.

“While some students may not be able to take advantage of our Study Abroad programs, all students can work with and meet other students from around the world by registering for a COIL course. Under Kathleen's leadership and commitment, the number of COIL courses and faculty teaching these courses and developing relationships with other scholars from around the world has steadily grown,” he said. “Professor McKenna has clearly distinguished herself as a dedicated, creative educator.”

Find your peace: Take Yoga, Short and Sweet

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Categories: FOCUS on Wellness



Yoga: Short and Sweet, a 30-minute lunchtime rejuvenation program, runs from noon to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Student Center Room 106.

Led by instructor Allison Ellis, the program is sponsored by the SUNY Broome Wellness Committee at no charge to faculty and staff. Classes run Feb. 28 through May 11, with no classes April 18 or 20 (spring break).

Learn to breathe deep, move slowly, connect and restore, starting with a vinyasa warm up that allows you to feel more calm, centered, strong and flexible. Short and Sweet will provide a well-balanced workout so you feel refreshed and ready to conquer the rest of your day. Bring a yoga mat and water bottle with you.

To register: Contact Continuing Education at 778-5012 Course Reference **#GW005/01**

Spring 2017 PDAP Funds Available: Deadline March 3

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Spring 2017 PDAP Funds Available



Spring 2017 PDAP Funds Available

Funding for activities taking place between January 1, 2017 and August 31, 2017 is now available. These PDAP funds are accessible to both Faculty and Staff.

For funding consideration, please read through the information about the Professional Development Assistance Program (PDAP) on the Professional Development website: (<https://www.sunybroome.edu/web/professional-development/assistance-program>). This site also contains the recently updated and approved forms that must be used for full consideration of your PDAP request.

PDAP applications should be sent to the secretary to the Chief Academic Officer (mail stop #55) by **March 3, 2017**.

The Professional Development Steering Committee will meet shortly after this date to act on the applications. Applications received after the March 3rd deadline will be accepted in the unlikely event that funds are still available.

Please contact Jamie Heron-Starr (x5592) if you have any questions on the PDAP application procedure.

3D Lunch and Learn series canceled

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The 3D Lunch and Learn Series is canceled due to time conflicts.

The President's Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion will be meeting this week to reorganize the series, and will announce future changes. The series had been scheduled to take place every Tuesday at 11 a.m.

SUNY Cortland Transfer Mobility Advisor available to meet with students

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Greg Diller From SUNY Cortland will be on campus to meet with students who are interested in starting the transfer process. Appointments can contain:

- Overview of SUNY Cortland
- Major and career exploration
- How to apply to SUNY Cortland and requirements for the application and majors on campus
- Course recommendations for upcoming semesters to prepare for transfer
- Evaluation of transfer credits as well as AP, IB, CLEP evaluations
- Transfer policies at SUNY Cortland
- Academic concerns
- And connection to campus resources and other areas of interest at SUNY Cortland

To make an appointment, go to: <http://www2.cortland.edu/offices/advisement-and-transition/transfer-advising/> All appointments will be at SUNY Broome in the Academic Advising Department located in SS-210.

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Banner PROD downtime on Feb. 22

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Banner PROD will be unavailable while our hosting provider performs regularly scheduled maintenance from 12 to 7 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Become a Student Village Resident Assistant!

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Are you looking for a great opportunity to get involved here at SUNY Broome? Are you looking to improve upon your leadership skills? Then look no further! The Student Village is currently accepting applications for our Fall 2017-Spring 2018 Resident Assistant (RA) staff.

RA Applications are due Monday, March 6, 2017 by 4 p.m.

Please find the RA application [HERE](#). If you have any questions, feel free to contact Residence Director Brittany at washingtonbrl@sunybroome.edu.

[Fall 2017 RA Recruitment flyer](#)

Celebrate STEM: Engineering Week open house on Feb. 22

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Join SUNY Broome's Engineering Science students on Feb. 22 to celebrate national Engineering Week.

The event will give our students an opportunity to show off their projects, as well as speak with engineers working in the field. Area students are also invited to learn about career opportunities in engineering.

Representatives from Rockwell Collins, Raymond Corporation, BAE Systems, Lockheed Martin and Amphenol Aerospace will be on hand to speak to students, as well as show examples of their companies' technology with interactive displays.

The event runs from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, in the Applied Technologies atrium. The public is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

NEA Big Read to feature ‘The Things They Carried’

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Join the campus and the local community from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 24 for an NEA Big Read kickoff event in Decker 201.

Plus: Tim O’Brien, winner of the National Book Award and the Pritzker Military Library Literature Award, will be doing a public reading from his novel, *The Things They Carried*, on March 25. Watch campus media for times and the location of this event and other related events, including performances and deliberations, which will be offered around the themes raised by O’Brien’s work.

For more information, contact Mary Donnelly at donnellyme@sunybroome.edu.

SUNY Broome to host NJCAA National Men's Hockey Championship Feb. 24 through 26

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The 2017 NJCAA National Men's Hockey Championship is coming to the SUNY Broome Ice Center Feb. 24 through 26. This is the final championship for the league, which is in its last year.

The six-game tournament will be in a round-robin format, with two games scheduled for

each day. Games will begin at 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, and 12 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are available at the door for \$10 each day, or \$15 for a full tournament pass. SUNY Broome students and children under age 10 can attend for free.

Don't miss this chance to see the best teams in junior college hockey battle for the final championship title at the SUNY Broome Ice Center!

Feb. 23 Common Hour: How are things in Washington?

February 19, 2017

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Join faculty panelists Leeland Whitted and John Sterlacci at 11 a.m. Feb. 23 in T-102 for “How are things going in Washington?” We’ll discuss whether the country is facing four more years of gridlock, or whether Congress and the President can get along and realize their agenda.

The Monday Poem: ‘Having a Coke with You’ by Frank O’Hara

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

Having a Coke with You

Frank O’Hara

is even more fun than going to San Sebastian, Irún, Hendaye, Biarritz, Bayonne
or being sick to my stomach on the Travesera de Gracia in Barcelona
partly because in your orange shirt you look like a better happier St. Sebastian
partly because of my love for you, partly because of your love for yoghurt
partly because of the fluorescent orange tulips around the birches
partly because of the secrecy our smiles take on before people and statuary
it is hard to believe when I’m with you that there can be anything as still
as solemn as unpleasantly definitive as statuary when right in front of it
in the warm New York 4 o’clock light we are drifting back and forth
between each other like a tree breathing through its spectacles

and the portrait show seems to have no faces in it at all, just paint
you suddenly wonder why in the world anyone ever did them

I look

at you and I would rather look at you than all the portraits in the world
except possibly for the Polish Rider occasionally and anyway it’s in the Frick
which thank heavens you haven’t gone to yet so we can go together for the first time
and the fact that you move so beautifully more or less takes care of Futurism
just as at home I never think of the Nude Descending a Staircase or
at a rehearsal a single drawing of Leonardo or Michelangelo that used to wow me
and what good does all the research of the Impressionists do them
when they never got the right person to stand near the tree when the sun sank
or for that matter Marino Marini when he didn’t pick the rider as carefully
as the horse
it seems they were all cheated of some marvelous experience
which is not going to go wasted on me which is why I’m telling you about it



O'Hara is one of The New York School of poets. The New York School of poetry began around 1960 in New York City. Heavily influenced by surrealism and modernism, the poetry of the New York School was serious but also ironic, and incorporated an urban sensibility into much of the work.

Kathy Ryder Memorial Scholarship Painting Fundraiser on March 1

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Friends and family would like to announce the Kathy Ryder Memorial Scholarship for Health Studies. Kathy was a dedicated and gifted HS Advisor and Adjunct Instructor in Reading for many years.

Please join us for a painting fundraiser on March 1! Please contact Erin O'Hara-Leslie

at oharaleslieek@sunybroome.edu by Feb. 27 include which painting you choose: sunflowers or champagne

The event runs from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. March 1 at Uncorked Creations, located on the second floor of 205 State St. in Binghamton. The cost is \$35 per person, paid via cash or credit card the night of event.

Not a painter? Give online www.broomeccfoundation.org and designate your donation to the Kathy Ryder Memorial Scholarship. Or mail your check to the BCC Foundation, designate for the Kathy Ryder Memorial



Scholarship, at Mailstop #4

March 2 Common Hour: SUNY Broome students raise funds to help Syrian refugees

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Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Photo credit:
Pekka Tiainen, EU/ECHO

It's been five years since the beginning of the Syrian Civil War in March of 2011. There are around 13.5 million Syrians who are refugees; 50% of them are children under the age of 18, and about 5 million are in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt.

In 2011, the population of Lebanon was about 4.5 million. In 2016 the population increased to 6.5 million; 1.5 million are Syrian Refugees. Having about a quarter of the population relying on international aid gravely impacts the economy and the quality of life, not just for the refugees, but for the Lebanese as well.

At this Common Hour event **at 11 a.m. March 2 in Decker 201**, members of the Student Assembly will raise awareness on this topic and clear up any misconceptions about Syrian refugees. They will also collect donations to help the Lebanese Red Cross with their mission in Lebanon and help the Syrian refugees.

So far, the Student Assembly's Red Cross Committee has raised \$394 for Syrian refugees in Lebanon.

"My goal is anywhere between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Although my goals and dreams seem unreachable, I'm very optimistic," said Student Assembly Senator Joseph Seif, organizer of the event.

The presentation will include a Virtual Reality video (a booth with goggles will be provided for those without VR goggles of their own), refreshments and a small lesson in how to do the dabkeh, a dance from the Middle East.

"All it takes is one person to make a positive and effective change, I might not be that one person," Seif said, "but that one person can be a Syrian refugee that we helped with the money we raised."

Southern Tier Oral Cancer Walk/Run for Awareness on April 30

February 17, 2017

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness



Join us on Sunday, April 30, at Otsiningo Park for the 2017 Oral Cancer Foundation's Southern Tier Walk/Run for Awareness.

In addition to walking/running, our senior dental hygiene students will be volunteering at the event. If you are unable to attend the walk/run, you can also make a donation.

