

The Focus

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In the Community: Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church's annual Holiday Bazaar

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Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church will be holding their Annual Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 2 and 9. The church is located at 918 Upper Front St., across the street from SUNY Broome.

The bazaar will feature holiday gifts and decorations, handcrafted items, jewelry, a white elephant sale, and a bake sale. This is a great time to do your holiday shopping! Please call 607-724-5421 with any questions.

Business and Professional Studies Toys For Tots Holiday Bash on Dec. 4

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SUNY Broome's Business and Professional Studies division will be hosting their second annual Toys for Tots Holiday Bash from 4 to 7 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Broome County Regional Farmer's Market, located across the street from the college at 840 Front St.

Please join the students and faculty in collecting unwrapped toys for local families. There will be a \$10 spaghetti dinner for purchase prepared by Hospitality's Professional Cooking class, as well as mocktails created by the Bartending class . Come take pictures with Santa and partake in festive activities!



Think Spring: Open Registration Week runs from Jan. 16 through 19

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It's never too early to think spring — spring semester, that is! Spring classes start Jan. 29, 2018.

Open Registration Week — **the last week to apply** — runs from Jan. 16 through 19. Hours are 9 to 4 p.m. Jan. 16, 18 and 19, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 17.

Need to adjust your schedule **after** Open Registration? Please connect with your department or advisor during College Readiness Week from Jan. 22 through 26.

[Click here for more information on Spring 2018.](#)

Truman Foundation awards \$15,000 to benefit Tioga County students at SUNY Broome

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The Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation of Owego awards \$15,000 to the Broome Community College Foundation in Support of Tioga County students.

This funding provides need-based financial support to Tioga County students attending SUNY Broome for the 2017-2018 academic year. There are currently 428 students from Tioga County attending SUNY Broome for the fall 2017 semester.

The Truman Foundation has generously supported Tioga County students since 1987. The Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation has also provided ongoing support for Tioga County students at the SUNY Broome Owego satellite campus located in the Ronald E. Dougherty Office Building in Owego. Courses at the satellite campus are open to all matriculated and non-matriculated, full-time and part-time students.

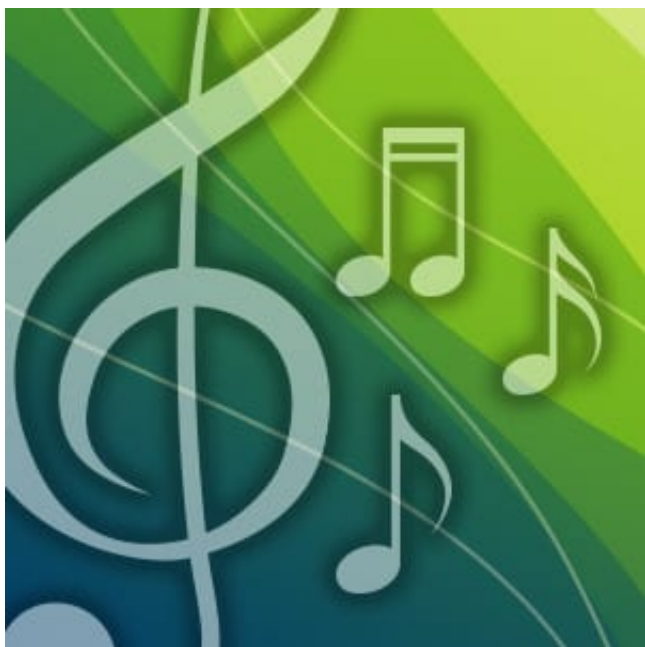
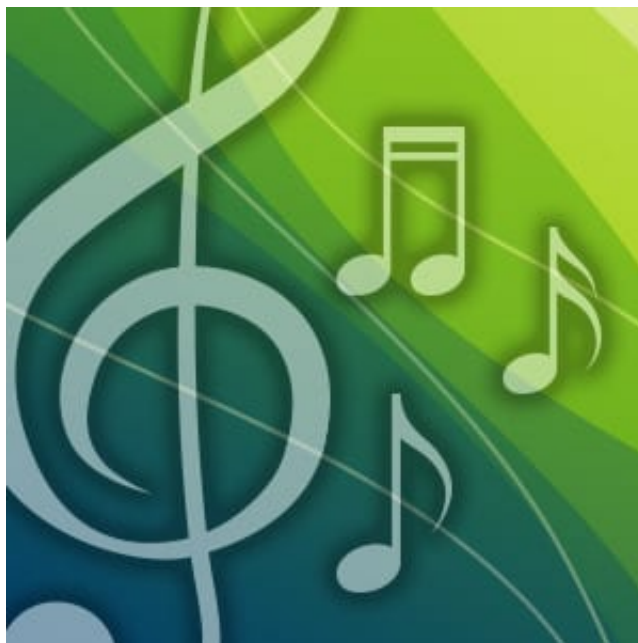
The SUNY Broome campus community thanks the Truman Foundation for its longstanding generous support of Tioga County students.

“We are so grateful for partners such as the Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation, who enable so many students to pursue their college dreams,” said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. “We draw many students from the Tioga County area. Being able to pursue higher education not only improves their own lives, but also their communities, which benefit from having a trained and educated workforce.”

Dec. 7 Common Hour: Music from the Renaissance and from Latin America

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Join Music department faculty presenter Paul Sweeny at 11 a.m. Dec. 7 in T-102 for a performance of music from the Renaissance period and from Latin America. Learn more about these musical styles and experience the thrill of live performance.

Retirement of Professor Bruce Oldfield

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Please join the Physical Sciences Department in extending best wishes to Professor Bruce Oldfield, who is retiring from SUNY Broome on Dec. 23. Bruce has been an esteemed member of the faculty for 43 years, and he will be greatly missed by students and colleagues alike.

We invite you to attend a reception in his honor from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, in the sitting area on the third floor of the Natural Science Center.

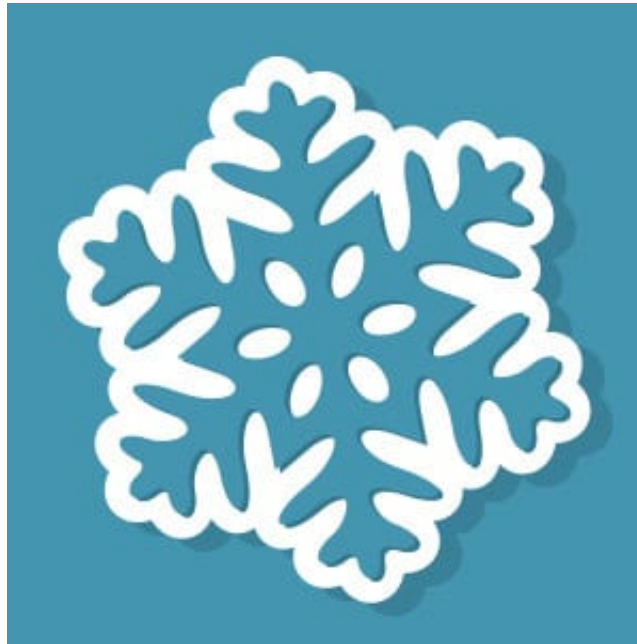
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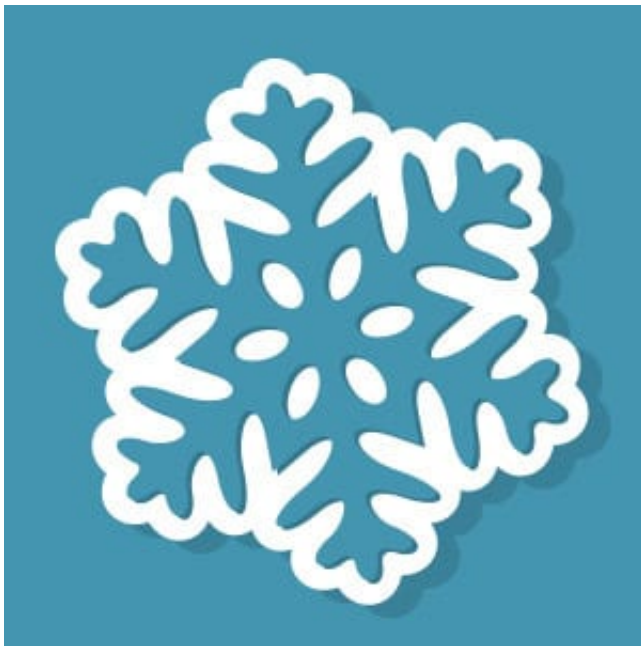
Sign up with RAVE Alert for closing and emergency information!

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Don't you just hate it when you drive all the way to class — and find out that the college is closed due to a snowstorm or a power outage?



Sign up for RAVE Alert, and you'll get all the critical emergency information you need. RAVE can notify you via text message, phone calls and email — but only if your information is in the system!

Log into MyCollege (<http://mycollege.sunybroome.edu>) and choose “RAVE Alert” from the Quicklaunch to see if your information is correct, make changes and select how you would like to be notified.

RAVE: It's not a dance party, but it will let you sleep in on snow days.

Please note: We will be conducting a test of the RAVE system the week of Dec. 4 to make sure it's ready for future snow days and other events.

First Friday event at SUNY Broome's new Collaboration Lab

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You're invited to a celebration of innovation at SUNY Broome's [Collaboration Lab](#) on First Friday, Dec. 1, in downtown Binghamton.

The Collaboration Lab is located on the top floor of the Koffman Southern Tier Incubator in downtown Binghamton, at the corner of Hawley and Carroll streets. Its aim is to support student entrepreneurship, and the space is equipped to best inspire innovative brainstorming, collaboration and the launch of outcome-

oriented projects and services.

From 6 to 9 p.m., visit the Collaboration Lab for First Friday exhibits and presentations featuring the work of SUNY Broome students, and community entrepreneurs who got their start through Continuing Education's Entrepreneurial Assistance Program.

The Innovation Celebration will coincide with Binghamton University's ART@INK, which will take place on the ground floor of the incubator.

Refreshments will be served during the First Friday event. Parking is available in the incubator lot.

Middle States action

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Colleagues:

It is my pleasure to inform you that our accrediting body, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), has accepted our follow up report submitted on October 1st, 2017 with no further requirements until our 2020-2021 10-year self-study visit. Consequently, the college is now poised to start its preparation for the major report and visit. Please join me in thanking our terrific team members who led this effort: Sesime Adanu, Dani Berchtold, Amy Brant, Rachel Hagerman, and Kimberly McClain.

Going forward in our spirit of continuous improvement, there are already plans in place to constitute a self-study steering committee. This team will coordinate with working groups to write and organize both the self-study report and 20-21 visit, just as we always have done.

As you may already know, MSCHE recently changed its accreditation cycle from 10 to 8 years. The traditional 5-year Periodic Review Report (PRR) that we completed a little over a year ago has now been phased out and is being replaced with annual reporting starting in 2018 for institutions that were expected to submit a 5-year Periodic Review Report. In the future there will be a 4 year mid-point review based on the 4 years of annual reports submitted. We will be on this new cycle after our 20-21 visit.

I would like to thank our entire academic community for your support and input provided to help our team submit a solid report that made the case for our continuous improvement efforts at SUNY Broome. I look forward to your continued support as we get ready for the 10-year self-study report and visit from Middle States in a couple of years.

Thank you,

Kevin E Drumm, PhD
President, SUNY Broome
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Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee Competition on Dec. 9

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Compete in the Winter Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee Competition at 12 p.m. Dec. 9 in the Student Center gyms!

This student-run event is locally sponsored. There will be prizes, free food and games provided.

We are looking for teams of 5 to 7 players, with a minimum of two girls per team. Each team will receive free

t-shirts! We encourage faculty, SUNY Broome and Binghamton University students to participate!

To sign up, email rmirch55@gmail.com and submit your team name, members and shirt sizes.

Please donate supplies: Health for Haiti really needs your help!

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Health for Haiti desperately needs over-the-counter medical supplies to run our medical clinics in January 2018. If each member of our SUNY Broome community brought in one item, we would be well stocked for our clinics.

We need the following items:

- Aspirin, Tylenol (Adult and Child)
- Cough/cold syrups (Adult and Child)
- Vitamins (Adult and Child)
- Multi-vitamins, Iron, C, D and Calcium
- Ointments
- Neosporin, Hydrocortisone, Antifungal
- Antacids

- Pedialyte Powder

Donation boxes are located in the Administrative Offices (DH-217, NSC-207, B-104, TH-210, W-107, SS-210) and the Library Circulation Desk. Donation boxes will be picked up on Thursday, Dec. 14.

Thank you for your continued support!

Speaking with new students? Remind them of Spring Orientation!

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If you are speaking with incoming students, please remind them to attend the Spring 2018 new student orientation. Orientation is Jan. 10 or Jan. 26 for residential students. Students can learn more and sign up at <http://www3.sunybroome.edu/student-orientation/>

Orientation helps students become familiar with the campus and available services, and provides an opportunity for students to meet and engage with their peers.

Please note, there will be no advising and registration at the Spring orientation; students should contact their department first to schedule classes.

If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Kollar at 5648 or Kollarmk@sunybroome.edu

CLT Club Christmas Cookie Bake Sale

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Christmas tree



The CLT Club is now taking orders for the annual Christmas Cookie Bake Sale. They will be selling one-pound boxes of assorted cookies lovingly hand made by the CLT Christmas elves.

Each box will be \$10 payable at pickup on Monday, December 4, at 10 a.m. on the Decker Building main floor. Orders can be placed by emailing Amy Cook at cookam@sunybroome.edu or by order sheet at Karoline's desk in D217. Limited quantities, so order early!

From Associate's to Pharm.D.: Agreement gives SUNY Broome students the opportunity to transfer to BU's School of Pharmacy

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Left to right: Katie Bucci, SUNY Broome Outreach and Articulation coordinator; SUNY Broome President Kevin Drumm; Binghamton University President Harvey Stenger; Dr. Gloria Meredith, the founding dean of BU's School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; SUNY Broome Executive Vice President Francis Battisti; Dr. Coulter Ward, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at the School of Pharmacy; SUNY Broome Dean of Health Sciences Amy Brandt

Three SUNY Broome students already have applied to Binghamton University's new School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences – and that number is expected to rise, thanks to a new transfer agreement between the two schools.

SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm and Binghamton University President Harvey Stenger announced this latest partnership on Nov. 28 during an event in the Decker Health Sciences Building. While SUNY Broome has multiple transfer agreements with Binghamton University at the undergraduate level, this initiative marks the first time the two institutions will offer a direct pathway to a doctoral degree program – in this case, the Doctor of Pharmacy, or PharmD, degree.

“SUNY Broome has the largest health sciences division of all the SUNY community colleges,” Dr. Drumm said. “Pharmacy fits right in and it’s a highly paid and growing career. I want to emphasize the incredible opportunity this is for students. Binghamton University has long been the top destination for our students and this agreement caps a long-standing tradition for both of us.”

“It’s always a pleasure to announce and begin a new program that will have a strong impact on our students,” Dr. Stenger said. “Many of these students will be local students from our hometown and that makes it extra special, and another exciting program at the leading edge with our brother school at SUNY Broome.”

Students will be able to learn more about this program during a Common Hour presentation at 11 a.m. Nov. 30 in Decker Health Sciences Room 213 on the SUNY Broome campus.

Binghamton University is currently constructing the pharmacy school in Johnson City, and admitted their first class in the program this past August. The new pharmacy building is expected to open in the summer of 2018.



How it works

Eight qualified SUNY Broome students enrolled in the Health Studies or the Liberal Arts in Science degree programs will be guaranteed admission each year under the terms of the articulation agreement, although Health Studies students will need to take a few additional classes beyond their associate degree requirements.

Eligible students need to complete all prerequisites to be enrolled. AP credit and dual-credit courses while in high school may fulfill prerequisite courses at the discretion of the University. Students must also submit an online application to the Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS) no later than Jan. 1 of the year

they plan to enroll in the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, or prior to Sept. 1 if they're opting for an early decision.

Eligible students must also achieve a minimum math and science grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 and a minimum composite score of 50 on the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) on or before the January test date prior to the academic year for which they are seeking enrollment.

Students who don't meet the above criteria still remain eligible to apply for admission to the school via PharmCAS, provided that they complete the prerequisite courses, achieve the minimum cumulative and math/science GPAs of 2.75, complete the PCAT and submit all required application materials by March 1 of the intended year of entry.

Career outlook

Pharmacists do more than dispense drugs at the local store, noted School of Pharmacy Founding Dean Gloria Meredith. These highly educated professionals work with patients in a wide range of settings, and are increasingly in demand – particularly in Upstate New York, due to an aging population.

Nationally, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that employment of pharmacists will grow by 6 percent over the next decade.

As with other healthcare careers, SUNY Broome students have long been interested in pharmacy. The opening of the School of Pharmacy gives them options and opportunities far closer to home than other schools, all within the acclaimed SUNY system, noted SUNY Broome Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti.

He likened transfer agreements such as this one to the Saturn V rocket, which used rockets boosters in various stages to send a capsule into space.

“SUNY Broome is the first stage, getting you started on your trajectory and a good part of the way there. Eventually, though, you need that second stage to kick in – your transfer school. And for some careers, you need that final third stage – graduate school, or internships, or another form of applied learning,” Dr. Battisti explained. “For so many of our students, that essential ‘second stage’ is Binghamton University.”

Fast Forward instructors proudly display classroom signs

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Fast Forward instructor Amber Henyan of Chenango Valley displays her classroom plaque

Fast Forward held its annual Professional Development on Tuesday, Nov. 14. More than 100 college-credentialed instructors were on campus for a welcome and program update session, followed by discipline-specific break out sessions.

All Fast Forward instructors were given a SUNY Broome Fast Forward classroom sign as well. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. The sign is setting apart their classroom from others, representing what is happening on the inside: college!

Numerous national and local research studies show that programs like Fast Forward increase high school graduation rates, improve college readiness and provide gains in college access, persistence and completion for a diverse group of students. We have proven this right here at SUNY Broome as well. Thank you to all involved for your partnership. Together, we are making a real difference!



Binghamton High School teacher Mike Pourby and his Fast Forward classroom

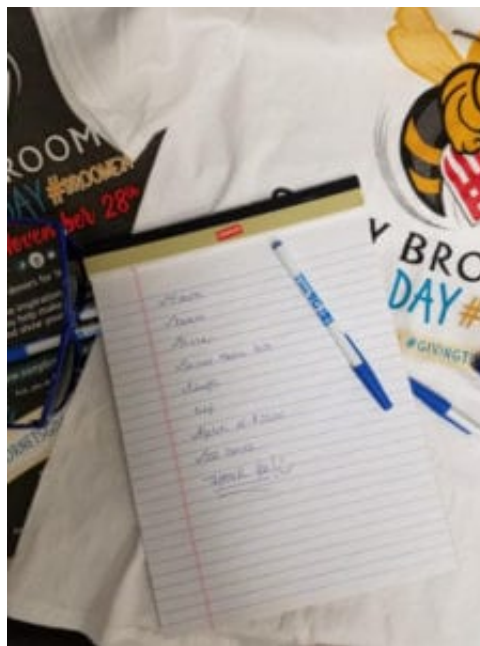
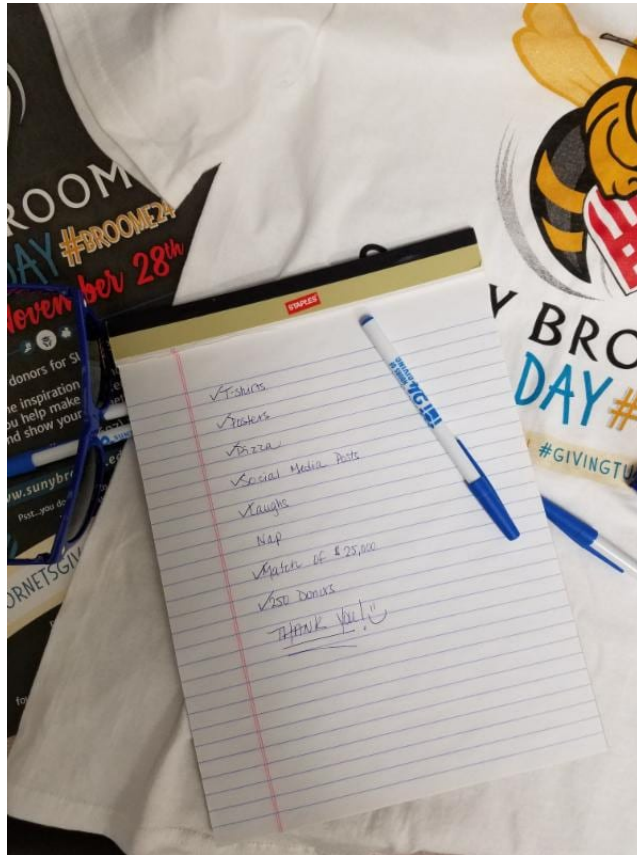


Fast Forward instructor Tina James displays her classroom sign

#Broome24 update: Wow! We are speechless

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Thank you to everyone who participated in #Broome24!

Our donor numbers and gifts are coming in, and we should have final figures within the week. The response was incredible! After 24 hours, numerous volunteers, several social media posts, lots of pizza, baked goods, coffee, student events, interviews and laughs, we have achieved and surpassed our goal.

With more than **355 donors** and gifts totaling more than **\$73,000**, the third annual SUNY Broome 24 Hours of Giving Day has exceeded all expectations! And on behalf of our students, we would like to Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! Your support is very much appreciated and truly makes a difference.

Check out our results so far: www.sunybroome.edu/broome24

Tell it to Dr. Carol on Dec. 13

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Express yourself! Dr. Carol Ross, Vice President for Student Development and Chief Diversity Officer, wants to hear from you — happy thoughts, concerns or challenges during the course of the semester.

The event runs from 12 to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the Student Center.



Fire hydrant testing scheduled for Dec. 1

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Fire hydrant testing in the vicinity of the new Calice Advanced Manufacturing Center will take place on Friday morning beginning at 6:30 a.m. Some campus buildings may experience a discoloration of water and a lower water pressure as a result of this testing.

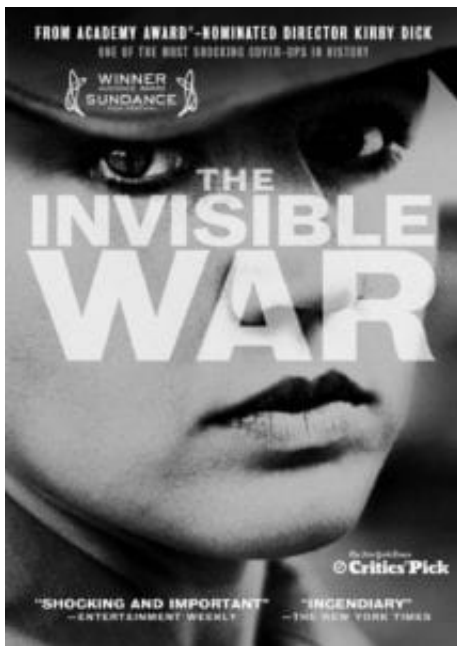
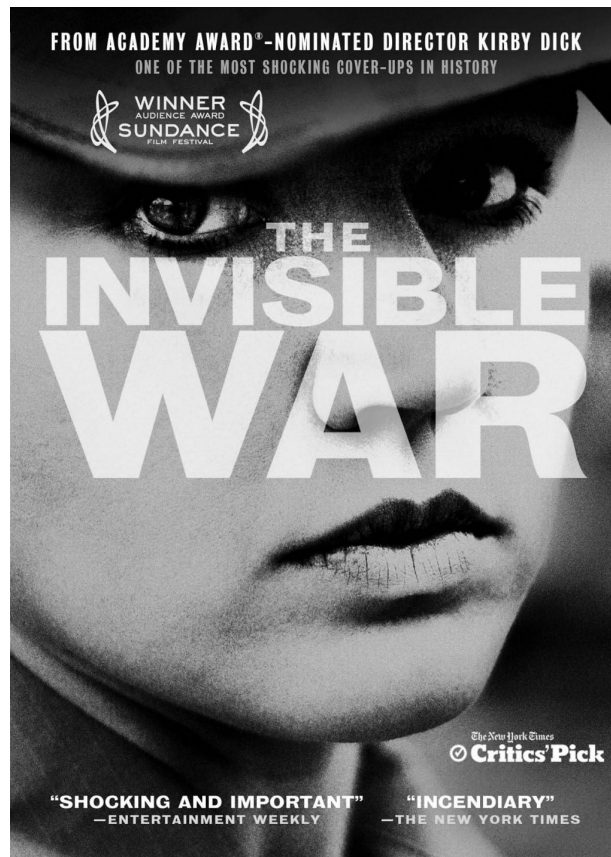
If anyone has any questions, please contact David Ligeikis at 607 765-9710.



Documentary screening: See ‘The Invisible War’ on Dec. 1

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The SUNY Broome Women in Communications and Commercial Photography group will present a special screening of the Peabody and Emmy award-winning documentary “The Invisible War” at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, in Titchener 102.

This 2012 film by Kirby Dick, Amy Ziering and Tanner King Barklow explores the pervasive problem of sexual assault in the U.S. Military. The film screening will be followed by a group discussion.

Questions? Contact harlostsj@sunybroome.edu

You're invited: Student photo show closing event on Nov. 30

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Photo by Madelyn Chianis

The best photography work from SUNY Broome student photographers is on display for just a few hours longer at the art gallery in the Library.

A Closing Reception for “Reflections,” the Fall 2017 SUNYBroome Student Photo show, is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, in the Art Gallery on the library’s main floor.

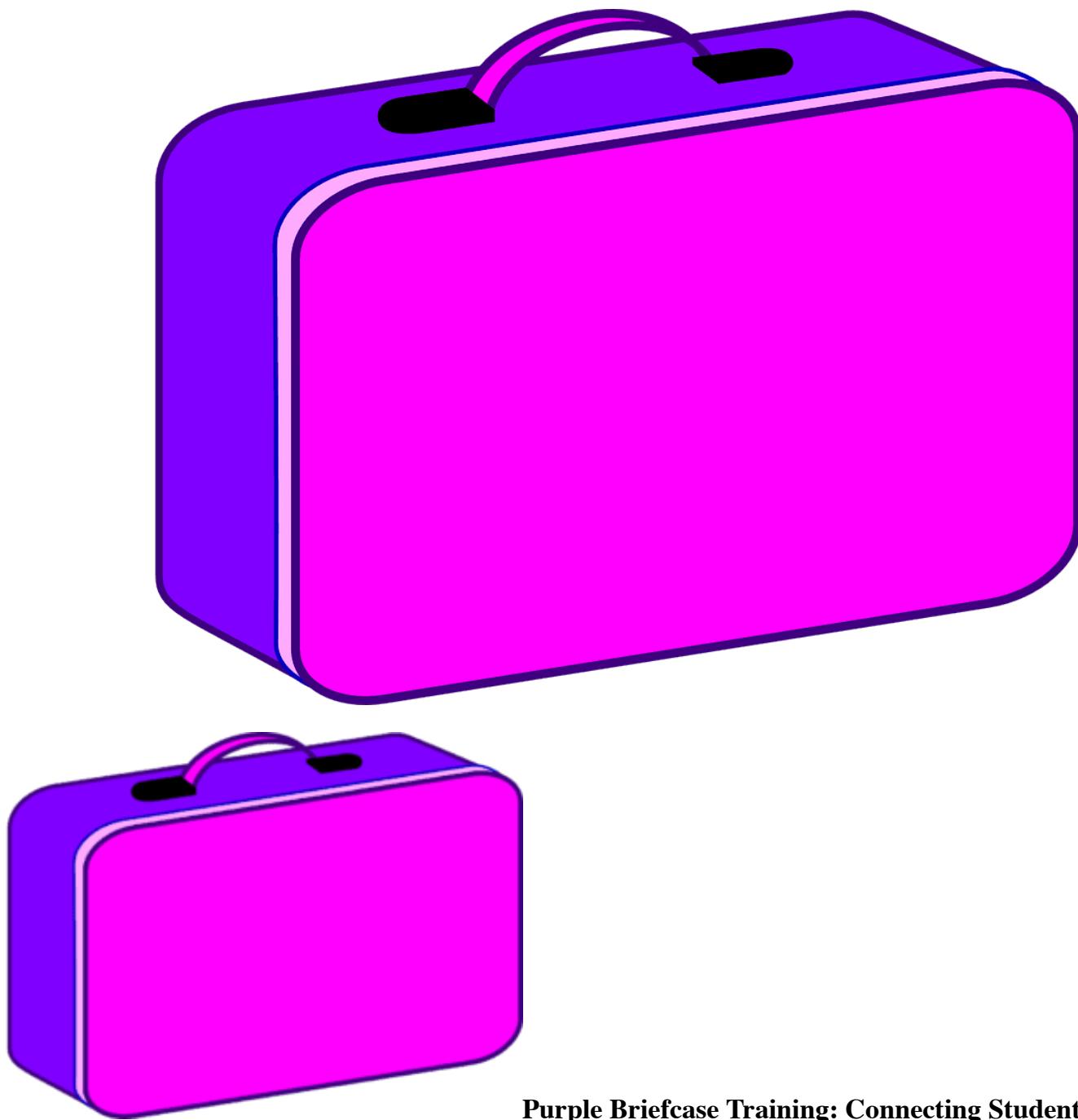
“Reflections” has been on display through the month of November and features a creative variety of works by SUNY Broome student photographers. The work includes both color and black and white photography,

experimental work and photographs taken with both 35mm film and digital cameras.

