

# The Focus

faculty / staff e-newsletter

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## Construction activities for the Week of July 31

July 31, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



- Excavation and trenching for the geothermal field will continue in the Quad area.
- A pre-installation meeting for geothermal drilling will be held this week.
- Concrete planter and sidewalk removal will continue.
- Selective interior demolition will continue.
- Excavation will begin for the concrete foundations for the Connector between the Mechanical and Business buildings.
- Mechanical, electrical and plumbing disconnects in the interior of the Mechanical Building will take place.
- Temporary power will be established for during construction.



# In the Community: Free DEC info session for grant funding

July 31, 2017

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Grant funding is available for Broome County artists, performers, arts organizations and teaching artists.

Free information sessions will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, at the Vestal Public Library and at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, at the Mary Wilcox Memorial Library in Whitney Point.

Known as “traditional” or “classic” Decentralization (DEC) grants, Community Arts (CA) grants provide support for arts and cultural projects to community-based organizations, groups, collectives or individual artists. Individual artists must apply for a CA grant for a community-based project in partnership with a local nonprofit organization. CA support enables emerging artists and organizations to grow professionally and to enhance the cultural vibrancy in communities and neighborhoods where they live and work. CA grants provide support to develop, foster, promote, enhance, and increase community arts that address current cultural needs in Broome county.

Arts Education (AE) Grants: AE grants offer two funding categories: (1) K-12 In-School Projects and (2) After-School & Community-Based Learning Projects. Funds can support arts education projects that take place in-school during the school day and/or in after-school and community-based settings for youth and/or senior learners. Emphasis is placed on the depth and quality of the creative process through which participants learn about the arts. Projects must focus on the exploration of art and the artistic process. Intercurricular collaboration for in-school projects is encouraged but not required.

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!** To register, call Chris Hoffman at the Chenango Arts Council—607.336-2787 or email [chris.hoffman@chenangoarts.org](mailto:chris.hoffman@chenangoarts.org).

A minimum of 5 people is required for the session to take place.

Deadlines for registration:

VESTAL: Wednesday, August 9, by 4 p.m.

WHITNEY POINT: Wednesday, August 16, by 4 p.m.

# Dedication of Mrs. G's Weather Station on Aug. 4

July 31, 2017

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**Join the SUNY Broome community at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 4, for the dedication of Mrs. G's Weather Station on the second floor of the Natural Sciences Center (NSC).**

Named for the late Physical Sciences Professor Sallyann Giuffrida, the weather station is actually located on the roof of the Applied Technologies Building and visible in a Natural Science Center laboratory.

Known to students as Mrs. G, Professor Giuffrida passed away in March 2014 after an illness. She earned her bachelor's degree in Meteorology and Oceanography from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute in 1978, one of the few women in science at the time. She started at SUNY Broome as a technical/lab assistant that same year, and later taught physics, physical science courses and their corresponding labs.

Mrs. G's true love was in meteorology, and she designed the curriculum and labs for the Meteorology course that is still taught to this day. The Sallyann Giuffrida Memorial Scholarship Fund was established through the Broome Community College Foundation in her memory, and provides scholarships for students planning to further their education in science.

The station named in her honor – a Davis Instruments Vantage Pro Plus 2 – includes a weather webcam that displays current conditions on campus, and transmits data to both the college's Weather Underground site and to a computer in the NSC, where it is archived. The NSC kiosk is run by an iPad pro display locked to the Weather Underground station page, and presents opportunities for students to interact with a display.

[Click here for the current conditions from the station.](#)

"This is especially helpful in this region because often conditions on our hilltops will vary from what is happening in the valley," said Professor Kennie Leet, chair of the Physical Science department. "National Weather Service forecasts often rely on weather webcams throughout the forecast region to see what is happening in different locations."

The event will include the SUNY Broome community, Professor Giuffrida's former students and members of her family. Light refreshments will follow the event.

# Mechanical Building renovations-related impact

July 31, 2017

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Colleagues: if you have been on campus recently, or you're keeping up with notices on facilities, you know that renovations to the Mechanical Building into the Calice Advanced Manufacturing Center have begun in earnest. While this is very exciting for the future of our college, it will bring some major inconveniences to us for the next year given that the building is roughly in the center of our campus. Consequently, construction requirements have a large portion of the center of campus fenced off for obvious safety reasons and also for not so obvious construction reasons such as the staging area needed for the project but where no actual construction will happen. Consequently, the big loss is that of our entire Quad lawn area between the Student Center and Business being entirely fenced off for the coming academic year, as well as of course Mechanical itself being completely surrounded by a construction fence.

So, if you use the main quad area for any reason during the academic year, or the area surrounding Mechanical, please begin considering alternatives. We appreciate your patience and indulgence as we work through another major construction project on campus. Progress always brings its inherent challenges and this project is no exception.

Thank you,

Kevin E Drumm, PhD  
President  
SUNY Broome Community College



# SUNY Broome to Participate in State Department EducationUSA Forum on Internationalizing U.S. Campuses

July 31, 2017

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Susan Wellington, SUNY Broome's Assistant Director of Admissions, is participating from July 31 to Aug. 2, 2017, in the U.S. Department of State's eighth annual [EducationUSA Forum](#) in Washington, D.C.

More than 570 U.S. university representatives from 46 states, 60 EducationUSA regional coordinators and advisers from around the world, and U.S. and foreign government officials will convene to discuss international student recruitment and retention strategies. International education increases American global competitiveness, and creates relationships and understanding that contribute to increased national security.