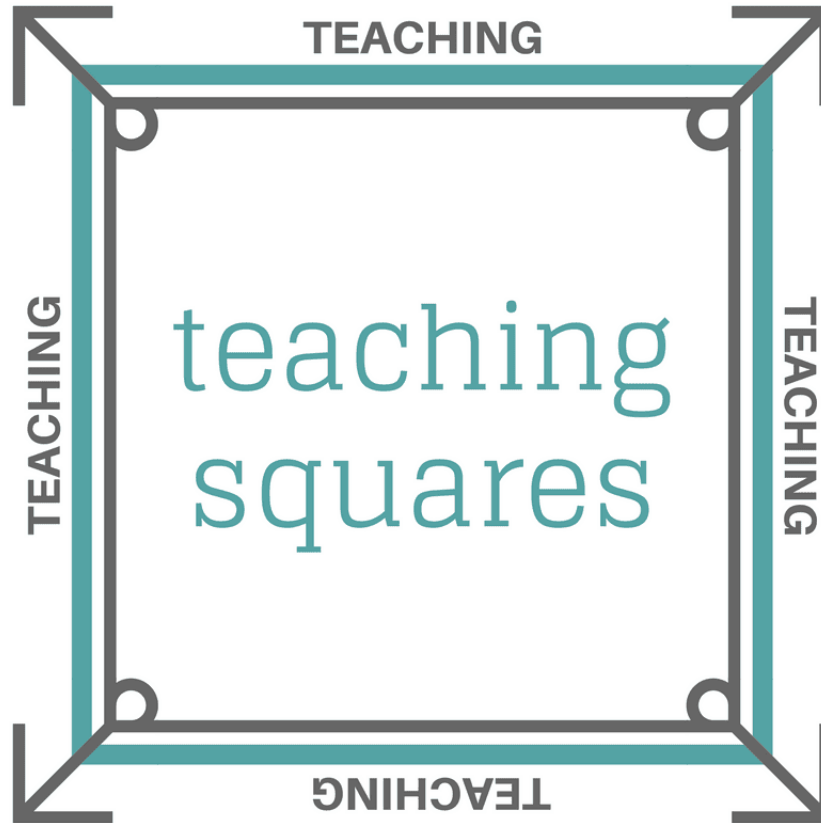
For more information, to register, or to make a donation, please visit our SUNY Broome Dental Hygiene Team's Website: <http://donate.oralcancer.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.teamParticipants&teamID=7352>

We greatly appreciate your support and hope to see you on April 30. Together we can make a difference! If you have any questions, please contact Meghan McGuinness at mcguinnessma@sunybroome.edu

Upcoming Professional Development: Spring 2017 Teaching Squares

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Improving Teaching Building Community Spring 2017

The Philosophy: The cornerstones of Teaching Squares are the positive attitudes and behaviors that create a mutually supportive, energizing environment for sharing the joys and challenges of teaching.

The Purpose: The Teaching Squares program is designed to improve teaching skills and build community through a structured, non-threatening process of peer classroom observation and shared reflection.

The process involves the best aspect of peer learning – observation and discussion – while excluding judgment and evaluation. Participants in a square learn about the best practices of other faculty in order to improve their own teaching.

Who's Involved? A Teaching Square is a group of four faculty members, usually from different disciplines who:

- Engage in reciprocal classroom visits (on campus or online)
- Reflect on classroom observations
- Share teaching materials
- Share best practices

Teaching Squares are available for face-to-face, blended, and fully online teaching modalities.

Time Commitment: Participants typically spend 7-10 hours per semester in Teaching Squares activities (scheduled via Doodle poll) which include:

- Initial organizing meeting – all Squares kickoff (1 hour)
- Three classroom visits (online or face-to-face)
- Square share session (1 hour)
- Wrap-up meeting – (1 hour)

The Benefits: By participating in Teaching Squares, you will have an opportunity to:

- Observe, analyze, and celebrate good teaching
- Increase your understanding of an appreciation for the work of your colleagues
- Enhance your own teaching based on the shared observations and reflections of your Square partners

Indicate interest by registering before 2/24/2017: [Register Here](#)

Binghamton University Instant Decision Day on Feb. 23

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Students interested in enrolling at Binghamton University in either Arts and Sciences or Humane Development may be eligible for instant admissions decisions on Thursday, Feb. 23, in the SUNY Broome Counseling Services Center in SS-210.

SUNY Broome students who have completed 45 credits and have a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0 may apply online to BU by using the SUNY Application or the Common Application. Those students then can register for the event by visiting Laura Maurer in the Counseling Services' office in SS-210 by Feb. 20.

At the Instant Decision event, a BU rep can give an on-the-spot decision on acceptance. Students can also meet with BU staff and academic advisors. Click the below link for more information.

[2017-061 Instant Decision Flyer \(1\)](#)

SUNY Broome students to tackle Cuomo's Coding Challenge

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BITBYTES, a team of innovative Business Information Technology students, is proud to accept Governor Cuomo's "Making College Possible Coding Challenge."

This team of five will be creating an app/website to spread awareness about the [Excelsior Scholarship](#), Cuomo's plan for cost-free tuition for middle-class New Yorkers. We'll be updating you on their progress as the challenge unfolds!

Buzz Photos: Polar Plunge 2017

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SUNY Broome's Hospitality Programs hosted Polar Plunge 2017, which featured law enforcement officers from the Broome County Sheriff's Office and Binghamton University Police. The cold dip raised money for student scholarships.

Enjoy these photos by MarCom's Sara Forbes:































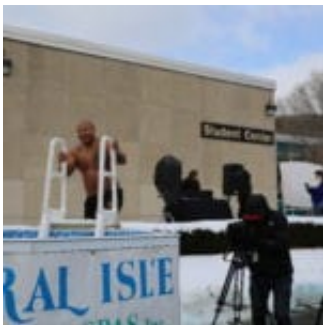




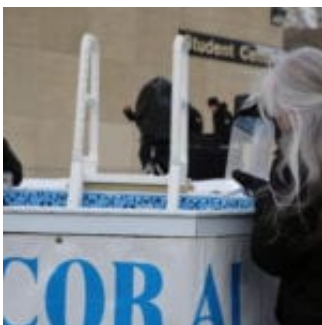






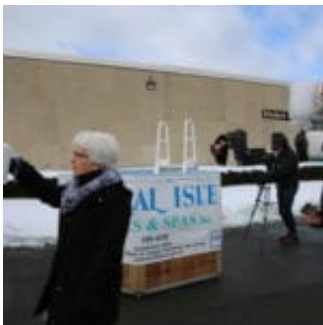






















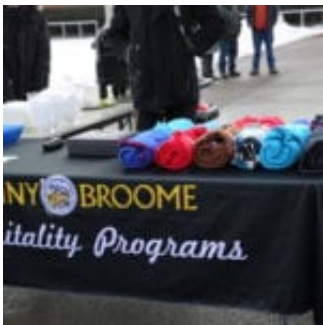


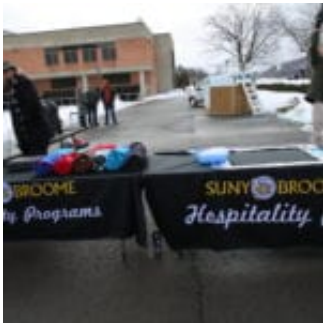


















Buzz report: Serving up support for BECA initiatives

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By Gina Minoia

On Oct. 8, 2016, the gymnasium of SUNY Broome was abuzz with activity — spikes, sets, bumps and digs as both amateur and semi-competitive volleyball teams enjoyed a day of fun and competition to benefit SUNY Broome's on-campus daycare program, the BC Center.

Christine Duffy-Webb and the [Broome Educators of Children Association \(BECA\)](#) worked alongside Matt White to organize the tournament, but running this type of event was uncharted territory for Duffy-Webb.

“It wasn’t until the end of the actual event that I truly understood the energy of the players and the game they are all so passionate about,” she remembered.

The tournament attracted 12 teams total, mostly from the community, who played on four courts and enjoyed a lunch break.

The tournament ultimately helped BECA raise \$500 for the BC Center, a vital element of SUNY Broome community. The BC Center provides high-quality care for children of college students and staff, prioritizing hands-on play, music, art and physical activities to supplement the learning and care of children six weeks to five years old. Each semester, the Center also supports hundreds of hours of field experience for SUNY Broome’s aspiring teachers. Duffy-Webb, along with the other professors in the Teacher Education/Early Childhood Department, uses the center as a great source for “exemplary student teaching placements and environments.” Other ways to support the BC Center include the Scholastic Book fairs as well as the Children’s Fair on May 6, both run by students in BECA.

BECA will be hosting another volleyball tournament on Sunday, March 12, which will raise funds to send the club’s students to the New York State Conference for Early Childhood Education. The conference provides an enriching, interactive experience for aspiring educators as well as excellent networking opportunities.

Stay tuned for more information for the upcoming tournament!

Gina Minoia is a freshman in the Education program.

Employee Title IX Training on March 14, 23

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

- 12 to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 14 in Business 111
- 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursday, March 23, in Business 111

Faculty and staff who have not attended a previous Title IX training are strongly encouraged to attend. Registration is not required and a sign-in sheet will be used to take attendance. A question and answer session will follow the training.

SUNY Broome Women's Institute to host director of 'The Illusionists' on Feb. 28

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Elena Rossini

The SUNY Broome Women's Institute is proud to host the screening of the critically- acclaimed documentary, *The Illusionists*, at 6 p.m. Feb. 28 in Decker Health Sciences Building Room 201.

Producer and director Elena Rossini will be attend the event and be available for a question and answer session following the film.

The documentary exposes the multi-billion dollar industries that give us images of unattainable beauty. Humorous and shocking at the same time, Rossini's film turns the mirror on the media and how it promotes the "perfect" body. It shows dramatically how our lives are saturated with these images on a global scale.

A moderated panel discussion including Elena Rossini and members of SUNY Broome's Women's Institute will be conducted afterward. A reception will follow the program.



Feb. 23 Common Hour: How are things in Washington?

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Join faculty panelists Leeland Whitted and John Sterlacci at 11 a.m. Feb. 23 in T-102 for “How are things going in Washington?” We’ll discuss whether the country is facing four more years of gridlock, or whether Congress and the President can get along and realize their agenda.

Submit your creative work to Breaking Ground! Deadline is March 27

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Breaking Ground, the SUNY Broome Literary Magazine, is again seeking creative work from students, faculty and staff for its 2017 edition.

Send in your best original poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction, memoirs, artwork, photography or graphic stories for the annual theme issue. As with past issues, the only criteria are vividness, vitality, depth of thought and expression and, above all, excellence.

The theme of the 2017 issue is boundaries, partitions, barriers and borders: all those unyielding things that separate us — those actual, tangible boundaries as well as those that separate us intellectually, spiritually and emotionally.

Deadline for Submissions:

March 27, 2017

For submission guidelines and to submit your creative work, go to

<http://www2.sunybroome.edu/english/breakingground/>

Join us for Student Success World Cafe Lunch and Discussion

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Student Success World Cafe Lunch and Discussion

Join us from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, in Decker 201 for a Student Success World Cafe Lunch and Discussion facilitated by the Achieving Success team members and coaches. This interactive campus gathering will allow us to engage in discussion about our ICAT results and capture specific ideas about improving student success at SUNY Broome.

If you plan to attend please register using this link: [Register Here](#)

Get an international experience and polish your speaking skills with Toastmasters

February 15, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Students from China, Curacao, Puerto Rico, Tunisia and the U.S. joined faculty and staff originally from the Bronx, Livingston Manor and Rome, NY, at Speakers of the House, SUNY Broome's Toastmasters International Club on Friday, Feb. 10.

Toastmasters International is a supportive and fun public speaking club and welcomes students, staff and community members.

The next meeting will be at 3:10 p.m. Feb. 24 at 3:10 pm in Wales 203B. Do you agree with Naomi Li's shirt: *Bad Choices Make Good Stories*?

Visit Toastmasters and enjoy cultivating your speaking and leadership skills in a supportive international community! Questions? Contact Kathleen McKenna at 778-5137.

Fast-pitch softball players needed

February 15, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



The Athletics Department is looking for fast-pitch softball players. High school experience is a plus.

Interested? Visit the Athletics Office in Student Center 101 to sign up.

Singer-songwriter to perform March 7

February 15, 2017

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Singer-songwriter Angie Keilhauer will perform from 11 a.m. to noon March 7 in Decker 201.