Final Purple Briefcase Training this semester: Save your seat today!

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Purple Briefcase Training: Connecting Students to Careers

The Applied Learning and Career Center has launched a brand new Career Services Management platform called Purple Briefcase. Purple Briefcase will connect students and alumni with employers and jobs, as well as provide an endless amount of resources. Faculty and staff will have the ability to use the platform to connect with their students and help them become career-ready. Please join us as we train and offer support to faculty and staff on how to use this important resource!

When: Friday, December 1st (4 seats left)

Venue: TRC Lab (LI 101)

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Presenter: Gina Chase

Register: [Register Here](#)

Classroom upgrade requests

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A hand using a tablet



The campus technology committee is requesting input for upgrade and enhancement needs, as well as suggestions for new classroom technologies and multimedia additions or improvements.

Do you know of a classroom or other instructional space on campus that may need new multimedia equipment and/or upgrades to the current equipment? We are collecting requests and ideas for consideration by our Multimedia Subcommittee.

Please take a few moments to provide input by completing the following form: <https://sunybroome.wufoo.com/forms/classroom-multimediatechnology-requests/>

Thank you,

John Petkash – Chair – Campus Technology Committee

Please note – This requests separate from the Tech Fee request which came out earlier this year.

Dec. 10 concert: Holiday music, ancient and modern

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Christmas tree



The SUNY Performing Arts Department presents its College Choir in a concert of “Holiday Music – Ancient and Modern” at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, in the Sanctuary of Vestal United Methodist Church, [328 Main St., Vestal](#).

Directed by James Gleason, the choir will present two very different settings of a Christmas Mass. One, composed in 1694, is the Messe de Minuit pour Noël (Midnight Mass for Christmas) based on ancient French Christmas carols, by Marc-Antoine Charpentier (163? – 1704). This work will be accompanied by orchestra, soloists, two recorders and feature Dan Rosenau on the pipe organ.

The other Christmas Mass was composed in 2014: The Little Jazz Mass by Bob Chilcott. This work will be accompanied by Jazz Combo and feature Mike Dubaniewicz on saxophone.

The concert will also feature several “lesser known” holiday carols.

Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door. All students will be admitted free.

For more information, contact the SUNY Broome Music Program at 607-778-5061 or email the director atJpgleason@stny.rr.com.

From the Desk of Dr. Battisti: Academic Affairs Announcement

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from the Desk of Francis Battisti logo



Colleagues,

For the past six years, after being in the classroom for over 28 years, I have had the honor to serve our college community as Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer. While in this position, I have had the good fortune to work with an amazingly talented and energetic group of individuals who are truly dedicated to improving the life of our community and advancing the quality of the academic experience at SUNY Broome and beyond. Additionally, this position has provided me the opportunity to work with the SUNY system and other academic organizations, to bring some new ideas to our campus.

As the school year began late this summer, I found myself being drawn back towards the position I had the privilege of holding for 28 years. Therefore, in late September of this year, I met with our President, Dr. Drumm, to discuss my desire to return to the classroom for the 2018-2019 academic year. This decision, while not an easy one, was fueled by the desire to directly impact our greatest resource, our students, as well as a sense that many of the goals I had set when I began this position have been accomplished.

Through a collective collaboration, a great deal of progress has been accomplished by our academic community over the past six years. Still, there are opportunities and challenges ahead. With the recent award of over \$1.3 million dollars of Performance Improvement Funding to the college, the acceptance of our mid-term report from Middle States, along with a number of promising initiatives in progress, we are positioned for a strong future. While I look forward to being in the classroom in the fall, the next eight months will be busy as we finalize a number of projects and prepare this office for the next occupant.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration over these past six years. I look forward to working with my colleagues across campus as a member of the SUNY Broome faculty, again.

Sincerely,

Francis L. Battisti, Ph.D.

Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

SUNY Distinguished Service Professor

SUNY Broome Community College

Slam dunk: Brady prepares for his future with Sport Studies

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Brady Harrington

When he came to SUNY Broome, Brady Harrington initially wasn't sure about his path, but he knew his end goal: a career centered on sports.

Sports are a lifelong passion for the Whitney Point native, who plays on both the college's basketball and baseball teams. At first, he checked out the Sports Management program, but found that the business focus didn't suit him.

His coach suggested another option: Sport Studies. It proved to be a home run.

“It was a lot of stuff I was very interested in — sports psychology, team sports classes,” said Harrington, now a second-year student. “I’m starting to realize the opportunities I can pursue with this degree.”

The Sport Studies A.S. degree program is relatively new to SUNY Broome, having been introduced during the Fall 2016 semester. The program combines general education and physical education, and can lead to careers in physical education, coaching, exercise science, athletic training, kinesiology and more.

Seamless transfer agreements are in place for both SUNY Cortland and SUNY Brockport, making sure that all the students’ credits count toward a bachelor’s degree.

Currently, Team Sports is one of Brady’s favorite classes. Not only does it cover the basics of baseball, football, volleyball and basketball, but students learn how to teach these sports in a classroom setting. In a recent Adventure Activities class, Brady was tasked to teach his peers the ins and outs of a dodgeball game, while his instructor observed and evaluated his teaching style.

Professor Sandy Alter-Ballard, chair of the program, played an important role in guiding Brady’s academic path, he said. He also has Professor Robert Krowiak for three classes this semester, and enjoys them all.

“He’s a great professor and I’m learning a lot from him,” Harrington said.

The program also carries opportunities for applied learning – and community service. As part of the program, Brady is volunteering at Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church’s George F. Johnson Dream Center in Johnson City, where he coaches basketball. The after-school program is meant to give local children an alternative to the street.

“I’d like to do it for more hours,” he said of his volunteer work. “Being a basketball coach is one of my options.”

Of course, there are other options that intrigue him as well, such as sports psychology and teaching. He is still exploring his options, and expects to firm up plans once he transfers to either Cortland or Brockport.

SUNY Broome was the local option for Harrington, and commuting allowed him to avoid student debt and save money for his eventual transfer. Small class sizes and rigorous academics also make the college worthwhile – and provide opportunities to connect with other students in your program.

“I learned a lot and not just in terms of education, but basic life and social skills. I met a lot of great people,” said Harrington, noting that he had a chance to network with his instructors. “I definitely learned a lot and grew a lot as a person.”

Women's Discussion Group Student Club donates books to Women's Prison Book Project

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In celebration of Global Giving Day, SUNY Broome's Women's Discussion Group, the sole student group focusing on women's issues, donated **148 books** to the Women's Prison Book Project on Nov. 28, 2017.

Faculty Adviser, Professor I.J. Byrnes of the Philosophy Program, noted that the project was inspired by

reading ***Orange is the New Black*** by Piper Kerman, a non-fiction memoir by the author who spent a year in prison on drug charges.

Club President Orion Barber, VP Dawn Powell, VP Kevin Carr and Faculty Adviser Professor I.J. Byrnes decided to support this literary and rehabilitative project in light of the skyrocketing increase of the number of women behind bars since the 1980's, the problems faced by the children of single women in jail and the correlation of imprisonment and mental health and addiction issues among women inmates.

Chapter President Barber said, "On Giving Tuesday, I am proud to support the Women's Prison Book Project. Prisons today greatly lack the ability to rehabilitate inmates. Literacy is just one of the important skills to practice while incarcerated."

VP Dawn Shefler noted, "Books have always been a refuge for me."

The SUNY Broome Women's Discussion Group would like to acknowledge and thank the book donors involved in this project:

Professor I.J. Byrnes

Adjunct Faculty Member and Instructional Designer Tera Doty-Blance

Professor Robert Wood

President Orion Barber

VP Dawn Shefler

The SUNY Broome Women's Discussion Group would also like to thank the following campus community members for their help and support with this project:

Talia Horowitz

Cheryl Sullivan

Dean and Associate VP Michael Kinney

Ryan Dempsey

David Capodaglia

Jason Boring

James Gill

Nov. 30 Common Hour: Safety and Justice in Broome County

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Join panelists Lorne Campbell and Danika McMurray at 11 a.m. Nov. 30 in T-102 for a lively discussion of what safety and justice mean to our community.

Nov. 30 Common Hour: Preventing Childhood Blindness

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Join faculty moderator Jason Detrani and guest presenter Faizan Siddiqi at 11 a.m. Nov. 30 in T-101 for a discussion of creative ways to educate people about preventable childhood blindness. Go to KidswithVision.org for more information.

Holiday cheer: BECA club adopts a family and is accepting gift donations

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BECA adopted a family this holiday season and is collecting gift donations



BECA is adopting a family of five this holiday season and has set up a bulletin board for gift requests.

SUNY Broome's Broome Educators of Children Association club has chosen to participate in the Family Enrichment Network's Adopt-a-Family program this holiday season.

Club members "adopted" a family of five, and created a bulletin board with the children's wants and needs in T-204. There will be a "giving tree" of labeled tags for folks to grab if they would like to participate in the gift-giving program. Additional items for stockings, etc., are also appreciated and you don't have to stick to the suggestions in the tags.

Donations must be made by Dec. 7 so that the club can deliver the gifts by Dec. 8. Gifts should be unwrapped.

Thank you for your efforts in spreading the holiday cheer!

Change your latitude: Learn about ‘travel hacking’ on Dec. 6

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Interested in traveling the world or even in the USA? Check out a presentation on Travel Hacking at 11 a.m. Dec. 6 in Decker 201.

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will get them excited and prepared to travel safely.

[Travel Hacking \(PDF\)](#)

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While you're listening to some great speeches, sample some unique pizza creations including taco, cheese steak or the Diabeetus Tremendus, a delectable dessert pizza with all the incredible dessert topics you can think of and some you can't!



Upcoming Board of Trustees meetings

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

- **December 12, 2017 (Tuesday)** – Monthly meeting of the Finance and Facilities Committee, 8:00 a.m., Wales Administration Center Conference Room 107.
- **December 14, 2017 (Thursday)** – Monthly meeting of the Board, 5:00 p.m., Decker Health Science Building Libous Room D117.

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



Professor Musa honored by her alma mater

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Dr. Jennifer Musa in Haiti

SUNY Broome Professor Jennifer Musa was recently honored at Union-Endicott's Having Made a Difference Dinner.

The school district honored six alumni at the event. Dr. Musa, a graduate of UE's class of 1986, teaches

biology at SUNY Broome and helped establish the college's Health for Haiti global service learning course, which supports communities in Haiti with a variety of projects, including clean water, solar energy and healthcare.

Dr. Musa also has served on several college committees, is an active member of the Church of the Holy Family, and serves on the George F. Johnson Public Library board as well as the Endicott Proud civic organization.

Congratulations, Professor Musa!

'I love this place': Orion pursues a passion for math and civic engagement

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Orion Barber

Orion Barber loves the precision that underlies all mathematics, the unwavering dedication to logic and reason. While the field's highest levels can be more abstract in nature, they are still firmly grounded in proofs,

he explained.

“I view mathematics as the key to the universe, so to speak,” said Barber, who is pursuing degrees in two fields at SUNY Broome: Mathematics and Paralegal Studies.

He noticed back in high school that he relished the same math classes that others treated with hesitation. Pursuing a math degree seemed a logical course – as did attending his local community college.

The numbers added up: He could get a rigorous education close to home at low cost, and then transfer to another institution to finish his degree. He would also have the opportunity to follow his other passions, as well: civic engagement and governance, which was the inspiration behind the Paralegal Studies degree.

The fact that law, too, is ideally based on precision, reason and logic also made a certain sense, noted Orion, who plans to earn both degrees in Spring 2019.

Always up for a challenge, he particularly enjoyed the rigorous course load in Professor Timmy Bremer’s differential equations class. He also found inspiration in Professor Paul Cartie’s calculus courses – Cartie is “a really fun guy who loves math,” Barber said – as well as from Professor Irene Byrnes, the faculty advisor for the college’s Phi Theta Kappa chapter, and Professor Emeritus Doug Garnar, who founded SUNY Broome’s Center for Civic Engagement.

In addition to saving money, SUNY Broome offers an ideal stepping stone to the collegiate experience, Orion noted. Small class sizes mean that students can get more personal attention, as opposed to the large lecture halls at some universities.

“I love this place! There are better student-faculty ratios. We couldn’t have more than 30 in any given class, as opposed to 300,” he said. “And I like the local community. It’s home.”

Getting involved

If you’re on the SUNY Broome campus for any length of time, you will probably run into Orion somewhere along the way. He became involved with campus life early in his college career, first running for a position as Student Assembly Senator and now serving his second term as the student representative on the college’s Board of Trustees.

He is president of the college’s chapter of the honor society Phi Theta Kappa, citing his “rich appreciation for academic excellence.” In his leadership role at PTK, he was inspired by SUNY Broome alumna Heather Coggins, whom he also served with on Student Assembly and in the Women’s Discussion Group. Following Heather’s lead, he’s now also the Women’s Discussion Group president; it turns out that Orion is one of the only members from the previous year, which provides the group with continuity.

“I really feel that diversity and inclusion are important to the community,” he said.

He also pursues his passion for civic engagement outside the campus, in a variety of progressive causes, including volunteer work for political campaigns and marshalling marches for Citizen Action. This year, though, he’s focused more on school.

How does he balance his pursuit of academic excellence with his passion for civic and campus engagement? While he takes his math classes on campus, he takes his paralegal courses online, giving him the flexibility he needs with his schedule.

“I strategically plan my course load and my course work,” said Barber, who also works as a tutor in the

college's Math Lab. "A lot of my weekends I'm looking to my academic self."

Calculating the future

When it comes to rewarding future careers, there is more than one answer for math majors: professor, researcher, big data scientist – the possibilities might not technically be infinite, but they're a rather large set.

"One of the things I love about math is it's such a broad topic that I'm comfortable not knowing exactly where my career path will be," Orion reflected.

He dares to dream big: his ultimate transfer school is the University of Oxford in Great Britain, the oldest university in the entire English-speaking world. He has a deep appreciation for British culture as well as its healthcare system, fostered during an applied learning trip he took to Cornwall in the summer of 2016. While there, he interned for a lighthouse and heritage center – a museum, as it happens, although it's fun to say that he worked for a lighthouse attendant.

Another long-term dream: return to France, where he did a brief exchange student program in high school. Wherever he ends up, Orion will enjoy the calculations and the challenge.

For his peers who are feeling frustrated by equations, this math lab tutor has the following advice: "Change the approach." Instead of focusing on your fear or discomfort with math, embrace the realization that math is logical and factual – even if it doesn't seem to make immediate sense in the context of your assignment.

"Let's give it a look and see where we end up," he said.

Faces: Holocaust Art Exhibit at Innovation Celebration on Dec. 1

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SUNY Broome students are displaying the second group of marginalized and overlooked people in the Exhibition Series: FACES.

These classical realist life-size portrait drawings are created by Associate Professor Patricia Evans' Beginning Drawing students. Portraits represent survivors and non-survivors of the Holocaust, rendered in charcoal, pencil and mixed media. Additionally, the original photo and personal story for each person affected by the

Holocaust has been researched and is on display.

Faces: Holocaust will be highlighted at the Innovation Celebration event at the Koffman Southern Tier Incubator.

Date & Time:

Friday, Dec. 1, 2017, from 6 – 9 p.m.

Exhibit Location:

SUNY Broome's Collaboration Lab, 3rd Floor

Incubator Address:

[120 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901](#)

Save the Date: Convocation Day to feature Dr. Christopher Chabris

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The campus-wide Convocation Committee is pleased to announce that Christopher Chabris, psychologist and co-author of the best seller *The Invisible Gorilla: How Our Intuitions Deceive Us*, has been selected as our 2018 Convocation Day speaker. Chabris earned a Ph.D. in psychology from Harvard University and taught there before his current teaching post at Union College. He has spoken at Google, Goldman Sachs and Microsoft, among other places. Our speaker is a chess master and games enthusiast who writes a monthly column for the Wall Street Journal.

As a creator of one of the most famous experiments in psychology, Chabris will discuss how our intuitions lead us astray, affecting our decisions in business, the criminal justice field, the health sciences and even how we drive.

We hope that Chabris will inspire students and faculty alike to consider how illusions about attention, memory, confidence, knowledge, cause and potential can cost us dearly, and how to manage these illusions. Please note that **Tuesday April 17, 2018, is Convocation Day, on which no day or evening classes will be held.**

Convocation 2018 will focus on important and relevant themes such as the role attention plays in police-civilian encounters, the problems with eye-witness testimony and memory, the ways in which talented medical experts and pilots may miss what is right in front of them, and how our belief in the power of confidence shapes our selection of leaders.

Attention Teaching Faculty: Important information regarding the Convocation Faculty Scholars program and the Wednesday, January 24, 2018, Convocation Institute for teaching faculty will be released shortly. Note that our three previous Convocation Institutes for teaching faculty have filled up quickly and over 80 teaching faculty enrolled as Convocation Faculty Scholars in 2017.

Campus-Wide Convocation Day Committee Members

Professor Irene Byrnes (Chair)

Professor Anne Haner-Uncapher, Health Sciences Division

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

Associate Librarian Dr. Amanda Hollister, Library

Professor Gian Roma, Business and Professional Studies Division

Professor Carla Michalak, Liberal Arts Division

Orion Barber, Student Assembly

Go Hornets: Student Activities spruces up fence with school spirit

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If you walked by the Quad construction site lately, you probably noticed a familiar face peering out from the fence.

Outlined in plastic cups in white, black and gold, Stinger has taken flight next to the geothermal well field, across from the words “Go Hornets.”

This little outbreak of school spirit was coordinated by Student Activities and completed by student workers Jelissa, Red and Camilla, with the oversight of Binghamton University graduate student intern Sam Hernandez. The project was initially the idea of Student Activities Director Jason Boring.

“He wanted to make it school-spirited and to have a better view than the construction going on,” Hernandez



explained.

Student Activities worked with a company that produced the pieces. Installing them was a bit of a challenge; they had to work on the opposite side of the fence, essentially installing the design backward.

And it was pretty darn cold. During the week it took to install the design, the students encouraged each other – and produced a lovely piece of art as a result.

“It was really satisfying to get it done,” said Hernandez, who is working on a master’s degree in supply chain management.

Mark Your Calendar: Giving of the Toys on Dec. 14

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Giving of the Toys logo



The holiday season has started — and with it comes the annual announcement for The Giving of the Toys, which will be at 11 a.m. Dec. 14.

For more than 20 years, this event became one of SUNY Broome's ways of getting ready for the holidays: more than 60 offices, departments, clubs, athletic teams and campus organizations presented toys to Santa at the Student Center. The gifts are then forwarded to the local Toys for Tots campaign. Often groups bring toys appropriate to their organization: the Maintenance Department donated toy trucks; the basketball teams gave basketballs; the International Students Organization contributed toys from all over the world, etc.

Student Activities is asking you to give again. Each year the need grows and gets even more local, with many of our students in need.

If your office or other group wishes to participate can fill out [this form](#) or contact the Student Activities Office at BoringJW@SUNYBroome.edu. Gifts given on the day of the event will happily be accepted. Of course, we will have hot chocolate and donuts and holiday music. The Buzz and Focus will carry more information on the event as the time draws closer.

Nominations requested: Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

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Chancellor's Award logo



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

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

Recognition Ceremony

At a University-wide event held in Albany, New York, at 2 p.m. April 10. Students, their families and campus presidents or designees convene to celebrate recipients of this award.

Nominations

In order to be eligible, the student must graduate between June 2017 and May 2018. Nominations must be returned by noon January 17. These nominations can be [filled out electronically here](#) or the questionnaire can be printed and submitted to the Student Activities Office to Science Building 224. Anyone can nominate a student or the student can self-nominate.

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

Dec. 1 event: Celebrate innovation at the Incubator this First Friday!

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SUNY Broome and Binghamton University have partnered to celebrate innovation and collaboration at an event this First Friday, Dec. 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Koffman Southern Tier Incubator! The event will showcase the work of student artists, musicians, entrepreneurs and more.

Binghamton University's ART @ INK event will take place on the first and second floors. Head upstairs to the third floor for the Innovation Celebration, held in SUNY Broome's Collaboration Lab.

The incubator is located at 120 Hawley St. in Binghamton.

[Incubator First Friday Event 2017 Promotional Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

Partnership agreement offers SUNY Broome students a pathway to BU's new School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

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A new partnership between SUNY Broome and Binghamton University will offer eight qualified students guaranteed acceptance into the University's School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences each academic year.

SUNY Broome and Binghamton University will announce this partnership during a press conference at 2 p.m. Nov. 28 in Decker Health Sciences Building atrium on the SUNY Broome campus. Students will be able to learn more about this program during a Common Hour presentation at 11 a.m. Nov. 30 in Decker Health Sciences Room 213 on the SUNY Broome campus.

While SUNY Broome has multiple transfer agreements with Binghamton University at the undergraduate level, this initiative marks the first time the two institutions will offer a direct pathway to a doctoral degree program – in this case, the Doctor of Pharmacy, or PharmD, degree.

“This is another exciting academic partnership with Binghamton University, SUNY’s most sought-after university for top students. SUNY Broome is already among their largest feeder schools with our transferring students, and this agreement will add to that long-standing success for both institutions,” said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. “We are honored to partner with our SUNY big sister for this latest program, which will allow our students a direct pathway to a graduate degree and ultimately a fulfilling, high-demand career.”

“We are excited to announce yet another impactful partnership with SUNY Broome,” said Binghamton University President Harvey Stenger. “Binghamton University values its transfer students, and this initiative will bring in some exceptional students into a promising new program for years to come.”

Students in SUNY Broome’s Health Studies and Liberal Arts Associate in Science degree programs are eligible for the eight slots, although Health Studies students will need to take a few additional classes beyond their associate degree requirements.

Eligible students need to complete all prerequisites to be enrolled. AP credit and dual-credit courses while in high school may fulfill prerequisite courses at the discretion of the University. Students must also submit an online application to the Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS) no later than Jan. 1 of the year they plan to enroll in the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, or prior to Sept. 1 if they’re opting for an early decision.

Eligible students must also achieve a minimum math and science grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 and a minimum composite score of 50 on the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) on or before the January test date prior to the academic year for which they are seeking enrollment.

“As dean, I am excited for this collaboration to begin,” said School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical

Sciences Dean Gloria Meredith. “SUNY Broome will serve as a bridge to a bright future for those who aspire to enter the pharmacy profession, and I look forward to welcoming them.”

“This partnership builds on the strength of our existing transfer agreements, and our transfer opportunities as a whole,” said SUNY Broome Chief Academic officer and Executive Vice President Francis Battisti. “Our academic programs are rigorous at SUNY Broome and they truly prepare students for their next steps in their educational career. We’re excited to help even more students achieve their educational goals through this program.”

Students who don’t meet the above criteria still remain eligible to apply for admission to the school via PharmCAS, provided that they complete the prerequisite courses, achieve the minimum cumulative and math/science GPAs of 2.75, complete the PCAT and submit all required application materials by March 1 of the intended year of entry.

It's almost here: #Broome24 on Nov. 28

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Join thousands of donors for SUNY Broome's Giving Day on Tuesday, Nov. 28!

Our community is the inspiration behind our students' success. We ask that you help make a difference in their lives and show your Hornet pride.

Don't want to donate over the Internet? No problem! Call us at (607) 778-5182 to make your gift.

Psst: You don't have to wait for #Broome24! You can donate right now at www.sunybroome.edu/broome24.

#HornetsGive on #GivingTuesday! All day, all night, #Broome24.

On-campus construction activities for the week of Nov. 27

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Looking for information specific to the renovation of the Mechanical Building? We now have a dedicated website. [Click here periodically for ongoing updates to the project](#), including the weekly construction update. As always, make sure to follow all signage and safety precautions in affected areas.

During the week of Nov. 27:

- Exterior weatherproofing of the new Calice Advanced Manufacturing Center will continue.
- Inspection of the geothermal manifold will take place on Tuesday.
- HVAC units will be placed (hung) in the second floor office suite this week.
- Duct work on the east end of the second floor will continue.
- Door frames are being constructed in the second floor office suite.
- Steel erection work for the Connector (Atrium) has started.
- Foundation work (there was a revision in the structural design) in the basement of the Business Building should take place this week.

As always, if anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact David Ligeikis at 607-765-9710.

Nov. 30 event: ‘Understanding Media’ in 2017

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Marshall McLuhan

The work of pioneering media theorist Marshall McLuhan is becoming increasingly relevant to our contemporary, interconnected world. Having coined the expressions “The Media is the Message” and the “Global Village,” McLuhan is also credited with predicting the Worldwide Web almost 30 years before it was invented and his work is receiving a great amount of renewed interest in both academia and the mainstream.

Join us from 12 to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, in Titchener 101 for a rare opportunity to discuss McLuhan’s seminal work, “Understanding Media,” with McLuhan’s son, internationally-known lecturer Dr. Eric McLuhan in addition to McLuhan’s grandson, media educator Andrew McLuhan, via Skype. The event will

be moderated by Communications Instructor Nick Bongiorno.

Trivia for Tots on Nov. 29

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Tutor Club is hosting a Trivia for Tots event Wednesday, Nov. 29, in Titchener 102. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and trivia starts at 6 p.m.

The cost is \$15 per team of five. The Hospitality Club will provide refreshments. All proceeds will be donated to Toys for Tots.

To register your team, contact Jessica Nurczynski at nurczynskijv@acad.sunybroome.edu.



The Monday Poem: Two poems by Ted Kooser

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

A Happy Birthday

[BY TED KOOSER](#)

This evening I sat by an open window
and read till the light was gone and the book
was no more than a part of the darkness.

I could easily have switched on a lamp,
but I wanted to ride this day down into night,
to sit alone and smooth the unreadable page
with the pale gray ghost of my hand.

An Old Sidewalk

[BY TED KOOSER](#)

THE PASSING YEARS have broken it

over the knees of tree roots,
those of great maples raining shade,
and of crippled elms whose leaves
in August turn to a lace that sifts
the heat. And the breaks have filled
with mold from which frail seedlings,
already with bark like their parents,
hold up green banners of hope.

For sixty or maybe seventy years
this sidewalk has been lying here,
literally under foot, and suddenly,
one morning when I look,
it's there, supporting me,
its every pebble like a jewel—
yellow or brown or red or black—
set in the sandy concrete, ants
patching their old gray tent.

Such happiness there is in being
a part of all this, of dismissing
the woman watching from her window
while I bend to one knee to press
my hand against a broken sidewalk,
feeling the heat of that same light
that the sparrow hops over,
and that warms the cricket as it carries
its song across town in its purse.



Ted Kooser is a two-time US Poet Laureate and the author of numerous poetry collections, including *Delights & Shadows*, which won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, and *Splitting an Order* (Copper Canyon Press, 2014). As Poet Laureate he created “American Life in Poetry,” a free weekly column for newspapers, featuring a poem by a contemporary American writer. Born in Ames, Iowa, Kooser is a former vice president of Lincoln Benefit Life, where he worked as an insurance representative for many years. He teaches at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Meet with a TIAA Financial Consultant Dec. 1

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Image of a dollar bill



TIAA financial consultant Alicia Brady will be on campus from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 1 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 or call 800-732-8353, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (ET).

Nov. 30 Common Hour: Learn about transfer options to BU's Pharmacy School

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Come learn about the new articulation agreement between SUNY Broome and Binghamton University's Pharmacy school from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Nov. 30 in Decker 213. Learn about the details and requirements to start your path today!



In the Community: Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church's annual Holiday Bazaar

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Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church will be holding their Annual Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 2 and 9. The church is located at 918 Upper Front St., across the street from SUNY Broome.

The bazaar will feature holiday gifts and decorations, handcrafted items, jewelry, a white elephant sale, and a bake sale. This is a great time to do your holiday shopping! Please call 607-724-5421 with any questions.

Business and Professional Studies Toys For Tots Holiday Bash on Dec. 4

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SUNY Broome's Business and Professional Studies division will be hosting their second annual Toys for Tots Holiday Bash from 4 to 7 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Broome County Regional Farmer's Market, located across the street from the college at 840 Front St.

Please join the students and faculty in collecting unwrapped toys for local families. There will be a \$10 spaghetti dinner for purchase prepared by Hospitality's Professional Cooking class, as well as mocktails created by the Bartending class . Come take pictures with Santa and partake in festive activities!



Think Spring: Open Registration Week runs from Jan. 16 through 19

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It's never too early to think spring — spring semester, that is! Spring classes start Jan. 29, 2018.

Open Registration Week — **the last week to apply** — runs from Jan. 16 through 19. Hours are 9 to 4 p.m. Jan. 16, 18 and 19, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 17.

Need to adjust your schedule **after** Open Registration? Please connect with your department or advisor during College Readiness Week from Jan. 22 through 26.

[Click here for more information on Spring 2018.](#)

Nov. 30 Common Hour: Preventing Childhood Blindness

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Join faculty moderator Jason Detrani and guest presenter Faizan Siddiqi at 11 a.m. Nov. 30 in T-101 for a discussion of creative ways to educate people about preventable childhood blindness. Go to KidswithVision.org for more information.

Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee Competition on Dec. 9

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Compete in the Winter Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee Competition at 12 p.m. Dec. 9 in the Student Center gyms!

This student-run event is locally sponsored. There will be prizes, free food and games provided.