The Forum, organized in partnership with the Institute of International Education, will feature sessions on traditional as well as virtual recruiting strategies, comprehensive campus internationalization, student visas, maximizing recruitment resources, and partnering with EducationUSA advising centers around the world to develop comprehensive and innovative strategies for recruiting international students.

Colleges and universities play an important role in strengthening ties between the United States and countries around the world. The State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs collaborates with accredited U.S. colleges and universities to

help maintain the United States as the world's top destination for international students and scholars and to promote diversity in international education.

The U.S. Department of State's [EducationUSA](#) advising network includes more than 400 advising centers located in 177 countries around the world that provide international students with accurate, comprehensive, and current information about study opportunities in the United States.

Throughout the EducationUSA Forum, follow the conversation on Twitter at **#EdUSAForum**.

# The Monday Poem: ‘A Prayer’ by Joseph Seamon Cotter, Jr.

July 30, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

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

*A Prayer*

[Joseph Seamon Cotter, Jr.](#)

As I lie in bed,  
Flat on my back;  
There passes across my ceiling  
An endless panorama of things—  
Quick steps of gay-voiced children,  
Adolescence in its wondering silences,  
Maid and man on moonlit summer’s eve,  
Women in the holy glow of Motherhood,  
Old men gazing silently thru the twilight  
Into the beyond.  
O God, give me words to make my dream-children live.



## About This Poem

“A Prayer” was published in *The Book of American Negro Poetry* (Harcourt, Brace and Company, 1922), edited by James Weldon Johnson. Joseph Seamon Cotter, Jr. was born on February 2, 1861, in Nelson County, Kentucky. His collections of poetry include *A Rhyming* (New South Publishing, Co., 1895) and *Collected Poems* (Henry Harrison, 1938). He died in 1949.

# Summer STEAM Academy at SUNY Broome

July 28, 2017

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SUNY Broome welcomes the 250 middle and high school students from 14 local school districts who are participating in **Summer STEAM Academy** from July 24 to August 3, 2017. This two-week hands-on program engages students in project-based learning around STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) through the design cycle processes.

Local engineers from the Eastern Southern Tier STEM Hub along with teachers from Broome-Tioga BOCES, 14 local school districts, and our own SUNY Broome professors Rob Condon (Chemistry) and Sid Peake (Biology) are teaming up with students to explore and develop projects with real-world applications. Some of the challenges include designing and building trebuchets, solar cookers, power-boats, paint-ball launchers, Balsa wood bridges and towers, and more. As part of this program, students will also travel to BOCES for a robotics program, tour Lockheed Martin and meet with engineers, and visit SUNY Binghamton University to present their STEAM Academy projects.

BOCES Science Teacher, Liz Barvinchak, has worked with the STEAM Academy for several years and she says that it is advantageous to have all of the students working in one place here on the SUNY Broome campus. The students can more easily explore others' design processes and projects which may relate to their own challenge projects and perhaps harness the innovative energy that leads to creative thinking.



# Call for Volunteers – Greater Binghamton Marathon

July 26, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



The 3rd annual DICK'S Greater Binghamton Marathon will be on Sunday, September 24th this year and they are looking for road marshals and water station attendants to help make the event a success!

All volunteers get a free t-shirt, free food, and can enjoy the free concert and free Ommegang beer (21+) after their shift! Volunteer shifts are from 30 minutes to 3 hours long.

Please sign up today at: [www.binghamtonmarathon.com/volunteer](http://www.binghamtonmarathon.com/volunteer)

This year's event is raising funds for the local ALS Chapter!

# Student Employment in Public Safety

July 26, 2017

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The Public Safety Office is currently accepting applications for student employment for the Fall 2017 semester. Anyone interested in working for the Public Safety Office may obtain an application at the Public Safety Office.

For additional information, please contact Beth Cragle or John Ruck at 607-778-5083.

# CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2017

July 25, 2017

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- Tree removals and landscape demolition will continue around the perimeter of the Mechanical Building
- Hardscape removals (brick pavers, etc.) will continue between the Business Building and the Mechanical Building
- Selective demolition will begin on the 2nd floor, west side of the Mechanical Building
- The attached campus map identifies the work zone area and the building access points which will remain open during construction.

# Help Wanted: Home Health Aide Position

July 25, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



## Help Wanted:

Part-time care for wheel-chaired female. Pleasant workplace in Johnson City, near Wilson Hospital. Non-smoking female, must have own car. Duties include: Some personal care, meal preparation, light housekeeping and some office work. Various days and (somewhat) flexible shifts available:

1) 9AM to Noon 2) 3PM to 5PM 3) 7PM to 8PM

Experience and certification not necessary. Pay is \$10/hr (through STIC & Medicaid)

If interested please contact:

Linda McColgin at [lmccolgin@stny.rr.com](mailto:lmccolgin@stny.rr.com) to set up an interview.



# The Monday Poem: ‘Doctrine’ by Sam Sax

July 23, 2017

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

## Doctrine

[sam sax](#)

*the time for nuance is over*  
i argue over breakfast  
explaining how it's oft used  
to confuse descent—knife  
through my poached egg.  
politicized work made all yolky,  
easy to consume & forget.  
i dab with the toasted bread  
*agitation & propaganda* i rant  
is the only just path for artists  
gesturing with my utensils  
heavenward. i've said a lot  
of things which in retrospect  
would've been better  
had i kept my mouth shut.  
i once said something to a friend  
i wont repeat here  
& now she's no longer my friend.  
ill never forget what her eyes did  
as i finished speaking  
stones in a bucket.  
words have consequences  
they're both material & reveal  
the spirit that speaks them.  
what i meant over breakfast  
is the time's too urgent for work  
that doesn't have blood in it.  
what i meant is insurgency  
is our birthright, that nuance  
comes from the french meaning  
to *shade*— why another painting  
of a lake when there's so much  
rage boiling outside the canvas?  
what does it mean i don't mean  
what i say when i say it? i don't know  
what i mean. silence is golden  
& gold's the standard measurement  
for capital. the golden rule is do  
unto others as you would have them  
do unto you. but what when they do  
you ugly first as they always  
seem to? i finish my coffee &  
it's political whether i want it  
to be or not.