Her song “Wild” won an Independent Music Award for Best EP in the Country/Roots category, and she won first place both in the San Diego County Fair Singer-Songwriter Contest and the Trick Pony/Kimes Ranch New Country Contest.

SUNY Broome enrollment bucks national trend

February 15, 2017

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Students on the first day of classes in 2016

At a time when community colleges nationwide are facing declining enrollment, SUNY Broome is bucking the trend.

Enrollment for Spring 2017 is currently up 13.5 percent compared to last year, an increase of 732 students, with a total Spring 2017 enrollment of 6,172.

By comparison, according to the Fall 2016 by the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, overall college enrollment is down 1.4 percent compared to a year ago, and community colleges are seeing a 2.6 percent average enrollment decline.

“Our emphasis on serving students with strong academic programs and services, strategically coupled with our many partnerships in the region, allow us to continue growing despite shrinking local demographics and a strong job market,” said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. “Not only do we fiercely focus on student success, we also draw an increasing number of students from outside our immediate area.”

According to the most recent enrollment numbers, SUNY Broome is seeing a 27 percent increase in new, first-time students over last year, and a nearly 60 percent increase in new transfer students from other colleges.

The college has also seen an estimated 22 percent increase in Fast Forward students, although registration will continue over the next few weeks. The program allows students in their last two years of high school to take college-level courses while simultaneously meeting their high school graduation requirements.

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

“SUNY Broome draws students not only from the Southern Tier, but throughout the region and the world due to our attractive mix of transfer, technical and health science programs,” Dr. Drumm said. “Simply put, we’re a great value with high academic quality and a lot of degree choices.”

Creating Culturally Inclusive Classrooms Workshop

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Creating Culturally Inclusive Classrooms

This workshop will offer assistance for faculty to structure teaching in order to achieve maximum cultural inclusion in their classrooms. Often, students can feel isolated in the classroom, are unsure of how to resolve conflict around contentious issues, and faculty are left wondering how to effectively provide support and engage dialogue. Topics include identifying cultural assumptions about learning, applying best practices to your teaching and facilitating reflection to ensure equitable academic access for all of our students.

When: Friday, February 24, 2017

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Where: TRC Conf room

Presenter: SUNY Broome President's Task Force on Diversity & Inclusion and Webb Consulting

Register: [Register Here](#)

Mid-Semester Break – No Classes

February 14, 2017

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Mid-Semester break for Spring 2017 is on February 20. There will be no classes on February 20. Classes will resume on February 21.

[Buzz_Calendar](#)



NEA Big Read to feature ‘The Things They Carried’

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Join the campus and the local community from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 24 for an NEA Big Read kickoff event in Decker 201.

Plus: Tim O’Brien, winner of the National Book Award and the Pritzker Military Library Literature Award, will be doing a public reading from his novel, *The Things They Carried*, on March 25. Watch campus media for times and the location of this event and other related events, including performances and deliberations, which will be offered around the themes raised by O’Brien’s work.

For more information, contact Mary Donnelly at donnellyme@sunybroome.edu.

Save the Date: Spring Open House on April 29

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Discover the value, choices and opportunities that await you at SUNY Broome during our Spring Open House, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29, in the Ice Center.

Tour the campus and Student Village; find out about financial aid, scholarships and payment options; explore the outstanding majors available; and improve your employability by getting involved in opportunities outside the classroom, such as student government, Study Abroad, Service Learning, clubs and more. Plus, enter to win \$500 in textbooks! (Some restrictions apply.)

Visit <http://www3.sunybroome.edu/open-house/> to [register for Open House](#) or call Admissions at (607) 778-5001 for more information.

EOP Success Seminar on Feb. 16

February 14, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



The Educational Opportunity Program's Student Success Meet & Greet/Welcome Back Seminar will start at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, in Wales Room 203B.

Dr. Bill Altman Co-Chairs National Task Force on College Teaching Recommendations

February 14, 2017

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



SUNY Broome Professor Bill Altman (Psychology & Human Services) has been selected to co-chair a special task force to create psychologically-based best practices for college teaching by the American Psychological Association's Committee on Associate and Baccalaureate Education (CABE).

Dr. Altman and his co-chair Dr. Megan A. Smith (Rhode Island College) have assembled a panel and begun work on this effort, which should be completed by summer. This set of recommendations builds on earlier work by the American Psychological Association, illustrating best practices for elementary and secondary education (available at <http://www.apa.org/ed/schools/teaching-learning/top-twenty-principles.aspx>).

Follow the Applied Learning and Career Center on social media

February 14, 2017

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Follow SUNY Broome's Applied Learning and Career Center (ALCC) on social media for information on campus and community job fairs, career related events and pertinent articles! Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SUNYBroomecareercenter/> or Instagram under the username [@SUNYBroomecareercenter](https://www.instagram.com/SUNYBroomecareercenter).

Have you started the Dean's Bucket List?

February 13, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

Attention, students: What's on your bucket list?

Complete 25 out of the 30 challenges on the Dean of Students' bucket list, and you'll get your name engraved in the Hall of Fame! Anyone who is a registered student at SUNY Broome can participate.

Click the document below for the list of challenges.

[bucketlist](#)



2017 Science Olympiad at SUNY Broome

February 13, 2017

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



SUNY Broome hosted the 2017 Science Olympiad, New York State Southern Tier Regionals, on Saturday, Feb. 11.

Thanks go to all those involved in this massive effort, especially Dr. Frederick Johnson for representing the SUNY Broome Chemistry Department and the American Chemical Society, Binghamton Section.

Division B (middle school) included teams from Maine-Endwell, Horseheads, Johnson City, Chenango Forks and two teams from Seton Catholic. Division C (high school) included teams from Maine-Endwell, Horseheads, Johnson City, Chenango Forks, Deposit, Elmira, Corning, Tioga Central, Seton Catholic, Ithaca, Sidney, two teams from Vestal and two teams from Union-Endicott. The events took place in both the Natural Science Center and the Applied Technology Building.

Faculty and staff from the STEM division, as well as members of the administration, maintenance and public safety were also responsible for the success of the event.

Professor Harold Trimm would like to personally thank the following: Frederick Johnson, Zakiya Skeete, Kennie Leet, Barbara Trimm, Daniel Brennan, Alison Sheridan-Brennan, Adrienne Sumner, Phyllis O'Donnell, Alexsa Silva, Joel Miller, Rachel Hinton, Kenneth Mansfield and Rachel White. He would also like to thank the many faculty and graduate students from Binghamton University and Cornell University who came to help judge and assist.

The Science Olympiad is a great opportunity to get some of the best and brightest high school students to visit our campus, use our facilities and work with our faculty. Here is a brief description of the Science Olympiad from their website:

“For the past 33 years, Science Olympiad has led a revolution in science education. What began as a grassroots assembly of science teachers is now one of the premier science competitions in the nation, providing rigorous, standards-based challenges to 7,600 teams in 50 states. Science Olympiad’s ever-changing line-up of events in all STEM disciplines exposes students to practicing scientists and career choices, and energizes classroom teachers with a dynamic content experience.”

“Since joining the Science Olympiad organization in 1985, New York has boasted the greatest school participation throughout the country, having upwards of six hundred teams participate in its regional competitions. The state is divided into eleven regions for each division, which feed into a state competitions in early March for Division C and mid to late April for Division B.”

Vanguard Winners announced

February 13, 2017

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



2017 VANGUARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED! CONGRATULATIONS!

Alexandra Kendrick - Engineering Science
Arianna Wagner - Criminal Justice

Congratulations also go to: Brandy Warner - EMT Paramedic, Finalist for this award & to all the nominating faculty and staff that share the honor to be in the path of these commendable women!



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Congratulations to this year's Vanguard Award Winners: Alexandra Kendrick (Computer Engineering) and Arianna Wagner (Criminal Justice).

Winners are celebrated for their accomplishments as Nontraditional by Gender Students. That is, these women represent the minority gender in their respective fields.

The Vanguard Award is administered by the New York State Nontraditional Employment & Training (NET) Program. The NET program is committed to promotion of gender neutral educational strategies and practices. The NET Program, is a program of the Center for Women in Government & Civil Society, and is funded through a grant from the NYS Education Department. Please visit the NET website at www.netprogram.org.

Brrr! Polar Plunge returns on Feb. 16

February 13, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

Come on in — the water's f-f-fine! SUNY Broome is holding its fourth annual Polar Plunge at 11 a.m. Feb. 16 in the campus Quad, outside the Student Center.

This year's theme is Polar Plunge for Police Appreciation, and law enforcement officers will join students, staff and faculty in a tub of ice water. All jumpers must raise a minimum of \$100 to participate in the fundraiser, which supports scholarship funds at the college.

Not brave enough to take a swim? There will be ice for sale to add to the pool, to make some else's dip extra nippy.

Questions? Contact Professor Maria Montemagno at montemagnomk@sunybroome.edu.

SUNY Broome to host NJCAA National Men's Hockey Championship Feb. 24 through 26

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The 2017 NJCAA National Men's Hockey Championship is coming to the SUNY Broome Ice Center Feb. 24 through 26. This is the final championship for the league, which is in its last year.

The six-game tournament will be in a round-robin format, with two games scheduled for

each day. Games will begin at 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, and 12 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are available at the door for \$10 each day, or \$15 for a full tournament pass. SUNY Broome students and children under age 10 can attend for free.

Don't miss this chance to see the best teams in junior college hockey battle for the final championship title at the SUNY Broome Ice Center!

Input on Draft Strategic Plan Vision. Mission, Values and other Questions

February 13, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



The Strategic Planning Steering Committee would like to welcome you back for the Spring 2017 semester. The committee has drafted new vision, mission and value statements for the College based on input received from across campus during the Spring 2016 and Fall 2016 semesters.

Click here: <https://sunybroome.wufoo.com/forms/vision-mission-and-values-for-suny-broome/>

Please review the drafted vision, mission and values and provide any suggestions for improvement in the space provided under each of them.

Following the vision, mission and values are three sets of questions to guide the development of the goals and objectives of the strategic plan. Please provide your thoughts on these three questions as well.

Thank you.

Sesime Adanu, and Meghan McGuinness (Co-chairs).

Active shooter training March 2 and 16 in BB-224

February 13, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

Are you prepared for emergencies? SUNY Broome's Office of Public Safety will hold active shooter training for faculty, staff and students from 11 to 11:50 a.m. March 2 and March 16 in Business Building Room 224. Learn how to maximize your own safety, and the safety of our campus community.

Save the Date: Second annual SUNY Broome PTA 5K on April 22

February 13, 2017

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness



The Physical Therapy Assistants Club will hold its second annual 5K run/walk at 10 a.m. April 22 on the Vestal Rail Trail. The race is timed and will include awards. Post-run food and beverages will be available, as well as raffle baskets filled with local goodies.

Register online at www.vestalcoalhouse.com. Checks should be made payable to Vestal Coal House. Registration and packet pickup starts at 8:30 a.m. race day at the Coal House. Pre-register by April 17 to get a t-shirt.

SUNY Broome's PTA Club appreciates your support. Contact Sara Couchman at pta@acad.sunybroome.edu with any questions.

Get in shape: Sign up for Fitness Fusion

February 13, 2017

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

The SUNY Broome Wellness Committee is sponsoring Fitness Fusion, a six-week class free for faculty and staff!