We are looking for teams of 5 to 7 players, with a minimum of two girls per team. Each team will receive free

t-shirts! We encourage faculty, SUNY Broome and Binghamton University students to participate!

To sign up, email rmirch55@gmail.com and submit your team name, members and shirt sizes.

Nov. 30 Common Hour: Safety and Justice in Broome County

November 22, 2017

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Join panelists Lorne Campbell and Danika McMurray at 11 a.m. Nov. 30 in T-102 for a lively discussion of what safety and justice mean to our community.

Kathy Ryder book sale from Nov. 27 – Dec. 15

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Kathy Ryder was a dedicated Health Science academic advisor, as well as a respected Literacy faculty member for more than 25 years here at SUNY Broome.

In honor of Kathy and her passion for reading, the Learning Assistance Department will be holding a used book sale from Nov. 27 through Dec. 15 in L-215, the tutoring area.

All proceeds will benefit the Kathy Ryder Scholarship Fund.

Feel free to donate any gently used books you may have. They can be dropped off in L 017 or call Ext 5162 if you need books to be picked up from your office.

Thank you for your support!

Dec. 7 Common Hour employer information session: Community Options Inc.

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A representative from Community Options, Inc., located in Binghamton, will be on campus during Common Hour from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Dec. 7 in Decker 224 to chat with students and alumni interested in potential careers with the organization.

Community Options, Inc., is a non-profit company that develops residential and employment supports for people with severe disabilities.

Change your latitude: Learn about ‘travel hacking’ on Dec. 6

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First Friday event at SUNY Broome's new Collaboration Lab

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You're invited to a celebration of innovation at SUNY Broome's [Collaboration Lab](#) on First Friday, Dec. 1, in downtown Binghamton.

The Collaboration Lab is located on the top floor of the Koffman Southern Tier Incubator in downtown Binghamton, at the corner of Hawley and Carroll streets. Its aim is to support student entrepreneurship, and the space is equipped to best inspire innovative brainstorming, collaboration and the launch of outcome-oriented projects and services.

Join us for a 10 a.m. press conference highlighting the Co-Lab and the opportunities it fosters. **From 6 to 9 p.m.**, visit the Collaboration Lab for First Friday exhibits and presentations featuring the work of SUNY Broome students, and community entrepreneurs who got their start through Continuing Education's Entrepreneurial Assistance Program.

The Innovation Celebration will coincide with Binghamton University's ART@INK, which will take place on the ground floor of the incubator.

Refreshments will be served during the First Friday event. Parking is available in the incubator lot.

Congratulations to this year's Chancellor's Award nominees!

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Chancellor's Award logo



We are honored and pleased to announce our exceptional colleagues who are our nominees this year for SUNY Chancellor's Awards:

Excellence in Faculty Service: Kerry Weber

Excellence in Professional Service: Lisa Hughes

Please take the opportunity to congratulate these individuals, and consider writing a letter of support for them to include in their packets. Please forward your letters of support directly to the nominees by Friday, January 12, 2018.

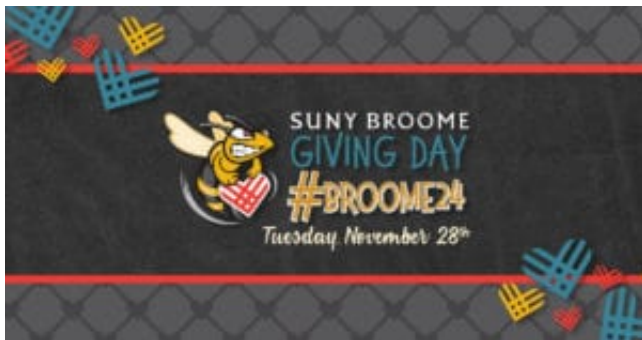
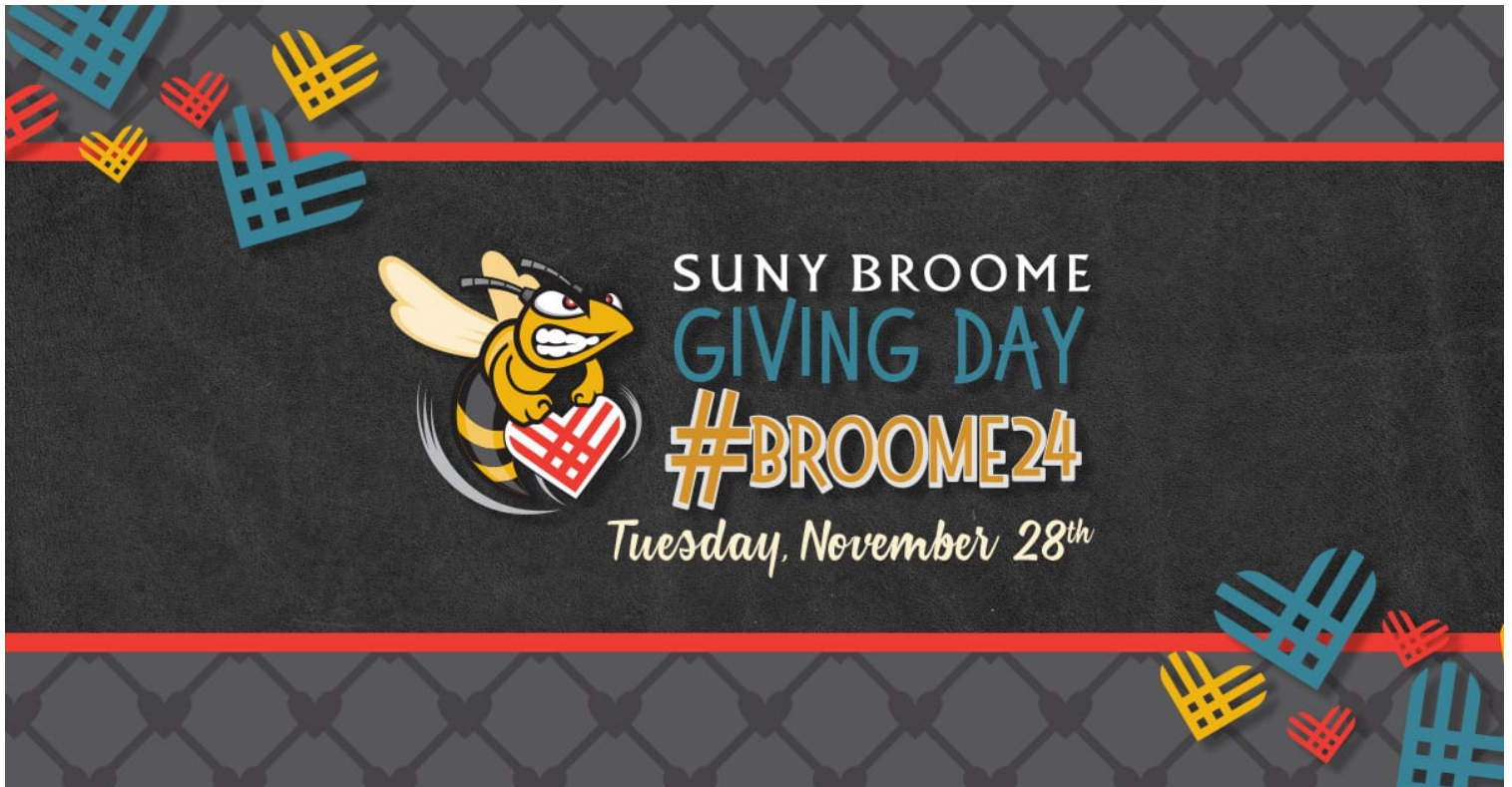
We would also like to acknowledge the following colleague who respectfully declined the nomination: Dave Michalak

SUNY Broome Community College is fortunate to have so many individuals who go the extra mile to serve our students and other members of both the College and community.

It's almost here: #Broome24 on Nov. 28

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Join thousands of donors for SUNY Broome's Giving Day on Tuesday, Nov. 28!

Our community is the inspiration behind our students' success. We ask that you help make a difference in their lives and show your Hornet pride.

Don't want to donate over the Internet? No problem! Call us at (607) 778-5182 to make your gift.

Psst: You don't have to wait for #Broome24! You can donate right now at www.sunybroome.edu/broome24.

#HornetsGive on #GivingTuesday! All day, all night, #Broome24.

Professional Development Survey

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The Professional Development Steering Committee (PDSC), invites you to participate in this [brief survey on your Professional Development \(PD\) needs](#). The information obtained from this survey will be used by the PDSC as we develop future workshop series and programming. We would appreciate receiving your response by **November 30, 2017**.

The PDSC values your opinions and seeks to provide meaningful and timely professional development

programming to the entire campus community, which includes YOU. If you would like to know more about PD at SUNY Broome, please feel free to ask me, or visit our website at: <https://www.sunybroome.edu/web/professional-development>

If you are a member of multiple constituencies, you may receive more than one survey invitation. You will only need to submit one response.

Doctoral Colloquium Presentation: An Exploratory-Comparative Study of Black, Community College, Associate in Arts Degree Students' Concerns about Completing the Bachelor's Degree

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Professional Development logo



Doctoral Colloquium Presentation

An Exploratory-Comparative Study of Black, Community College, Associate in Arts Degree Students' Concerns about Completing the Bachelor's Degree

Description by presenter: Because I was to solve a practical problem in higher education, I figured if I knew the student concern, I could address the student concern thus enhancing their chance of success. I conducted focus groups to find out what concerns community college students had about completing the bachelor's degree; focus groups to determine the factors that transfers said really impacted their persistence; and compared the two. Based upon the results, I would design the retention programs to highlight the common concerns.

When: Wednesday, December 13

Venue: TRC Conference (LI 101)

Time: 3:00 pm- 4:30 pm

Presenter: Dr. Carol Ross

Register: [Register Here](#)

SUNY Broome instructor, students curate TechWorks! camera exhibit

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SUNY Broome instructor Marcia Blackburn and two of her Image Theory students, Matthew Otey and Cody Taylor, are curating an exhibit of Ansco cameras at [TechWorks!](#) at 321 Water St. in Binghamton. The cameras come from the Wilbur Dodge Collection.

The exhibit opens from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, and is part of the TechWorks! Holiday Open House.

TechWorks! is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

In addition to the cameras, new collection items on display include:

- 1960s Underwater scooter by Ed Link – think Lloyd Bridges in Sea Hunt
- 1980s IBM Check Reader – Magnetic Ink Character Recognition (MICR) technology
- 2017 Skeleton sled built by Randy Will – raced by Jamaican Olympic team

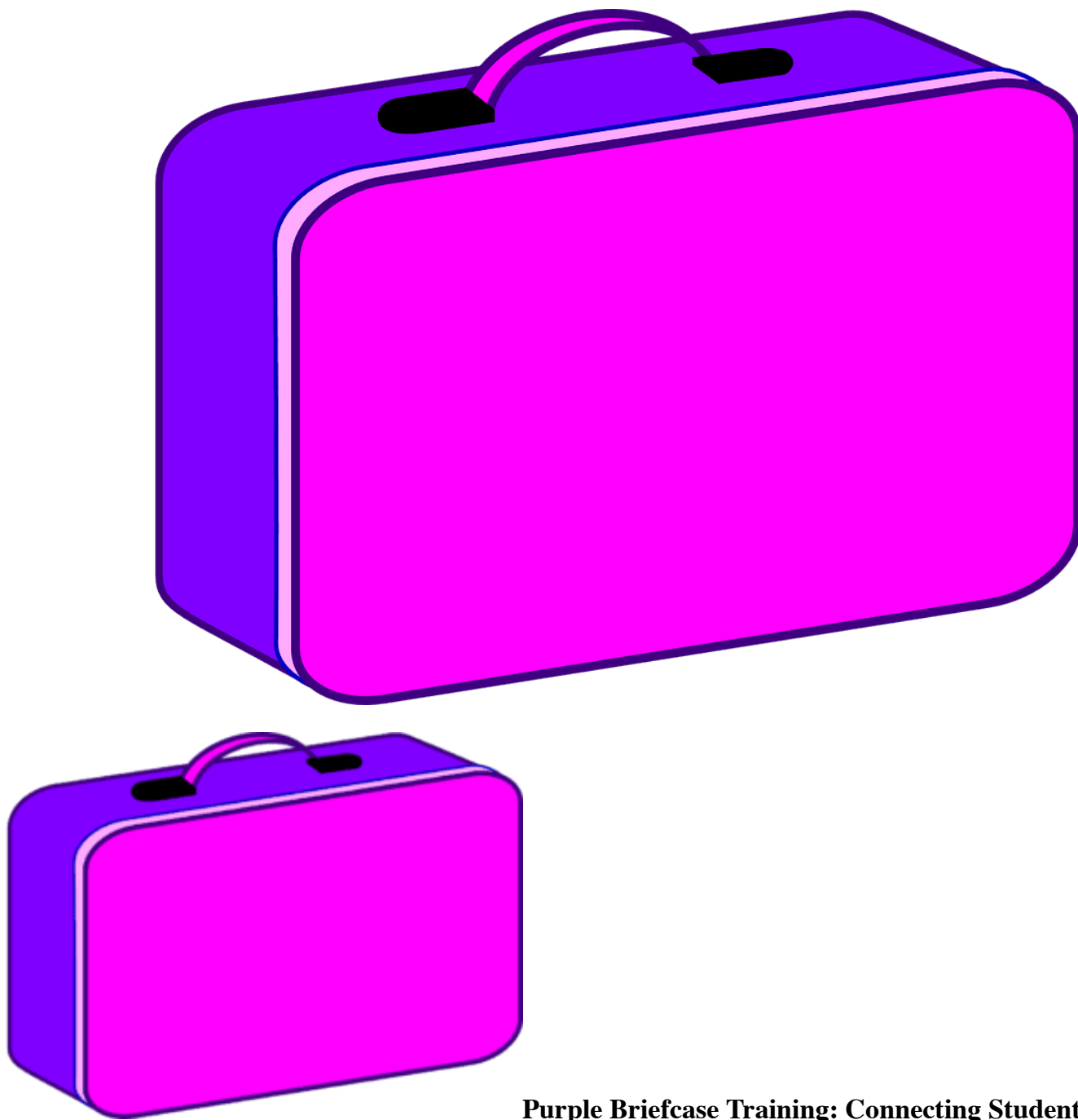
Technology in Action on Thanksgiving Saturday include:

- IBM Blood Cell Processor – demonstrated by Alan Jones
- IBM S/360 Printer & Card Punch/Sorter – make a banner for the holidays with Bob Lusch
- Link Pilot Trainers – demonstrated by Gordon Ruston and friends
- Universal Instruments electronic assembly – demonstrated by Don Burschnik
- Pick lottery numbers with 1980s Atari computer – demonstrated by Rich Modafferi
- Vote with 1920s Lever Machine technology & 1960s Votomatic (of hanging chad fame)
- Play a Link Nickelodeon, Bend a giant paperclip with holiday card, Emboss a Braille greeting, and more.

Final Purple Briefcase Training this semester: Save your seat today!

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Purple Briefcase Training: Connecting Students to Careers

The Applied Learning and Career Center has launched a brand new Career Services Management platform called Purple Briefcase. Purple Briefcase will connect students and alumni with employers and jobs, as well as provide an endless amount of resources. Faculty and staff will have the ability to use the platform to connect with their students and help them become career-ready. Please join us as we train and offer support to faculty and staff on how to use this important resource!

When: Friday, December 1st

Venue: TRC Lab (LI 101)

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Presenter: Gina Chase

Register: [Register Here](#)

#BROOME24: Scholarships fueled Aishia’s dream nursing career – and inspired her to give back

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Aishia Mortenson

Now a nurse herself, Aishia Mortenson finds herself quoting her SUNY Broome professors and using the knowledge she gained under their tutelage every day. “Well, Professor Rutherford said...” has crossed her lips more than once, she admitted with a smile.

These days she’s back at her alma mater, Vestal High School, as the school nurse, where she promotes building health, responds to emergencies and serves the student population daily – using the skills she honed in clinicals and the classroom.

“We do assessments all day long. We have to figure out, ‘do you have a math test, or strep?’” she related.

Aishia earned her Associate’s in Health Science in 2014 and in Nursing the following year. Like many SUNY Broome students, Mortenson wouldn’t have been able to achieve her academic and career goals without the generous support of donors.

“I definitely wouldn’t have made it through if it wasn’t for the scholarships I received, and I know numerous students that also applies to,” said Mortenson, who received the Second Chance scholarship and other awards through the Broome Community College Foundation. “I wouldn’t have gotten into nursing school.”

Getting involved

Like many adult learners, Mortenson chose to return to school after her position was eliminated by a previous employer. She weighed her option: Look for another job in the human services field, or pursue her long-term goal and seek a degree in nursing?

She decided to go back, even though a decade had passed since the last time she sat in a classroom. It proved to be an amazing experience on many levels, from the “phenomenal advisor” who pushed Aishia and helped keep her on track, to inspiring professors and friendships that last until this day.

Mortenson also became involved in student government, serving on SUNY Broome’s Student Assembly and the Student Assembly for the entire SUNY system, where she represented community colleges and had the opportunity to meet the SUNY Chancellor and other administrators. She also served on the college’s Board of Trustees as the designated student member. It wasn’t just a ceremonial position, either.

“I was a full board member, and they really took into great consideration the student perspective,” she said of her experience as student trustee.

During her days on Student Assembly, she also helped developed the Civility Statement and is gratified to see it posted on campus today. They goal, she explained, was to boil the statement down to a number of key commitments that relate to all aspects of campus life.

Mortenson was the recipient of scholarships – and also helped established the Peer to Peer Scholarship during her time as a SUNY Broome student. She and fellow Hornets raised funds through a variety of measures, from t-shirts sales to persuading SUNY Broome President Kevin Drumm to good-naturedly take a pie in the face, and a committee selected the recipients. The scholarship is open to all students by design, with no requirements as to major.

“I want to make sure it continues. It’s inspiring to be able to help somebody else,” she said.

Professionally, Mortenson loves working as a school nurse. Her longer term goals include becoming a nurse practitioner, focusing on family practice with a certification in mental health. That will wait for a few years, though; right now, she enjoys being the mother of a toddler.

She reflected on the importance of generosity and giving – whether donors able to make an estate gift that funds dozens of scholarships, to students who help one of their own by purchasing raffle tickets and running bake sales. It all matters.

“In order to build our community, you have to give back to the community,” she said.

How to help

We need you to make the 24 Hours of Giving a success! Visit www.sunybroome.edu/broome24 to make a gift at any time; you don't need to wait for midnight on Nov. 28! Give \$1, \$10, \$1,000 – all amounts are accepted and appreciated.

Marketplace: Free leather chair

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Sit in comfort! Diane Lenzo is offering a leather chair for free. Contact her at extension 5199 if you're interested.



Join the BCC Foundation all day and all night Nov. 28 for #Broome24

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#Broome24 is coming!

Join us for another momentous day of giving on Tuesday, Nov. 28. Our annual 24 hours of giving event went far beyond our expectations last year and we are going to do it again – but we need your help!

This year's goal is to have 250 donors on Nov. 28. Last year, the event drew more than 240 donors and gifts totaling \$80,000.

We challenge our alumni, community friends, students and local businesses to help make this campus an even better place to receive an education and life experiences that will be remembered in the lives of our students now and into the future. The Broome Community College Foundation's scholarship program has become successful because of our donors, but with increasing tuition, living expenses and some of life's burdens, some students cannot attend without the much needed additional financial help.

We have also received a challenge gift of \$25,000, which has been pledged by our Foundation Board of Directors and community friends.

Through social media, email and our dedicated webpage people will be able to tune into real time excitement and engage with one another and see how this day will impact our students' futures. We are resetting our clock, our donor counts and our goal!

ALL NIGHT, ALL DAY, ALL #BROOME24

Events will be taking place in the BCC Foundation Office, Wales Center Room 201 and the Student Center Lobby on Tuesday, Nov. 28, all day!

On-campus construction activities for the week of Nov. 20

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Looking for information specific to the renovation of the Mechanical Building? We now have a dedicated website. [Click here periodically for ongoing updates to the project](#), including the weekly construction update. As always, make sure to follow all signage and safety precautions in affected areas.

- Piping from the geothermal field will be brought into the new Calice Advanced Manufacturing Center at the northwest corner of the building.
- Weatherproofing of the external walls will continue (sealing of the joints and application to the exterior walls).
- Wall framing in the second floor office suite is nearing completion.
- Approximately 75% of the heat pumps have been installed.
- Asbestos abatement in the building has been completed.
- Corridor framing will begin on the second floor.
- The mounts for the plumbing fixtures in the restrooms will be tested.
- Electrical “rough ins” are nearly 75% complete.
- Some steel erection for the connector/atrium should begin later this week.

If anyone has any questions, please contact David Ligeikis at 765-9710.

Audiences cheer theater production of Neil Simon's 'Fools'

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“Our theater production of FOOLS by Neil Simon was a big success with cheering audiences numbering over 320 over two evenings,” said SUNY Broome theater director Katherine Bacon.

For those who couldn't make it but would have liked to do so, pictured are the actors in a few of the scenes. Many thanks to all who were able to attend!

Like in all the arts, students involved in a theater production, and especially a comedy, learn not only the skills that can bring them work on stage, TV and film but also help develop the qualities of empathy, collaboration, seeing multiple perspectives, problem-solving and how we are all more alike than we are

different.



SAVE THE DATE: Holiday Reception on Dec. 7

November 20, 2017

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

Thursday, December 7, 2017
Applied Technology Building Atrium
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served | beer & wine cash bar.

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

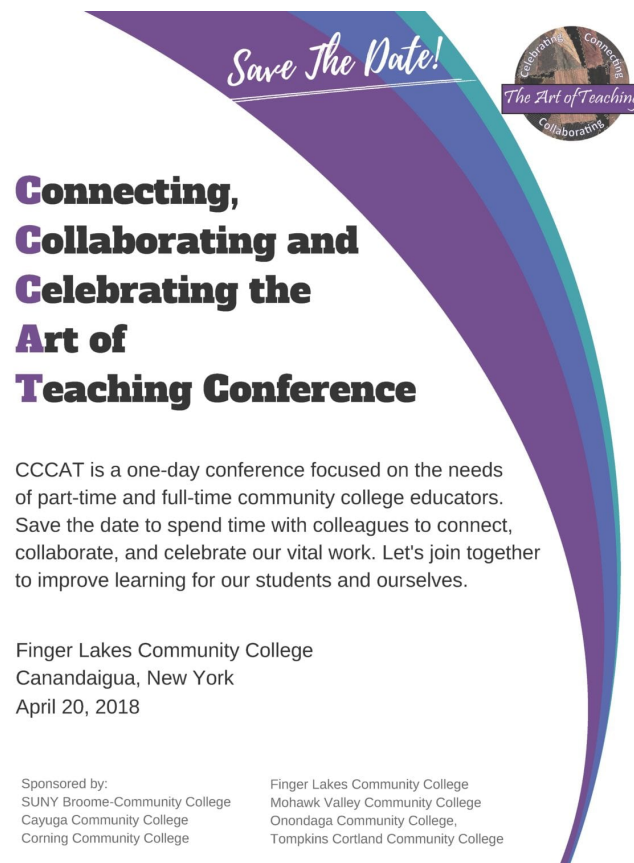
Please RSVP by December 4, 2017

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Call for Abstracts: 2018 Art of Teaching Conference

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Save The Date!

**Connecting,
Collaborating and
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Teaching Conference**

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Finger Lakes Community College
Canandaigua, New York
April 20, 2018

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Corning Community College	Onondaga Community College,
	Tompkins Cortland Community College

Calling all presenters for Connecting, Collaborating and Celebrating:
The Art of Teaching Conference on Friday, April 20, 2018, at Finger Lakes 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.

[Submit your abstract](#) by November 30, 2017

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Marketplace: Toner cartridges available

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Need toner cartridges? Cheryl Sullivan is offering the following cartridges that her office is no longer able to use. Contact her at sullivancl@sunybroome.edu and she will send them your way.

- (1) HP 128A
- (2) HP 15A
- (1) HP CC531A (Cyan)
- (1) HP 56
- (1) HP 57
- (2) HP 60XL
- (3) Canon CPR-10
- (1) Lexmark 16
- (2) Epson T0543
- (2) Epson T0549
- (1) Epson T0544
- (1) Epson T0542

Thanksgiving break runs from Nov. 22 through 24

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Happy Thanksgiving! The holiday break runs from Nov. 22 through 24; classes will resume on Monday, Nov. 27.



Fall food drive to aid SUNY Broome students in need

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Gobble, gobble — give! Medical Assisting Students are asking you to join them in their effort to help stop hunger on our SUNY Broome campus.

Every SUNY Broome student should have a Thanksgiving dinner. A special collection will be conducted between Nov. 6 and 20 to provide SUNY Broome students with holiday food items. From Nov. 21 through Dec. 11, we will continue to collect items to stock the SUNY Broome Food Pantry for the winter months.

Thanksgiving items: boxed stuffing, instant potatoes, macaroni & cheese, canned yams, fruits, vegetables, gravy, cranberry sauce, biscuit/muffin mixes, canned/boxed desserts, store gift cards to purchase turkey/ham/entree

Other Items: Canned fruits, veggies, & meats (stews, chicken, tuna), soups, boxed dried food (stuffing, pasta, rice, potatoes, macaroni & cheese, cereals, instant meals), cookies, crackers, granola bars, peanut butter, jelly, cake/muffin/biscuit mixes, personal hygiene supplies, and paper towels, napkins, toilet paper

Look for collection bins in: Decker Health Science Office (217), Applied Technology, Natural Science Center, Titchener (210), Business (Main floor), the Counseling Center (SS 210), and the Library

Want to arrange for a pick up/drop off? Want to donate money/a gift card? Please contact: Professor Kim McLain Phone: 778-5258 Email: mclainkb@sunybroome.edu

Nov. 30 event: ‘Understanding Media’ in 2017

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Marshall McLuhan

The work of pioneering media theorist Marshall McLuhan is becoming increasingly relevant to our contemporary, interconnected world. Having coined the expressions “The Media is the Message” and the “Global Village,” McLuhan is also credited with predicting the Worldwide Web almost 30 years before it was invented and his work is receiving a great amount of renewed interest in both academia and the mainstream.

Join us from 12 to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, in Titchener 101 for a rare opportunity to discuss McLuhan’s seminal work, “Understanding Media,” with McLuhan’s son, internationally-known lecturer Dr. Eric McLuhan in addition to McLuhan’s grandson, media educator Andrew McLuhan, via Skype. The event will

be moderated by Communications Instructor Nick Bongiorno.

Trivia for Tots on Nov. 29

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Tutor Club is hosting a Trivia for Tots event Wednesday, Nov. 29, in Titchener 102. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and trivia starts at 6 p.m.

The cost is \$15 per team of five. The Hospitality Club will provide refreshments. All proceeds will be donated to Toys for Tots.

To register your team, contact Jessica Nurczynski at nurczynskijv@acad.sunybroome.edu.



The Monday Poem: 'Herd Of Buffalo Crossing The Missouri On Ice' by William Matthews

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

Herd Of Buffalo Crossing The Missouri On Ice

If dragonflies can mate atop the surface tension
of water, surely these tons of bison can mince
across the river, their fur peeling in strips like old

wallpaper, their huge eyes adjusting to how far
they can see when there's no big or little bluestem,
no Indian grass nor prairie cord grass to plod through.

Maybe because it's bright in the blown snow
and swirling grit, their vast heads are lowered
to the gray ice: nothing to eat, little to smell.

They have their own currents. You could watch a herd
of running pronghorn swerve like a river rounding
a meander and see better what I mean. But

bison are a deeper, deliberate water, and there will
never be enough water for any West but the one
into which we watch these bison carefully disappear.



William Matthews's poetry has earned him a reputation as a master of well-turned phrases, wise sayings, and rich metaphors. Much of Matthews's poetry explores the themes of life cycles, the passage of time, and the nature of human consciousness. A couple of his poems have been likened to "deep image" poems, which allow one strong image to dominate each poem and to evoke many strong feelings and associations. Writing in the *Bloomsbury Review*, Christopher Merrill identified Matthews as "one of our most alert and engaging poets."

Meet with a TIAA Financial Consultant Dec. 1

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Image of a dollar bill



TIAA financial consultant Alicia Brady will be on campus from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 1 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 or call 800-732-8353, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (ET).

Nov. 30 Common Hour: Learn about transfer options to BU's Pharmacy School

November 19, 2017

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Come learn about the new articulation agreement between SUNY Broome and Binghamton University's Pharmacy school from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Nov. 30 in Decker 213. Learn about the details and requirements to start your path today!



Mark Your Calendar: Giving of the Toys on Dec. 14

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Giving of the Toys logo



The holiday season has started — and with it comes the annual announcement for The Giving of the Toys, which will be at 11 a.m. Dec. 14.

For more than 20 years, this event became one of SUNY Broome's ways of getting ready for the holidays: more than 60 offices, departments, clubs, athletic teams and campus organizations presented toys to Santa at the Student Center. The gifts are then forwarded to the local Toys for Tots campaign. Often groups bring toys appropriate to their organization: the Maintenance Department donated toy trucks; the basketball teams gave basketballs; the International Students Organization contributed toys from all over the world, etc.

Student Activities is asking you to give again. Each year the need grows and gets even more local, with many of our students in need.