## About This Poem

“I wrote this poem at The MacDowell Colony after finding myself in a conversation about political art vehemently arguing for something I later realized I don’t necessarily believe in. While I’m primarily interested in artists whose work reflects the times, this poem is trying to figure out what exactly I mean when I say ‘necessary’ or ‘urgent’ poetry and to think through language’s ‘use’ and ‘utility’ in writing and beyond.”

—sam sax

sam sax is the author of *Madness*, winner of the National Poetry Series and forthcoming in 2017 from Penguin Books. He has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, Lambda Literary, and The MacDowell Colony. He currently lives in Brooklyn, New York.

# Final Registration Days are August 14 – 18

July 21, 2017

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**Students, Please Remember These Important Enrollment Dates**

## **Final Registration Days are August 14 – 18!**

**Apply, get advised and register.**

*(Please NOTE: Final Registration is a week earlier this year!)*

If possible...DON'T WAIT. Register before Final Registration days if possible.

Contact your advisor right now! [www.sunybroome.edu/ar](http://www.sunybroome.edu/ar)

Need to adjust your schedule **AFTER** Final Registration?

Please connect with your department or advisor during College Readiness week, August 21- 25.

[www.sunybroome.edu/finalreg](http://www.sunybroome.edu/finalreg)

# Meet with a TIAA Financial Consultant on July 26 or Aug. 24

July 18, 2017

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TIAA financial consultant Alicia Brady will be on campus from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 26 and August 24 in Wales 203A.**

Register for a session to address such questions as:

- 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?

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

# Helping others: Kelly returns to school in her 50s – and finds a new career

July 18, 2017

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Telecommuting might appeal to some people, but not Kelly Devine.

Born and raised in the Southern Tier, she spent more than 20 years in the local manufacturing industry, working as a purchasing manager in Endicott. After her company moved, she worked out of her home for three years – and hated it. One of her strengths lies in her ability to connect with others, and the prospect of replacing human contact with a computer screen and fuzzy slippers just didn't appeal.

"I had severe people withdrawal," she explained.

With deep roots in the Triple Cities and a love for the area, following her job out of state was also off the table. At age 51, she decided to go back to school and retrain for a different field – a big step for Devine, who achieved various certificates through her career, but hadn't pursued a degree since high school.

While she continued to work part-time at a local church, she decided to major in Chemical Dependency Counseling at SUNY Broome, inspired by a desire to help others.

"I'd rather have a career instead of a job," she reflected. "I think there's a difference between the two."

The degree program prepares students as entry-level counselors in the field of alcohol and substance abuse treatment. The current job demand for professionals is high with the nation's growing opioid epidemic. In addition, there is an anticipated shortage of trained counselors due to projected retirements, with a majority expected to retire in the next five to seven years.

## **Back to class**

Devine already had some experience of campus life – as a parent, taking her son on campus visits across the state. Even during those visits, SUNY Broome stood out and she felt comfortable choosing the same college for herself, for both the quality of education and the “campus feel.”

Now in his final semester at SUNY Broome, her son is a Liberal Arts major interested in psychology; the two have taken a few classes together, as well as helped each other study.

“I’m glad he’s looking at working with people, too,” she said.

Her favorite class: Cultural Competencies in Chemical Dependency Studies, which she took with her son.

Initially, she felt a bit like she was “dropped in a foreign country,” but she caught the rhythm of campus life, helped by the campus’ diverse student population, which includes a large range of ages. The availability of services such as free tutoring also boosted her confidence, as she juggled her role as a full-time student with a part-time job.

“There’s so much available. If you want the extra help, you can get it,” she said.

## **Preparing for a new field**

Contrary to popular belief, addiction isn’t just about personal choice. It’s a real disease, involving changes in the brain – and in the client’s core identity.

“When you have people who are being treated for addiction, you’re asking them to change a huge part about themselves and how they act,” Devine reflected.

To keep prospective counselors from suffering career burnout, SUNY Broome’s program include an emphasis on self-care that Devine finds helpful in her new career. Professors and coursework help students understand and take care of themselves, which then allows them to take care of others in need.

Students also have opportunity to engage in their chosen field directly through internships that can also lead to job opportunities. Interns also have class together, during which they process their own unique experiences in the work field, Devine said.

She had her own internship September through December 2016 at the Addiction Center of Broome County, juggling school work, paid employment and 15 to 20 hours a week in the field. It taught her a good deal – and led to an immediate full-time job in the field. The Center hired her on Jan. 3, and she graduated from SUNY Broome in May.

“I was totally prepared to work there, which totally blows my mind. It doesn’t often happen that people are completely ready to go into a new field,” she said.



# SUNY Broome professors volunteer for the Boy Scouts of America

July 18, 2017

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SUNY Broome Professors Erin Heard (Environmental Science) and Lynda Carroll (History, Philosophy and Social Science) not only cross paths in the Natural Science Center on campus, they also both have sons in the same Cub Scout Pack! This summer, Heard, Carroll and their young scouts all spent a week at Cole Park at Cub Scout Day Camp.