The class meets from 5 to 5:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday evenings from Feb. 13 through March 27 in Dance Room SC 106. There will be no classes on Feb. 20, which is mid-semester break.

Instructor Allison Ellis will lead you in strengthening your core and increasing your flexibility through stretching. During the class, you will:

- learn the importance of core strength and flexibility
- feel healthier through regular movement
- get weekly tips and workouts to ease you into a successful program
- build motivation through positive support and long-term health benefits
- enjoy Pilates, yoga, sculpting and barefoot cardio

Your commitment will be to attend a minimum of 10 classes and to participate to the best of your ability. Hurry: There is space for only 20 participants!

Contact Continuing Education 778-5012 – Course Reference **#GW003-02**

PTK international film series: La Grande Belleza on Feb. 15

February 12, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Join us for a viewing of *The Great Beauty* (Italian, 142 minutes) at 6 p.m. Feb. 15 in Titchener Hall 102!

It might be cold and snowy in the Northeast, but it's warm and sunny in Rome, which is the focus of the film *La Grande Belleza*. Join our narrator, Jep, as he takes us through a tour of Rome's outrageous nightlife, bizarre performance art and encounters with strippers and saints. This film took home a 2014 Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film and is featured on the BBC's list of best films of the 21st century.

[Read more about the international film series here.](#)

The Monday Poem: ‘Sick’ by Shel Silverstein

February 12, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

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

Sick

Shel Silverstein

“I cannot go to school today,”
Said little Peggy Ann McKay.
“I have the measles and the mumps,
A gash, a rash and purple bumps.
My mouth is wet, my throat is dry,
I’m going blind in my right eye.
My tonsils are as big as rocks,
I’ve counted sixteen chicken pox
And there’s one more—that’s seventeen,
And don’t you think my face looks green?
My leg is cut—my eyes are blue—
It might be instamatic flu.
I cough and sneeze and gasp and choke,
I’m sure that my left leg is broke—
My hip hurts when I move my chin,
My belly button’s caving in,
My back is wrenched, my ankle’s sprained,
My ‘pendix pains each time it rains.
My nose is cold, my toes are numb.
I have a sliver in my thumb.
My neck is stiff, my voice is weak,
I hardly whisper when I speak.
My tongue is filling up my mouth,
I think my hair is falling out.
My elbow’s bent, my spine ain’t straight,
My temperature is one-o-eight.
My brain is shrunk, I cannot hear,
There is a hole inside my ear.
I have a hangnail, and my heart is—what?
What’s that? What’s that you say?
You say today is. . .Saturday?
G’bye, I’m going out to play!”



Weigh in: Your Voice Matters for Faculty and Staff on Feb. 16

February 12, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

Let your voice be heard! Come to Your Voice Matters, faculty and staff edition, from 11 a.m. to noon Feb. 16 in Decker 201.

This is a forum for faculty and staff to express concerns and make suggestions about major issues that affect our campus. Hot topic issues may include the budget, Achieving Success, applied learning, facilities improvements and more.

Can't make it? There will be the option for participants to submit their concerns anonymously via the Shared Governance website. Issues and concerns at the forum will be forwarded as appropriate for consideration.

Feb. 16 Common Hour: Weird Job Interview Questions

February 12, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

Join faculty presenters Kathleen McKenna and I.J. Byrnes at 11 a.m. Feb. 16 in T-102 for “Weird Job Interview Questions.”

This fun and entertaining session features student leaders from the Phi Beta Kappa honor society throwing weird job interview questions at the student leaders in Toastmasters International. You’ll laugh, you’ll learn and you’ll be ready for your big job interview.

‘Ask!’ to showcase campus diversity on Feb. 16

February 12, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

Don't know much about veterans, the learning disabled, different religions, different ethnicities and more? Here's your chance to ask: from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, in the Baldwin Gym.

A fun, interactive and informative event, ASK! will feature all different types of people and interests, all eager to answer your questions. You'll be issued a passport; after you ask a question and get a number of stamps on your passport, you will be entered into a drawing for a fabulous prize. Plus, the event features food, DVDs, gift cards, the famous ball pit and more!

Participants will include veterans, athletes, Muslims, people with learning disabilities, international students, artists, atheists, faculty/staff, Blacks, Whites, Latinas, Asians, people with Asperger's, Pagans, LGBTQIA students, bodybuilders, Christians, non-traditional students, Jews, Africans, Buddhists, people with mental illnesses and more. Contact Leslie Apacible if you are interested representing any of these groups at the event at lapacib1@binghamon.edu.

Ask the questions you want to know about but didn't know who to ask – or use the questions posted at each person's table. It's important *and* interesting to educate ourselves about our human differences.

Candidates needed: Student Assembly needs you!

February 10, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

Are you looking to make a difference on campus – and develop leadership experience while you're at it? Student Assembly needs you!

Help shape the direction of campus by becoming a part of the Student Assembly. The Assembly is currently seeking candidates for Senator positions for elections this month.

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

Responsibilities for potential Senators include:

- attending weekly meetings on Fridays from 4 to 5 p.m. in Science Building 105
- holding at least two office hours per week
- demonstrating a willingness to attend Common Hour events
- sitting on a committee

Get started by picking up a petition for candidacy form, which is available outside the Student Assembly Office in the Science Building RM 107. Have at least 25 fellow students sign your petition and turn it in on **Feb. 15 at 5 p.m.**

Elections run from 12 p.m. **Feb. 16 to 5 p.m. Feb. 21** on the Swarm, which you can access through MyCollege. Winners will be announced after elections close.

Get involved, and make a difference!

[Petition-StudentSenate-2016-17](#)

Save a Life: Blood Drive on Feb. 13 at the Student Village

February 10, 2017

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

Save a life: Give blood! There will be a blood drive at the Student Village from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13.

Researcher, teacher and healthcare provider: Meet SUNY Broome's new Nursing Chair

February 9, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Dr. Susan Seibold-Simpson

The pictures line a hallway in the Decker Health Sciences building: nurses, sometimes with old-fashioned white caps, smiling in row after row. The class photo is a Nursing Program tradition.

Dr. Susan Seibold-Simpson stops at one class picture, running her finger across the glass, picking out the faces she knows, the colleagues she has spent years working with in the healthcare field. It's the Class of 1983 – the same year that she graduated with a bachelor's degree in Nursing across town at Binghamton University.

Her healthcare career demonstrates the breadth and variety of nursing: family nurse practitioner, professor, researcher, deputy director of the county's Public Health department – and now the chair of SUNY Broome's Nursing Department.

“Dr. Seibold-Simpson brings with her a strong academic nursing preparation along with a practitioner's applied learning experience to this position,” said SUNY Broome Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti. “Her academic research, along with her vast nursing/healthcare background, will lead our Nursing Program to continue to grow and meet the changing healthcare needs of our region.”

“She's incredibly astute, incredibly supportive and I'm excited she's going to further develop the Nursing program and take it to its next stage of evolution,” said Dr. Amy Brandt, Associate Vice President and Dean of Health Sciences and Distance Learning.

No sudden event piqued Seibold-Simpson's passion for nursing. Rather, she took an aptitude test at her Long Island high school, which recommended the field. She decided to give it a try when she headed to Binghamton University, and it proved a natural fit.

“As a teenager, I was good at listening and caring and people enjoy working with me. These skills help make me a good nurse, and contributed to me staying in nursing,” she reflected.

After graduating from BU, she worked as a registered nurse in the area, in the hospital setting and then in public health, her true passion. She went on to earn her Master of Science degree in Family Nursing from BU in 1988, followed by a career as a family nurse practitioner at a number of area medical facilities, including providing well-woman healthcare at a private physician's office in Vestal, where she has been for 28 years. Returning to her passion, she earned her Master's in Public Health from the SUNY Albany in 2000 and worked at Onondaga County Health Department as the Director of Communicable Disease Prevention, then as the Deputy Director for the Broome County Health Department for three years, and spent another year as project coordinator for the Association of Perinatal Networks.

In 2009, she received her Ph.D. in Health Practice Research from the University of Rochester's School of Nursing, and made the transition to assistant professor at Binghamton University, followed by SUNY Polytechnic Institute, where she was the Nurse Practitioner Program Coordinator. She has also done both doctoral and postdoctoral research on the influence of neighborhood factors on teen pregnancy, and on maintaining abstinence and reducing HIV risk in adolescent girls.

As she gained experience in a variety of healthcare settings, Seibold-Simpson found that she wanted to work on prevention and not just the treatment of ailments. Her interest in educating the next generation of nurses was a natural development of her devotion to the profession – “the cycle of life,” she said.

“When you go into a Ph.D. program and you're doing research, you become more focused on the transmission and generation of knowledge,” she explained. “I want people to be able to do a really good job. I've learned through the years on what's good for my patients.”

On her desk, she keeps a note from a student from that very first semester she taught at BU. New at teaching, she was nervous about her performance – and found a student's kind words, praising her connection and her caring to be just the right medicine.

Looking forward

SUNY Broome's Nursing Program recently received re-accreditation – a formidable process, but improvements won't stop there. The program remains highly competitive, with 500 applications each year for

only 90 spots in the day program – statistics that the new chair initially found gratifying.

“We will continue to focus on the evaluation of our program and building upon where we’re strong, and developing areas that can be improved. We know we need to look at alternative learning strategies for this generation of students,” Seibold-Simpson said.

These strategies may include gamification theory to help the new generation learn effectively. As communication changes in our increasingly digital world, so do learning styles, and interactive instruction has become a must.

The profession has also changed during Seibold-Simpson’s nearly 30-year career. The professional spectrum now ranges from licensed practical nurses (LPN) to doctors of nursing practice (DNP) – a relatively recent development.

“There’s now much more emphasis on technology and there’s a continued emphasis on accountability,” she said, reflecting on the field as a whole. That last part includes increased demands for documentation, creating a juggling act in which nurses negotiate how they spend time with the patient.

The demand for nurses of all levels remains great and the community’s healthcare industry vibrant, which leads to a range of opportunities for those pursuing a career in caring. And that’s what Seibold-Simpson seeks to impart in the next generation of healthcare providers: A love for the profession, and a recognition of the many career paths available.

“The opportunities to work with novice nurses, people new to the nursing career paths, is really exciting — to be able to show them the breadth of what nursing can be,” she said. “There are so many opportunities in healthcare. Healthcare continues to evolve.”

SUNY Broome Women's Institute co-sponsoring Women's History Month celebration

February 9, 2017

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Suffragists Parade Down Fifth Avenue, 1917

What do you know about the struggle of women to earn the right to vote? Many of us have heard of Susan B. Anthony, but have you heard of the “Ladies of Lisle” and their contribution to the women’s suffrage movement?

March is Women’s History Month, and in honor of the 100th anniversary of Women’s Suffrage in New York State, Broome County Office for Aging and SUNY Broome Women’s Institute are co-sponsoring a special presentation at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 9, at the Broome West Senior Center. Guest speakers, including Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, will share some thoughts on the 100th anniversary of women’s right to

vote in New York State. Tioga County Historian Emma Sedore will provide a fascinating look at the lives of several local women who championed women's suffrage in Broome and Tioga counties.

If you would like to stay for lunch after the program, please call the center at 607-785-1777 to make your reservation no later than noon March 8.

Don't wait: Apply for scholarships before March 3

February 9, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Scholarships help students achieve their goals at SUNY Broome. They can help you, too!