If your office or other group wishes to participate can fill out [this form](#) or contact the Student Activities Office at BoringJW@SUNYBroome.edu. Gifts given on the day of the event will happily be accepted. Of course, we will have hot chocolate and donuts and holiday music. The Buzz and Focus will carry more information on the event as the time draws closer.

Health for Haiti Needs Suitcases

November 17, 2017

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Health for Haiti needs large suitcases with wheels. If you have an old suitcase with wheels that you no longer need, please bring it to the Dental Hygiene Clinic, Room 101 in the Decker Health Sciences Building. Thank you!



Business and Professional Studies Toys For Tots Holiday Bash on Dec. 4

November 16, 2017

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SUNY Broome's Business and Professional Studies division will be hosting their second annual Toys for Tots Holiday Bash from 4 to 7 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Broome County Regional Farmer's Market, located across the street from the college at 840 Front St.

Please join the students and faculty in collecting unwrapped toys for local families. There will be a \$10 spaghetti dinner for purchase prepared by Hospitality's Professional Cooking class, as well as mocktails created by the Bartending class. Come take pictures with Santa and partake in festive activities!



Focus on International Students: Rasmus shoots for success, on and off the court

November 16, 2017

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This is the sixth in a series of stories on SUNY Broome's international students, who come from all over the globe. The college is celebrating International Week from Nov. 13 through 17. During the week, international students will share the cuisines of their homeland at the Dining Hall, and visit the BC Center to read children's books from their home countries.

Today we meet Rasmus Kristensen, a Sports Management major from Denmark.

International students come to SUNY Broome for many reasons: academic programs, the chance to transfer to a dream school or simply the opportunity to see America.

Rasmus Kristensen became a Hornet to pursue success not only in the classroom, but on the basketball court.

The native of Lemvig, Denmark, is a forward on the Hornets basketball team. His ultimate goal: to play basketball at a college level in the United States and then head back to Europe to play on teams there, ultimately returning home to the Danish League. After that? Working for a big sports team.

“Besides basketball, I’m in love with all kinds of sports and the values they can teach,” he said.

He estimates that about a half-dozen of his countrymen are in the United States, following the same collegiate basketball path. Basketball is a major sport in Europe, although it’s still pretty small in Denmark, said the freshman Sports Management major. College basketball also doesn’t exist in the same way as the United States, as most institutions only have club teams.

There are tradeoffs, of course: He’s far away from his mom and his friends back home. The Danish university system is also famously free, and some of his American friends call him crazy for giving that up. But for Rasmus, the chance to pursue glory on the court is worth the cost.

“For me, the USA is the father of basketball. It’s where the highest level of competition is,” he explained.

Kristensen appreciates the challenging nature of his courses, which expect students to be independent. And while many students might not particularly enjoy tests and assignments, Rasmus finds that the grading system lets him know exactly how he’s performing in his class – something he didn’t encounter so much back home.

On campus, he has opted to live in the Student Village, which puts him close to practice, classes and other amenities while providing the “college experience,” he said.

While he’s far away from home, he is finding his place at SUNY Broome, both on the court and off.

“My hometown is 6,000 to 7,000 people. It’s the kind of town where everybody knows everyone,” he said. “I feel the same thing is happening with campus, which is good.”

In the Spotlight: An incredible opportunity pushes Ruddy to strive harder for success

November 16, 2017

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Ruddy Green is comfortable with cameras these days. He developed that familiarity over the summer, when a film crew from [*The Ellen DeGeneres Show*](#) followed him and his family as he prepared to enter college, documenting the heady swirl of feelings such as change brings. The crew visited SUNY Broome, too, accompanying Ruddy and his family during Move-In Day at the Student Village and also taking footage of him in class on campus.




Why all the attention?

Green and the entire senior class at Brooklyn's Summit Academy received four-year scholarships from Walmart, which they learned about during an emotional visit to Ellen's Los Angeles studio show. The interest doesn't stop there: Ruddy and five other Summit graduates are the center of a documentary series called *Summit* that airs each Wednesday on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*.

"When we got on top of the stage, we were so surprised. We didn't know we would get scholarships," Ruddy said.

Ellen Presents 'SUMMIT' – Episode 1

 <https://youtube.com/watch?v=XPILpS7OvbM>



At the moment of the reveal, all the students – Ruddy included – jumped up and down, with ecstatic expressions and tear-filled eyes. “Walking into the Ellen Show, it seemed like a dream,” he remembered. “We knew Ellen was going to introduce us. I was very emotional and nervous at the same time.”

Each week, viewers watch as the six students’ stories unfold. They include Ruddy, now at SUNY Broome; Keanna Pinckney at Corning Community College; Quincy Phillips at SUNY Purchase; and Nyasha Biggs, Sharinel Nunez and Melick Lubin at the University at Albany. All are from the Red Hook section of Brooklyn, a landscape of housing developments and high poverty where only 4 percent of students go on to attend college.

Ellen Presents 'SUMMIT' – Episode 2



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=dHfFcfixA2c>



In his segments, Ruddy – the youngest in his family – talks about his special tie to his mom, who is both thrilled that he is pursuing his dreams and tearful to see him go.

Ruddy almost didn't qualify for the Walmart scholarship. Going into his senior year, he was behind academically and school administrators weren't sure he would graduate on time. But he pushed hard to bring up his GPA, and is continuing to strive for excellence in the classroom.

“Still to this day I can't believe this is happening,” he said. “It inspired me to work harder. This has just pushed me further to expand on my dreams.”



Green recently had the opportunity to fly back to LA with the other featured graduates and meet Ellen a second time. During the segment, he discussed some of the non-academic challenges of college life – such as learning to do his laundry and clean his room, away from the watchful eye of his mom.

And while there, he received another incredible gift from Walmart: \$10,000 to pay for college expenses. During the segment, he gave Ellen a hug – after jumping up and down.

“The whole experience was fun. I honestly didn’t want to leave LA!” Ruddy said of his trips to the studio. “Ellen DeGeneres was one of the sweetest people I’ve ever met. She’s so kind. Going on her talk show was one of the best moments I ever had.”



Ruddy Green

Coming to SUNY Broome

Ruddy first visited SUNY Broome back in high school, and it made an impression.

“I fell in love with the environment. I wanted to experience life by going to Upstate New York,” he said.

He also appreciated the strength of the college’s Criminal Justice program, and is majoring in that field. Long-term, he hopes to transfer to the University at Albany and become either a lawyer or a criminal investigator.

While he didn’t enroll in time to try out for the soccer team, Ruddy is thoroughly enjoying his time at SUNY Broome and the Student Village, which hosts a wide range of activities, from movies to game nights.

Along the way to college, he learned some important lessons – one of which is the importance of confidence and drive. Don’t be jealous of other’s successes; if you work hard, you can achieve the same, he counseled.

And it’s also important to pay it forward – to help others just like you have been helped.

“I come from a background where it’s not so great. I know kids like me struggle,” he said. “When I get older, I want to help kids like me.”

Think Spring: Open Registration Week runs from Jan. 16 through 19

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It's never too early to think spring — spring semester, that is! Spring classes start Jan. 29, 2018.

Open Registration Week — **the last week to apply** — runs from Jan. 16 through 19. Hours are 9 to 4 p.m. Jan. 16, 18 and 19, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 17.

Need to adjust your schedule **after** Open Registration? Please connect with your department or advisor during College Readiness Week from Jan. 22 through 26.

[Click here for more information on Spring 2018.](#)

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Those interested in participating, but lacking a team, are welcome to submit their name and contribution. We'll happily match you with a team. Team names are due Nov. 25 and contributions are due Dec. 2.

Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee Competition on Dec. 9

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Compete in the Winter Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee Competition at 12 p.m. Dec. 9 in the Student Center gyms!

This student-run event is locally sponsored. There will be prizes, free food and games provided.

We are looking for teams of 5 to 7 players, with a minimum of two girls per team. Each team will receive free

t-shirts! We encourage faculty, SUNY Broome and Binghamton University students to participate!

To sign up, email rmirch55@gmail.com and submit your team name, members and shirt sizes.

What's up on the trail? Happy Thanksgiving

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The SUNY Broome Natural Areas' trail cameras definitely catch birds as well as mammals. Probably the largest bird so far is the Wild Turkey and it has made the cameras three times. Benjamin Franklin wanted this bird to be our national symbol instead of the bald eagle!



Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Here is a shot



Professor Lamoureux gets up close and personal with a trail camera.

of the Steward of the Natural Areas, Victor Lamoureux of the Biology department. This is the view from the Thanksgiving foods' perspective! If you have questions about the Natural Areas, contact him at lamoureuxvs@sunybroome.edu. For students, there are volunteer activities and independent studies available.

The passing of Hazel Smith's mother

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In Memoriam logo



Hazel Smith's mother passed away on Sunday, Nov. 12.

The funeral arrangements are as follows:

Monday, Nov. 20

Calling hours from 2 to 4 p.m.

at Fischer-Scholder Funeral Home

located at [269 Chenango Street, Binghamton 13901](#)

The funeral service will follow at 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

The latest edition of Broome Magazine is here!

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The Office of Alumni Affairs is pleased to announce that the Spring 2017 edition of Broome Magazine has arrived! Current and back issues can be found at www.sunybroome.edu/magazine

This edition features the Broome Community College Foundation Annual Report, along with special focus articles on our students, faculty and staff and the favorite: class notes. You can share updates about your career, retirement, marriage, children, or any of your accomplishments, and we may include it in a future

edition of Broome Magazine!

Sharing your news is now easier than ever with the new, online [Class Note Submission Form](#). Visit our [website](#) for more information.

We hope you enjoy the Spring 2017 edition of Broome Magazine!

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Hungry for the holidays? Grab a Thanksgiving bag

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If you are a student in need who would benefit from a holiday bag, there are a number of holiday bags ready to be picked up.

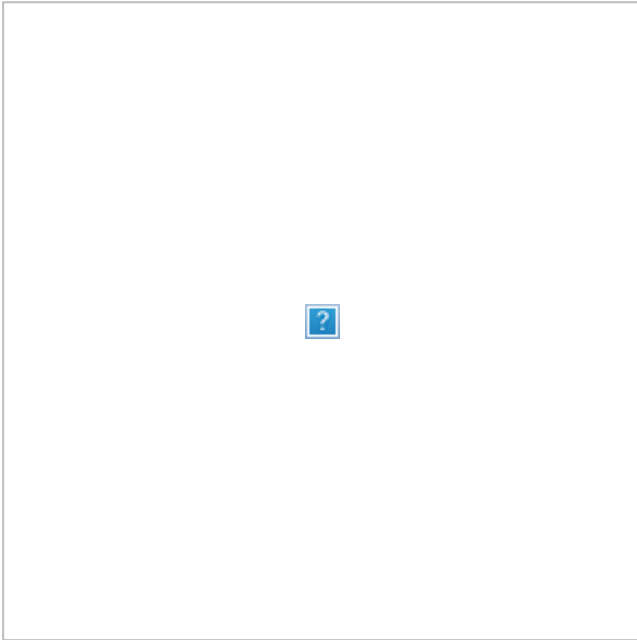
Please contact Professor Kim McLain at mclainkb@sunybroome.edu to set up a time to pick up some items. Bags are available on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be given out until gone.



Fast Forward Staff Associate Position at SUNY Broome

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This position will assist with the Fast Forward Program, SUNY Broome's concurrent enrollment partnership with area high schools.

Details:

29.5 hours per week. PT, temporary to start ASAP and go through August 31, 2018.
A Bachelor's degree is required.

— Contact: buccikl@sunybroome.edu with letter of interest.

Additional Information:

- Candidate must have meticulous attention to detail and organizational skill.
- Candidate will be able to communicate effectively to diverse groups of people, in person and in writing.
- Ideal candidate will have higher education programming and BANNER experience.
- Work closely with academic department chairs, associate vice presidents/deans, Admissions, Registrar, Bursar
- Serve as a point of contact for over 25 high schools, 115+ instructors, students, and parents
- Coordinate admission & registration processes for over 2,000 students in 225 sections
- Ensure compliance with NACEP's 17 standards in areas of curriculum, faculty, student, assessment, and evaluation
- Work extensively in Banner Student Processing System as it relates to admission, registration, and course building
- Collect meaningful data, compile results, extract meaning, and use this to inform practice largely using Banner and Argos systems
- Create and deploy end of course evaluations for every Fast Forward section offered, compile reports, and share with instructors
- Assist in billing processes between college and high schools
- Conduct annual and ongoing survey research with Fast Forward alumni, in conjunction with the Office of Institutional Research

- Assist in the planning of annual instructor orientation, professional development, and prospective student events

Show off your public speaking skills and check out some unique pizzas!

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Come test your skills at off-the-cuff speaking with Speakers of the House and win prizes, fame and glory from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 1 and 8 in Wales 203B!

After the preliminaries for the Speakers of the House speech contest on those dates, be sure to head to the speech contest itself from 3 to 5 p.m. Dec. 15 in Decker 201.

While you're listening to some great speeches, sample some unique pizza creations including taco, cheese steak or the Diabeetus Tremendus, a delectable dessert pizza with all the incredible dessert topics you can think of and some you can't!



Fall food drive to aid SUNY Broome students in need

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Gobble, gobble — give! Medical Assisting Students are asking you to join them in their effort to help stop hunger on our SUNY Broome campus.

Every SUNY Broome student should have a Thanksgiving dinner. A special collection will be conducted between Nov. 6 and 20 to provide SUNY Broome students with holiday food items. From Nov. 21 through Dec. 11, we will continue to collect items to stock the SUNY Broome Food Pantry for the winter months.

Thanksgiving items: boxed stuffing, instant potatoes, macaroni & cheese, canned yams, fruits, vegetables, gravy, cranberry sauce, biscuit/muffin mixes, canned/boxed desserts, store gift cards to purchase turkey/ham/entree

Other Items: Canned fruits, veggies, & meats (stews, chicken, tuna), soups, boxed dried food (stuffing, pasta, rice, potatoes, macaroni & cheese, cereals, instant meals), cookies, crackers, granola bars, peanut butter, jelly, cake/muffin/biscuit mixes, personal hygiene supplies, and paper towels, napkins, toilet paper

Look for collection bins in: Decker Health Science Office (217), Applied Technology, Natural Science Center, Titchener (210), Business (Main floor), the Counseling Center (SS 210), and the Library

Want to arrange for a pick up/drop off? Want to donate money/a gift card? Please contact: Professor Kim McLain Phone: 778-5258 Email: mclainkb@sunybroome.edu

Focus on International Students: Pursuing her dream and praying for a family in exile

November 14, 2017

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This is the fifth in a series of stories on SUNY Broome's international students, who come from all over the globe. The college will celebrate International Week from Nov. 13 through 17. International students will share the cuisines of their homeland at the Dining Hall, and will visit the BC Center to read children's books from their home countries.

Today we meet Melissa Uwamahoro, an Excelsior College student from Burundi.

Most Americans don't know where Burundi is, and Melissa Uwamahoro is aware of that. She started off an interview by spelling the name of her home country, a landlocked nation in East Africa located just south of the equator.

It's largely rural and quite small, with a tropical climate. The people are friendly, Uwamahoro said.

But not always.

"In Burundi, it's very dangerous right now," explained the SUNY Broome alumna, who is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree through the Excelsior College partnership.

The troubles began in the spring of 2015, when President Pierre Nkurunziza decided to run for a third term, a move protested by many people. An attempted coup heralded even more troubles, and many have fled the small country in search of safety – including Uwamahoro's family.

"People are being killed and kidnapped. Everything changed in the country," she reflected.

Coming to SUNY Broome

Before the troubles began, Uwamahoro learned about SUNY Broome from her cousin, who had attended the college, and followed his footsteps. She graduated with an Associate's degree in May 2015, and is majoring in business through Excelsior. She has a passion for business, stemming in part from her family; they had owned a gas station back home.

"I love SUNY Broome. It became my second home when I came here in 2014," she said.

Like most international students, English isn't Melissa's first language and becoming fluent was among her first priorities. Overall, the professors were understanding and the campus community was very welcoming, she said.

As a SUNY Broome student, she was involved in the International Student Organization, which gave her the opportunity to network with other students and learn about a variety of cultures. She recommends the club to everyone, native-born Americans included.

When Uwamahoro first arrived in the United States, she was surprised by Binghamton, which seems so different from the big cities that she initially imagined.

"I wondered, 'Was I going to a village?'" she said of that initial trip. "I like it because it's small, so you can connect with people quickly."

Danger at home

At present, Uwamahoro doesn't have a country to return to, nor does her family. She experienced the chaos in Burundi firsthand in 2016, when her passport expired, forcing her to return home to have it renewed.

As soon as she arrived, she was arrested and asked for her identity.

"They were thinking I was a journalist. Journalists are not allowed to tell the truth there, and they have been killed," she said.

Because of her American connections, she was safe – for a while. In the middle of the night, agents came to her family's house with dark intentions. Melissa and her family had escaped, but their housemate was killed.

She was able to obtain a passport thanks to family connections, and her family left the country on the first flight out, leaving everything behind.

“I wanted to stay. I was feeling that if we die, we should all die together,” she remembered. “But my family said, ‘You have an American visa. You have an opportunity.’”

Her family fled to neighboring Rwanda to escape the violence, while Melissa returned to Binghamton. Her brothers, who participated in the protests, are on the government’s wanted list and could be killed if they return.

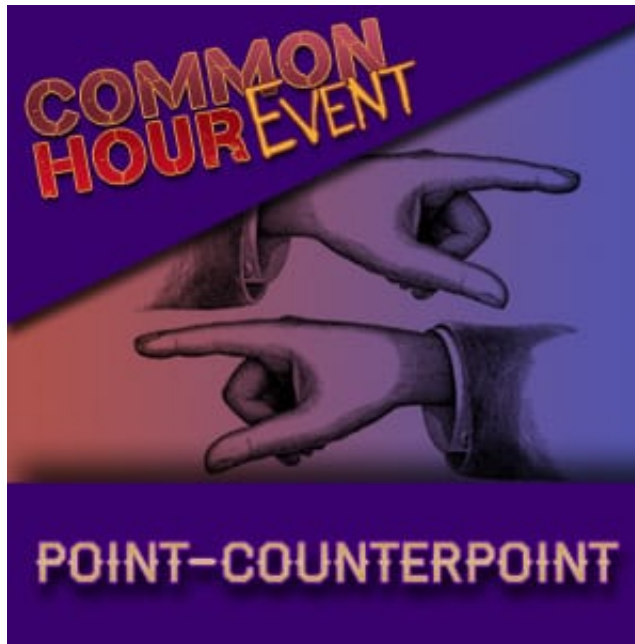
She’s worried about her family, but they tell her that they are safe. Still, she prays hard for them and hopes to help them in any way she can once she embarks on her career.

“I have to stay strong and if anything happens...” Her voice trailed off. “I hope they’re going to be okay.”

Nov. 16 Common Hour: Point-Counterpoint

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Join Scott Corley and Carla Michalak, faculty panelists with divergent points of view, at 11 a.m. Nov. 16 in T-102 for a discussion of the most important current events of the day.

See the documentary ‘We the People’ on Nov. 16

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The famous and successful 2014 boycott of the New England supermarket chain Market Basket is explored in the documentary *We the People: The Market Basket Effect*, hosted by the Department of Communications at 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, in Titchener 101.

This highly rated film captures the events that led Market Basket's 25,000 employees and 2 million New Englanders to boycott the chain in support of its embattled CEO Arthur T. Demoulas. The film is a possible option for late semester extra credit assignments.

In the Community: Pancakes for Puerto Rico on Nov. 19

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The National Society of Leadership and Success will be hosting Pancakes for Puerto Rico, a benefit for hurricane relief efforts in Puerto Rico, from 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, Nov. 19, at American Legion Post 80, located at 76 Main St. in Binghamton.

All tickets will be sold at the door, and are \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children ages 4 to 12. Children ages 3 and under are free.

If you would like to volunteer at this event, please contact Dawn Shefler at sheflerdm@acad.sunybroome.edu. We hope you can all come out and enjoy this family friendly event for a great cause!

From Addiction to Recovery and Beyond: A True Story on Nov. 16

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Join SUNY Broome alumna [Jennifer Garnar](#) for “From Addiction to Recovery and Beyond: A True Story” from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Nov. 16 in Decker 201. [Jennifer](#) will tell her story of heroin addiction and recovery.

This event is brought to you by Counseling Services. Questions? Contact Melissa Martin in SS-210 or by calling 778-5210.

Mark your calendar: #Broome24 returns Nov. 28!

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Our countdown begins to our third annual SUNY Broome 24 Hours of Giving event on Tuesday, November 28! The past two years have been a huge success and we are excited to reach our goal of 250 donors this year.

Visit our dedicated webpage at www.sunybroome.edu/broome24 for how to make your gift, videos and Twitter posts throughout the day, beginning 12:00 AM EST on Tuesday, November 28. We ask everyone to share pictures on Facebook and Instagram and don't forget to tag SUNY Broome! Use our Twitter hashtags of #HORNETSGIVE on #BROOME24 to share stories, pictures and why you believe in SUNY Broome.

Our Giving Day is also part of a larger global giving initiative called Giving Tuesday, which started in 2012 and has raised billions of dollars for non-profits across the globe.

Our community of alumni, community friends, businesses, foundations, faculty and staff are the inspiration behind our students' success. We ask that you help make a difference in their lives and show some *Hornet Pride!*

[You don't have to wait till Giving Day: Donate now!](#)

See 'Fools' at SUNY Broome's Little Theatre Nov. 16 and 17

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Join SUNY Broome's Theater program this Thursday and Friday, Nov. 16 and 17, for a production of Neil Simon's *Fools*. The curtain is at 7:30 p.m. and the show ends by 9 p.m. at the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre, located in the SUNY Broome Student Center.

This is a lesser known play of the famous author of landmark works such as *The Odd Couple*, *The Sunshine Boys*, *Lost In Yonkers* and *Sweet Charity*, but it received rave reviews when first produced on Broadway in 1981.

The play is a fable about a master teacher who has landed a great job in a Russian hamlet only to find out that an old curse has everyone in the town suffering from chronic stupidity — and it's the schoolteacher's job to break the curse! The play includes a folksy love story inside a fairy tale plot and has every kind of comedy from old-time vaudeville jokes to farce, as well as colorful characters and plenty of comedic twists and turns.



Students involved in a theater production, and especially a comedy, learn not only the skills that can bring them work on stage, TV and film, but also help develop the qualities of empathy, collaboration, seeing multiple perspectives, problem-solving and how we are all more alike than we are different.

So please set your calendars to attend this evening of fun. Reservations can be made at 778-5191. Faculty and staff can get comp tickets for the show, but need to call in advance for reservations.

Don't wait: Apply now for the Second Chance Scholarship!

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Are you a current SUNY Broome student? Apply now for a Second Chance Scholarship through the BCC Foundation!

Visit www.sunybroome.edu/scholarshipsonline to apply. **The deadline is November 27.**

Questions? Visit the BCC Foundation office in Darwin R. Wales Center Room 201.

Join the conversation: Nov. 16 public deliberation on ‘Equality and Justice for All’

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Come and engage in a public deliberation on “Equality and Justice for All” from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, in Wales 203B.

The deliberation process has participants engage with tough ideas by discussing various pros and cons rather than simply debating a point to “win.” Work together toward creating potential solutions.



In the Community: Join the Women's Suffrage Book Club!

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This fall and winter, join the Women's Suffrage Book Club, a reading and discussion program celebrating the centennial of women's voting rights in New York State!



Women march for voting rights in New York State.

Four selected texts will serve as catalysts for discussions on cultural understanding, civic engagement and

personal reflection. Participants are encouraged to share their various perspectives on the texts.

Upcoming books and discussions include:

- 12 p.m. Nov. 19: *A Woman's Crusade: Alice Paul and the Battle for the Ballot*
- 6 p.m. Dec. 15: *African American Women in the Struggle for the Vote, 1850-1920*
- 12 p.m. Jan. 13: *Sex Wars: A novel of Gilded Age New York*

The Book Club will be held in the Visitor Center Theater and Melyssa Wrisley, an adjunct instructor in SUNY Broome's the History, Philosophy and Social Sciences Department, will be the facilitator. There is a minimal fee of \$5 per session, free for Roberson members. Book rentals are available through Roberson. Participants who want to borrow any of the books through Roberson can provide a \$15 cash deposit per book, which will be refunded when the book is returned. To register, please call or visit the Museum.

This adult reading and discussion program is provided by a grant through Humanities New York.

Your Voice Matters for Faculty and Staff on Nov. 17

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Your Voice Matters for faculty and staff only



Your Voice Matters for Faculty and Staff will be held at 12 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, in Decker 201.

This is a forum for faculty and staff to express concerns and make suggestions about major issues that affect our campus. There is an option for participants to submit their concerns anonymously on the Shared Governance website prior to the forum: <http://www2.sunybroome.edu/shared-governance/submit-an-issue/>

Issues and concerns at the forum will be forwarded as appropriate for consideration.

[Your Voice Matters 2017 Staff Poster November \(PDF\)](#)

Posting Second Attendance – Fall 2017

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Photo of a hand using a computer mouse



If you are teaching any full term credit classes this semester, please read the following message.

We are required to post second attendance for full term credit classes that are being held this fall.

The deadline for posting second attendance is 8 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

It is important that attendance is posted accurately and on time. When attendance is not posted accurately, and on time, financial aid could be disbursed to students who should not be receiving it. If the attendance is posted after the deadline, after financial aid is disbursed, we cannot recover the funds from those students who should not have received it because of poor attendance.

Reporting official course attendance, including for the purpose of financial aid funding, is determined by a student's academic participation in the course.

Official course attendance is defined by any of the following activities:

- * Physically attending a class where there is an opportunity for direct interaction between the instructor and students
- * Submitting an academic assignment
- * Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial, or computer-assisted instruction
- * Attending a study group that is assigned by the institution
- * Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
- * Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course

Official course attendance does not include activities where a student may be present, but not academically engaged, such as:

- Logging into an online class without active participation.
- Participating in academic counseling or advisement.
- Living in institutional housing.
- Participating in the institution's meal plan.

We have a 2 week time period to identify those students who are not attending. We need to identify those students who did not attend (see attendance definition above), on or after November 1 through November 14. This 2 week time frame includes days of instruction.

Please understand that those students who are not present in your classroom on or after November 1, but are participating in your class (see attendance definition above), are considered to be in good standing for second attendance. Please consider them as attending (do not identify them as not attending).

We will continue to use MyCollege to record attendance.

Once again we will be posting second attendance on the Attendance and Mid Term Grade form.

The Students' Voice: Alexandra learns civic engagement by participating on a county board

November 13, 2017

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Alexandra Yoest

Students are the future of any community, providing the next generation of families, workers, elected officials and leaders.

With that in mind, Broome County Executive and SUNY Broome alumnus Jason Garnar announced the formation of the Student Board of Advisors, the first completely student-driven youth delegation in Broome County government. Created in the spring, the panel is comprised of members of local high schools, as well as SUNY Broome, Binghamton University and Davis College.

Representing SUNY Broome are Alexandra Yoest and Bridget Bar. As members of the panel, they have the opportunity to directly advise the Broome County Executive, meet government officials, and learn about local government and the policy process, as well as gain valuable leadership skills in civic engagement.

“A lot of people my age don’t like to talk about politics, but policies are going to affect them, so they should,” said Yoest, a freshman in the One Year Associate in Arts (AA1) degree program.

A Chenango Forks graduate, Yoest previously witnessed the workings of local government through Broome-Tioga BOCES New Visions program, in which she visited Binghamton Family Court and City Court. She also participated in an internship under the previous Broome County Executive, and was eager to deepen her knowledge when she learned about the Board of Advisors opening.

“Being able to get involved in this program is an interesting and important opportunity,” she said. “I’d like to see what is important to students. I think it will be a growing experience for me and the county executive also.”

Alexandra didn’t initially plan on attending SUNY Broome, but the local option made more sense financially. The AA1 program has proven to be challenging, but good preparation for any level of study – and a chance to form bonds with her fellow AA1 students, a small and dedicated group who share many of the same classes. The program’s Research Methods study is taught like a graduate course, she said.

While the AA1 program is academically rigorous, it teaches lessons outside the classroom, too. “I thought it would be a good learning experience on how to manage my time wisely,” said Yoest, who also works at Weis.

The board is also good training for Yoest’s future: After completing her Associate’s, she plans on transferring to another SUNY school to study political science.

“Eventually I would like to work in a nonprofit that helps to advocate for civil rights,” she said.

As a member of the advisory board, Alexandra would like to connect with SUNY Broome students on their issues and concerns. She invites students to email her at yoestac@acad.sunybroome.edu.

Trivia for Tots on Nov. 29

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Tutor Club is hosting a Trivia for Tots event Wednesday, Nov. 29, in Titchener 102. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and trivia starts at 6 p.m.

The cost is \$15 per team of five. The Hospitality Club will provide refreshments. All proceeds will be donated to Toys for Tots.