This year, the Baden-Powell Council's Cub Scout Day Camp at Cole Park brought together 83 young scouts (ages 5-11) for a week of fun in the sun (and thunderstorms) in Harpursville. This year's camp theme was "Scout Investigations," which introduced Cub Scouts to all different types of sciences – from crime scene investigations and forensics, various scientific principles, and Archaeological Investigations. Heard and Carroll both volunteered to run week-long science and investigation stations for the boys



and girls.



Heard and another volunteer ran the science station, where scouts learned about electricity, the strength of arches in construction and polymers, and built their own stethoscopes. This was the third year Heard has volunteered at day camp, but public outreach and education has been a part of her mission for 13 years.

Carroll set up an archaeological station, where scouts learned about New York State history and prehistory, ancient technologies, laboratory techniques in ceramic analysis, and the study of ancient animal bones (zooarchaeology). The scouts even learned how to “measure brown” using soil color charts. Carroll has brought archaeology demonstrations and traveling exhibits to local schools, museums, and the general public throughout her career. She has also served as an Archeology Merit Badge Counselor for



the Boy Scouts of America.

# Need child care? Pre-K and UPK slots available at BC Center

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The B.C. Center currently has slots available for preschool-aged children (3-5 years old). Scholarships are available for parents who are SUNY Broome students as long as income eligibility requirements are met. The B.C. Center also has UPK slots available for children who live in the Binghamton School District.

If you're interested in learning more, please call the center at (607)778-5437.



# Never too young for school: Another successful College for Little Kids!

July 18, 2017

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The BC Center had another successful year hosting College for Little Kids. The themes this year were Jump into a Good Book and Artistic Creations.

The program is developed with the assistance of Christine Duffy-Webb, an instructor in the Early Childhood Department. College for Little Kids is for ages 4 years to 6 years and it runs in conjunction with College for Kids. This is held as a fundraiser to help support the BC Center.



# Mechanical Building project to affect building and pedestrian access

July 18, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



**During the reconstruction of the Mechanical Building, please note the following restrictions with respect to building and pedestrian access:**

- The Mechanical Building is completely closed to all campus traffic through August 2018.
- All entrances/exits (including the handicapped entrance) to the AT Building will remain open with the exception of the east loading dock entrance, which will be closed.
- Access to the Business Building will be restricted to the northern entrance/exit (near Student Services) and the eastern entrance/exit near the gazebo. The southern entrance/exit (near the Mechanical Building) will be closed.



# The passing of Professor Dick Stoner

July 18, 2017

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Former SUNY Broome English Professor Dick Stoner passed away on Saturday. Stoner taught in the college's English Department for many years.

There will be a memorial mass July 19 at 11 a.m. at St. Vincent dePaul Blessed Sacrament Church, Clubhouse Road, Vestal.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in Dick's name may be made to Cutler Botanic

Garden, <https://www.facebook.com/CutlerBotanicGarden/> 840 Upper Front Street 13905-1500 or Mercy

House. <https://www.facebook.com/mercyhousesoutherntier/> 212 N McKinley Avenue, Endicott, New York, NY 13760

His full obituary appeared in the Press & Sun, and you can read it here at [pressconnects.com](http://pressconnects.com):

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pressconnects/obituary.aspx?n=richard-r-stoner&pid=186114034>

# A New Chapter: Vice President Debbie Morello looks forward to an entrepreneurial future

July 17, 2017

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



SUNY Broome Vice President Debbie Morello and students

During her 25-year career at SUNY Broome, Debbie Morello has played many roles: The shrewd mind behind economic development programs impacting the region. Compassionate ear to students from close to home and around the globe, and the unofficial Mom of the Student Village. Maker of tough decisions – and even, once upon a time, an art teacher in Continuing Education.

In retirement, she'll add a few titles: Entrepreneur, published author – and, potentially, web celebrity.

"I'm my next boss!" she said with a grin. "I worked with so many entrepreneurs over the years. I wanted to be one. But even though I had these side gigs, I never had the freedom because I had responsibilities."

She'll be missed at SUNY Broome, where she was known for her high energy and spirit, and her steadfast dedication to students' welfare.

“No college has ever had a more committed or dedicated vice president,” SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm said. “She administered and led a diverse portfolio of responsibilities that few would have the background to take on and she did it with skill and verve.”

Morello, who holds a Master’s in Business Administration degree from Binghamton University, came to SUNY Broome from Lourdes Hospital, where she had served as director of strategic planning for four years.

She started at the college as alumni director under Mary Dean – one of the many excellent supervisors she remembers, including former vice president Charles Quagliata and Ann Marie Murray, and current SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm.

From the start, she availed herself of new opportunities – including art classes through Continuing Education, a department she later came to head. She became Vice President of Student and Economic Development, as well as engaged her own passion for teaching – via art classes in the Continuing Education program, a course in Internet Marketing for SUNY Broome’s Business and Public Services Division, and classes for Binghamton University’s Master’s in Public Administration program and the University of Phoenix.

At the core: Her sense of mission, and that she was in the precise place she needed to be.

“I felt that SUNY Broome gave me a path and a purpose for my life,” she explained.

### **Making a difference**



SUNY Broome Vice President Debbie Morello and students

Morello has experienced many meaningful moments during her time at SUNY Broome, from the pride of Commencement to interactions with colleagues. But looking at the many strands of her career, she holds three accomplishments close to her heart.