You can apply online for scholarships at www.sunybroome.edu/scholarshipsonline right now. Don't wait! The deadline is March 3.

Academic Coffee House: The Future of Applied Learning at SUNY Broome

February 9, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



The Future of Applied Learning (AL) at SUNY Broome.
Topics to include: *Examples of AL, What is the ALCC, Do we want to have a Graduation Requirement of AL?..*

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, February 23, 2017

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: W203B

Presenter: Dr. Francis Battisti

Register: [Register Here](#)

SUNY Broome Online Learning Facebook page

February 9, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Students, faculty and staff interested in timely reminders and helpful hints for success in online learning are encouraged to follow our new SUNY Broome Online Learning Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/sunybroomeonlinelearning/>

Connect with learners and instructors like you! Suggested content welcome. Contact Michelle Beatty, online learning concierge, at beattymr@sunybroome.edu.

Food insecurity? Fresh Fridays start March 10

February 9, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

Do you experience food insecurity? The Food Bank of the Southern Tier's Mobile Food Pantry will visit campus to distribute food to students who need it.

Fresh Fridays will run from 10 to 11 a.m. on Fridays from March 10 to May 12 in the Student Village parking lot.



Feb. 16 Common Hour: Weird Job Interview Questions

February 9, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

Join faculty presenters Kathleen McKenna and I.J. Byrnes at 11 a.m. Feb. 16 in T-102 for “Weird Job Interview Questions.”

This fun and entertaining session features student leaders from the Phi Beta Kappa honor society throwing weird job interview questions at the student leaders in Toastmasters International. You’ll laugh, you’ll learn and you’ll be ready for your big job interview.

BCC Foundation tops national list of foundations for donations to student financial aid

February 9, 2017

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

President Kevin Drumm and SUNY Broome students Andrew Nelson (far right) and Melinda Pitman (right) award the Peer Scholarship to Jimm McDaniels (left) at the 2015 scholarship awards reception.

Donate money to the Broome Community College Foundation, and your gift will likely end up directly helping students.

When it comes to the percentage of donations earmarked for student financial aid, SUNY Broome tops the list, according to a Feb. 7 MarketWatch report based on recently released data from the Council for Aid to Education (CAE).

“A donation to a community college stretches a dollar further than any other, and now we know that at SUNY Broome every one of those gifts goes even further than anywhere else,” said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. “We are so fortunate in having such a dedicated foundation to make this possible for our students.”

Eighty-six percent of donations received by the Broome Community College Foundation in 2016 were designated to support student financial aid, ahead of Iowa’s Kirkwood Community College at nearly 80 percent, Maryland’s Frostburg State University at nearly 78 percent and Pennsylvania’s University of Pittsburgh-Bradford at 77 percent.

On the national front, charitable support for student financial aid has hovered around 16 percent of total support for the last decade, whether in terms of outright or endowed gifts, according to the CAE. For many institutions, the largest share of support goes to research, followed by academic divisions.

The BCC Foundation raised \$2.6 million in 2016, including individual gifts, estate gifts and endowment earnings. Of that sum, 86 percent is restricted by the donors to support financial aid and scholarships.

“We’ve been fortunate as a community college that our donors have recognized student support is a priority and a great way to make a lasting impact,” said BCC Foundation Executive Director Cathy Williams.

The Foundation has a strong \$30 million endowment that is designed to generate financial support into perpetuity, including student scholarships and other initiatives.

Approximately 85 percent of SUNY Broome students have some type of financial need. The college gives between 1,000 and 1,200 need-based grants-in-aid awards to students each year, as well as close to 400 merit scholarships. The latter includes the Presidential Honors Scholarship, which is supported by corporations in the community and gives the top 10 percent of local high school students a free ride to the college.

Another example is the Second Chance program, which provides assistance to students who are academically or financially disadvantaged and might not otherwise be able to attend college. For Second Chance Scholars,

the higher their earned grade point average in college, the more money they end up receiving, Williams explained. Some recipients end up earning a 4.0 GPA each semester as a result of the incentive.

Donors can range from alumni who give \$100 a year to those who donate \$30,000 to endow a scholarship.

“All those annual gifts add up into a huge impact for us,” Williams said. “By itself, \$100 may not seem like a lot, but collectively, \$100 annual gift from a thousand people can make quite a difference.”

Water in Decker Building will be off Friday morning

February 8, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Water service in the Decker Building will be off from 6 to 8 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10. Our apologies for the inconvenience.

Save the Date: Join us for Student Success World Cafe Lunch and Discussion

February 8, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Join us from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, in Decker 201 for a Student Success World Cafe Lunch and Discussion facilitated by the Achieving Success Team members and coaches. This interactive campus gathering will allow us to engage in discussion about our ICAT results and capture specific ideas about improving student success at SUNY Broome.

Celebrate STEM: Engineering Week open house on Feb. 22

February 8, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

Join SUNY Broome's Engineering Science students on Feb. 22 to celebrate national Engineering Week.

The event will give our students an opportunity to show off their projects, as well as speak with engineers working in the field. Area students are also invited to learn about career opportunities in engineering.

Representatives from Rockwell Collins, Raymond Corporation, BAE Systems, Lockheed Martin and Amphenol Aerospace will be on hand to speak to students, as well as show examples of their companies' technology with interactive displays.

The event runs from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, in the Applied Technologies atrium. The public is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Do you have old pull-up stands? We need them!

February 8, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Do you have unused pull-up stands for signs?

(Not sure what that means? Check the picture with this article. It shows a pull-up sign on a stand.)

MarCom Technical Assistant Mike Dunham will be refurbishing them to give them new use. He'll be happy to drop by and pick them up. Contact him at dunhammh@sunybroome.edu or 778-5409.

Medical Assisting blood pressure screening was a success!

February 8, 2017

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments, FOCUS on Wellness



Medical Assisting students conducted a blood pressure screening for well over 100 students, faculty and staff during a two-hour period on Feb. 2.

They also raised money for the American Heart Association's annual Heart Walk, slated for April 9 on campus, by selling hearts, pins and bracelets. Thank you to the SUNY Broome campus for helping the Medical Assisting students perfect their skills, prepare for clinical rotation and support the Heart Walk!

Meet with a TIAA Financial Consultant at SUNY Broome

February 7, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

No matter where you are in life — just getting started or planning for retirement—a session with Alicia Brady can help you create a unique plan for your goals. And, it's at no additional cost as a part of your retirement plan. You'll get answers to these questions and more:

- Am I invested in the right mix of investments to help meet my goals?
- Am I saving enough to create the retirement income I need?
- How do I take income from my retirement account once I stop working?
- How do I plan for short-term goals such as saving for a house or education expenses?
- How do I manage debt, save money and balance various financial priorities at the same time?

Register for a session to get an action plan created especially for you.

Visiting campus on:

- February 21, 2017: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Wales Building Room 203A

RSVP today as space is limited. Register at www.TIAA.org/schedulenow or call 800-732-8353, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (ET).

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The Color Run returns to SUNY Broome on April 2

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Categories: FOCUS on Wellness



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Save \$5 Using Code: MHA5T
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*Your dreams are about to get
more colorful!*

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#DreamInColor #Happiest5k Benefiting: Mental Health Association of The Southern Tier



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The Color Run's Tropicolor World Tour is coming to SUNY Broome on April 2. Grab your besties and spread the word because tickets will go fast for the happiest 5K on Earth!

Register now at TheColorRun.com and use the \$5 coupon code 'MHA5T' for a discount.

Bring your friends, your tutus and your running shoes to the starting line on April 2. For more information:

<http://thecolorrun.com/locations/binghamton/>

Feb. 9: A discussion on Media and Sexual Violence

February 7, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Please join Haley Murphy from the Crime Victims Assistance Network from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Feb. 9 in Decker 201 for a discussion of the sexual violence threaded through our music, movies, video games and media in general.

The event is co-sponsored by Counseling Services. For more information, contact Melissa Martin in Student Services 210 or at 778-5210.

All-New York Academic Team: Opportunities begin with PTK

February 7, 2017

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



For Maria Roma and Jared Leonard, all roads begin at Phi Theta Kappa.

The two second-year students were recently selected for the international honor society's prestigious 2017 All-New York Academic Team.

Leonard, a Computer Science major, is the vice president of scholarship for the SUNY Broome chapter of the two-year honor society, while Roma, a Biology major, is the vice president for leadership. The students, both of whom have a respectable 3.8 GPA, found that their involvement in PTK pushed them out of their comfort zone and involved them more deeply in the heart of campus life.

"I never thought I could transfer to Cornell or Johns Hopkins from a community college and Phi Theta Kappa

said of course you can,” said Roma, who hopes to transfer to one of her dream schools and ultimately become a medical doctor. “We learn how to work together and collaborate. Professor Byrnes has been super helpful.”

In fact, both students are looking toward Ivy League Cornell University as a possible transfer institution, while Leonard is also considering Binghamton University. Roma hopes to focus on immunology, and the genetics that can lead to immunological disorders. Leonard has a passion for coding and is looking forward to a career writing software, preferably in the engineering field.

“I went to an engineering academy in high school, New Visions in BOCES. The only thing that I really found engaging was when we started dabbling in computer code,” said the Deposit resident. “The first time I was exposed, instantly I knew it was what I wanted to do.”

It can be all too easy for a student majoring in the sciences to pigeonhole themselves in their field, but Maria and Jared have availed themselves on campus opportunities to branch out. It’s one of the reasons that Roma, a Vestal native, chose the college in the first place.

“I wanted to explore other areas of study rather than just the sciences, which is what I would be doing if I went directly to a four-year school,” Roma explained. “SUNY Broome was the perfect place to explore my options.”

Like many of her PTK peers, Roma is extensively involved in Common Hour discussions, including an upcoming event on “weird job interview questions.” She’s the executive vice president for the Women’s Discussion Group and this semester will be focusing on women’s incarceration, along with the well-received book and television series *Orange is the New Black*. Outside of campus, she holds down a part-time job and volunteers at an Endicott food pantry.

Leonard participates in a range of academic projects with PTK, as well as the annual Ethics Conference. This year, he’s coordinating the honor society’s six-part International Film Festival, even though he’s not a natural film buff. Interestingly, he had a head start on his SUNY Broome career, taking English courses at the college while still in high school.

Overall, their experience has Phi Theta Kappa has opened up a range of opportunities, and has played a major influence in their development as scholars and leaders.

“It’s sort of the starting point of branching roads, leading to the things you want to do on campus,” Leonard explained.

A Mix of COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) Opportunities

February 7, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

SUNY Broome faculty members interested in giving their students the opportunity to work with their peers around the world have several opportunities to try COIL-ing a class, in a big way, or in a small way. SUNY Broome faculty who have COIL-ed courses include Marcia Blackburn, Alice Caroompas, Lynda Carroll, Gina Eckert, Jan McCauley, Kathleen McKenna, and Myriam Stanton. Talk to us about COIL!



1. Our partners at Comfenalco in Cartagena Colombia would like to bring their English classes and their STEM classes in contact with classes at SUNY Broome. This does not require or include faculty travel.
2. SUNY COIL is offering an online workshop called the COIL Course Orientation. Get an overview of how you and a partner might design a COIL module. Contact Kathleen McKenna for help registering before February 27. The does not require or include faculty travel.
3. SUNY COIL will be awarding grants for a training workshop at the American University of Technology in Lebanon, June 29 – July 2. Interested applicants must first complete the COIL Course Orientation. (See #2 above)

Questions?