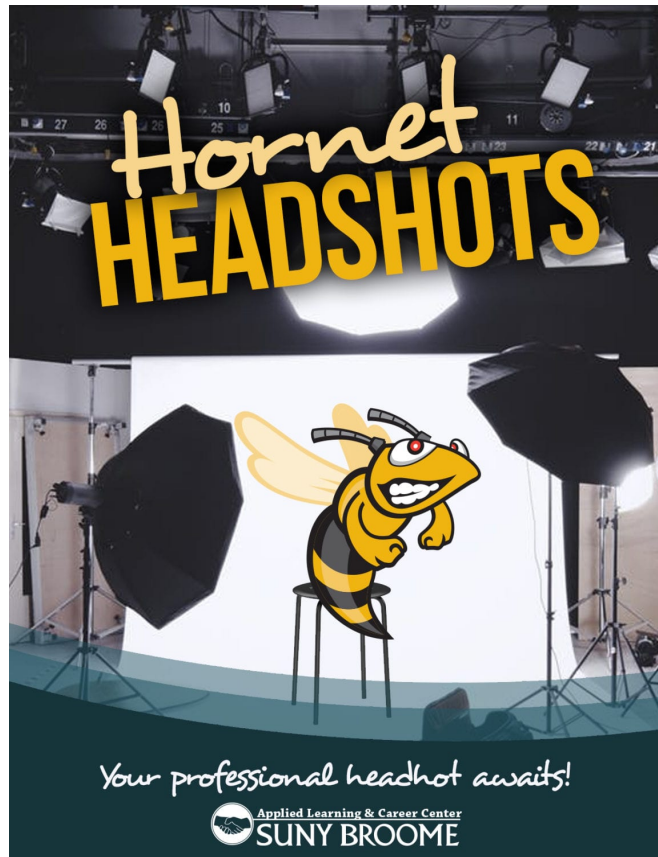
To register your team, contact Jessica Nurczynski at nurczynskijv@acad.sunybroome.edu.



Hornet Headshots: Get your professional photo on Nov. 14

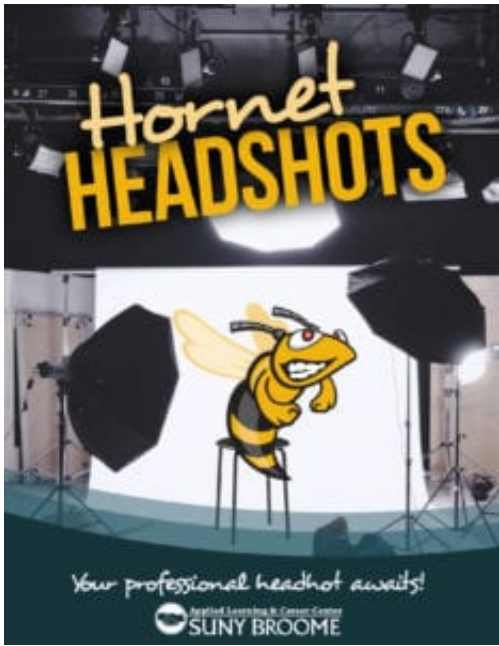
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The Applied Learning & Career Center's next Hornet Headshots event is this Thursday, Nov. 16, during Common Hour (11 to 11:50 a.m.) in the AT building. Please check in at the ALCC in AT-101. Photos take approximately 5 minutes of your time and three to five photos will be emailed to you within a week.

Don't miss this opportunity to get a FREE professional photo for your LinkedIn and Purple Briefcase profiles! Contact Jeanie Kumpon (778-5244, kumponjm@sunybroome.edu) at the ALCC with any questions.



Bachelor's Degree Partnership Program Student to Student Session on Nov. 14

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Attend a student to student session to hear about the Excelsior College experience and one student's path from SUNY Broome to Excelsior. Learn what to expect from upper-level coursework and how to navigate Excelsior's online environment!

Join us from 5 to 5:50 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, in Titchener 107 to prepare yourself for success.

[Student To Student Flyer Fall 2017 \(PDF\)](#)

Webinar: Hate Speech vs Free Speech

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Hate Speech vs. Free Speech:

Navigating the Changing Boundaries to Protect Expression & Uphold Your Academic Mission

College campuses are faced with increasing and sometimes conflicting demands to protect “free speech,” **calling on campus leaders to understand the differences between protected free speech and unprotected harassment or disruptive conduct.** Important values of academic freedom and the free flow of ideas, including intellectual dissent, against the possible harms from speech and conduct that may endanger others in ways that compromise our educational mission must be balanced.

Colleges may have to decide where to draw the line to ensure academic integrity, avoid costly disruptions and maintain a positive campus climate for learning. Ideals about higher-education as the center for free market place of ideas are now being challenged and many are forced to determine what they will allow or not allow to happen on their campus.

***Are you clear about the boundaries of
protected and unprotected speech?***

Is your institution prepared to protect expression while enforcing policies prohibiting harassment, discrimination and disruption?

Learning Outcomes

Participants will learn how to:

- Identify the appropriate time, place and manner to impose restrictions on speech – ensure the safety and security of your community, protect academic freedom and support the values of your institution.
- Differentiate between freedom of expression and disruption – ***manage academic interruption, campus protests and potential security costs.***
- Create a supportive campus climate for expression while enforcing anti-discrimination laws and policies – ensure you uphold your academic mission while modeling appropriate civil discourse and minimize risk of unnecessary and expensive lawsuits.

- Recognize when speech has become disruptive – ensure compliance of Title IX and Title VII and de-escalate a situation *before it becomes harassment and negatively impacts your institutions reputation.*
- Initiate a campus wide dialogue with faculty, staff, administration and students on the differences between protected and unprotected speech – **apply lessons learned from recent incidents to proactively address and avoid negative publicity, disruptive protests, and campus turmoil.**

When: Wednesday, November 15

Venue: Wales Admin Suite Room 107

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Hosted by: PTODI

Register: [Register Here](#)

Partnership agreement offers SUNY Broome students a pathway to BU's new School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

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A new partnership between SUNY Broome and Binghamton University will offer eight qualified students guaranteed acceptance into the University's School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences each academic year.

SUNY Broome and Binghamton University will announce this partnership during a press conference at 2 p.m. Nov. 28 in Decker Health Sciences Building atrium on the SUNY Broome campus. Students will be able to learn more about this program during a Common Hour presentation at 11 a.m. Nov. 30 in Decker Health Sciences Room 213 on the SUNY Broome campus.

While SUNY Broome has multiple transfer agreements with Binghamton University at the undergraduate level, this initiative marks the first time the two institutions will offer a direct pathway to a doctoral degree program – in this case, the Doctor of Pharmacy, or PharmD, degree.

“This is another exciting academic partnership with Binghamton University, SUNY’s most sought-after university for top students. SUNY Broome is already among their largest feeder schools with our transferring students, and this agreement will add to that long-standing success for both institutions,” said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. “We are honored to partner with our SUNY big sister for this latest program, which will allow our students a direct pathway to a graduate degree and ultimately a fulfilling, high-demand career.”

“We are excited to announce yet another impactful partnership with SUNY Broome,” said Binghamton University President Harvey Stenger. “Binghamton University values its transfer students, and this initiative will bring in some exceptional students into a promising new program for years to come.”

Students in SUNY Broome’s Health Studies and Liberal Arts Associate in Science degree programs are eligible for the eight slots, although Health Studies students will need to take a few additional classes beyond their associate degree requirements.

Eligible students need to complete all prerequisites to be enrolled. AP credit and dual-credit courses while in

high school may fulfill prerequisite courses at the discretion of the University. Students must also submit an online application to the Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS) no later than Jan. 1 of the year they plan to enroll in the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, or prior to Sept. 1 if they're opting for an early decision.

Eligible students must also achieve a minimum math and science grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 and a minimum composite score of 50 on the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) on or before the January test date prior to the academic year for which they are seeking enrollment.

"As dean, I am excited for this collaboration to begin," said School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Dean Gloria Meredith. "SUNY Broome will serve as a bridge to a bright future for those who aspire to enter the pharmacy profession, and I look forward to welcoming them."

"This partnership builds on the strength of our existing transfer agreements, and our transfer opportunities as a whole," said SUNY Broome Chief Academic officer and Executive Vice President Francis Battisti. "Our academic programs are rigorous at SUNY Broome and they truly prepare students for their next steps in their educational career. We're excited to help even more students achieve their educational goals through this program."

Students who don't meet the above criteria still remain eligible to apply for admission to the school via PharmCAS, provided that they complete the prerequisite courses, achieve the minimum cumulative and math/science GPAs of 2.75, complete the PCAT and submit all required application materials by March 1 of the intended year of entry.

The Right Answer: Percy returns to college to pursue a passion for math

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Percy Blank enjoyed his math classes the most while he was working toward a bachelor's degree in sociology. They were his "fun classes," a way to defuse stress.

"I ended up working in human services for a while but I realized that with my skills, it wasn't the right fit," Blank said.

That's why the freshman headed back to class, majoring in SUNY Broome's new Mathematics degree program. Ultimately, the Corning-area native hopes to transfer into Binghamton University's engineering program.

"Having a really strong foundation in math will put me in a better place," he said.

It's been a decade since Blank earned a bachelor's degree at Simmons College, and he made sure to start his first semester off right – with differential equations, the most difficult class he has faced to date. An ultra-marathoner who runs barefoot, he enjoys challenges and isn't adverse to a hard slog. (His longest finished



race was 50 kilometers, a little more than 31 miles.)

“In general, it’s been a pretty exciting semester to see the things I’m learning. My physics lab is my favorite class,” he said.

He describes himself as a conceptual learner, eager to see the big picture and how all the different components are connected. It’s a mindset that will serve him well not only in mathematics, but in related fields such as engineering.

Beyond transferring to Binghamton University, his options are open and he has a wide range of interests. One early contender was biomedical engineering, but now Blank finds himself intrigued by computational biology, which applies mathematical models to the study of biological systems. It’s a fascinating field and has been used for a wide range of researching purposes, including sequencing the human genome.

Why does math appeal to Blank?

“It’s in everything else in the world,” he explained. “Even if the problem is really messy and tangled up, there is at least clear, agreed upon, mathematical language to describe it with. I think it is the precision of math that is actually most appealing, and soothing, to me.”

What's up on the trail? Introducing the Natural Areas Trail Cameras

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With 125 acres of mixed habitats, the SUNY Broome Natural Areas offer many of the necessities for a diverse group of animals. While walking the 3.8 mile trail system, a quiet, observant visitor is sure to come across many different species of wildlife but what about some of the more wary or rare species that might be present?

Currently, we have six trail cameras deployed in the Natural Areas with the goal of documenting the wildlife present. Five of these cameras have been running since the first week of June 2017 and one was just added in September. These cameras are taking numerous photos (estimated at around 20,000 so far) and we have kept more than 7,000 images. At least 14 mammal species, 13 bird species and one reptile (a snake!) have been captured by the cameras.

We would like to share some of this information with the Campus community, so look forward to some regular posts about what we are finding!



The trail cameras all have night-vision capability and capture images of our wary nocturnal creatures such as this raccoon in a stream pool.

White-tailed deer are the most common pictured animal on the trail cams.



Here is a shot of the Steward of the Natural Areas—Victor Lamoureux of the Biology department—approaching the trail camera in the West Woods. If you have questions about the Natural Areas, contact him at lamoureuxvs@sunybroome.edu. For students, there are volunteer activities and independent studies available.

SUNY Broome students to present at sustainability conference

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Professor Robert Lofthouse's students will be presenting at the [New York Coalition for Sustainability in Higher Education \(NYCSHE\) Conference](#) on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

They will be presenting on the 2016 Energy to Lead Projects, which include SUNY Broome's geothermal system for the new Calice Advanced Manufacturing Center.

The conference will take place at SUNY Cortland. Congratulations and good luck!

On-campus construction activities for the week of Nov. 13

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Looking for information specific to the renovation of the Mechanical Building? We now have a dedicated website. [Click here periodically for ongoing updates to the project](#), including the weekly construction update. As always, make sure to follow all signage and safety precautions in affected areas.

During the week of Nov. 13:

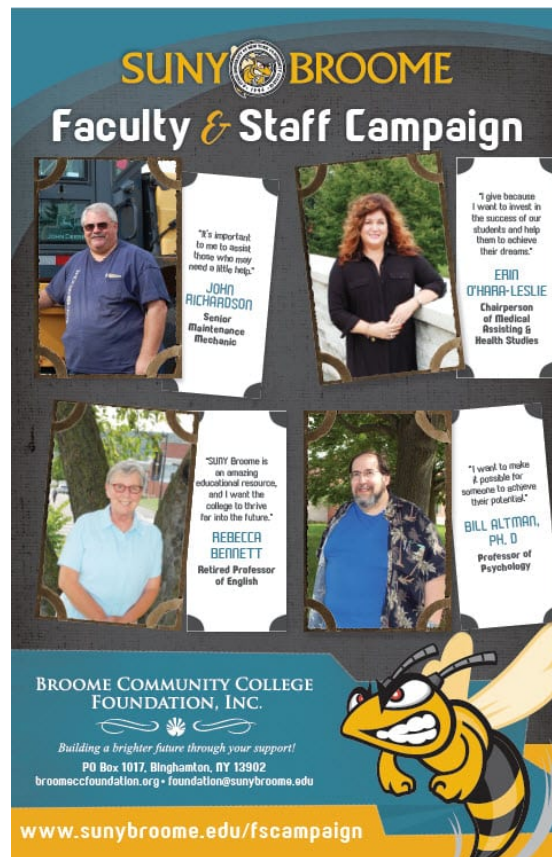
- Placement of EDPM (rubber membrane) will begin in the old Mechanical Building crawl spaces.
- Excavation and trenching for the permanent power run between the Business Building and the New Calice Advanced Manufacturing Center will begin.
- Overhead rough-ins for electrical will continue on the first floor.
- Framing of the new walls in the second floor office suite will begin.
- Hanging of the geothermal loop piping at the west end of the building will continue.
- Heating/cooling units continue to be placed throughout the building.
- Plumbing work continues on both the first and second floor bathrooms.
- Application of the exterior weatherproofing membrane will begin this week.
- Interior block installation continues.
- Application of spray foam insulation continues on the second floor.

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact David Ligeikis at 607 765-9710.

Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign Kick-Off on Nov. 14

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

Visit: www.sunybroome.edu/fscampaign there you will find information about

- [Electronic Payroll Deduction Form](#)
- Other ways to give
- Frequently Asked Questions Guide
- List of funds and scholarships you can contribute to

The Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign Kick-off will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Join your colleagues and the Foundation staff for some coffee, treats and prizes in the Wales Center Room 201. All faculty and staff are welcome!

For additional information or questions, please contact:

Andrea L. Roma, Director of Development

Phone: (607) 778-5179

Email: romaal@sunybroome.edu – or – foundation@sunybroome.edu

Darwin R. Wales Center Room 201

Mail Stop: #4

Save the Date: Innovation Celebration at the Incubator on Dec. 1

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A FIRST FRIDAY EVENT

COME VISIT SUNY BROOME'S STUDENT COLLABORATION LAB WHERE GREAT IDEAS COME TO LIFE!

DECEMBER 1, 2017, 6 P.M. - 9 P.M.
Koffman Southern Tier Incubator, 3rd floor
120 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY, 13901

You're invited to a celebration of innovation at SUNY Broome's Collaboration Lab at the Koffman Incubator in Downtown Binghamton! The Collaboration Lab aims to support student entrepreneurship, innovative brainstorming and the launch of outcome-oriented projects and services. See exhibits and presentations featuring the work of SUNY Broome students, and community entrepreneurs making use of this dynamic state-of-the-art space.

Refreshments will be served. Parking is available in the incubator lot.



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You're invited to a celebration of innovation at SUNY Broome's [Collaboration Lab](#) on First Friday, Dec. 1, in downtown Binghamton!

The Co-Lab is located on the top floor of the Koffman Southern Tier Incubator in downtown Binghamton, at the corner of Hawley and Carroll streets. Its aim is to support student entrepreneurship, and the space is equipped to best inspire innovative brainstorming, collaboration and the launch of outcome-oriented projects and services.

Join us for a **10 a.m. press conference** highlighting the Co-Lab and the opportunities it fosters. **From 6 to 9 p.m.**, visit the Co-Lab for First Friday exhibits and presentations featuring the work of SUNY Broome students, and community entrepreneurs who got their start through Continuing Education's Entrepreneurial Assistance Program. Refreshments will be served during the First Friday event.

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Upcoming Professional Development Events

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Professional Development logo



Virtual Online Learning Consortium Accelerate Conference

The TRC is sponsoring virtual attendance at the OLC Accelerate Conference. This “conference is devoted to driving quality online learning, advancing best practice guidance and accelerating innovation in learning for academic leaders, educators, administrators, online learning professionals and organizations around the world.”

Check out the virtual experience program guide at: <https://onlinelearningconsortium.org/attend-2017/accelerate/virtual-hub/>

We will be hosting the virtual attendance in the TRC Conference room throughout all three days, drop by for the day, or for just a single session.

When: November 15th, 16th & 17th

Venue: TRC Conference Room

Time: See Program Guide in the Link Included Above

Hosted by: Jamie Heron

Register: [Register Here](#)

Purple Briefcase Training: Connecting Students to Careers

The Applied Learning and Career Center has launched a brand new Career Services Management platform called Purple Briefcase. Purple Briefcase will connect students and alumni with employers and jobs, as well as provide an endless amount of resources. Faculty and staff will have the ability to use the platform to connect with their students and help them become career-ready. Please join us as we train and offer support to

faculty and staff on how to use this important resource!

When: Friday, November, 17th

Venue: TRC Lab (LI 101)

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Presenter: Gina Chase

Register: [Register Here](#)

Focus on International Students: Win, future doctor – and an aspiring ‘American Ninja Warrior’

November 12, 2017

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Thắng Nguyễn climbs a tree on campus

This is the fourth in a series of stories on SUNY Broome’s international students, who come from all over the globe. The college will celebrate International Week from Nov. 13 through 17. International students will share the cuisines of their homeland at the Dining Hall, and will visit the BC Center to read children’s books from their home countries.

Today we meet Thang Nguyễn, known as Win, a Health Studies student from Vietnam with a truly incredible hobby.

Thang Nguyễn has some definite goals for his future: transfer to the University at Buffalo, ultimately become a family physician. And somewhere along the way, become an American Ninja Warrior.



Thắng Nguyễn competing on a flaming obstacle course

The Health Sciences major, who goes by the name Win, has a passion for both running and obstacle courses, and a grueling training schedule that he truly enjoys. Feeling under the weather? A run will fix you up, along with drinking hot water and taking plenty of Vitamin C, he said. And he should know: That's the regime he did two days before this interview, and he was doing fine – fine enough, in fact, to climb a tree for the photo shoot.

“I want to be a doctor but I don’t want to take medicine,” he said with a smile.



Win at the OCR World Championships

Win has surmounted a different obstacle course, too. From central Vietnam, he moved to Binghamton with his mother, brother and sister while his father and older brother stayed behind. At the age of 16, he found himself as a student in Binghamton High School – knowing no English, and trying to make the most out of his opportunities here.

He worked hard, translating homework assignments into Vietnamese and then back into English, an effort that took a lot of time. To make friends and master the language, his teachers suggested he join a sports team; he chose track and field.

While he loves to run – he typically logs 5 to 8 miles a day, more when he’s training for longer races – he needed something more. Perhaps it dates back to his youth in Vietnam, where he would climb palm trees to

get coconuts. Perhaps it's a desire to strengthen a weak left hand, injured when he was a small child trying to leap onto a pull-up bar.



Rock climbing is part of Win's regular exercise routine

He's participated in Obstacle Course Racing (OCR) events, including world championships that drew competitors from 65 countries. He's done a Spartan Race, and he's thinking about training for a 24-hour obstacle course, maybe next year.

Yes, **24 hours**. Competitors run and do a circuit of obstacles for an entire day and night, and the winner is the one who went the farthest, Win explained. A 2016 winner completed 105 miles that way.

And yes, he did apply to participate in the televised American Ninja Warrior competition. He hasn't heard back yet.

"That's my dream. I hope they call me," he said.

Obstacle course racing relies on many different muscle groups, and Win has created his own workout: Running with weights, rock climbing for upper body strength and a regimen of 50 muscle-ups, 50 pull-ups and 100 pushups. During the weekends, he trains at the Newbsanity course in Castle Creek.



Win competes at an obstacle course

This probably sounds torturous, but it's not to Win.

"I do the training on the side. For me, that's my fun time," he explained. "I love it."

When he's not training, Win participates in campus life. He's the secretary and treasurer for the International Student Organization, and also represents students on the college's International Advisory Board. He's taken part in Toastmasters as well, although he doesn't have time this semester for it; maybe in the spring, he said.

In the classroom, he finds inspiration in science – and not so much in essay-writing. English can still be a bit of a struggle.

"I can spend the whole day doing chemistry," he said.



Believe it or not, Win can stand still, too!

Eat Global: International Week at the Dining Hall from Nov. 13 through 17

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American Dining Creations is proud to partner with the International Students Organization to feature an International Cuisine Week from Nov. 13 through 17.

The Dining Hall will feature a different meal each day at the Global Eatery station, highlighting indigenous dishes from different regions of the world. International students will be working directly with culinary staff

to plan, prepare, cook and serve entrees and sides from their homeland. The students have supplied the recipes and will help the staff create the most authentic representation of the cuisine they've grown up with to share with the student body, faculty and staff.

We hope to see you all in the café next week to get a taste of some of these great dishes, and to help the ISO share their national pride and educate their fellow students on some of their favorite foods!

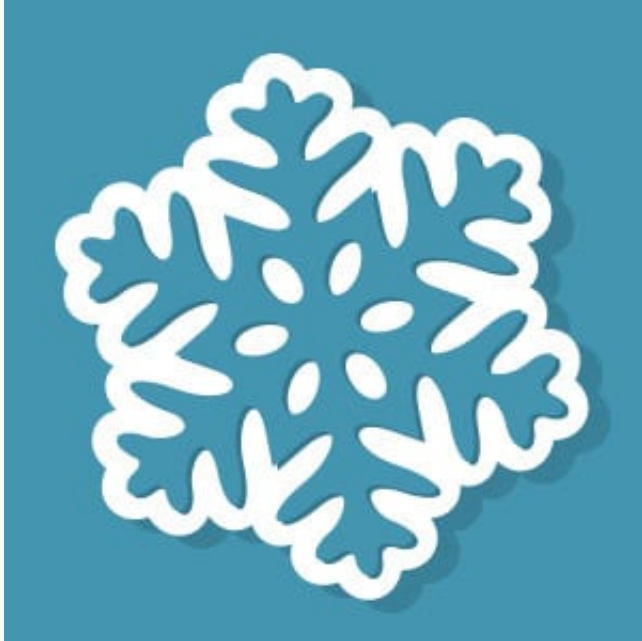
- Monday: Africa, featuring Mullah, Chapatti Basboosa, Bunuelos and Malauax
- Tuesday: Mediterranean, featuring Macaronada, Polenta with Mushroom Sauce, Sautéed Broccoli Rabe
- Wednesday: Caribbean, featuring Fish Curry, Rice & Beans, Fried Plantains
- Thursday: Asia, featuring Vietnamese Spring Rolls, Fried Rice, Chinese Noodles, Dumplings
- Friday: Mexico, featuring Pozole Rojo & Gorditas

Bundle up and save: Campus shop sale on Nov. 14 and 15

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Need to bundle up? Head to SUNY Broome's Campus Shop for a special two-day sale from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 and 15. Get 25 percent off cold-weather gear, accessories and more!



The Monday Poem: 'Limericks' by Gary Johnson

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

Limericks

Gary Johnson

A young man climbed up Mount Rainier
On a day that was perfectly clear
And through his telescope
He watched a big dope
Steal his bicycle and disappear.

...

There was a young lady of Newark
Who rode a train daily to work
Then returned to the station
For the same transportation
At six o'clock when she was through work.

...

An old Lutheran near Owatonna
Raised ten acres of marijuana.
It went up in a blaze
And for seventeen days
He had visions of the Blessed Madonna.

...

A young fellow left Puget Sound
To move to Spokane and he found
That he hated blue sky
And the air was too dry
And the coffee improperly ground.



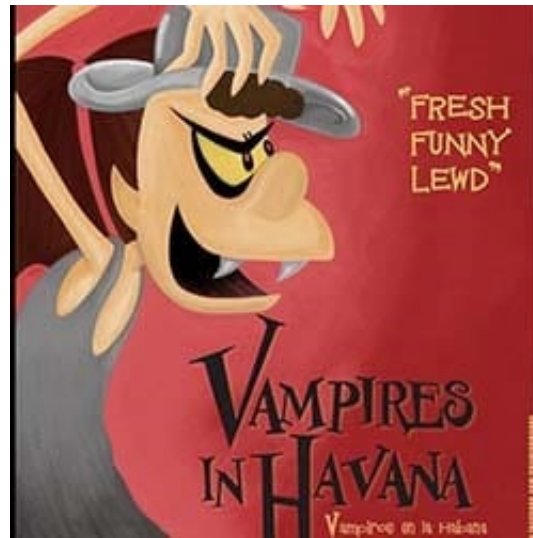
Limericks

The form appeared in England in the early years of the 18th century. It was popularized by Edward Lear in the 19th century although he did not use the term. Gershon Legman, who compiled the largest and most scholarly anthology, held that the true limerick as a folk form is always obscene, and cites similar opinions by and George Bernard Shaw, describing the clean limerick as a “periodic fad and object of magazine contests, rarely rising above mediocrity”. From a folkloric point of view, the form is essentially transgressive; violation of taboo is part of its function.

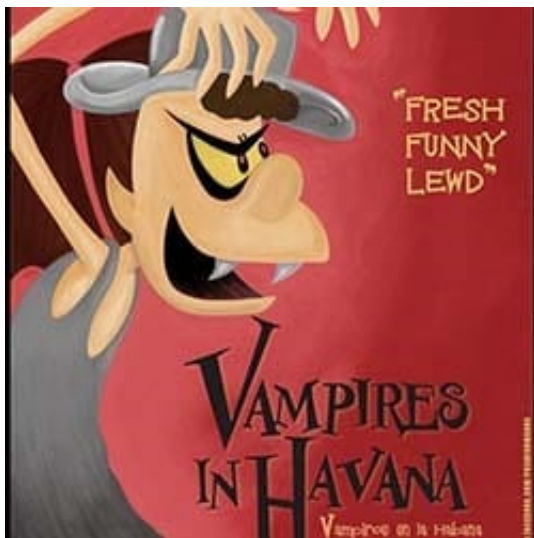
PTK Film Series: 'Vampires in Havana' on Nov. 15

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Join us for a screening of “Vampires in Havana” at 7 p.m. Nov. 15 in T-102. The 1985 film from Cuba is part of the [Phi Theta Kappa International Film Series on Nationalism and Animation](#). A discussion will follow.



Nov. 30 Common Hour: Learn about transfer options to BU's Pharmacy School

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Come learn about the new articulation agreement between SUNY Broome and Binghamton University's Pharmacy school from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Nov. 30 in Decker 213. Learn about the details and requirements to start your path today!



Forging ahead: BIT alumni share their career paths and reflections

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Professor Sandy Wright introduces a panel of BIT alumni.

While all the panelists earned degrees from SUNY Broome's Business Information Technology programs, their paths took them in different directions.

Some stayed at their alma mater, including Marketing & Communications programmer analyst Ciara Cable and technical assistant [John Covert](#), who works as a technology specialist in the college's Accessibility Resources Office.

Others went further afield: [Roilan Salinas](#), a data engineer for New York City-based Mic.com, although he lives here in Binghamton. [Theresa Hogan](#), a software developer at Dynamics Inc. in Pittsburgh, who got her start at Willow Run Foods locally. Patricia Potochniak, a remote database and applications administrator for the SUNY Student Information and Campus Administrative Systems (SICAS) Center.

No matter their trajectory, they all attributed their success to a few basic concepts: working hard and mastering needed skills, and fostering connections with others in their field from the very beginning.

“Most of these students started on campus with opportunities that led to a career,” Professor Sandy Wright told a packed classroom of students who came to hear the Nov. 9 panel discussion.

Connections count



BIT alumni speak about their job experiences on Nov. 9.

Every member of the alumni panel stressed the importance of connections – with professors who can lead you to job and internship opportunities, and through work study jobs that lead to even better job options down the road.

“Never underestimate who you know and how they will be able to help you. Every position I had is because I knew somebody who knew somebody,” said Potochniak, who worked in IT fields for many years before obtaining her Associate’s degree, which she needed to advance her career.

Those connections can occur in the classroom, but they can also pop up in unexpected places.

Salinas originally began at SUNY Broome as a Business student, with no intention of going into a technology field. An elective course changed his trajectory. “I took an HTML course and I fell in love with it,” said Salinas, whose current job involves both front-end and back-end programming.

He made important connections through a Javascript chatroom online. One of the participants, whom he had never met, noticed his dedication to learning – and alerted him to a job opportunity in his field.

“I was six months away from graduation, and there I was driving down for an interview based on a person I never met,” he said.



Countering ‘bro’ culture

IT has the reputation for being a boys’ club, although the field has diversified through the years. When Potochniak began working in the field 30 years ago, she was the first woman in her office and was occasionally asked to dust file cabinets and answer telephones. Today, her manager is a woman, and her workplace has people of diverse ages and genders.

Sexism still exists, but it can be subtle, she said. Hogan found that to be the case when she first began interviewing for positions in Pennsylvania, and found that her male competition got the nod. Ultimately, her search panned out and she’s still getting job offers today.

Salinas advised job-seekers to pay attention to the language in job descriptions, and be wary of places seeking a “rock star.” That usually denotes a more macho “bro” culture, which isn’t to everyone’s taste – Roilan’s included.