In the late 1980s to early 1990s, the Binghamton region underwent a major economic downturn as the former employment powerhouse – IBM, founded in Endicott – uprooted many of its operations. As assistant director of Continuing Education, Morello was in a position where she could aid dislocated workers – and made it her mission. She helped laid-off employees find alternate jobs, including one friend who taught in Continuing Education and wrote a book before getting re-hired at the tech firm that laid him off.

She found a different kind of purpose in 2010, after a devastating earthquake rocked Haiti. She was able to track down the college’s Haitian students and immediately work with them to ensure that their families were safe, and spend time with them as they dealt with fear and uncertainty. The college community also rallied with a massive fundraiser, Have a Heart for Haiti, to aid recovery efforts. After the Haitian students graduated, four who returned to their homeland were all hired by Catholic Relief Services, providing them with a livelihood as they helped their country.

The construction of facilities has long intertwined with Morello’s sense of mission; back in her Lourdes days, she co-authored a grant to develop the hospital’s first off-site primary care clinic. The Student Village, SUNY Broome’s very first residence hall, marked a major transformation for the college.

Residence halls were first considered in a 1969 master plan for the campus. Momentum picked up in 2011, with the groundbreaking in 2013 and a grand opening in Fall 2014. Home to 366 residents, the village has been full every semester, often with a waiting list for interested residential students.

“That was purposeful, coming from a first-generation college family and seeing all the first-generation students, having the

opportunities that they wouldn't have otherwise had," Morello said, reflecting on the project. "How grateful I am to have had the opportunity! The students I met through the Student Village have touched my life deeply."

And so have SUNY Broome's traditional, commuter student population, she noted. Long after they walk down the aisle at Commencement, many SUNY Broome graduates have remained in touch with Morello, sharing their accomplishments and their appreciation of their alma mater.

Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti appreciates Morello for her creative thinking, her ability to build relationships and collaboration opportunities in the community, and for her strong commitment to students. Students sometimes ended up in her office when they found themselves in trouble, and Morello truly listened to their concerns and encouraged them to take responsibility for the lives and education, Battisti said.

Coming from the academic side, Dr. Battisti sometimes had different perspectives on issues than his long-time colleague, but knew he could always count on her integrity and her commitment to the college.

"I have always trusted her word and trusted she would be there," he reflected.



SUNY Broome Vice President Debbie Morello with President Kevin E. Drumm (right) and Binghamton Mayor Rich David, left, the college's former public affairs officer and the May 2017 retirement and awards reception.

### **What's next**

Morello is currently writing the next chapter of her life – quite literally. On the day of her interview for this story, she was 50,000 words into her future book, *The Power of Friends at Work*, which will explore such issues as communication, trust, loyalty, conflict, boundaries, teamwork and more.

In her work, she draws on her own life experiences, as well as those of friends and interview subjects in a range of fields.

Her first experience of teamwork came in elementary school, when she and her classmates put together donation boxes for the Red Cross. Many people have childhood experiences that later play into their work friendships, such as giving each of their classmates a Valentine; these lessons in sharing and cooperation are later applied to their colleagues in the career world.

To engage with an increasingly digital world, Morello plans to have a Work Buds v-log – that's video blog, for the non-tech types – where she showcase interviews related to work friendships and related matters. She will also be involved in SUNY Broome's Entrepreneurial Assistance Program, continuing her work as mentor to those who want to achieve their dreams.



Vice President Debbie Morello and International Education

“Sometimes you’re on a path and you have to pivot,” she said. “I’m very excited about the future.”



# July 17 Facilities Update: Work begins on Mechanical Building reconstruction

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Work has begun on the extensive reconstruction of the Mechanical Building, one of the college's oldest facilities. To keep the campus community informed about developments that may affect them, the college will be issuing weekly updates.

On the week of July 17:

- Contractors will be mobilizing for the project.
- The project area will be fenced, and an access road will be constructed.
- There will be heavy equipment removal from the Mechanical Building.
- Vegetation will be cleared around the Mechanical Building.
- There will be minor excavations of some man-made features, such as the access road and the pavers between the Mechanical and Business buildings.

Please pay attention to and abide by all construction signage and fencing.

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# The Monday Poem: 'My Moral Life' by Mark Halliday

July 16, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

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## My Moral Life

Mark Halliday

Two years hence. When I'm ready.  
After one more set of poems  
about my beautiful confusion.  
After I've read Anna Karenina  
and Don Quixote  
and the first volume at least of Proust  
and one big novel by Thomas Mann—  
say three years. Three years hence:

after I've written an essay about the word "enough"  
and after I've done something so delectable  
weaving together phrases from Henry James and Bob Dylan  
and after I've written an amazing meditation on Luis Buñuel  
and after I've spent a month in Frankfort, Michigan  
being very real and thoughtful and full of perspective  
and fresh cherry pie  
then—  
then—

in four years at the most—  
I see it there ahead of me casting a silver shadow  
back upon me now, bathing me in its promise,  
validating the self that will arrive at it  
in four years or less (maybe just two years?)...  
Glimpsing it there is sometimes like already living it  
almost and feeling justifiably proud.  
Water pollution and toxic waste and air pollution;  
the poverty of black people in my city;  
the nuclear arms industry; in my moral life these things  
are not just TV, they push my poems to the edge of my desk,  
they push Henry James into a sweet corner,  
they pull me to meetings and rallies and marches  
and meetings and rallies and marches.  
There I am in a raincoat on the steps of City Hall  
disappointed by the turnout but speaking firmly  
into the local news microphone about the issue,  
the grim issue.  
When I'm ready.  
Four years from today!  
Silver shadow



Poet Mark Halliday earned a BA and an MA from Brown University, and a PhD from Brandeis University. Halliday has published several collections of poetry, including *Little Star* (1987), selected for the National Poetry Series; *Tasker Street* (1992), winner of the Juniper Prize; *Jab* (2002); and *Keep This Forever* (2008).