Contact:

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COIL Coordinator

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Call for Presentations: Art of Teaching Conference 2017

February 7, 2017

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Calling all presenters for the:

Connecting, Collaborating, and Celebrating

The Art of Teaching Conference

Friday, April 21, 2017

@ Tompkins-Cortland Community College

SUNY Broome is a part of a consortium of NYS community colleges committed to promoting excellence in teaching. The Art of Teaching Conference, formerly known as the Successful Teaching Conference (STC), is an opportunity to give yourself the gift of time spent with colleagues to connect, collaborate, and celebrate our vital work improving learning for our students and ourselves.

We are seeking four individuals or groups to represent SUNY Broome at the upcoming conference on Friday, April 21, 2017 .

- Share your teaching successes, innovative teaching practices, service learning projects, etc. with your SUNY peers.
- Presentations can be individual or team presentations.
- Sessions are either 30 or 60 minutes in length.

Submit your presentation abstract by Monday, February 13, 2017 by completing the [Art of Teaching Proposal Form](#).

The CCAT Conference is sponsored by Cayuga Community College, Corning Community College, Finger Lakes Community College, Onondaga Community College, Mohawk Valley Community College, SUNY Broome Community College, and Tompkins Cortland Community College

Free Microsoft Office for students and employees

February 6, 2017

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Did you know with your SUNY Broome email address you are eligible to download the newest version of Microsoft Office to all your *personal devices* for free? It's not a trial! Students and teachers are eligible for Office 365 Education, which includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint and OneNote, plus additional classroom tools. All you need to get started is a valid school email address.

Simply visit this site: office.microsoft.com/student

Eye on Diversity: 3D Lunches in Spring 2017

February 6, 2017

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Join us in the Spring 2017 semester for 3D Lunches — that stands for Dine, Discuss, Diversity — from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Tuesdays in in Natural Science Center Room 207G! The events are sponsored by The President’s Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion. Here’s the schedule:

- **Feb. 7:** Best Practices for Teaching in a Diverse Classroom (for faculty and staff). Attendees will learn best practices for infusing diversity into the classroom.
- **Feb. 14:** Open discussion
- **Feb. 21:** Diversity in the Classroom (student-led discussion)
- **March 7:** Dakota Pipeline/Flint Michigan. Have an opinion? Come to talk about what this means to you! (for faculty and staff)
- **March 14:** Open discussion
- **March 21:** Student discussion about Dakota Pipeline/Flint Michigan
- **March 28:** What does it mean to be a Feminist? (Faculty, staff and students welcome)
- **April 11:** “Achieving the Dream” — your chance to talk about what this means. (For faculty and staff)
- **April 25:** Student discussion about “Achieving the Dream”
- **May 2:** Healthy Masculinity; What’s your definition? (For staff and faculty)
- **May 9:** Open discussion
- **May 16:** Healthy Masculinity; What’s your definition? (Student-led discussion)

Spring 2017 PDAP Funds Available

February 6, 2017

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Spring 2017 PDAP Funds Available



Funding for activities taking place between January 1, 2017 and August 31, 2017 is now available. These PDAP funds are accessible to both Faculty and Staff.

For funding consideration, please read through the information about the Professional Development Assistance Program (PDAP) on the Professional Development website: (<https://www.sunybroome.edu/web/professional-development/assistance-program>). This site also contains the recently updated and approved forms that must be used for full consideration of your PDAP request.

PDAP applications should be sent to the secretary to the Chief Academic Officer (mail stop #55) by **March 3, 2017**.

The Professional Development Steering Committee will meet shortly after this date to act on the applications. Applications received after the March 3rd deadline will be accepted in the unlikely event that funds are still available.

Please contact Jamie Heron-Starr (x5592) if you have any questions on the PDAP application procedure.

Upcoming Board of Trustees meetings

February 6, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

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

- February 21, 2017 (Tuesday) – Monthly meeting of the Finance and Facilities Committee, 8 a.m., Wales Administration Center Conference Room 107.
- February 23, 2017 (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.

Need a laugh? Comedian Mike Paramore on campus Feb. 13

February 5, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Lighten your day with some laughs! Experience “Love and Comedy” with Mike Paramore from 1 to 2 p.m. Feb. 13 in Applied Technology Room 200.

Say hello: Welcome Day on Feb. 9

February 5, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Welcome back! Welcome Day runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in the Baldwin Gym and Student Center lobby.

Stop by to connect with faculty, staff and your peers. Student services will be tabling in the lobby and the campus clubs and organizations will be tabling in the Baldwin Gymnasium. This is the perfect opportunity for students to engage with all aspects of the campus!

Travel around the world with PTK's international film series

February 5, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Travel around the world this semester with the silver screen!

In an effort to encourage cross-cultural understanding and global adventures right here on campus, the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is offering a series of six exciting international films. This semester's theme is *action and adventure*, and the films reflect that excitement as they take you to mountain-climbing expeditions in the Alps, murder investigations in Sweden and road-trips across Europe.

Our campus chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society brings this series to you as part of its participation in the honors study topic *How the World Works: Global Perspectives*. The film series is open to all members of the campus and local community, and is free of charge. **Special incentive:** Attend five or more films in this series and earn a certificate!

Important note: Films may feature adult themes, adult language, nudity or violence.

Film schedule

All films start at 6 p.m. Wednesday nights in Titchener Hall 102.

- **Feb. 15:** *The Great Beauty* (Italian, 142 minutes) It might be cold and snowy in the Northeast, but it's warm and sunny in Rome, which is the focus of the film *La Grande Belleza*. Join our narrator, Jep, as he takes us through a tour of Rome's outrageous nightlife, bizarre performance art and encounters with strippers and saints. This film took home a 2014 Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film and is featured on the BBC's list of best films of the 21st century.
- **March 1:** *The Robber* (German, 102 minutes) Imagine you have two obsessions: running and robbing banks. This film, based on a true story, features a record-breaking marathon runner in Vienna who just can't seem to stop knocking over banks. You will never forget Hands as he literally runs from the law, and from whatever is driving him to an inevitable confrontation with forces that threaten his freedom and sole relationship.
- **March 15:** *Le Grande Voyage* (French, 103 minutes) Millions of people will go on a pilgrimage this year. Now you can join them by jumping into a car with a father-son duo who are traveling across Europe on a spiritual journey/road trip to Mecca that has many surprises in store for both of them as money disappears, hitchhikers turn up and lessons are learned.
- **March 29:** *North Face* (German, 127 minutes) You won't wonder why the North Face of the Alps, the Eiger, is known as the Ogre after watching this edge-of-your-seat climb by an intrepid team of mountaineers. Battling storms, equipment failures and an unforgiving wall of rocks against the background of Nazi ascendancy, this team is fighting odds that no one before them has surmounted. Will they summit the Eiger or will the Ogre enjoy another grim victory?
- **April 12:** *Tell No One* (French, 132 minutes) This great French thriller is based on a novel by American writer Harlen Coben. A grieving widower is confronted with his worst nightmare after he has already survived a murderous night at his vacation home. Nothing and no one in his life can be trusted.

The chase scenes in Paris and the surrounding *banlieus* are unforgettable and the twist at the film's end is guaranteed to take you by surprise.

- **April 26:** *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* (Swedish, 147 minutes) This is the original Swedish version of the book by Swedish writer Stieg Larsson. This is a gritty, acclaimed action move that is about as relaxing as drinking three espressos in a row. Featuring an award-winning lead performance, this film hurtles you from prison to mansion, by motorbike and high-speed train as our unlikely team of punk-computer hacker and disgraced journalist struggle to solve a murder case that the murderer is determined they will not solve. This unforgettable film won the BAFTA for best foreign language film. If the British gave this thrill-ride the equivalent of their Oscar, you know it's going to be good.

For more information on the film series, visit www.sunybroome.edu/ptkfilmfest

The Monday Poem: ‘John Correia, My College Chemistry Teacher’

February 5, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

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

John Correia, My College Chemistry Teacher
Jorge H. Aigla

The symbols of hexagons, surrounding circles
transformed into circles crossed by lines
get repeated with chalk, white on black board
many times as you talk to the young.

With the unfolding of years you continue to stand
at the junction of the child and the man,
you give advice to those few who reach you
and help them become who they are.

Your mind offered me knowledge of things
and your outstretched hand friendship, a light
more stable than any of those bonds
by which our dark center barely holds tight.

Those lonely walks through wide teeming halls
with students who think they know what they want
should ready your soul to breathe with a sign:
it is not senseless, this passage of time.



Aigla has worked as a medical examiner, a medical research fellow, and a professor of anatomy and physiology. He currently teaches in the classics program at St. John's College, where he has been on faculty since 1985. He lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Feb. 9 Common Hour: Scholarships for SUNY Broome students

February 5, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Join an administrator from the BCC Foundation at 11 a.m. Feb. 9 in T-102 to find out how you can become a candidate for one of the many scholarships offered by the college and its four academic divisions.

A Great Books Discussion: ‘All the Light We Cannot See’ and ‘The Hare with the Amber Eyes’

February 5, 2017

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A Great Books Discussion



This semester's Great Books discussion will begin at noon Friday, Feb. 10, in the Liberal Arts Conference Room, T-210.

The books that will be discussed during the Spring 2017 semester are *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr (winner of the Pulitzer Prize) and *The Hare with the Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal. These books have earned acclaim as notable books of the 21st century.

For further information, contact I.J. Byrnes at byrnesij@sunybroome.edu. The event is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and the English Department.

The passing of Tina Tomassetti's father

February 5, 2017

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Valentino Tomassetti, the father of Tina Tomassetti, passed away Feb. 2. Calling hours are on Monday. His obituary is below.



Valentino Tomassetti, 97, passed away peacefully at home on Feb. 2, 2017. He is survived by his wife Maria, son John (Jo-Anne), daughter Tina (Randy), a niece Ada (Benito) Gentile, longtime friends Pantaleone and Pia Iuliani, and numerous relatives here and overseas.

He was born in Vacri, Italy on April 11, 1919, and is pre-deceased by his parents, three sisters, and three brothers. He served in the Italian army during [WWII](#) alongside the allied forces. He came to America in Nov. 1955 and earned his U.S. citizenship in Jan. 1962.

He retired after working more than 27 years at EJ. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends and taking walks through the neighborhood. A Funeral Mass will be held at Saints John and Andrew Church 1263 Vestal Ave. Binghamton at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7, followed by Burial at Calvary Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the THOMAS J. SHEA FUNERAL HOME, INC, 137 Robinson St., Binghamton, on Monday, Feb. 6, from 4 to 6 p.m. Arrangements are in the care of Albert J. DeMarco.

National Wear Red Day, This Friday, Feb 3

February 2, 2017

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness



Wear red on Friday, Feb. 3, in support of the American Heart Association's National Wear Red Day!

Get tips on how you can get involved and prevent heart disease and stroke.

To sign up, go to www.southerntierheartwalk.org , follow the path: Register to Walk, Join a Team or Start a

Team, Returning Participant or User Log in, continue to follow prompts. To create your own SUNY Broome team please name it using SUNY Broome in the title such as (SUNY Broome- Medical Assisting) so that all proceeds fall under the SUNY Broome team as a whole. If you need assistance setting up a team, please contact Deena Price at pricedm@sunybroome.edu.