There are other forms of diversity, too, that deserve note. Age is one; Cable, as a young woman, said she often had to prove her skills to the doubters. Hogan, as an older person, had to prove that her skills were up-to-date – current, in fact, because she earned her degree relatively recently. People of every age can contribute to the workplace and should be treated as such, panelists stressed.

“This is the first workplace I ever disclosed that I have a documented learning disability,” Covert said. “SUNY Broome has been absolutely wonderful. I have everything I need to do my job day in and day out.”

Covert’s job is, in fact, to ensure that SUNY Broome students with disabilities have the same experience. Not every workplace, however, is so accommodating. Previously a machinist, Covert said his prior employer probably would have found a reason to fire him if he had disclosed his disability.

Getting started

One way to get started on your own trajectory: Stop by the Applied Learning & Career Center on the first floor of the Applied Technologies Building. They offer help with interview preparation and resume building, and can help connect you with jobs and internships, noted ALCC Career Coach Jeannie Kumpon.

Other helpful advice: Stay dedicated to your classroom work, and don’t be afraid to ask for help or advice when you need it. Keep in touch with professors, family and friends, and talk about your career efforts.

“You can gain the knowledge and the skills and the connections here at SUNY Broome to launch you into your career,” Professor Wright said.

Honoring those who serve: SUNY Broome holds Veterans Day ceremony

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SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm at the Nov. 10 Veterans Day ceremony.

Garesha Deabreu will have to miss class next week, but it's for a good cause.

The criminal justice major has been in the Army Reserve for the past five years. Professors have accommodated her Reserve training, although that means she usually has to take tests and hand in assignments a little earlier than her peers. It's worth it, though.

The Pennsylvania native attended SUNY Broome's annual Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 10 in the Darwin R. Wales Center. Snow and fierce winds moved the event into Wales lobby from its planned outdoors location, although the Broome County Veterans Memorial Color Guard still made their procession and elected officials voiced their respect for veterans, along with SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm.



SUNY Broome student Danielle DiSaverio sings the national anthem

"I'm glad that it shed light on remembering the veterans. As they said, once people return, people don't really notice them," Deabreu said of the ceremony. "This is a good way to remember them."

Veterans Day originally began as Armistice Day, marking the end of World War I, Dr. Drumm related. The armistice was signed during the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, which is why Veterans Day – established in 1954 – is celebrated on that date.



State Sen. Fred Akshar speaks at the Nov. 10 Veterans Day ceremony.

Since Veterans Day falls on a Saturday this year, the college opted to hold its ceremony on Nov. 10 – another important milestone in U.S. military history: the birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps. The Marine Corps traces its roots back to the American Revolution, when the Continental Marines were formed in 1775, President Drumm noted.

"Whether you're in the service now or decades ago, whether you served here in the United States or on the other side of the world, we offer you our gratitude, our appreciation and our utmost respect," he said.

Watching tragic events unfold across the nightly news, it's all too easy to take a dark view of our culture, noted state Senator Fred Akshar, a SUNY Broome alumnus. But such tragedies aren't the measure of who we are as a people.



Assemblyman Cliff Crouch speaks at the Veterans Day ceremony

“We are a community and a nation that honors our heroes,” he said.

Assemblyman Cliff Crouch recently visited the memorial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, that commemorates the attack that drew the United States into World War II. It drove home the importance of those events, and of the men and women who were a part of them.

“It really comes close to my heart,” Crouch said. “Thank you to all the veterans for giving us the privilege of saluting this flag and singing the national anthem.”

Veterans and community college



Student Activities distributed green lightbulbs as part of the Greenlight A Vet campaign.

Why does a community college hold a Veterans Day ceremony every year? On one hand, veterans sacrificed life and limb to secure our freedoms, including the freedom to pursue higher education, Dr. Drumm noted.

What you may not realize: Veterans led to the creation of the community college system itself, established just after World War II. Once the province of wealthy young men, college became accessible to much of the American public thanks to the G.I. Bill.

“But in order to go to college, those veterans on the G.I. Bill needed a public college system to accommodate their desire to learn,” Dr. Drumm said.

That's why, just after the war ended, New York State developed five Institutes of Applied Arts and Sciences, which later became the core of the new community college system. Binghamton was among those five, the very first community colleges in the state.



Garesha Deabreu

Veterans continue to be an integral part of our campus community, and have a space of their own in the Veterans Resource Center, located in the Student Services Building. This center gives student veterans the opportunity to focus on academics or socialize with each other in a safe and supportive space.

At the end of the ceremony, Student Activities distributed green lightbulbs as part of the Greenlight A Vet campaign, which seeks to spark a national conversation and highlight veterans as valued members of the community. By turning on a green light, participants seek to raise awareness of veterans in the community.

Deabreu and other active and retired service members were also treated to a reception afterward. She said she joined the military ultimately for the experience.

“A lot of people said I couldn’t do it, but I kind of wanted to prove them wrong,” she said.

She plans on re-enlisting next year for another six years, and putting her criminal justice degree to use as a military police officer. Ultimately, the Student Village resident hopes to transfer to Marywood University or Scranton University back in her home state for a bachelor’s degree in sociology, followed by law school.

While she has long had interest in the law, her military experience helped her form her goals.

“I had spoken to a major in the Army and she inspired me in taking that turn,” she said.

Job opportunities: Bandalier representative to be on campus Nov. 16

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A representative from Bandalier will be in AT-200 from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, to host an information session for students seeking a unique career path. (Part-time and full-time opportunities are available). This is a wonderful opportunity to network and potentially land your dream job! Log into your Purple Briefcase account ahead of the information session to view available jobs.



Join the conversation: Nov. 16 public deliberation on ‘Equality and Justice for All’

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Come and engage in a public deliberation on “Equality and Justice for All” from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, in Wales 203B.

The deliberation process has participants engage with tough ideas by discussing various pros and cons rather than simply debating a point to “win.” Work together toward creating potential solutions.



Flu Shot Clinic Schedule for the week of Nov. 13

November 10, 2017
Categories: FOCUS on Wellness

Faculty and staff may obtain a flu vaccine in the Student Health Services Office, located in Science Building Room 102, on a walk-in basis during the times listed below.

Monday, Nov. 13

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 14

1 – 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 15

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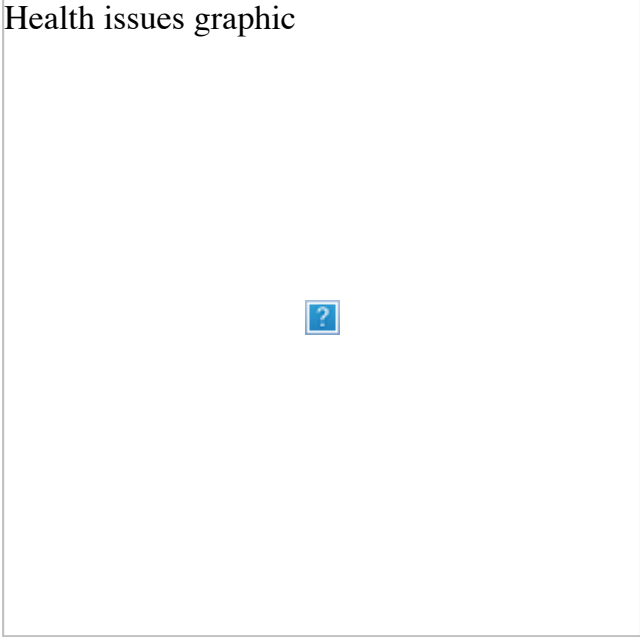
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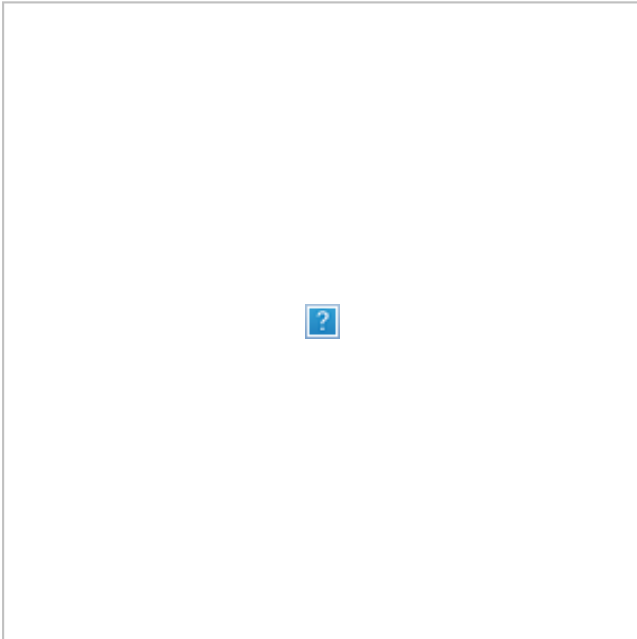
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From the Desk of Dr. Battisti: Open House Success

November 9, 2017

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Our Fall 2017 Open House was unquestionably a great success! Watching faculty and staff share their enthusiasm and knowledge with prospective students and their families reinforced to me just how special we are at SUNY Broome. We had over 500 guests in attendance and 75 individuals applied to SUNY Broome at the Open House. This is nearly double the applications that we received during the Fall 2016 Open House.

I would like to thank all of our SUNY Broome colleagues who made this event possible, including the faculty and staff who took time out of their busy weekends to support Open House.

A special thank you to the Open House Committee co-chairs for their leadership and planning efforts: Ashley Blackwell, Silvia Briga, Elisabeth Costanzo Stewart, Maureen Kollar, and Jesse Wells.

Additional thanks to:

- The Maintenance and Custodial staff who worked tirelessly to set up two major events in a two-day span
- The Marcom team for developing numerous materials for marketing and promotion, and the activities at Open House
- The Hospitality program for providing the catering services for both our guests and campus members
- Information Technology Services for providing computers so that those 75 students could apply
- The Resident Directors and Assistants in the Student Village who opened up their homes to prospective students
- The Ice Center for donating skate passes to those who completed an application at Open House
- The many folks who helped behind the scenes with room reservations, building security, campus

signage, student presentations, and more!

With gratitude and appreciation,

Francis L. Battisti, Ph.D.

Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

SUNY Distinguished Service Professor

SUNY Broome Community College

Focus on International Students: Overcoming a language barrier, Jenny is driven to succeed

November 9, 2017

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This is the third in a series of stories on SUNY Broome's international students, who come from all over the globe. The college will celebrate International Week from Nov. 13 through 17. International students will share the cuisines of their homeland at the Dining Hall, and will visit the BC Center to read children's books from their home countries.

Today we meet Jenny Israel, a Nursing student from Haiti.

Degrees in health sciences and nursing are challenging and technical, requiring a good deal of study and dedication. Imagine doing your homework in a language that's not your own, translating the content into your native tongue and then back as you complete the assignment.

Then you'll understand some of the realities faced by international students such as Jenny Israel. Now a student in the Nursing program, she graduated in May with a degree in Health Sciences and a certificate in phlebotomy.

"I studied for 14 years in French. We speak French and Creole in Haiti, sometimes a little Spanish and Portuguese," she explained. "When I came here in 2014, it was really hard for me. I translated my notes into French and Creole before I studied them in English."

Homework that likely took an hour for her peers took more three times as long due to the language barrier. Sometimes she went to bed at 2 a.m. Israel's study schedule doesn't leave her a lot of time for campus life and fun outside the classroom, but that's okay: Each long day is leading her closer to her dream.

Israel grew up in Port au Prince. Like many Haitians, her life was changed forever by the catastrophic earthquake of 2010.

"I lost my mom, I lost my place, I lost family and friends," she said.

She witnessed medical providers come to the island nation in an effort to help, and decided that this would be her future path: to study medicine, in the hopes of helping people in need. However, it's tough to get into the government school and Israel ended up studying marketing instead, until she was presented with a different opportunity – SUNY Broome.

Her brother was already at the school, studying Computer Security and Forensics.

"He said, 'Jenny, you will love it,'" Israel recounted, and he was right. Her brother has since moved to Albany, where he has a job and is pursuing a bachelor's degree, although he frequently visits his sister in Binghamton.

While Israel is grateful that her brother is close, it was tough to leave her father behind in Haiti, only four years after losing her mom, she acknowledged.

Her ultimate goal is to enter the field of gerontology and take care of the elderly. As part of her nursing studies, she recently did a rotation at the Susquehanna Nursing Home that she deeply appreciated. Taking care of the elderly makes you consider the deeper lessons of life, she said.

She remains focused and driven, taking 18 credits during her last two semesters and working hard to keep her GPA high. "I don't sleep at all," she said with a smile.

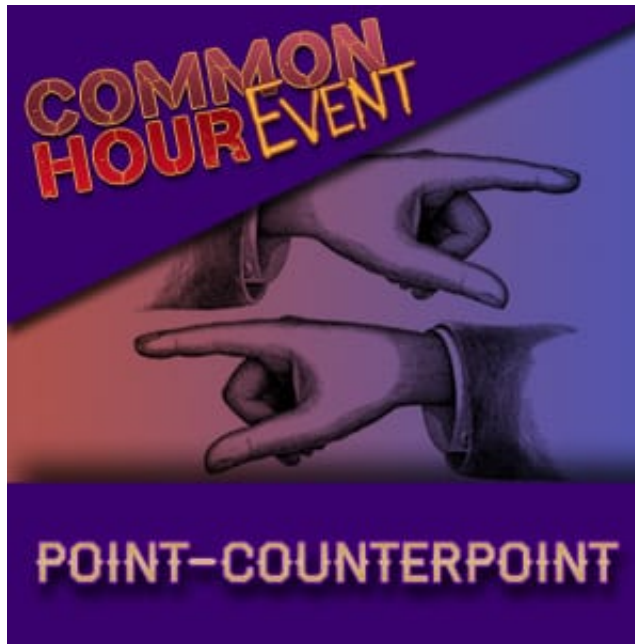
She has received support from the campus community. When she arrived on campus in 2014, she met [Shaina Louis](#), a fellow nursing student from Haiti, who helped her navigate campus in a language she understood. Now, Jenny is paying that generosity forward by helping new students from Haiti when they arrive on campus, a role she is happy to fill.

"I don't know how to describe it, the way they support you. They helped me a lot," she said of the people she met during her time at SUNY Broome. "I like the way they make you feel. Wherever you're from, it's your home. I love that."

Nov. 16 Common Hour: Point-Counterpoint

November 9, 2017

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Join Scott Corley and Carla Michalak, faculty panelists with divergent points of view, at 11 a.m. Nov. 16 in T-102 for a discussion of the most important current events of the day.

Eat Global: International Week at the Dining Hall from Nov. 13 through 17

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American Dining Creations is proud to partner with the International Students Organization to feature an International Cuisine Week from Nov. 13 through 17.

The Dining Hall will feature a different meal each day at the Global Eatery station, highlighting indigenous dishes from different regions of the world. International students will be working directly with culinary staff

to plan, prepare, cook and serve entrees and sides from their homeland. The students have supplied the recipes and will help the staff create the most authentic representation of the cuisine they've grown up with to share with the student body, faculty and staff.

We hope to see you all in the café next week to get a taste of some of these great dishes, and to help the ISO share their national pride and educate their fellow students on some of their favorite foods!

- Monday: Africa, featuring Mullah, Chapatti Basboosa, Bunuelos and Malauax
- Tuesday: Mediterranean, featuring Macaronada, Polenta with Mushroom Sauce, Sautéed Broccoli Rabe
- Wednesday: Caribbean, featuring Fish Curry, Rice & Beans, Fried Plantains
- Thursday: Asia, featuring Vietnamese Spring Rolls, Fried Rice, Chinese Noodles, Dumplings
- Friday: Mexico, featuring Pozole Rojo & Gorditas

In the Community: Pancakes for Puerto Rico on Nov. 19

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The National Society of Leadership and Success will be hosting Pancakes for Puerto Rico, a benefit for hurricane relief efforts in Puerto Rico, from 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, Nov. 19, at American Legion Post 80, located at 76 Main St. in Binghamton.

All tickets will be sold at the door, and are \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children ages 4 to 12. Children ages 3 and under are free.

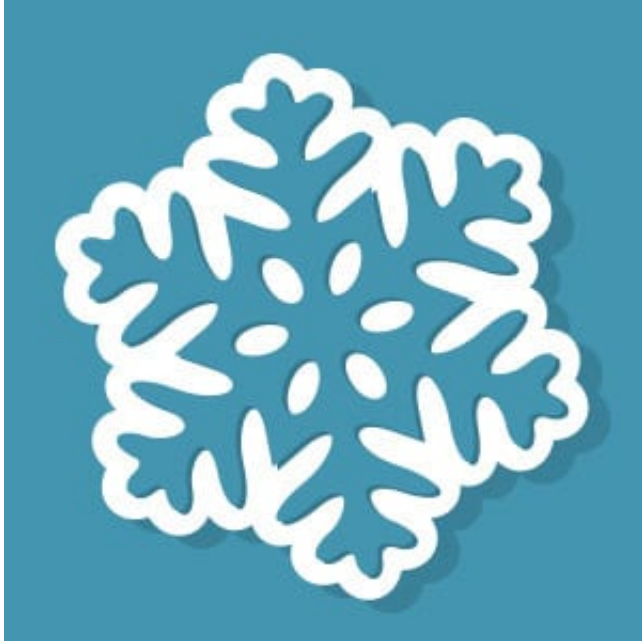
If you would like to volunteer at this event, please contact Dawn Shefler at sheflerdm@acad.sunybroome.edu. We hope you can all come out and enjoy this family friendly event for a great cause!

Bundle up and save: Campus shop sale on Nov. 14 and 15

November 9, 2017

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Need to bundle up? Head to SUNY Broome's Campus Shop for a special two-day sale from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 and 15. Get 25 percent off cold-weather gear, accessories and more!



Third Annual Health for Haiti Bowling Tournament

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SUNY Broome Health for Haiti invites SUNY Broome faculty, staff, administrators, students, family and friends to a one day bowling tournament on Dec. 9 at Midway Lanes in Vestal. Four-person teams will compete throughout three games (bowling shoes and pizza and wings included). There will also be a 50/50 drawing and awesome prize baskets!

Proceeds will be donated to the Health for Haiti's continuing class projects taking place in Grande Saline and Cite Soleil. Teams interested in participating are asked to provide their team name and contribution to [Diane Kelly at kellydm@sunybroome.edu](mailto:kellydm@sunybroome.edu). Submission of team names will lock you in for the Dec. 9 date.

Those interested in participating, but lacking a team, are welcome to submit their name and contribution. We'll happily match you with a team. Team names are due Nov. 25 and contributions are due Dec. 2.

SUNY Broome student featured on the Ellen Show

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SUNY Broome student Ruddy Green is featured in a documentary series on *The Ellen Degeneres Show*.

The series, called “Summit,” follows a half-dozen Brooklyn teens who graduated from the Summit Academy Charter School as they embark upon college life. They received a full, four-year scholarship, provided by Walmart, to attend any SUNY school.

Ruddy Green, a Criminal Justice – Corrections major, chose SUNY Broome, and lives in the Student Village. Keanna Pickney is at Corning Community College, while Quincy Phillips is at SUNY Purchase and Nyasha Biggs, Melick Lubin and Sharinel Nunez at the University at Albany.


Watch below, and make sure to tune in to the Ellen Show!

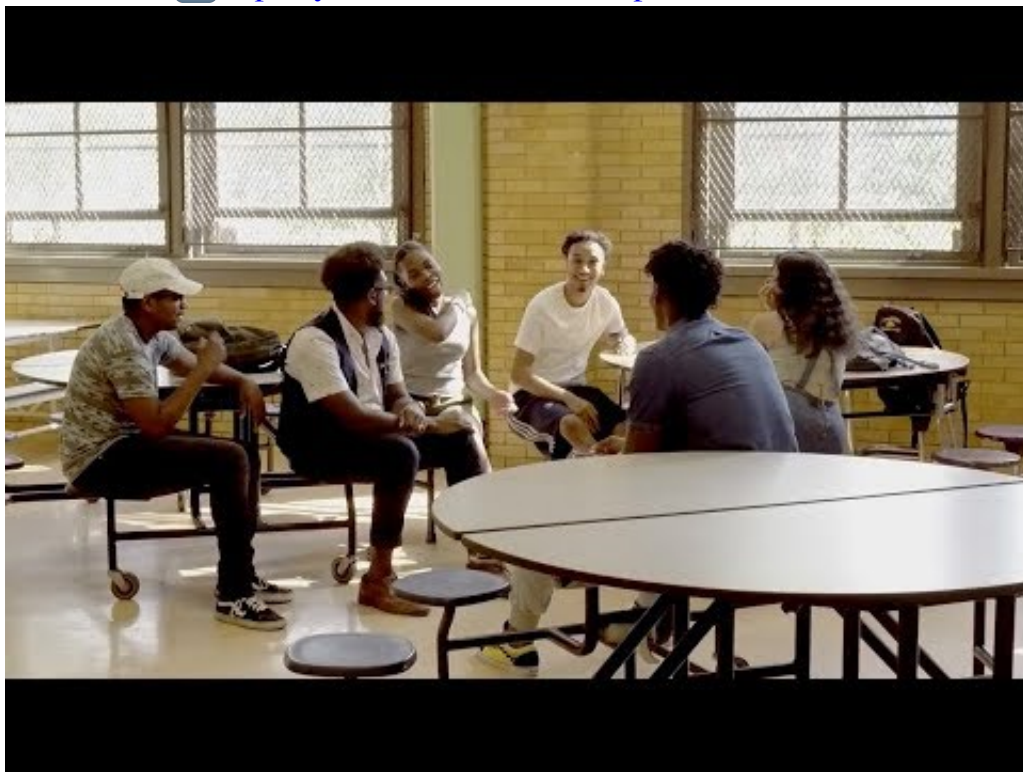
Ellen Presents 'SUMMIT' – Episode 1

 <https://youtube.com/watch?v=XPILpS7OvbM>



Ellen Presents 'Summit' – Official Trailer

 <https://youtube.com/watch?v=pRQ8Nv6NKrQ>



Fall food drive to aid SUNY Broome students in need

November 9, 2017

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Gobble, gobble — give! Medical Assisting Students are asking you to join them in their effort to help stop hunger on our SUNY Broome campus.

Every SUNY Broome student should have a Thanksgiving dinner. A special collection will be conducted between Nov. 6 and 20 to provide SUNY Broome students with holiday food items. From Nov. 21 through Dec. 11, we will continue to collect items to stock the SUNY Broome Food Pantry for the winter months.

Thanksgiving items: boxed stuffing, instant potatoes, macaroni & cheese, canned yams, fruits, vegetables, gravy, cranberry sauce, biscuit/muffin mixes, canned/boxed desserts, store gift cards to purchase turkey/ham/entree

Other Items: Canned fruits, veggies, & meats (stews, chicken, tuna), soups, boxed dried food (stuffing, pasta, rice, potatoes, macaroni & cheese, cereals, instant meals), cookies, crackers, granola bars, peanut butter, jelly, cake/muffin/biscuit mixes, personal hygiene supplies, and paper towels, napkins, toilet paper

Look for collection bins in: Decker Health Science Office (217), Applied Technology, Natural Science Center, Titchener (210), Business (Main floor), the Counseling Center (SS 210), and the Library

Want to arrange for a pick up/drop off? Want to donate money/a gift card? Please contact: Professor Kim McLain Phone: 778-5258 Email: mclainkb@sunybroome.edu

Think Spring: Open Registration Week runs from Jan. 16 through 19

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It's never too early to think spring — spring semester, that is! Spring classes start Jan. 29, 2018.

Open Registration Week — **the last week to apply** — runs from Jan. 16 through 19. Hours are 9 to 4 p.m. Jan. 16, 18 and 19, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 17.

Need to adjust your schedule **after** Open Registration? Please connect with your department or advisor during College Readiness Week from Jan. 22 through 26.

[Click here for more information on Spring 2018.](#)

SUNY's Virtual Career Fair on Nov. 14

November 8, 2017

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Check out SUNY's Virtual Career Fair event, scheduled for Nov. 14. Connect with more than 50 employers during this online job fair specifically intended for SUNY schools. Attend the fair from anywhere! To register, go to CareerEco.com/events/SUNY.

[Sunycdovcfevitestudentnov2017 \(PDF\)](#).



Help end campus hunger: Donate to the Food for Thought pantry

November 8, 2017

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Help address hunger in our campus community! Donate non-perishable food items to the Food for Thought pantry, run by the Student Assembly.

The pantry helps students in need. Donations being sought include canned food, such as:

- Vegetables
- Soups
- Beef, Chicken, Tuna, Sardine, Pork
- Mixed Vegetable Soups, Mixed Beans/Beef, etc.
- Mixed fruits, any kind
- Tomato Sauce/ Pasta Sauce

Dried and packaged food is also needed, such as:

- Noodles
- Fruits
- Pasta
- Rice
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Dried Meal Boxes

The pantry also distributes hygiene products, and accepts donations of:

- Soap Bars
- Shampoo, Conditioners, Body Wash
- Tooth brushes, tooth paste
- Deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene Products (Tampons, Pads)
- Hand Sanitizers
- Razor Blades (ran out of them)
- Shaving creams

Make your donation today by visiting the Student Assembly office on the first floor of the Old Science Building.

The passing of Nancy Trudgen

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In Memoriam logo



Retired SUNY Broome Math Professor Nancy Trudgen passed away Nov. 6, 2017.

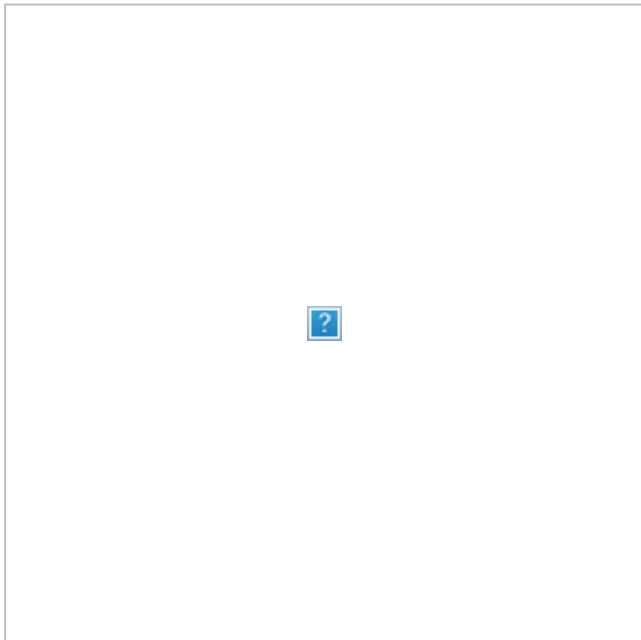
[Click here to read her obituary.](#)

Her memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017, at the East Side Congregational Church, 284 Robinson Street, Binghamton. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Lourdes Hospice, 4102 Old Vestal Road, Vestal, NY 13850.

Cultural Competence In Healthcare Poster Presentations on Nov. 8

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Senior Physical Therapist Assistant students will be presenting their Cultural Competence in Healthcare poster boards to faculty, staff and students from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 8 in the Decker atrium.

The students have explored a wide variety of cultures, including but not limited to the Amish, Japanese, Hmong, Korean and Chinese. The boards contain information about each cultures customs, healthcare beliefs and information that will foster improved cross-cultural communication and interventions in a professional/healthcare setting.

Please come out and support our senior PTA students' hard work!

Veterans Day at SUNY Broome on Nov. 10

November 7, 2017

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You are cordially invited to SUNY Broome's Commemoration of Veterans Day. The ceremony starts at approximately 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 10, at the flagpole in front of the Darwin R. Wales Center.



Healthcare Open Enrollment for 2018 runs through Nov. 10

November 7, 2017

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Health graphic



To: All Benefits-Eligible Employees of SUNY Broome Community College

What: Change or Enroll in Health, Dental or Vision Plan; Enroll in Flexible Spending Accounts for Health and Childcare; and Health Benefits Opt Out Election

When: Open Enrollment – October 26 through November 10, 2017

Open Enrollment Kickoff – Thursday, October 26, 2017 (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.) in the Atrium of the Applied Tech Building

The Open Enrollment Period for **2018** will run from **October 26 through November 10, 2017**. During this period, employees may enroll for health insurance, dental insurance, vision insurance coverage, and Flexible Spending Plan or make changes to their current insurance plans.

All changes and new enrollments must be filed in Human Resources by 5 p.m. Friday, November 10, 2017. All changes and enrollments will go into effect January 1, 2018

For your convenience, the following forms may be obtained on myCollege under the “Employee Tab” on the left side under “Employee Menu”, click “Human Resources Documents” In the center of the next screen, click “Forms and Documents” to select and download form. Forms may also be obtained in the Human Resources Office (W103):

- Excellus Group Enrollment Form for Dental Insurance
- Excellus Group Enrollment Form for Health Insurance

(See Health Insurance below)

- Vision Service Plan Enrollment Form

- Flexible Benefits Program Enrollment Form
- Flexible Benefits Request for Reimbursement Form
- 2018 Health Benefits Opt-Out Election Attestation Form

*****Please note that forms may only be obtained as described above and will not be mailed to employees.*****

OPEN ENROLLMENT KICKOFF

The annual **Open Enrollment Kickoff** will take place in the **Atrium of the Applied Tech Building on Thursday, October 26, 2017, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Representatives from Excellus (Health Insurance), Excellus (Dental Insurance) and SIEBA (the Flexible Spending Plan), will be on hand to explain their products, answer your questions, and distribute enrollment packets. Financial information will be available from representatives of TIAA, Fidelity Investments, Valic Financial Advisors, Nationwide, Voya Financial Advisors, Visions, and the GHS Federal Credit Union, Empower FCU and Employee Network (our EAP provider).