# SUNY Broome professors to judge State Fair Drone Video contest

July 11, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Three members of SUNY Broome's Communications and Media Arts Department will be among the judges for the Great New York State Fair's first-ever drone video competition.

Professor Jason Detrani, chair of the Communication and Media Arts program, is on the panel of 10 judges, along with Department Coordinator and Assistant Professor Tim Skinner and senior instructor Ed Evans, who is also a journalist and documentary filmmaker.

Entries for the professionally judged competition can be uploaded at the event's site on FilmFreeway.com through July 31. Videos in right categories, including a category for films featuring New York State, will compete for medals, with the winners in each of the categories eligible for the Best in Show prize of \$250.

Interested in entering? [Click here for more information on the drone competition.](#)



# Register your vehicle for the 2017-2018 academic year

July 11, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

It's that time of year again! Please register your vehicle online for the upcoming 2017 – 2018 academic year.

When registering your vehicle online, carefully make your lot preference selections as you have in previous years.

Just a reminder: If you do not register online, you **will not** be issued a hang tag which could result in you not getting your preferred lot.

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

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

[https://banner.sunybroome.edu/pls/prod/twbkwbis.P\\_GenMenu?name=bmenu.P\\_MainMnu](https://banner.sunybroome.edu/pls/prod/twbkwbis.P_GenMenu?name=bmenu.P_MainMnu)

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

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

The online parking registration will close on **08/06/2017**. Please register your vehicle prior to this date. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Bennett or Jessica Griffith at extension 5183 or via email at [bennettle@sunybroome.edu](mailto:bennettle@sunybroome.edu) / [griffithjl@sunybroome.edu](mailto:griffithjl@sunybroome.edu) . Thank you.

## Aug. 3 event: Indy filmmakers to host producer exploring “Twin Peaks” murder

July 10, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



The Southern Tier Independent Filmmakers Society (STIFS) will be holding their bi-monthly meeting on campus. Filmmaker John Holser, director of the Albany Digital Film Farm Workshop, will speaking about the Center as well as giving a presentation on the production of his new documentary on the Hazel Drew murder mystery, which was the primary inspiration for the television series “Twin Peaks.” A question and answer session and a discussion will follow.

Join us from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, in Titchener Building Room 101. The event is sponsored by SUNY Broome’s Communications Department.

# SANS OUCH! July 2017: Gaming Online Safely and Securely

July 10, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



SANS is excited to announce the July issue of OUCH! This month's issue is led by Guest Editor Steve Armstrong, who will focus on Gaming Online Safely and Securely.

Online gaming is a fun and great way to meet and play with others. However, it comes with its own set of risks, especially for kids. Learn how to securely and safely game online, including advice for children. Share OUCH! with your family, friends, and coworkers.

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# The Passing of Professor Rick Behr: Updated with service information

July 10, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

The SUNY Broome community mourns the passing of Professor Rick Behr, Chair of the Business Department.

Services will be held on Saturday, July 15, at J.A. McCormack Sons Funeral Home at 141 Main St. in Binghamton. The viewing begins at noon, followed by the memorial service at 2 p.m.

A valued member of SUNY Broome's Business and Public Services Division nearly 40 years, Professor Behr was a SUNY Broome graduate himself, going on to earn his B.S. and M.B.A. from Binghamton University. He headed the Business Department twice during his long tenure: from 1988 to 2001, and from 2009 to the present.

"I was always impressed with his professionalism and his stalwart courage in the face of his illness," said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. "He was always a delight to interact with."

Colleagues remembered his unwavering dedication to his students, as well as his collegial nature, unique sense of humor and his ability to create innovative academic programming. Professor Behr was the force behind the creation of SUNY Broome's highly successful Sports Management degree program.

"Whenever anyone interacted with Rick, they always got the real deal. Whether discussing, hunting, fishing, sports or the academic course schedule, one knew they were going to get his honest perspective and sage advice," reflected Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti. "Rick, thank you for all that you have given us. You will truly be missed."

## Remembering a friend and colleague

Behr had been a student in Professor John Bunnell's class years ago, and after he was hired by the college in 1978 the two became good friends. They hunted and fished together, and were even partners in a consulting business for a few years, Bunnell remembered.

He recalled the laughter and the good times – and Professor Behr's dedication to both the college and his students.

"He was very student-focused, and spent much of his time over the years advising and mentoring students, and took pride in their success," Bunnell said.

Outside the classroom, Behr was devoted to his wife Lisa and their two children, as well as his dogs. An animal-lover, he aided a raccoon in distress once – and ended up getting bit for his efforts, Bunnell said.

Professor Bunnell expects that he'll remember his friend and former student every snowstorm. It was a tradition of sorts: After every storm, Behr – in Castle Creek – would call his friend Bunnell, in Windsor, to ask how much snow had fallen at his house.

"No matter what I would say, he would say, 'That's nothing we got ...' and it would always be more," Bunnell recalled with a laugh. "He'd always have to one-up it! I could never win."

One day, Bunnell chanced across a photo he just had to share with Behr – showing a man driving a car with a good four feet of snow piled on the top. He captioned it "Rick Behr coming to work."