Bridging the gap: Applied Learning and Career Center links education with careers

February 2, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



With a snip from a giant pair of scissors, the scarlet ribbon gracefully parted in front of SUNY Broome's new Applied Learning and Career Center.

A partnership between SUNY Broome and the New York State Department of Labor, the ALCC opened last fall in Applied Technologies Building Room 101 with services that include resume creation and development, interview coaching, mock interviews, job search assistance and more.

The two organizations are natural partners, noted SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. The college plays a major role in training and educating the region's workforce, and the Department of Labor helps connect those future employees with business and industry, as well as community resources. Both already

partner for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Job Fair in April, one of the area's largest; last year's job fair set



a new record with more than 90 employers.

“The Applied Learning & Career Center isn’t just a room with computers. It’s a bridge, linking education with rewarding careers,” Dr. Drumm said.

Best of all: The center and its resources aren’t just limited to current students. The ALCC is also available to alumni and members of the surrounding community, regardless of whether they attended the college. (That being said, President Drumm reminded visitors, it’s never too late to go to college and upgrade your skills.)



On the academic front, the ALCC exemplifies the college’s commitment to applied learning, which takes place whenever students bring the skills and knowledge they gain into the classroom into the outside world, explained Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti. Applied learning includes internships, clinicals, service learning and civic engagement, and is an essential component of developing one’s knowledge and skill in a field.

“We want to them to get more than an academic transcript when they leave us,” explained ALCC Career Coach Jeanie Kumpon. “We want them to have the skills and confidence to get a career.”



The center contains the Hornet Hub, a trio of computer stations dedicated to job-search activities. The ALCC also offers one-on-one appointments with a career coach, and daily drop-in hours for those needing help with resume development, interview preparation, job and internship searches, applied learning opportunities and more, Dr. Battisti explained.

“Grab and go” documents are also available on a variety of students, for busy students headed to their next class. The center’s website also connects visitors to a variety of resources. Learn more about the center at <http://www2.sunybroome.edu/careercenter/>.

The ALCC will also serve as an important tool in the larger community, encouraging students to stay in the area as they pursue their careers, said Sara Liu, Executive Director of Broome-Tioga Workforce. Local employers also have a need for skilled employees, and services such as the ALCC will play an important role in attracting competitive job candidates.

“Applied learning is so important to all of us, and it’s critical that we in higher education remember that,” President Drumm reflected. “Most of us learn by doing things and getting involved in things.”



Help Wanted: Please Encourage Students to Check the On-Campus Jobs Website!

February 2, 2017

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Please take a moment to encourage your students to check out the On-Campus Jobs website:

<http://www3.sunybroome.edu/student-jobs/>

Many of these positions can be catered to a student's schedule, helping them get the extra income they need to continue to attend classes while dealing with the other hectic factors in their life.

Please also consider adding a position to the website if you need student assistance in your department:

<https://sunybroome.wufoo.com/forms/student-jobs/>

SUNY Broome Music Professor is Nominated for National Award

February 2, 2017

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



SUNY Broome Adjunct Professor Laurence Elder's original song, entitled "Now," has been nominated for a Posi award!

The Posi Awards are part of a nationally recognized event called the emPower Posi Music Festival. He will be attending the festival in February, where he will perform his nominated song, and the winners in each category will be revealed.

This Saturday, Feb. 4, Laurence will perform “Now” on the Music Faculty recital at 7:30 p.m. in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre.

Call for Presentations: Art of Teaching Conference 2017

February 2, 2017

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Calling all presenters for the:

Connecting, Collaborating, and Celebrating

The Art of Teaching Conference

Friday, April 21st, 2017

@ Tompkins-Cortland Community College

SUNY Broome is a part of a consortium of NYS community colleges committed to promoting excellence in teaching. The Art of Teaching Conference, formerly known as the Successful Teaching Conference (STC), is an opportunity to give yourself the gift of time spent with colleagues to connect, collaborate, and celebrate our vital work improving learning for our students and ourselves.

We are seeking four individuals or groups to represent SUNY Broome at the upcoming conference on 4/21/2017.

- Share your teaching successes, innovative teaching practices, service learning projects, etc. with your SUNY peers.
- Presentations can be individual or team presentations.
- Sessions are either 30 or 60 minutes in length.

Submit your presentation abstract by Monday, February 13, 2017 by completing the [Art of Teaching Proposal Form](#).

The CCAT Conference is sponsored by Cayuga Community College, Corning Community College, Finger Lakes Community College, Onondaga Community College, Mohawk Valley Community College, SUNY Broome Community College, and Tompkins Cortland Community College

Dr. Bill Altman Releases New E-Book on Excellence in Teaching

February 2, 2017

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments

The Society for the Teaching of Psychology (Division 2 of the American Psychological Association) has just released the e-book *Essays from E-xcellence in Teaching* (Volume XIV), edited by SUNY Broome Professor William S. Altman and Dr. Lyra Stein from Rutgers University. This collection of essays about best teaching practices and techniques is based on the popular series of essays and blog posts edited by Dr. Altman and Dr. Stein.

Anyone may download the book for free at <http://teachpsych.org/ebooks/eit2016/index.php>. The other volumes in the series and many other excellent books about teaching may be found at <http://teachpsych.org/ebooks/index.php>

A Musical Celebration: Faculty take the stage at Feb. 4 concert

February 2, 2017

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Join the SUNY Broome Performing Arts Department for *A Musical Celebration* at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4 in The Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre, located in the Student Center.

This concert will feature Music Program faculty members who are also among the area's most talented and beloved musicians. Faculty will perform a varied and collaborative program and celebrate the joy of making music together.

Featured performers include violist Marisa Crabb, soprano Brenda Dawe, jazz pianist and singer Laurence Elder, tenor Gerald Grahame, mezzo soprano Julia Grella O'Connell, trumpeter Tony Godoy, alto saxophonist April Lucas, pianist Pej Reitz, pianist Peter Sicilian, cellist Stephen Stalker and guitarist Paul Sweeny.

Tickets are available at the door for \$10 General Admission and free for all students.

Speakers of the House February and March Meetings

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Want to communicate with confidence? Become a better speaker and presenter? Learn to listen effectively while developing your leadership skills and helping others reach their goals? Join Speakers of the House, SUNY Broome's chapter of Toastmasters International!

You're invited to attend any of their meetings, which take place at 3:10 p.m. on the following Fridays: Feb. 3, 10, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.

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

In the Community: Binghamton Pond Fest on Feb. 10, 11 and 12

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Get the most out of winter: Head to the Binghamton Pond Festival Feb. 10, 11 and 12 in Chenango Valley State Park!

On Friday, skate under the lights and enjoy a fireworks show, Animal Adventure, bonfire, s'mores stations, a lunar park hike and a telescopic eclipse viewing. On Saturday and Sunday, enjoy love music, a pond hockey tournament, a pond hockey trail run, a guided eagle watch, guided geo-caching and tons of winter park activities.

For more, visit www.bingpondfest.com.

Financial Aid questions? Check out the Financial Aid lab on Thursdays

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Need help completing your FAFSA? Not sure when your application is due? Want to know what Financial Aid you are eligible for?

Have all your Financial Aid Questions answered at the Financial Aid Lab. It's open from 11 a.m. to noon every Thursday from Feb. 16 through May 18 in AT-014. SUNY Broome Financial Aid staff will be on hand to answer your questions.

Pursuing their dreams: Meet Heather and Werley, Jack Kent Cooke scholarship semi-finalists

February 1, 2017

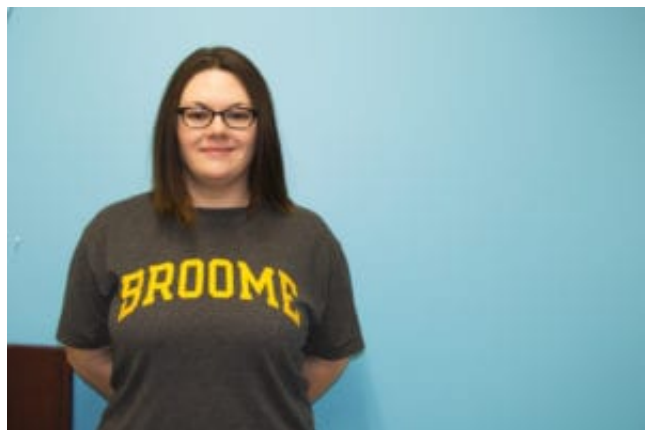
Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Werley Scott Paul hopes to return to the United States to study biochemistry, a longtime dream. Heather Coggin is looking to Cornell's School of Industrial and Labor Relations or Binghamton University's School of Management, and a future career as a college professor – or even an administrator.

Both Hornets are among 550 semi-finalists for the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke scholarship, which provides up to \$40,000 toward the expenses of an undergraduate degree. Finalists will be announced in April.

So who are these talented Hornets? Read on.



Heather Coggin

If you attend campus events, you've likely run into Heather Coggin.

The president of SUNY Broome's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, she is a frequent face at Common Hour, leading book discussions and presentations. Student Assembly, Gardening Club, the Women's Discussion Group, multiple campus committees – if something is happening on campus, Heather is usually behind the scenes, diligently planning the details. This past year, she played a major role in supporting and expanding the campus' food pantry, a needed resource for students in need.

The Harpursville native is an academic superstar too, and will graduate in May with both an associate's in business and a certificate in paralegal studies. She's eyeing transfer opportunities at Cornell and Binghamton University, having developed a love for business while working for an auto parts store.

"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," said Professor Irene Byrnes, whom Heather considers a mentor. "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."

SUNY Broome has become more than just a college campus. It's been a home – and a welcome web of support. At 26, Heather is a non-traditional student and took an extra year to complete her degree. This past year, she also has taken time to aid her mother, who is battling cancer.

"I have a lot on my plate. I still stay involved as best as I can here," she said, thanking her significant other, friends and colleagues for their support. "People are willing to help other folks. Without my support network, this wouldn't be possible."

Like many students, Heather's ultimate career goal has shifted through the years. That initial uncertainty was one of the reasons she chose SUNY Broome – for the chance to explore her options, while remaining close to her family.

She'd still like to own her own business someday, although she's not sure what form it will take. But rather than becoming a high-flyer in the corporate road, she's now looking at the classroom for her future.

"I've done a lot of work with Common Hour presentations. I got to feel what it's like being in front of people. I'm really interested in being a professor," she explained. "One day I'd like to work in college administration."

College President Heather Coggin? It's possible.



Werley Scott Paul

SUNY Broome draws students from around the world, many of whom return to succeed in their home countries – and make them a better place.

Werley Scott Paul is one of those international Hornets. He graduated in 2015 with a certificate in Industrial Technology-Quality Assurance and an A.A.S in Liberal Arts, and is now working for Brasserie De La Couronne in his native Haiti as a risk and compliance coordinator. His hometown is Kenscoff, in the southeastern portion of the island.

In 2013, he had earned a scholarship from the SEED (Scholarship for Education and Economic Development) program, which gave economically disadvantaged students from Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico the opportunity to attend a U.S. college.