HEALTH INSURANCE

Recent Broome County changes have resulted in the offer of two (2) health insurance plans through Excellus BCBS (The Broome County Health Plan) for 2018: Traditional and Red Plans. The former Green plan will merge with the Red plan. New Red plan cards will be issued for former members of the Green plan before January 1, 2018. Information and a comparison of these plans will be available in the Human Resources Office (Wales 103) upon receipt of the same from Broome County. **If you are NOT making any changes in the health insurance plan option you currently have, you DO NOT need to contact Human Resources or take any further action to continue your coverage.** Per the Faculty contract, part-time instructional adjuncts who have worked eight (8) continuous semesters without a break may enroll in the employer Health Insurance Plan for the entire premium amount.

Please read and compare the health insurance policy options to ensure you have selected the plan best fitted to your particular needs. This is the only time of the year when changes in your choice of plan may be made. Due to the Health Care Reform law, adult children under the age of 26 may be added to your family plan. To add an adult child to your plan, a change form will need to be completed by the employee no later than **5 p.m., Friday, November 10, 2017.** **To change health insurance plans,** please complete and return a new Enrollment form to Human Resources by **5 p.m., Friday, November 10, 2017** to indicate the modification of the coverage being requested. If you are joining a health plan for the first time, you must complete an enrollment form.

All changes and new enrollments must be filed in Human Resources by 5 p.m. Friday, November 10, 2017. All changes and enrollments will go into effect January 1, 2018.

HEALTH INSURANCE OPT-OUT: An eligible full-time employee who properly submits a Health Benefits Opt-Out Election form along with valid proof of other health insurance (insurance card) by **5 p.m., Friday, November 10, 2017,** to waive or withdraw from participation in the employer provided health insurance plan because he/she has other health insurance coverage, shall be eligible for the opt-out opportunity. Current health insurance coverage shall conclude effective December 31, 2017, via completion of the Health Benefits Opt-Out Election form and **valid proof of other health insurance (insurance card).** **Eligibility for opt-out must be completed every year during Open Enrollment.**

FLEXIBLE SPENDING PLAN – HEALTH AND DEPENDENT CARE

Flexible Spending Plan enrollees must complete a NEW form each year. Currently enrolled employees

will need to download the **2018** application or come into the Human Resources Office to acquire an Enrollment form. Previously enrolled employees will not be mailed the application as was done in previous years. The college flex plan will continue to be administered by SIEBA. There is no continuous coverage or carry-over. ***Completed Flexible Benefits Program Enrollment forms must be received in the Human Resources Office by 5:00 pm on Friday, November 10, 2017.*** These enrollments will go into effect January 1, 2018. SIEBA is offering the Prepaid Benefits Card again which will work like a Visa card for eligible health care expenses. The” Benny card” is good for 3 years and should not be destroyed. Please pay attention to the expiration date on your card. Replacement cards are available for a \$10 fee.

EXCELLUS DENTAL for Admin, Guild and ESPA employees offers three (3) options: Individual, Family or two (2) person coverage which can include (Employee and Spouse) **OR** (Employee and Child {1 + 1} only) at a reduced rate from Family coverage. To change coverage, please complete and return a new Enrollment form to ***Human Resources by 5 p.m. Friday, November 10, 2017***, to indicate the modification of the coverage being requested. The monthly Excellus Dental rates are as follows:

	Individual	2 Person	Family
ESPA	\$5.18/mo.	\$10.36/mo	\$14.29/mo
Guild	\$4.32/mo.	\$ 8.63/mo	\$11.91/mo
Administration	\$5.18/mo.	\$10.36/mo.	\$14.29/mo.

*The 2018 rates (when released) are not to exceed four percent (4%) possible increase.

VSP VISION COVERAGE for full-time employees currently enrolled will continue unless you notify Meg Smith by email at smithmb@sunybroome.edu indicating your desire to discontinue vision coverage. The **2018** VSP Vision Plan rates remain as follows: ***Individual rate: \$7.96/month and Family rate: \$21.94/month.***

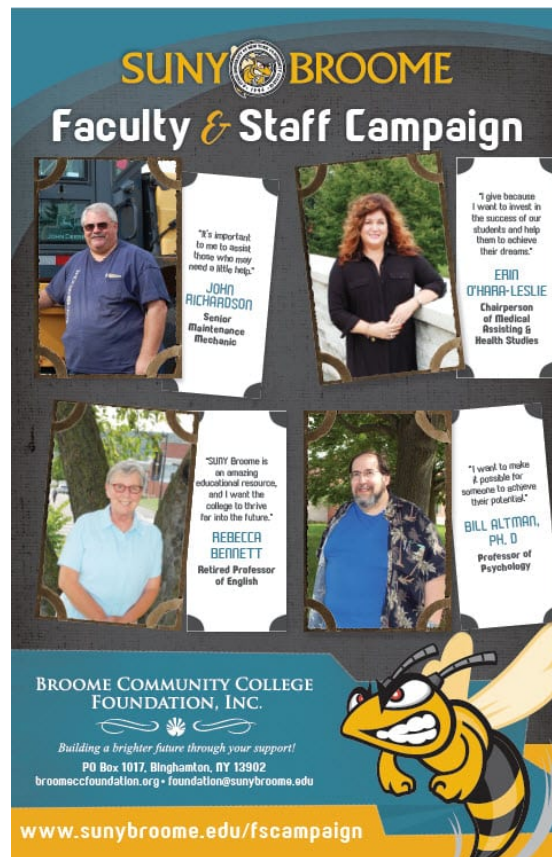
Vision coverage for part-time employees: Coverage effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018: Individual: \$95.52 and Family \$263.28 annually. Complete the VSP Vision Enrollment Form between October 26, 2017 and November 10, 2017 and attach a check for the full premium amount made payable to SUNY Broome Community College. This is an annual, calendar year, non-refundable benefit which the part-time employee must enroll for every year during Open Enrollment.

Please call Meg Smith in Human Resources at Ext. 5240 with any additional questions.

Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign Kick-Off on Nov. 14

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

Visit: www.sunybroome.edu/fscampaign there you will find information about

- [Electronic Payroll Deduction Form](#)
- Other ways to give
- Frequently Asked Questions Guide
- List of funds and scholarships you can contribute to

The Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign Kick-off will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Join your colleagues and the Foundation staff for some coffee, treats and prizes in the Wales Center Room 201. All faculty and staff are welcome!

For additional information or questions, please contact:

Andrea L. Roma, Director of Development

Phone: (607) 778-5179

Email: romaal@sunybroome.edu – or – foundation@sunybroome.edu

Darwin R. Wales Center Room 201

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Nov. 9: Alumni panel on Careers and Diversity in Business Information Technology

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Meet a diverse panel of alumni from SUNY Broome's Business Information Technology programs at 11 a.m. Nov. 9 in Business Building Room 224.

Learn about career options and opportunities from these industry experts. Are these high growth career options right for you? What about bias in the information technology industry? How have these alumni

navigated the challenges and found success in their chosen fields? Find out at our alumni panel discussion!

Panelists:

- Ciara Cable, Programmer Analyst /Adjunct Instructor at SUNY Broome
- Kelly Clark, Typist at SUNY Broome
- [John Covert](#), Technical Assistant/ARO Technology Specialist at SUNY Broome
- [Theresa Hogan](#), Software Developer at Dynamics Inc.
- Patricia Potochniak, Remote DBA at SUNY SICAS Center
- [Roilan Salinas](#), UI/UX Engineer at Mic

Focus on International Students: Elnur strives for academic success and maturity

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Today we meet Elnur Adl Zarabi, an Engineering Science major from Denmark by way of Azerbaijan.

“Where are you from?”

For many Americans, it's a fraught question because it implies that they are something other, that they come from *elsewhere* and don't belong.

Elnur Adl Zarabi meant no offense when he asked his American peers that question, but he was surprised as to the answer. Whatever they looked like or language they spoke, they answered: “I am American.” With his English touched by a slight accent, Zarabi surmised that he, too, could claim to be American – and no one would question that claim.

As an international student, that was a bit hard to grasp at first.

“Here, I’m considered a white person. In Europe, I would be looked at as an immigrant,” explained Zarabi, an Engineering Science major now in his second year at SUNY Broome.

He was born in Copenhagen, Denmark – “our mini-Manhattan,” he joked – to parents from Azerbaijan, a country formerly part of the Soviet Union located on the shores of the Caspian Sea. His mother comes from the Russian-speaking part of the country, and his father from the Iranian portion; the country shares borders with both.

Despite being born and raised in Denmark, he isn’t looked upon as Danish by his peers. But here at SUNY Broome, he’s simply part of the campus community, a high-achieving student in a tough major and eager to succeed.

Elnur speaks English fluently, thanks to a private English-language school he attended before high school. He first learned about SUNY Broome when he and his father visited a family friend in Johnson City, who encouraged Elnur to consider the college as an option.

Zarabi worked in the moving business for a few years after graduating high school, and then helped his mother open a florist shop. When it was time to consider college, he opted for the school he once saw on the other side of the ocean.

Why not college in Denmark, which is famously free? Zarabi said he found higher education in the United States to be tougher and more competitive, with more exams.

“I get more out of it. If I don’t do my homework, I will not pass the class,” he explained. “I’m an overachiever; that’s what my professors call me. I don’t like low grades.”

Adjustment to college life had its own challenges. Back at home, he lived with his parents. In the United States, he lives in his own apartment – with all the responsibilities that come with self-sufficiency, from making food and getting up on time for class, to acquiring car insurance. In the early days, he sometimes forgot to eat, but he’s getting better at taking care of himself, he said.

Going away to college made him more mature on other fronts, too. Initially quite shy, he found guidance from Susan Wellington, Assistant Director of International Admissions, in navigating his American experience.

“It has opened me up a lot, coming here. Many good things have come out of it,” he said.

His studies keep him busy, and he’s on campus from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. After school, he grabs a workout at the gym, catches a movie or sleeps. Weekends are time to catch up with friends, or play video games – a life pattern that many of his American peers can appreciate.

Looking ahead, he hopes to transfer to Texas Tech University to major in petroleum engineering, with a focus on offshore operations.

There are some things he wish he knew before he came to SUNY Broome as an international student, he

mused. Such as: speed limits are strictly enforced. He learned that lesson with the help of some traffic tickets.

“I have a car and I have heavy feet sometimes,” he said a little ruefully.

Nov. 9 Common Hour: Rape Culture

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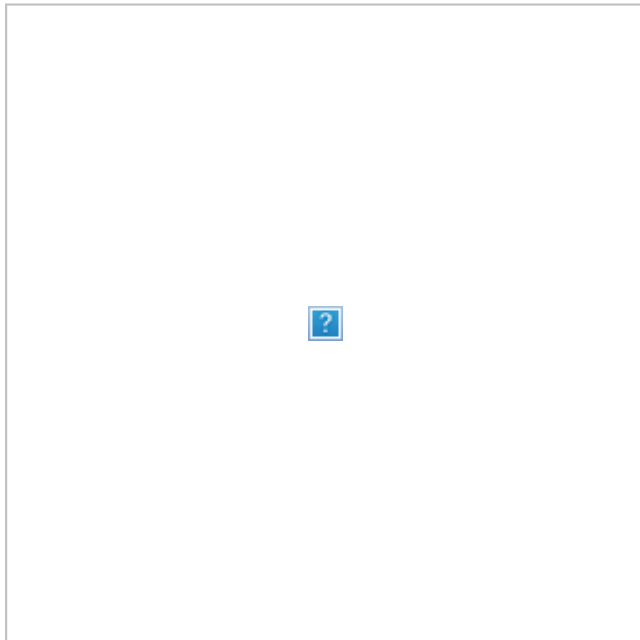
The thinkers who coined the term “rape culture” argue that rape and sexual abuse are far more common than acknowledged. How can all people of good will dismantle rape culture and the sexism and misogyny that support it? Join counselor Melissa Martin at 11 a.m. Nov. 9 in T-102 for an informative discussion.

This event is sponsored by the Women’s Discussion Group.

Your Voice Matters: Student forum on Nov. 9

November 7, 2017

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Your Voice Matters will be held from 11 a.m. to noon
Thursday, Nov. 9, in Decker 201.

This is a forum exclusively for students to express concerns and make suggestions about major issues that affect our campus. No administrators, faculty or staff will be present, and participants can remain anonymous. Issues and concerns at the forum will be forwarded as appropriate for consideration.

The forum will be moderated by members of the Student Assembly.

[Your Voice Matters 2017 Student November \(PDF\)](#)

IRS Health Flex Spending Account Increase

November 7, 2017

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Health graphic



The IRS has just released the 2018 Flex spending maximum increase to \$2,650.00.

Employees who have already completed Flex Spending Forms and submitted to HR electing \$2,600.00 as their medical flex spending amount can increase the amount to \$2,650.00 for 2018, by crossing out the amount of \$2,600.00 on their Flexible Benefits Enrollment Form and changing the amount to \$2,650.00. Please contact Meg with this desired change.

Employees yet to complete Flex Spending Forms, kindly do so, with the new election of \$2,650.00, if desiring the IRS maximum, by close of business Friday, November 10, 2017.

Please feel free to call or e-mail Meg at 778-5240 or smithmb@sunybroome.edu.

In the Community: Join the Women's Suffrage Book Club!

November 7, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



This fall and winter, join the Women's Suffrage Book Club, a reading and discussion program celebrating the centennial of women's voting rights in New York State!



Women march for voting rights in New York State.

Four selected texts will serve as catalysts for discussions on cultural understanding, civic engagement and

personal reflection. Participants are encouraged to share their various perspectives on the texts.

Upcoming books and discussions include:

- 12 p.m. Nov. 19: *A Woman's Crusade: Alice Paul and the Battle for the Ballot*
- 6 p.m. Dec. 15: *African American Women in the Struggle for the Vote, 1850-1920*
- 12 p.m. Jan. 13: *Sex Wars: A novel of Gilded Age New York*

The Book Club will be held in the Visitor Center Theater and Melyssa Wrisley, an adjunct instructor in SUNY Broome's the History, Philosophy and Social Sciences Department, will be the facilitator. There is a minimal fee of \$5 per session, free for Roberson members. Book rentals are available through Roberson. Participants who want to borrow any of the books through Roberson can provide a \$15 cash deposit per book, which will be refunded when the book is returned. To register, please call or visit the Museum.

This adult reading and discussion program is provided by a grant through Humanities New York.

Your Voice Matters for Faculty and Staff on Nov. 17

November 7, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

Your Voice Matters for faculty and staff only



Your Voice Matters for Faculty and Staff will be held at 12 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, in Decker 201.

This is a forum for faculty and staff to express concerns and make suggestions about major issues that affect our campus. There is an option for participants to submit their concerns anonymously on the Shared Governance website prior to the forum: <http://www2.sunybroome.edu/shared-governance/submit-an-issue/>

Issues and concerns at the forum will be forwarded as appropriate for consideration.

[Your Voice Matters 2017 Staff Poster November \(PDF\)](#)

Nov. 30 Common Hour: Learn about transfer options to BU's Pharmacy School

November 7, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



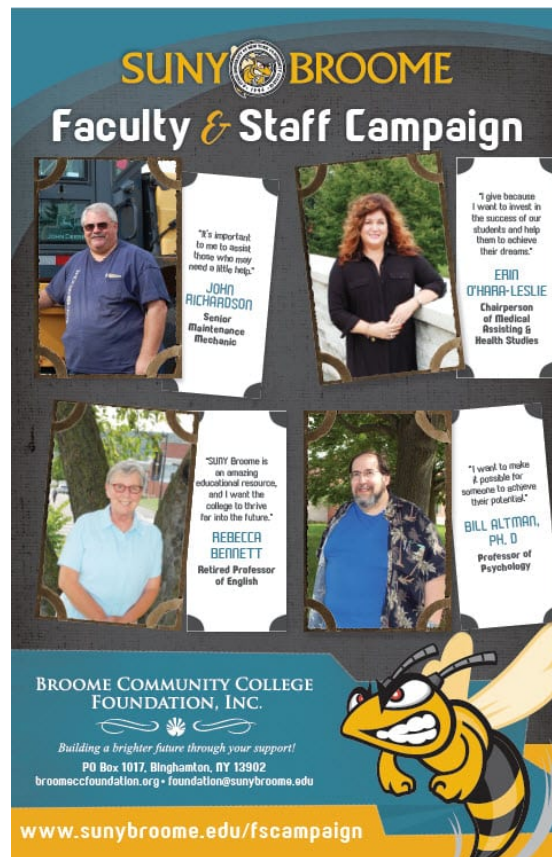
Come learn about the new articulation agreement between SUNY Broome and Binghamton University's Pharmacy school from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Nov. 30 in Decker 213. Learn about the details and requirements to start your path today!



Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign Kick-Off on Nov. 14

November 6, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



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

Visit: www.sunybroome.edu/fscampaign there you will find information about

- [Electronic Payroll Deduction Form](#)
- Other ways to give
- Frequently Asked Questions Guide
- List of funds and scholarships you can contribute to

The Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign Kick-off will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Join your colleagues and the Foundation staff for some coffee, treats and prizes in the Wales Center Room 201. All faculty and staff are welcome!

For additional information or questions, please contact:

Andrea L. Roma, Director of Development

Phone: (607) 778-5179

Email: romaal@sunybroome.edu – or – foundation@sunybroome.edu

Darwin R. Wales Center Room 201

Mail Stop: #4

Doctoral Colloquium Presentation this Wednesday: An Analysis of Campus Civility

November 6, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

Professional Development logo



Doctoral Colloquium Presentation

An Analysis of Campus Civility: Best Practices from Student Affairs Professionals

Incivility on college campuses is an issue that can disrupt the learning environment and the retention of students, as well as harm the reputation of a college campus. This is a pertinent issue for leaders in higher education to address and to promote a more civil campus both inside and outside of the classroom. This study looks at how Student Affairs Professionals best promote civility on college campuses.

When: Wednesday, November 8th

Venue: TRC Conference

Time: 3:00 pm- 4:30 pm

Presenter: Dr. Amy Zieziula

Register: [Register Here](#)

Nov. 30 event: ‘Understanding Media’ in 2017

November 6, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Marshall McLuhan

The work of pioneering media theorist Marshall McLuhan is becoming increasingly relevant to our contemporary, interconnected world. Having coined the expressions “The Media is the Message” and the “Global Village,” McLuhan is also credited with predicting the Worldwide Web almost 30 years before it was invented and his work is receiving a great amount of renewed interest in both academia and the mainstream.

Join us from 12 to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, in Titchener 101 for a rare opportunity to discuss McLuhan’s seminal work, “Understanding Media,” with McLuhan’s son, internationally-known lecturer Dr. Eric McLuhan in addition to McLuhan’s grandson, media educator Andrew McLuhan, via Skype. The event will

be moderated by Communications Instructor Nick Bongiorno.

From Addiction to Recovery and Beyond: A True Story on Nov. 16

November 6, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Join SUNY Broome alumna [Jennifer Garnar](#) for “From Addiction to Recovery and Beyond: A True Story” from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Nov. 16 in Decker 201. [Jennifer](#) will tell her story of heroin addiction and recovery.

This event is brought to you by Counseling Services. Questions? Contact Melissa Martin in SS-210 or by calling 778-5210.

Fall food drive to aid SUNY Broome students in need

November 6, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Gobble, gobble — give! Medical Assisting Students are asking you to join them in their effort to help stop hunger on our SUNY Broome campus.

Every SUNY Broome student should have a Thanksgiving dinner. A special collection will be conducted between Nov. 6 and 20 to provide SUNY Broome students with holiday food items. From Nov. 21 through Dec. 11, we will continue to collect items to stock the SUNY Broome Food Pantry for the winter months.

Thanksgiving items: boxed stuffing, instant potatoes, macaroni & cheese, canned yams, fruits, vegetables, gravy, cranberry sauce, biscuit/muffin mixes, canned/boxed desserts, store gift cards to purchase turkey/ham/entree

Other Items: Canned fruits, veggies, & meats (stews, chicken, tuna), soups, boxed dried food (stuffing, pasta, rice, potatoes, macaroni & cheese, cereals, instant meals), cookies, crackers, granola bars, peanut butter, jelly, cake/muffin/biscuit mixes, personal hygiene supplies, and paper towels, napkins, toilet paper

Look for collection bins in: Decker Health Science Office (217), Applied Technology, Natural Science Center, Titchener (210), Business (Main floor), the Counseling Center (SS 210), and the Library

Want to arrange for a pick up/drop off? Want to donate money/a gift card? Please contact: Professor Kim McLain Phone: 778-5258 Email: mclainkb@sunybroome.edu

On-campus construction activities for the week of Nov. 6

November 6, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

Looking for information specific to the renovation of the Mechanical Building? We now have a dedicated website. [Click here periodically for ongoing updates to the project](#), including the weekly construction update. As always, make sure to follow all signage and safety precautions in affected areas.

During the week of Nov. 6:

- Interior masonry block wall installation will continue in the new Calice Advanced Manufacturing Center.
- Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) “rough ins” will continue.
- Weatherproofing of the exterior walls will begin this week.
- Any remaining interior demolition work will continue.

As always, if anyone has any questions, please contact David Ligeikis at 765-9710.



A rendering of the Paul & Mary Calice and Mildred Barton Advanced Manufacturing Center

Upcoming Professional Development Events

November 6, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

Professional Development logo



Doctoral Colloquium Presentation

“An Analysis of Campus Civility: Best Practices from Student Affairs Professionals”

When: Wednesday, November 8th

Venue: TRC Conference

Time: 3:00 pm- 4:30 pm

Presenter: Dr. Amy Zieziula

Register: [Register Here](#)

Achieving the Dream Video

No Greater Odds is a powerful documentary that follows the inspirational stories of five community college students at the College of Southern Nevada. Barbara, Carlos, Jaklin, Monique and Tyrone each struggle with complicated family issues, financial difficulties and other personal obstacles as they seek to better their lives and futures through higher education.

Each of their stories is unique – and yet, theirs are the stories of millions of students who enroll in community colleges around the nation every year. There, they too can find strength, support – and ultimately, success– as a result of the care and concern of the faculty, staff and administration at their institution.

Told from the perspective of the students, their families, and the faculty, staff and administrators who guided and inspired them along the way, this documentary underscores the important relationship between a college and its community. For learners and leaders alike, it is a reminder of how important community college is in the context of higher education.

No Greater Odds challenges misconceptions, ignites passion for higher education and inspires audiences to

understand how community colleges lead the way with passion, purpose and a charge to educate future generations of our nation. By sharing these stories of struggle and triumph, college students will understand that the way their story ends depends on how it begins – because for them, there are *No Greater Odds*.

When: Friday, November 10th

Venue: Decker 201

Time: 2:00 pm- 4:30 pm

Hosted by: Stephanie Malmberg

Register: [Register Here](#)

Virtual Online Learning Consortium Accelerate Conference

The TRC is sponsoring virtual attendance at the OLC Accelerate Conference. This “conference is devoted to driving quality online learning, advancing best practice guidance and accelerating innovation in learning for academic leaders, educators, administrators, online learning professionals and organizations around the world.”

Check out the virtual experience program guide at: <https://onlinelearningconsortium.org/attend-2017/accelerate/virtual-hub/>

We will be hosting the virtual attendance in the TRC Conference room throughout all three days, drop by for the day, or for just a single session.

When: November 15th, 16th & 17th

Venue: TRC Conference Room

Time: See Program Guide in the Link Included Above

Hosted by: Jamie Heron

Register: [Register Here](#)

Purple Briefcase Training: Connecting Students to Careers

The Applied Learning and Career Center has launched a brand new Career Services Management platform called Purple Briefcase. Purple Briefcase will connect students and alumni with employers and jobs, as well as provide an endless amount of resources. Faculty and staff will have the ability to use the platform to connect with their students and help them become career-ready. Please join us as we train and offer support to faculty and staff on how to use this important resource!

When: Friday, November, 17th

Venue: TRC Lab (LI 101)

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Presenter: Gina Chase

Register: [Register Here](#)

Third Annual Health for Haiti Bowling Tournament on Dec. 9

November 6, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



SUNY Broome's Health for Haiti program has brought clean water, solar energy, healthcare and more to the communities it serves.

SUNY Broome Health for Haiti invites SUNY Broome faculty, staff, administrators, students, family and friends to a one-day bowling tournament on Dec. 9. Four-person teams will compete throughout two games (bowling shoes and pizza and wings included). There will also be a 50/50 drawing and awesome prize

baskets!

Proceeds will be donated to the Health for Haiti's continuing class projects taking place in Grande Saline and Cite Soleil. Teams interested in participating are asked to provide their team name and contribution to Diane Kelly. Submission of team names will lock you in for the Dec. 9 date.

Those interested in participating, but lacking a team, are welcome to submit their name and contribution. We'll happily match you with a team.

Team names due: Nov. 25

Contribution due: Dec. 2

[H4h Bowling 2017 Final](#)

The Monday Poem: ‘A Song for Freedom’ by Charlotte Perkins Gilman

November 5, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



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

This poem is a paean of praise for the women's suffrage movement. It was written by Charlotte Perkins Gilman. November 6 is the anniversary of women gaining the vote in New York state.

A Song for Freedom

Day of hope and day of glory! After slavery and woe,
Comes the dawn of woman's freedom, and the light shall grow and grow
Until every man and woman equal liberty shall know,
In Freedom marching on!

Woman's right is woman's duty! For our share in life we call! Our will it is not weakened and our power it is not small. We are half of every nation! We are mothers of them all!

In Wisdom marching on!

Not for self but larger service has our cry for freedom grown, There is crime, disease and warfare in a world of men alone, In the name of love we're rising now to serve and save our own,

As Peace comes marching on!

By every sweet and tender tie around our heartstrings curled, In the cause of nobler motherhood is woman's flag unfurled, Till every child shall know the joy and peace of mother's world—

As Love comes marching on!

We will help to make a pruning hook of every outgrown sword, We will help to knit the nations in continuing accord, In humanity made perfect is the glory of the Lord,

As His world goes marching on!



Suffragists parade down Fifth Avenue, 1917.
Advocates march in October 1917, displaying
placards containing the signatures of more
than one million New York women
demanding the vote.
The New York Times Photo Archives

SUNY Broome Theater students are rehearsing 'Fools': Performances on Nov. 16, 17

November 5, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



SUNY Broome students are busily rehearsing the theater production for this semester – the lighthearted comedy “Fools” by Neil Simon. The play includes a folksy love story inside a fairy tale plot about an old curse put on a Russian village. The curse is eventually removed by a young, idealistic school teacher. The show contains every kind of comedy from old-time vaudeville jokes to farce, as well as colorful characters



and plenty of suspense as to how it's all going to turn out. It w



ill be a lot of laughs!

Cast members practicing with theater director Katherine Bacon include: Michael Brown, Ryan Brunick, Antonia Lobacz, Sophie Miller, David Perfetti, Tiffany Poborsky, Rachail Pomerlee, Claudia Sacco, Shantae Sterling and Ricky Wood.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Nov. 16 and 17, in the Angelo Zuccolo Theatre in the Student Center. Tickets are \$10 for general public and \$5 for students. Reservations can be made beginning on Nov. 12 by calling 778-5191.

Title IX training on Nov. 9

November 5, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

Join us for Title IX First Responder training from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, November 9, in Wales 203B.

Faculty and staff who have not attended a previous Title IX training are strongly encouraged to attend one of these trainings. Even if you have previously attended, a refresher course is recommended once a year. Registration is not required and a sign-in sheet will be used to take attendance. A question and answer session will follow the training.



Meet with a TIAA Financial Consultant on Nov. 9 or Dec. 1

November 5, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

Image of a dollar bill



TIAA financial consultant Alicia Brady will be on campus from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 9 and Dec. 1 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 or call 800-732-8353, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (ET).

Nov. 9 event: Indy Media founder to discuss media literacy, journalism's future

November 5, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Join us from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. November 9 for a discussion with media critic Jeff Cohen, founding director of the Park Center for Independent Media and founder of Fairness & Accuracy In Reporting (FAIR), via Skype on “Media Literacy, Bias and the Future of Independent Journalism.” The event takes place in Wales 203B and will be moderated by Communications Instructor Nick Bongiorno.



CJES Advising Days for Spring 2018 Registration

November 5, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Criminal Justice & Emergency Services Advising Days for Spring 2018 registration are as follows:

- 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 31
- 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, November 9
- 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, November 13

CJES programs include Criminal Justice — Corrections & Police, Fire Protection Technology and Homeland Security.

Students can make appointments with the BPS Office in BB 104, or by calling 607-778-5008. Please have your student ID number available.

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SUNY Broome Applied Music students win awards

November 3, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



From left to right: Leslie Tallmadge, Kristina Jackson, Megan MarkAnthony, Kanako Suzuki, Danielle DiSaverio, Emily Bors and Darius Fuller

Applied Music students started the semester off and running with impressive performances at two Upstate SUNY schools in October.