Please feel free to share your memories of Professor Behr by emailing [micalejr@sunybroome.edu](mailto:micalejr@sunybroome.edu).

# Call for Volunteers: United Way of Broome County 2017 Day of Caring

July 10, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



United Way's Day of Caring is coming up and we are looking for volunteers! During the Day of Caring, United Way matches volunteer groups with non-profits in Broome County. The volunteers help these non-profits with painting, cleaning, gardening, etc.

This year, our Day of Caring will be on Friday, September 15. You can sign up to volunteer in the morning (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.), in the afternoon (1 to 4 p.m.) or for a full day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.). All volunteers receive a free United Way T-shirt. They also get free lunch on Day of Caring.

Please register by July 21 at: <http://www.uwbroome.org/day-caring>. Contact [volunteerinfo@uwbroome.org](mailto:volunteerinfo@uwbroome.org) with any questions.



# SUNY Broome athletes earn awards for their accomplishments in the classroom

July 10, 2017

Categories: Focus on Accomplishments



Emily Gibson

Twelve SUNY Broome athletes were awarded NJCAA All-Academic Student Athlete Awards for their achievements in the classroom.

Emily Gibson of SUNY Broome's national championship-winning women's soccer team, was named to the NJCAA All-Academic First Team, limited to athletes with a 4.00 grade point average (GPA).

Members of the NJCAA All-Academic Second Team, with a GPA of 3.80 to 3.99, include men's baseball player Christopher Puzakulics, men's basketball player Jonathan Collins, women's tennis player Maria Mott and men's cross-country runner Ryan McMahon. Members of the NJCAA All-Academic Third Team, with GPAs of 3.60 to 3.79, include men's soccer player Anthony Bowersox, women's cross-country runner Brittini Duke, women's softball player Cassidy Phillips, women's basketball player Grace Doherty, men's ice hockey player Jordan Broughton, men's baseball player Kyle Legenhausen and women's volleyball player Paige Redmond.

Additionally, Maria Mott and Emily Gibson each earned Second Team All-American honors. Mott for tennis and Gibson for soccer.

Thirty-three athletes also earned a spot on the 2016-17 NJCAA Region III Academic All-Region team.

## **BASEBALL**

*Christopher Puzakulics*  
*Kyle Legenhusen*

## **SOFTBALL**

*Jolene Krom*  
*Cassidy Phillips*  
*Erin Page*  
*Riley Smith*

## **MEN'S LACROSSE**

*Christian Castano*  
*Nicholas Pert*  
*Jordan Bideaux*

## **WOMEN'S TENNIS**

*Daji O'Geen*

## **MEN'S SOCCER**

*Haris Brkovic*  
*Anthony Bowersox*  
*Bennie Kinney*  
*Saleh Yacoub*

## **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

*Jolene Krom*  
*Emily Gibson*  
*Mikaela Mazerolle*  
*Marissa Michitti*  
*Margaret Edwards*

## **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

*Jordan Harrington*  
*Jonathan Collins*  
*Jared Conklin*

## **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

*Graci Standis-Warpus*  
*Courtney Petticoffer*  
*Grace Doherty* SUNY Broome

***MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY***

*Joseph Seif*  
*Chris Rowe*  
*Alex Tompkins*

***MEN'S ICE HOCKEY***

*Austen Strauss*  
*David Blake*

***WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY***

*Brittini Duke*

***VOLLEYBALL***

*Erin Page*  
*Taylor Hessler*  
*Paige Redmond*  
*Chase Page*

Great job, Hornets!

# The Monday Poem: 'Pomegranate' by Kevin Pilkington

July 9, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

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

## *Pomegranate*

### [Kevin Pilkington](#)

A woman walks by the bench I'm sitting on  
with her dog that looks part Lab, part Buick,  
stops and asks if I would like to dance.  
I smile, tell her of course I do. We decide  
on a waltz that she begins to hum.

We spin and sway across the street in between  
parked cars and I can tell she realizes  
she chose a man who understands the rhythm  
of sand, the boundaries of thought. We glide  
and Fred and Ginger might come to mind or  
a breeze filled with the scent of flowers of your choice.  
Coffee stops flowing as a waitress stares out the window  
of a diner while I lead my partner back across the street.

When we come to the end of our dance,  
we compliment each other and to repay the favor  
I tell her to be careful since the world comes to an end  
three blocks to the east of where we stand. Then  
I remind her as long as there is a '59 Cadillac parked  
somewhere in a backyard between here and Boise  
she will dance again.

As she leaves content with her dog, its tail wagging  
like gossip, I am convinced now more than ever  
that I once held hundreds of roses in my hands  
the first time I cut open a pomegranate.



## About This Poem

“I saw the unusual sight of a couple dancing a waltz on the sidewalk. When there were no passing cars, they would glide onto the street and then back again. An older man watched from a bench smiling and eating a pomegranate—this unlikely scene triggered the poem.”

—Kevin Pilkington

Kevin Pilkington is the author of *Where You Want to Be: New and Selected Poems* (Black Lawrence Press, 2015). He teaches at Sarah Lawrence College and lives in New York City

# Speakers of the House Summer Meetings

July 7, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

Speakers of the House, Toastmasters International at SUNY Broome, will meet at 3:10 p.m. in the Darwin R. Wales Center, Room 203B, on the following Fridays:

- July 7th
- July 21st
- August 4th
- August 18th

**Visitors are always welcome.**

For more information, visit: [speakersofthehouse.toastmastersclubs.org](http://speakersofthehouse.toastmastersclubs.org) or find us on Facebook: Speakers of the House



# Helicopter to land on baseball field Friday

July 5, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Please note that at 11 a.m. Friday, July 7, a helicopter will land on SUNY Broome's baseball field for approximately one hour.