“As an international student in the U.S., I had the opportunity to experience many great things,” Werley wrote in a recent email.

The International Student Organization helped him connect with students from a variety of backgrounds, all of whom shared their cultures and learned from one another. Professors and advisors also were easily accessible and eager to offer assistance when needed.

“Overall, I think SUNY Broome helps me (realize) my best by going out of my comfort zone and motivates me on becoming a better person,” he reflected.

Werley ultimately hopes to study biochemistry, and do his part in “the creation of a better world,” as he put it. He applied to Binghamton University, the University at Buffalo and Valparaiso University, and is considering attending the first.

Congratulations and best of luck to both Heather and Werley!

SANS – OUCH! Feb. 2017 Staying Secure on the Road

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SANS (Systems, Audit, Network and Security) is excited to announce the February issue of OUCH! This month, led by Guest Editor Mark Williams, we focus on Staying Secure on the Road. We know and understand most of you use the Internet while traveling, whether for personal or work related reasons. We want to be sure you can accomplish everything you need when on the road safely and securely. Share OUCH! with your family, friends, and coworkers.

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Faculty and Staff, please remember to take the mandatory Security Awareness Training offered by SUNY using the SANS, SAT portal. The 30 – 45 minutes it takes to complete all the training will help SUNY Broome combat the challenges to securing our institution and your computer access.

Faculty and Staff, go to: <https://sso.securingthehuman.org/suny/>

National Wear Red Day: This Friday, Feb. 3

February 1, 2017

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness



Wear red on Friday, Feb. 3, in support of the American Heart Association's National Wear Red Day!

Get tips on how you can get involved and prevent heart disease and stroke. Go to GoRedForWomen.org/WearRedDay.

Join us for the American Heart Association's Heart Walk

February 1, 2017

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness



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

The **American Heart Association's Heart Walk** will be held on **Sunday, April 9th at 10:00 am right here at our SUNY Broome Ice Center** and you can be part of the **SUNY Broome Team**. Plans for the walk are in full swing with fun you won't want to miss! There are free blood pressure checks, heartfelt survivor tributes and celebrations, and so much more. SUNY Broome already has a team online, so all you need to do is join it, and let your sponsors know how to contribute to help reach our \$5000 goal.

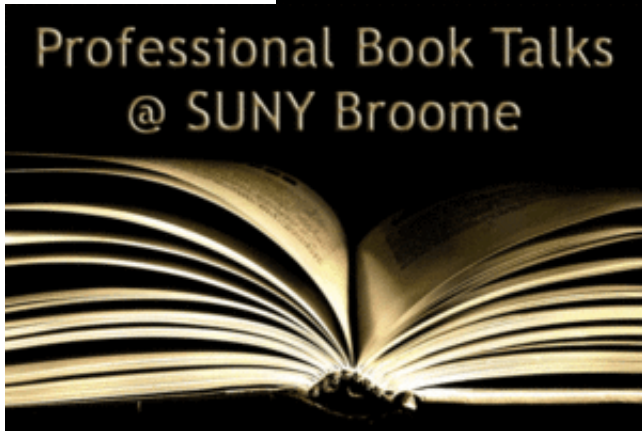
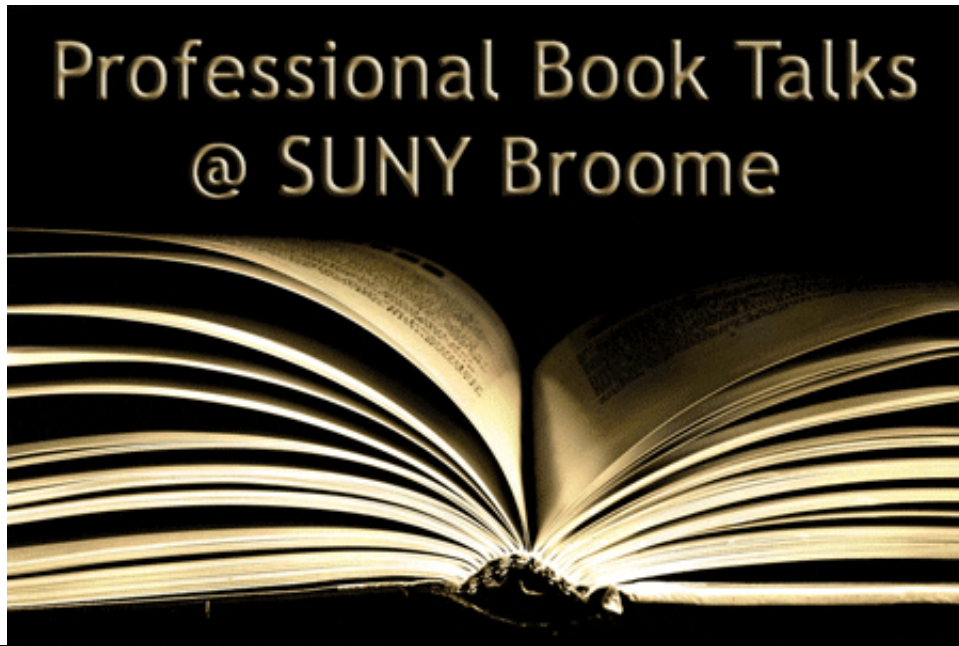
To sign up, go to www.southerntierheartwalk.org, follow the path: Register to Walk, Join a Team or Start a Team, Returning Participant or User Log in, continue to follow prompts. To create your own SUNY Broome team please name it using SUNY Broome in the title such as (SUNY Broome- Medical Assisting) so that all proceeds fall under the SUNY Broome team as a whole. If you need assistance setting up a team, please contact Deena Price at pricedm@sunybroome.edu.

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

Book talks: Gender Shrapnel in the Academic Workplace

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Gender Shrapnel in the Academic Workplace

by Ellen Mayock

Join your peers as you read and discuss this book.

When & Where: Group meeting times will be determined based on the availability of participants

- Activities and pace of material coverage is determined by participants as the discussion progresses
- Meetings are held weekly during the Spring 2017

Participation may be limited, [register today!](#)

Book Information:

“This book employs the image of “shrapnel”, bits of scattered metal that can hit purposeful targets or unwitting bystanders, to narrate the story of workplace power and gender discrimination. The project interweaves stories of gender shrapnel with an examination of national rhetoric surrounding business, education, and law to uncover underlying phenomena that contribute to discourse on privilege and gender in the academic workplace. Using concrete examples that serve as case studies for subsequent discussion of data

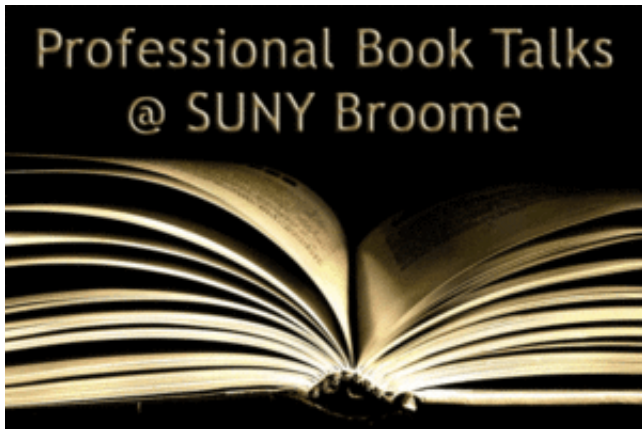
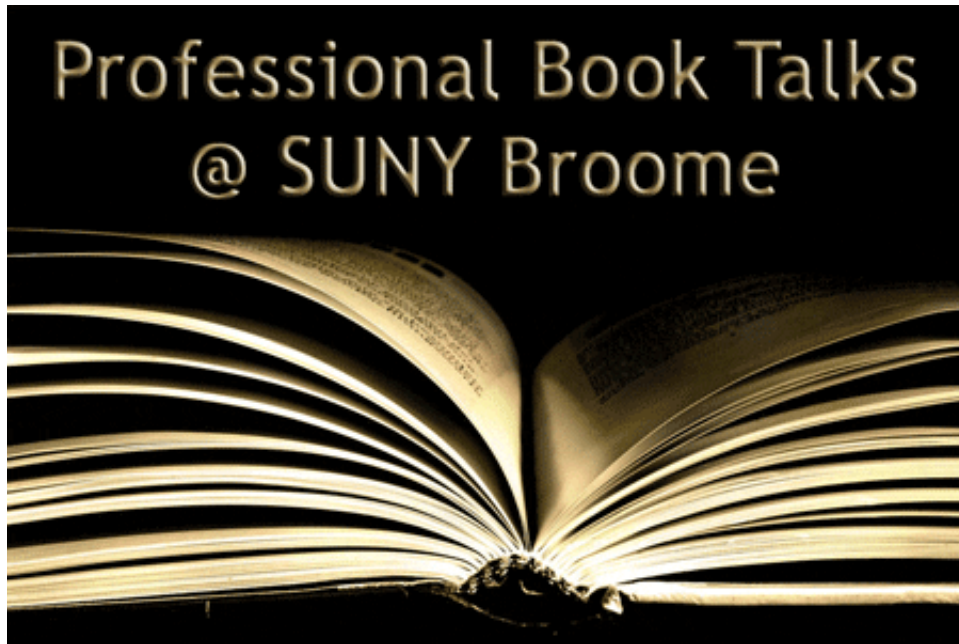
about women in the workforce, language use and misuse, sexual harassment, silence and shutting up, and hiring, training, promotion, and the glass ceiling, Mayock explores the deeper implications of gender inequity in the workplace.”

[Inside Higher Ed Interview](#)

To My Professor: Student Voices for Great College Teaching

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To My Professor: Student Voices for Great College Teaching

What college students really say about their teachers.

by Michigan State University School of Journalism

Join your peers as you read and discuss this book.

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Participation may be limited, [register today!](#)

Book Information:

In “To My Professor: Student Voices for Great College Teaching”, Students tell us what they really think. They say and write what they seldom tell professors directly, giving those at the front of the classroom a rare glimpse into the minds of those in the back. The book includes statements, notes and social media comments by students describing experiences wonderful and painful, uplifting and unbelievable.

You will hear from students who live at the margins, transfer students, students with invisible challenges and student veterans. Some feel excluded, isolated or misunderstood. Then, you will find strategies and resources for better college instruction in more than 50 situations. They include teaching a growing variety of students, being flexible and fair, recovering from mistakes, dealing with racial tensions and using humor. Much of what teaching assistants, adjunct instructors, and tenured professors know is learned and tested on the job. It comes from classrooms, faculty seminars or other teachers and mentors. Most teaching literature benefits students in the end, but this book puts the student perspective at the beginning. It is written by a Michigan State journalism class.

Learn what students and master educators say about classroom management and the challenges of communication, inclusion, grading, student health and safety, technology and support.

[Inside Higher Ed](#)

Grand Opening of Applied Learning and Career Center on Feb. 2

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Join us at 10 a.m. Feb. 2 for the grand opening of the SUNY Broome Applied Learning and Career Center, located in Applied Technologies Building Room 101.

A partnership between SUNY Broome and the New York State Department of Labor, the ALCC first opened in Fall 2016. Services include resume creation and development, interview coaching, mock interviews, job search assistance and more.

This resource is available to students and SUNY Broome alumni, as well as members of the surrounding community.

Learn more about the center at <http://www2.sunybroome.edu/careercenter/>.