On October 15, 2017, Brian Tyneway performed at The Classical Guitar Society of Upstate NY's Collegiate Recital held at SUNY Oneonta. Brian was the only community college student on the program, which also featured students from schools such as Potsdam's Crane School of Music, Mannes College of Music and SUNY Oneonta. Brian is from the Applied Guitar Studio of Paul Sweeny.

On October 28, 2017, seven Applied Voice students from the studios of Brenda Dawe and Peter Sicilian traveled to SUNY Oswego to compete at the Chapter auditions of the National Association of Teachers of Singing. SUNY Broome was the only community college represented and our students competed against schools such as Ithaca College, Eastman School of Music, SUNY Fredonia and Potsdam's the Crane School of Music, among many others. Six out of seven of our students advanced to the semi-final round and Kanako Suzuki (student of Peter Sicilian) placed second in Lower Musical Theater — Women and Darius Fuller (student of Peter Sicilian) placed second in Lower Musical Theater — Men.



Peter Sicilian, Kanako Suzuki, Darius Fuller

Brenda Dawe and Peter Sicilian accompanied their students to the NATS event and spent the day judging other categories.



Brian Tyneway

Healthy and Safe Sex Common Hour on Nov. 9

November 3, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Join Haley Murphy from Crime Victims Assistance Center and Abigail Terry from Mothers and Babies Para-natal Network as they discuss how to have sexual interactions that involve consent and protection from STIs, STDs, and the risk of pregnancy.

There will be an interactive presentation and demonstration. The event will take place in Old Science Building Room 202 at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 9.

Flu clinics the week of Nov. 6

November 3, 2017

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness



DON'T LET THE FLU GET YOU!

Faculty & Staff can obtain a flu vaccine
at one of our mobile flu clinics:

Wednesday, November 8th
Titchener Building, Room 208
10:00 am - 11:00 am

Thursday, November 9th
Decker Building, Room 215
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Science Bldg., Rm. 102
607/778-5181

Don't let the flu get you! Faculty and staff can obtain a flu vaccine at one of our mobile flu clinics from 10 to 11 a.m. Nov. 8 in Titchener Room 208 or 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 9 in Decker Room 215.

Student Health Services is offering offering flu shots in its office in Science Building Room 102 from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Nov. 6, and 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10.



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Attention Advisors: New course opportunities for November-December!

November 2, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized

Academic Advising logo



Are you advising students who need credits to maintain full-time status or keep their Student Village assignment? How about Financial Aid eligibility? Do your students need academic strategies and skills content to promote success? Perhaps a student on probation could benefit from additional study skills training.

The Learning Assistance Department is pleased to offer LRS 107 and LRS 108 in FULLY ONLINE delivery formats from Nov. 9 through Dec. 18, 2017, as follows:

- (CRN#33662) **LRS 107 – Textbook Mastery & Notetaking** will cover basic principles for academic success, learning styles, interacting with instructors and classmates (communication), critical reading/literacy skills and note-taking.
- (CRN# 30706) **LRS 108 – Study Management, Memory & Exams** will cover basic principles for academic success, learning styles, time management, memory strategies and test-taking skills.

The instructor for both courses is Michelle Beatty, who will bring her online teaching experience as well as connections within the Learning Assistance Department to support learners in the courses. She will be available both virtually through video conferencing as well as face-to-face to meet students' needs.

Nov. 9 Common Hour: Rape Culture

November 2, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



The thinkers who coined the term “rape culture” argue that rape and sexual abuse are far more common than acknowledged. How can all people of good will dismantle rape culture and the sexism and misogyny that support it? Join counselor Melissa Martin at 11 a.m. Nov. 9 in T-102 for an informative discussion.

This event is sponsored by the Women’s Discussion Group.

It's that time again: Register for the Spring 2018 semester

November 2, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



It's time to think spring — Spring Semester, that is! **Don't wait. Register early to get the classes you need and the schedule you want.**

Registration for the spring 2018 semester opened on Oct. 30 for continuing students and begins Nov. 20 for new students. Registration is currently open to all students for our 2018 winter semester.

Matriculated students should meet with an advisor before registering for classes.

Click here for more information on [Advising & Registration](#). Go to [MyCollege](#) to register online.

Third Annual Health for Haiti Bowling Tournament

November 2, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



SUNY Broome Health for Haiti invites SUNY Broome faculty, staff, administrators, students, family and friends to a one day bowling tournament on Dec. 9 at Midway Lanes in Vestal. Four-person teams will compete throughout three games (bowling shoes and pizza and wings included). There will also be a 50/50 drawing and awesome prize baskets!

Proceeds will be donated to the Health for Haiti's continuing class projects taking place in Grande Saline and Cite Soleil. Teams interested in participating are asked to provide their team name and contribution to [Diane Kelly at kellydm@sunybroome.edu](mailto:kellydm@sunybroome.edu). Submission of team names will lock you in for the Dec. 9 date.

Those interested in participating, but lacking a team, are welcome to submit their name and contribution. We'll happily match you with a team. Team names are due Nov. 25 and contributions are due Dec. 2.

Business and Professional Studies Toys For Tots Holiday Bash on Dec. 4

November 2, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



SUNY Broome's Business and Professional Studies division will be hosting their second annual Toys for Tots Holiday Bash from 4 to 7 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Broome County Regional Farmer's Market, located across the street from the college at 840 Front St.

Please join the students and faculty in collecting unwrapped toys for local families. There will be a \$10 spaghetti dinner for purchase prepared by Hospitality's Professional Cooking class, as well as mocktails created by the Bartending class . Come take pictures with Santa and partake in festive activities!

THE BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES DIVISION OF

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PRESENTS THEIR 2ND ANNUAL



HOLIDAY BASH

When

MONDAY **4TH**
DECEMBER 
4:00 - 7:00

Where

BROOME COUNTY REGIONAL FARMERS MARKET
840 FRONT STREET, BINGHAMTON, NY

Spaghetti dinner, neckties, raffle, and crafts available for purchase!

Get the gear: BandH Photo/Video Road Show is back on Nov. 6

November 2, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



A wide array of photo and video gear will be on display from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, in the Student Center Lobby as the B and H Road Show returns to SUNY Broome.

Representatives from B and H Photo, SONY, iKan and YUNEEC Electric Aviation will be on hand with their latest gear and answers to your questions. The Department of Communications is hosting the 2017 B and H Road Show.

In the Community: Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church's annual Holiday Bazaar

November 2, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church will be holding their Annual Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 2 and 9. The church is located at 918 Upper Front St., across the street from SUNY Broome.

The bazaar will feature holiday gifts and decorations, handcrafted items, jewelry, a white elephant sale, and a bake sale. This is a great time to do your holiday shopping! Please call 607-724-5421 with any questions.

SUNY Broome alumna wins regional award for Continuing Education Student

November 1, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



SUNY Broome alumna Jennifer Garnar is the Region West winner for the Charles A. Burns Outstanding Adult Continuing Education Student Award.

The Regional & Charles A. Burns Outstanding Adult Continuing Education Student awards recognize adult students from the three CEANY Regions (East, West, South) who have achieved excellence by demonstrating persistence, drive and success in overcoming obstacles to achieve their educational goals.

Garnar graduated in May 2017 with an Associate's Degree in Music Therapy.

For years, she suffered from heroin addiction, a habit broken only by a felony burglary conviction and months in the Broome County Jail. Now more than six years sober, the married mother of two has earned her

first college degree.

[Click here to read more about Jennifer Garnar and her journey.](#)

Garnar will be acknowledged at the CEANY conference in November and receive a check for \$1,000.

Focus on International Students: Leila, student and survivor, yearns to give back

November 1, 2017

Categories: Uncategorized



Globe with a magnifying glass



This is the first in a series of stories on SUNY Broome's international students, who come from all over the globe. The college will celebrate International Week from Nov. 13 through 17. International students will share the cuisines of their homeland at the Dining Hall, and will visit the BC Center to read children's books from their home countries.

Today we meet Leila Ahmed, a refugee from the African nation of Somalia. She asked that we not take her picture.

“What is our *qabiil*, our tribe?” Leila once asked her father.

His answer was swift and sure: “You are Somali.”

In a nation about to be torn apart by civil war, that simple statement served as an example of Abdullah Hajji’s principles – his love of country, his dedication to his job as chief of police. Decades later and a continent away, Leila Ahmed pulls up a picture of her father on her smartphone. Keen dark eyes peer from the black and white photo, over the ever-crisp uniform that he typically wore – a soldier to the heart, as his own father had been before him.

The soft-spoken Health Science student has the same keen eyes, the same love of family and country although that country is different now, on the other side of a vast ocean.

Leila Ahmed and her siblings grew up as children of privilege, lacking for nothing – most of the time. Her mother, divorced from her father, lived in an outlying village. During the summer, Leila and her siblings would visit and be treated as any of the village’s children – finishing chores before breakfast, milking cows, pounding grain into flour, and learning how to run and leap onto high branches.

Those visits stopped one summer, after her father objected to having his children experience hunger and hard labor, even on a temporary basis – but those country lessons ultimately saved Leila’s life, in a way that none of the family could have imagined.

The escape



Mogadishu in 1980, by Maxamad. Image via Wikimedia Commons.

The sound of gunfire woke her in the night, and she saw a guard attempting to peek in her window in the family’s Mogadishu mansion. She ran to her father, and the family fled the house through underground tunnels, barefoot and in their nightclothes, grabbing only some money to ease their passage.

They fled to their father’s office, not realizing that the guards were of the same tribe as the rebels – and on their side. Leila and the other women headed to their mother’s village, but her father stayed behind and was caught by the rebels.

The men that Abdullah had jailed as police chief had been set free – and armed. They promised a long and painful public execution, but a twist of fate saved the police chief’s life. In the deep night, a sympathetic guard gave him the opportunity to escape – although Abdullah, fearing a trap, refused the first two times. Finally, knowing his death was closing in, he fled into the night as the rebels slept – barefoot, like his children, and without his accustomed uniform.

“He came to us. His feet were swollen and bloody,” Ahmed remembered of her father’s arrival in the distant

village where the family stayed hidden. “We jumped on him and kissed him.”

But someone eventually told the rebels the family’s location, and they were caught and held in terrible conditions. Once again, they escaped – knowing that no safety remained for them in their homeland.

They pushed on under cover of darkness, seeking to evade their pursuers as they walked ever onward. Sometimes villagers assisted, offering milk and bread for the journey; the refugees drank the milk and pocketed the bread for some days hence, performing the stark arithmetic that underlies endurance – *I can travel three days without food. If I save this bread, how long can I last, how far can I go?*

Those who were unable to keep going and lagged behind met even worse suffering, and death. Leila credits her mother’s early lessons in the country for toughening her, enabling her to endure the unendurable.

“You become a soldier. You don’t feel anything but to save your own life,” Ahmed said of those dark days.

They made it to the border, using the last of their money to find passage to Yemen on the other side of the Red Sea. The family then headed to Nairobi in Kenya, where there was a refugee camp with food, shelter, clothes – and above all, safety.

The family waited there for five years. Leila’s ex-husband took their children to the United Kingdom, where they are doing well. She remarried in the camp and eventually ended up relocating with her infant daughter in Upstate New York, joined by members of her family.

Her father wasn’t among them; he had died in the refugee camp.



The location of Somalia. Image from Wikimedia Commons

Transition

The language of her adopted country proved difficult to learn, but Leila Ahmed persisted, attending classes at the American Civic Association. Starting over again – quite literally with the alphabet – proved daunting.

Back in Somalia, Leila’s father had wanted her to be educated and able to support herself, and she earned college degrees in biology and chemistry. In the United States, she learned that her credits and her degrees didn’t transfer. At 30 years old, she feared that the doors to opportunity and education were forever barred by

the fact of her age.

“All my education had become zero,” Ahmed remembered. “First, I felt bad and discouraged and I give up. My heart was broken.”

Her teacher at the American Civic Association saw her despair and reached out. With broken English, Ahmed tried to explain her situation: She was old, spent, done, her options limited.

“No,” her teacher said. “You’re young. You can do whatever you want.”

And slowly, Leila came to realize that truth – and her opportunities blossomed outward.

‘It’s your time now.’

At her English as a Second Language teacher’s urging, she pursued the certification she needed to become a teacher’s aide – even though her grasp of the language was still unsteady. To study, her brother translated the texts into Somali, which she then learned and mastered. She went on to work at a local elementary school, a job she loved.

After five years, however, Ahmed’s mother fell ill and – with the support of her siblings – she quit her job to care for her. During her mother’s trips to the hospital, Leila noticed the nurses who provided such expert and compassionate care, and felt deeply grateful for their help.

She remembers one nurse in particular at Lourdes Hospital, who adjusted her mother in bed without prompting the slightest pain. It inspired awe: that ethic of care and compassion, and the professional who brought comfort and peace amid a trying time.

“She’s holding her like a mother who holds her baby,” Ahmed recalled. That experience provided the seed of a new vocation, a new calling: to use the remainder of her own life to provide care to those in need.

After her mother passed away, Leila eventually returned to work, training as a nurse’s aide at a local nursing home while her daughter finished high school. Her daughter then offered her a deal: Go back to school, and she would help support her mother so that both of them could achieve their dreams. Leila’s siblings also offered their support.

Ahmed remembered her daughter’s words: “You put me in school, you paid your time for us. It’s your time now.”

At 50 years old, Leila Ahmed is a student once more, taking classes that will ultimately prepare her to transfer into SUNY Broome’s competitive nursing program.

“I’m always feeling old, but otherwise I’m okay. I’m getting As, and I’m thanking God for that,” she said with a smile.

Her daughter is now a student at Binghamton University, studying to become a physician. Her daughter’s long-term goal: To work for an agency such as the Red Cross, saving lives affected by violence. It’s in memory perhaps of her uncle, Leila’s brother, who perished of his wounds in the war.

Leila, too, plans to pursue a career in healthcare as a way to give back to the land that offered her shelter and opportunity. She has years of schooling ahead of her, but is firm in her desire to help. No matter how long she works as a nurse, it will all be worth it, she said.

“We got shelter and food and healthcare. We get good people to help us,” Leila Ahmed reflected on her experience in the United States. “I want to pay that back. This is my land and this is your land.”

Syracuse students visit Criminal Justice and Emergency Services programs

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Four faculty and 32 students (in four classes) from the Syracuse City School District came to campus for a field trip on Oct. 18. The students and faculty were from the Public Service Leadership Academy (PSLA), which is a Career Technical Education-oriented high school. There are 13 career pathways in their high school, and all faculty and students were part of the First Responder Academy as follows:

- Fire-Rescue class faculty: Anthony Jarvis
- Emergency Medical Technician class faculty: Brandi Schaefer
- Law Enforcement class faculty: Major Jamie Bazdaric
- Forensic Science/CSI class faculty: Chris Freeburg

The group arrived around 9:30 a.m. and were given a tour of the campus by EMT/Paramedic Coordinator and CJES Adjunct Instructor Michael Washington. He took the students around campus and walked them into

Admissions, the Business Building, the EMT/Paramedic offices and Paramedic lab room (in addition to an overall tour of the campus).

The students were then invited to observe Basic Emergency Medical Technician, Introduction to Criminal Justice and Victimology classes. Following the classes, they ate lunch at the cafeteria and headed back to Syracuse around 1 p.m.

Global Service Learning in Career Courses: A Thank You to Haiti

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Students in Haiti work on computers.

As our amazing 2018 Health for Haiti team prepares to head to Haiti in a just a couple short months, we want to acknowledge some other incredible SUNY Broome students who are helping children and adults in Haiti from right here in Binghamton.

SUNY Broome Professor Sandra Wright and her students in the Business Information Technology program have been working together as part of the Bridge to Haiti program to advance computer literacy for adults and children in Haiti. Together, they have not only contributed high quality lessons and necessary equipment, they have made a meaningful connection with students in Haiti. Below you can see a video of students in Haiti thanking Professor Wright and her students for all of their work and help. Under the video you can read Professor Wright's reflection about the project and the impact that it had on her students.

The children in this video live in Cite Soleil, an extremely poor area of Port au Prince. The computer center provided by the Health for Haiti Bridge to Haiti program is giving them exciting opportunities to use technology. Because of donated laptops, equipment provided by Bridge to Haiti, and the lessons provided by Professor Wright and her students, children in Haiti are learning critical new skills and digital literacy.

Global Service Learning in Career Courses: A Thank You to Haiti

by Professor Sandra Wright

“Thank you SUNY Broome! We love you!” What greater joy is there than watching the videos from Cite Soleil, Haiti – the children working hard to learn computer skills, so grateful for what they have been given and unaware of how much they have given us. Bridge to Haiti, a component of SUNY Broome’s Health for Haiti Global Service Learning Course, is a computer literacy program that brings equipment, lessons, and guidance to four communities in Haiti. As of January 2017, over 120 computers have been delivered to Haiti, curricula have been shared from the Bridging the Digital Divide Program, and over 800 students have been taught or are in the process of learning basic computer literacy.

The program is growing and expanding to provide computer literacy training to new groups of children and to adults. Through a generous teaching grant, we were able to purchase additional equipment and provide 40 new lessons to Cite Soleil. It is for the equipment and lessons that the children are grateful. However, it is not the children of Haiti that I wish to reflect upon, but the students of four SUNY Broome Business Information Technology (BIT) courses, who took a journey to Haiti without leaving the lab, and returned wiser and kinder and more determined to work toward a more equitable future for us all.

Global service learning begins with the idea that students grow exponentially in their understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion when they experience firsthand the needs of someone different in race, culture, language, or socioeconomic status, and then use their knowledge, skills and privilege to serve.

For students in BIT courses, this process takes the form of four graduated assignments as part of the Bridge to Haiti program.

The journey for our BIT students began with an initial assignment to research and read about the Bridge to Haiti program, the Health for Haiti programs, technology transfer to third world countries, challenges of understanding cultural needs different than one’s own, and importance of diversity, inclusion and equity in the information technology industry. Reading and writing about these topics broadened their perspectives and opened the door to a live conversation with our Haitian teacher, Mr. Elysee.

In the second assignment, students installed the globally recognized communication app, WhatsApp, on their own phones, and came prepared to participate in a group chat with Mr. Elysee to ask questions and listen to the needs of the community. Students came prepared with insightful questions and plenty of patience. The technology wasn’t always perfect and the language barriers in translating between English and French Creole were difficult, but the students were open minded and eager to learn all they could. Part of their learning was the experience and understanding of the challenges of global communication even with technology.

The response of students after the WhatsApp session was almost universal. “They are so loving.” “They have so much faith.” “They are so grateful.” SUNY Broome students were immediately humbled by the faith, dedication, and optimism of the Haitian people. They were also confronted, many for the first time, with the challenges of sanitation, clean water, food, health and education for Haiti. Students were proud of the work that has been done by SUNY Broome in Haiti and were eager to know how they in turn could help.

Assignment 3 provided this opportunity. Based on what they learned, the students created new lessons for the computer literacy classes. Students took to this assignment eagerly. The teaching grant goal was 10 lessons. Due to the enthusiasm and dedication of the BIT students, 40 lessons were created and delivered to Cite Soleil. The lessons ranged from PowerPoint presentations on computer basics to Excel tutorials on community garden produce revenues. The BIT students put great effort into the lessons they created, motivated by the knowledge that the lesson would be so appreciated in Haiti and so instrumental in educating the next generation, working to break a cycle of poverty for these children.

The final assignment was a reflection on the global service learning experience and on diversity and equity in their own career areas. The student reflections were heartfelt and thoughtful. They reflected on the need for more and deeper understanding of other cultures, of the need to be grateful for the educational opportunities that they are privileged to have, and the challenge of entering career paths in business, health, and information technology where many barriers still exist to achieving a truly diverse, inclusive and equitable workplace.

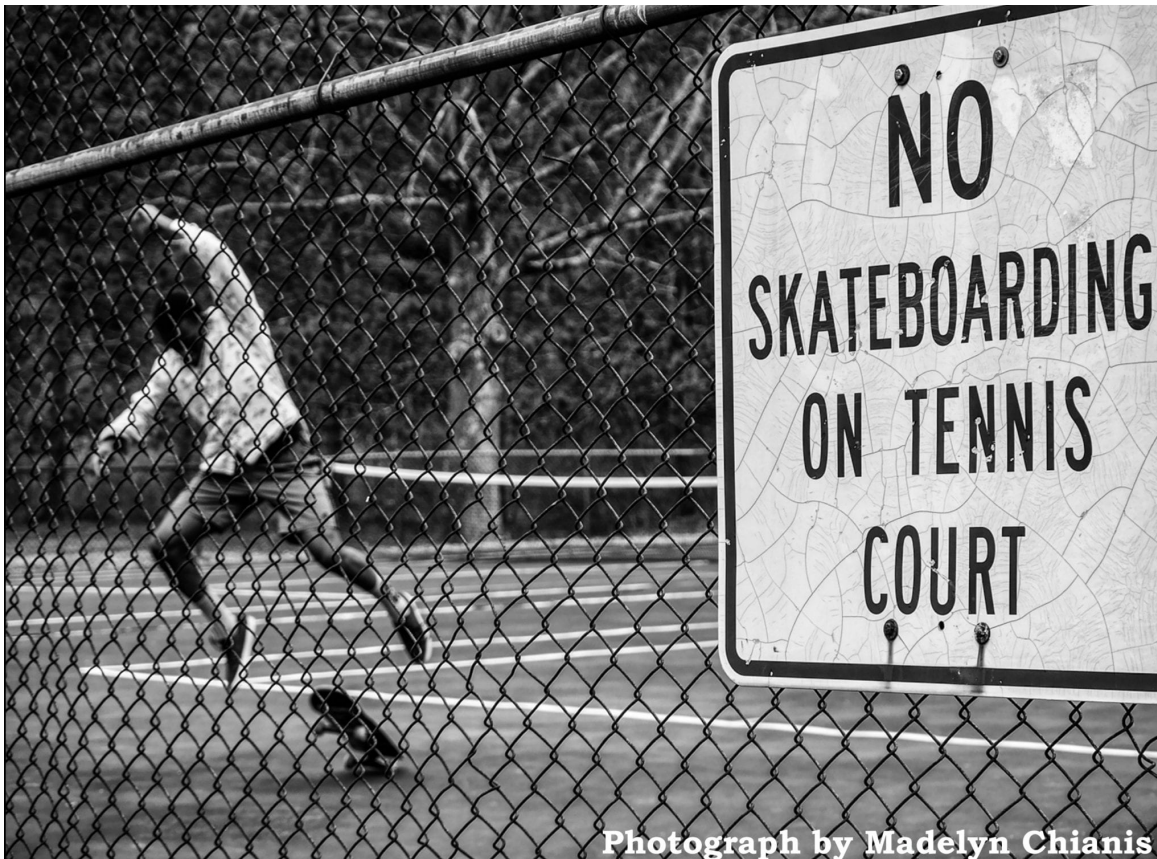
We often focus on the benefit of global service learning to the communities in which we serve. We don't as often focus on the profound effect that these learning activities have on our own students and community. It is essential that we continue to pair academics in all disciplines with service, and that courses directly related to professions allow students the space to think critically about global issues and challenges of diversity. It is not enough to leave this work to the general education requirements. In bringing these lessons to our career classes, we ensure that students understand the relevance of these issues in their own lives and their own choices.

Thank you Mr. Elysee, thank you children of Haiti, for opening our hearts and minds and teaching us to embrace our world and strive to make it a better place.

Freestyle: See photography from SUNY Broome students this month at the Bundy

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The Bundy Museum is presenting “Freestyle,” an exhibit featuring the work of SUNY Broome photography students, Nov. 4 through 28 at the museum, located at 129 Main St. in Binghamton.

An opening reception will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 3 in the Bundy’s third floor art gallery.

The exhibit features color, black and white, and experimental prints from beginning, intermediate, advanced and thesis photography, including traditional process and digital photographic imaging.

Admission to the Bundy art gallery is always free, and the gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday



through Saturday.

By the numbers: 63 colleges and universities will be at Transfer Day on Nov. 2

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So far, 63 colleges and universities have signed up to attend SUNY Broome's Transfer Day, which runs from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017, in the Baldwin Gym! The event will give students the opportunity to learn about their programs and campuses.

The institutions represented are of every size, type and location, and include highly selective schools. In years past, participants have included Binghamton University, Clarkson University, Cornell University, Ithaca College and most of the four-year SUNY schools, as well as Pennsylvania State University, Syracuse University and Wells College.

The fair traditionally draws between 500 and 600 students. They typically speak to colleges about prospective majors, their locations, housing, academic programs, acceptance rates, financial aid and where graduates end up, in terms of careers or graduate schools.

Your Voice Matters for Faculty and Staff on Nov. 17

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Your Voice Matters for faculty and staff only



Your Voice Matters for Faculty and Staff will be held at 12 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, in Decker 201.

This is a forum for faculty and staff to express concerns and make suggestions about major issues that affect our campus. There is an option for participants to submit their concerns anonymously on the Shared Governance website prior to the forum: <http://www2.sunybroome.edu/shared-governance/submit-an-issue/>

Issues and concerns at the forum will be forwarded as appropriate for consideration.

[Your Voice Matters 2017 Staff Poster November \(PDF\)](#)

Purple Briefcase and the Big Interview: Stop in the ALCC to get career-ready!

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The Applied Learning & Career Center is busy planning events and rolling out resources that will ensure you are career-ready by the time you leave SUNY Broome.

Effective Oct. 17, ALCC Drop-In Hours will now be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the ALCC. No appointment is needed.

Register today with Purple Briefcase, your free access to endless career-related resources, job and internship opportunities, and much more! Log in via MyCollege (click on Purple Briefcase in your Student folder in the Launch Pad).

Use Big Interview to prep for that upcoming interview! This free resource will change the way you think about interviewing. Visit our website for info. on how to access Big Interview (and Purple Briefcase) at www.sunybroome.edu/careercenter (click on “Student Resources”).

Creative Writing Club Weekly Meetings

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The Creative Writing Club will meet every Friday at 3 p.m. in SB-203 to write, discuss writing and form connections with other passionate writers. Writers of all experience levels are welcome! If you are interested in becoming a member, come to the meeting and find out what we're all about.



In the Community: Join the Women's Suffrage Book Club!

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This fall and winter, join the Women's Suffrage Book Club, a reading and discussion program celebrating the centennial of women's voting rights in New York State!



Women march for voting rights in New York State.

Four selected texts will serve as catalysts for discussions on cultural understanding, civic engagement and

personal reflection. Participants are encouraged to share their various perspectives on the texts.

Upcoming books and discussions include:

- 12 p.m. Nov. 19: *A Woman's Crusade: Alice Paul and the Battle for the Ballot*
- 6 p.m. Dec. 15: *African American Women in the Struggle for the Vote, 1850-1920*
- 12 p.m. Jan. 13: *Sex Wars: A novel of Gilded Age New York*

The Book Club will be held in the Visitor Center Theater and Melyssa Wrisley, an adjunct instructor in SUNY Broome's the History, Philosophy and Social Sciences Department, will be the facilitator. There is a minimal fee of \$5 per session, free for Roberson members. Book rentals are available through Roberson. Participants who want to borrow any of the books through Roberson can provide a \$15 cash deposit per book, which will be refunded when the book is returned. To register, please call or visit the Museum.

This adult reading and discussion program is provided by a grant through Humanities New York.

A foot in the door: Nick engineers his future with internship opportunity

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Nick Pert listened attentively as a representative from BAE Systems gave a presentation in one of his classes. When he learned that the global defense, aerospace and security company was participating in the Applied Learning & Career Center's mock interview program, he decided to sign up.

"I thought, why not?" remembered the Engineering Science major, now in his second year at SUNY Broome.

A 15-minute interview led to a 40-minute conversation – and, a few weeks later, a six-month internship. For his internship, Pert works in logistics for BAE Systems, an experience that can only benefit his future career in engineering.

“This is definitely my foot in the door, and the networking is definitely going to help my name get out there,” he said. “I get them as a reference down the road.”

Pert is no stranger to SUNY Broome; he began attending classes while still in Chenango Valley High School as part of the Fast Forward program. By accruing credits early on, he was able to adjust his schedule later in his college career, allowing him to work part-time at his internship and participate in campus activities, such as lacrosse.

“It definitely prepared me for the level of difficulty at college,” he said of his experience in Fast Forward.

Pert, a three-sport athlete in high school, thrives on challenge – and not only in the field. He’s also part of the college’s academically challenging Honors Program, and is considering options for his capstone project.

One option: Clean energy. He’s currently exploring green technologies in class, looking at the impact of LED versus fluorescent lights, the impact of the geothermal system that will heat and cool the new John and Mary Calice & Mildred Barton Advanced Manufacturing Center, and other measures, from wind energy to the amount of lights that are left on in unoccupied rooms.

“I’m thinking about keeping my project close to campus and looking how we can save energy, whether there is anywhere we can decrease our carbon footprint,” he said.

A member of the college’s chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Pert also works as a football referee on the weekends and plays lacrosse in the spring, an activity that has helped him connect with new friends outside of his major.

“I met a lot of friends I wouldn’t have come across,” he said.

He’s looking to transfer either to the Rochester Institute of Technology or the University at Buffalo, both of which accepted him out of high school. He opted for SUNY Broome instead, viewing it as a smart choice both financially and academically.

In particular, Pert cited the college’s small class sizes and accessible professors. Opportunities such as mock interviews – which led to his current internship – are also a major plus.

“I couldn’t be happier as to how it turned out,” he said of his SUNY Broome experience.