The Medevac helicopter will be on campus for training by the Broome County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Academy. No actual emergency is indicated.

# Save the Date: Dedication of Mrs. G's Weather Station on August 4

July 3, 2017  
Categories: Uncategorized



You're invited to celebrate the dedication of Mrs. G's Weather Station at 10 a.m. Friday, August 4, in the Natural Science Center atrium on the second floor. The station will honor the memory of Professor Sallyann Giuffrida.



# June 2017 Budget Forecast

July 3, 2017

Categories: FOCUS on Finances

Click below for SUNY Broome's 2016-2017 budget forecast, as of June 30, 2017.

[Budget Report June](#)

# June 2017 Facilities Update

July 3, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

## Carnegie Culinary Arts Project

The National Park Service is expected to make a determination regarding SUNY Broome's revised submission of its Part 2 application in July 2017.

SUNY Broome has submitted Historic Preservation Certification Application Amendment #2 in response to the National Park Services (NPS) letter dated March 15, 2007. requesting revisions and additional information to complete the review of the Part 2 application. This Amendment #2 supersedes the Amendment #1 submission that is under review by NPS.

In response to the concerns raised by the NPS in the March 15, 2017, letter, and based on recent feedback provided by Heritage Consulting Group and SHPO respectively, revisions to the floor plans have been developed to reduce the impact of the equipment in the more significant spaces of the building. To that end, the previously proposed rear addition has been enlarged to accommodate the kitchens and their associated equipment so that the primary spaces can remain with minimal alteration.

The Empire State New Market Corporation has extended the deadline for closing on the New Market Tax Credit financing from June 30, 2017 to on or about September 30, 2017.

[Facilities Report June](#)

## **Fitbit Challenge winners for June**

July 3, 2017

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

Congratulations to Maja Szostak who took first place sweeping all three categories — steps, distance, AND active minutes!

Want in on the fun for July? Join our Fitbit group! Find us under “SUNY Broome Employees” in the community section of the Fitbit app, or send the email you use for Fitbit to Heidi Melzer and she will add you to the group. Can anyone beat Maja in July?



# **In the Community: Summer Savoyards to present ‘The Sorcerer’**

July 3, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

Love at first sight: Potions producing that effect have long appealed to storytellers, sometimes with tragic and sometimes with comic results. Naturally, the famed British operetta team of Gilbert and Sullivan opted for the latter course with their send-up of romance and class distinctions, “The Sorcerer.”

For only the third time since their 1961 founding, the Summer Savoyards Inc. will be presenting “The Sorcerer” this summer. Performances of a staged concert of the operetta will be 7:30 p.m. July 15 and 3 p.m. July 16 in the Chamber Hall of Binghamton University’s Anderson Center.

Several cast members, including leads Michelle Thompson, Tom Blake and David Putrino, are SUNY Broome graduates. The technical director is Professor Mary Beth Donnelly.

General admission tickets for the performances are \$22 (seniors/students, \$20; children, \$12). For reservations, call the Anderson Center box office at 607-777-ARTS (777-2787), or visit [www.binghamton.edu/anderson-center](http://www.binghamton.edu/anderson-center).

The Savoyards also are hosting an open rehearsal for community groups. For a reduced rate, groups can attend the final dress rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 14, at the Anderson Center. For details and reservations, please email [info@summersavoyards.org](mailto:info@summersavoyards.org). All reservations must be made by July 11.

Not familiar with “Sorcerer”? Stop by the Broome County Arts Council, 81 State St., fifth floor, Binghamton, on July 7 during the July First Friday art walk. Starting at 6:30 p.m., Savoyards dramaturge James Mica and several of the “Sorcerer” leads will present an “operalogue”-style preview of the show.

Funding for the Summer Savoyards’ production of “The Sorcerer” is provided in part by a project grant from the Broome County Arts Council’s United Cultural Fund.

# Cyber Security: 'Ransomware' warning

July 3, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

In light of the recent “ransomware attacks,” SUNY Broome ITS would like to remind all of our users to be extra cautious in reviewing emails. Please avoid clicking on attached links or web addresses without extreme scrutiny, even if the message may appear to be from a familiar source. If in doubt, please forward the email to [petkashjc@sunybroome.edu](mailto:petkashjc@sunybroome.edu) or contact the ITS department at x5011. Thank you for your cooperation.

# The Monday Poem: ‘The Phantoms for Which Clothes Are Designed’ by Chase Twichell

July 2, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

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

## The Phantoms for Which Clothes Are Designed

Chase Twichell

Sewing patterns are designed for imaginary  
people, based on average measurements  
taken in the 1930s by the WPA

and adjusted over the decades by the Industry.

I sew a Misses 14, designed for a woman  
5’5” to 5’6”, 36/28/38,

which is to say no one,

so I alter the pattern to fit a phantom of me  
instead of a phantom of her.

She doesn’t need any more dresses.



### About This Poem

“I do a lot of sewing (clothes). Construction is easy compared to fitting, which is basically math coupled with anticipating how a fabric will behave in 3-D. I’ve probably made a hundred dresses that are perfect on the hanger but don’t fit well enough to wear into the world.”

—Chase Twichell

Chase Twichell is the author of *Horses Where the Answers Should Have Been: New and Selected Poems* (Copper Canyon Press, 2010). She teaches in Warren Wilson’s MFA Program for Writers and lives in upstate New York.