

The Focus

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NYS Dept of Corrections & Community Supervision Recruiting Table on Dec. 5

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The New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision will be on campus to promote their upcoming Correction Officer Exam, which will be held on Feb. 2, 2019.

Stop by their table in the connector lounge of the Calice building (between CAM and BB) on Wednesday, December 5, 2019, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to speak with a recruiter.

For specific job information, visit their website at <http://www.doccs.ny.gov/jobs/jobs.html>.

Upcoming Board of Trustees meetings

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

- December 11, 2018 (Tuesday) – Monthly meeting of the Finance and Facilities Committee, 9:00 a.m., Wales Administration Center Conference Room 107.
- December 13, 2018 (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.



International Hornet: Saleh hopes to use his American education to make a difference in Sudan

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On a recent morning, Saleh Yacoub and several of his fellow students woke up early and headed to the Dining Hall kitchen – not to eat, but to share their culture with students.

It was International Cuisine Week at SUNY Broome, when members of the International Student Organization (ISO) plan, cook and serve dishes from their home countries. That Tuesday featured Africa, and recipes including gema, basbousa and sambusak – all of which a smiling Saleh encouraged his fellow Hornets to try.

[Click here to learn about international student admissions.](#)

Now in his senior year, the Engineering Science major hails from Darfur in Sudan. You can add “International Week chef” to his many roles here on campus through the years: co-president of ISO, Hornet soccer player in 2015 and 2016, computer lab worker, and peer tutor in the Learning Assistance Department.

His long-term goal is to build facilities for the deaf in his home country. His brother is deaf and didn’t have the opportunity to go to school until his early teens because of the lack of available educational institutions.

“The government doesn’t spend a lot on disabled people back home. I’d like to (build a school) where they could train more people to become teachers for the deaf,” Saleh said. “In the capital, there are only three schools for them.”

[Click here to learn more about our Engineering Science degree.](#)

In the short term, he plans to focus on electrical engineering and is considering his transfer options. He has already been accepted to the Rochester Institute of Technology, but is also considering Cornell University, New York University or Boston University. There is, however, a bit of a catch.



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He has family in New York; his father has lived in New York City for around 12 years, and his uncle lives here in the Binghamton area. Saleh learned about SUNY Broome from his uncle, and was impressed.

“It sounded like the best engineering program,” he said.

So he came over – with two of his brothers. (He has more siblings back home.) Saleh and his younger brother, who attends Binghamton High School, live in a house next to their uncle. His other brother attends the Rochester School of the Deaf.

For his transfer school, Saleh isn’t just looking for a great engineering education; he is also looking for an area where his brothers can succeed, too.

‘Unforgettable’

Although he’s fluent today, when he first arrived in the United States Saleh didn’t speak much English. He began his American education by attending English as a Second Language classes at the nearby American Civic Association, which also gave him needed insight into American culture. He started classes at SUNY Broome in Fall 2015.

The college’s ESL classes also helped him master the language – but so did the soccer team, which draws players from all over the world: Africa, Europe, the Caribbean and South America. (This year’s team alone includes players from Norway, Curacao, the United Kingdom and Venezuela, as well as New York City, in addition to the Southern Tier locals.)

Saleh was pleased by one difference between Sudanese schools and the United States: the ability to choose his own classes and course schedule. “Back home, they choose the schedule for you and you see the same people. Here, you see different people all the time,” he said.

He’s enjoying his experience in Engineering Science, and Professor Robert Lofthouse has been a ready and eager guide. Working as a tutor in math and occasionally Arabic also gives him the opportunity to interact with his fellow Hornets, improving his language skills.

“You never know; you may get the help back one day,” he said of tutoring.

[Click here to learn about tutoring services at the college.](#)

Overall, he describes his experience at SUNY Broome as “unforgettable.” He also has noticed that more

Sudanese people are enrolling in the college, which reflects SUNY Broome's global reputation for strong academics.

"Everything that's happening for me right now is because of SUNY Broome," he said.

NOTICE – VSP Vision Plan Rate Increase

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VSP Vision Plan – Notice of Rate Increase 2019-2022

Please be aware that VSP Vision Plan has notified SUNY Broome Community College that there will be a rate increase for the upcoming contract period 2019-2022.

Please note the following new VSP Vision monthly rates which will be reflected in the paychecks of all **full-time employees** enrolled in this plan:

Employee Only	\$8.36/mo	Annual \$100.32
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Employee & Family	\$22.96/mo	Annual \$275.52
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All **part-time employees** who have written a check for the 2019 annual fee will need to forward a check to Human Resources for this difference.

If you have elected the Employee Only Plan, please forward a check in the amount of \$4.80.

If you have elected the Employee & Family Plan, please forward a check in the amount of \$12.24.

All checks should be made payable to SUNY Broome Community College and must be received in the Human Resources Office no later than Friday, December 14, 2018.

Last call for bowlers: Fourth annual Health for Haiti Bowling Tournament fundraiser

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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. 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. 8 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.

[H4h Bowling 2018 \(PDF\)](#)



Contribution due: Dec. 3, 2018

Go Purple: Bellevue University partners with SUNY Broome's Bachelors Degree Institute

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Stinger meets with Bellevue staff during a celebration in the Baldwin Gym

Students have often expressed the wish that they could stay at SUNY Broome to finish their bachelor's degree, President Kevin E. Drumm observed. While community colleges can't grant four-year degrees themselves, SUNY Broome's Bachelors Degree Institute offers the next best option: Taking the classes you need at SUNY Broome, and finishing your bachelor's online.

On Nov. 29, the college celebrated the latest addition to the Bachelor's Institute: Bellevue University, one of the country's top open-access institutions.

"It's truly a win for everyone involved, but most especially our students, who can achieve their educational dreams without having to leave their hometown," President Drumm said.



The Baldwin Gym celebration featured games, food, giveaways and prizes.

[Click more to learn about SUNY Broome's Bachelor Partnerships.](#)

[Click here to learn about our partnership with Bellevue University.](#)

Students had a chance to learn more about the partnership and Nebraska-based Bellevue at a special lunchtime celebration



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in the Baldwin Gym. They were treated to free food, games and fun prizes – the latter mostly in Bellevue’s royal purple – and also had the opportunity to win two \$1,000 grants to continue their education at the Heartland school.

They need never set foot on Bellevue’s campus to do so. Students take the classes they need at SUNY Broome – whether online, on campus or a blend of the two – and then finish their bachelor’s with online classes. Earning a bachelor’s through that pathway typically takes 18 to 20 months, and Bellevue also offers master’s degrees for those who wish to continue their education, said James Nekuda, Vice president of Strategic Partnerships at Bellevue.



Megan Comstock, the Bellevue Relationship Manager with an office on the SUNY Broome campus

Bellevue Relationship Manager Megan Comstock has an office on campus where she meets with students about their transfer options. Bellevue encourages students to finish their Associate’s degree first before transferring – a move that supports community colleges and also contributes to student success.

“Transfer students do much better when it comes to finishing their bachelor’s degrees,” Nekuda explained.

It’s a path similar to his own. He earned an Associate’s degree at a Nebraska community college, intending on spending a career in his family business. Feeling he needed more, he went on to Bellevue for his bachelor’s – and ended up finishing a graduate degree and working there.

SUNY Broome has a personal connection to Bellevue: Mary Dobransky, the Dean of the College of Science and Technology, a Vestal native.



Left to right: SUNY Broome Executive Vice President Francis Battisti, Bellevue Dean of the College of Science and Technology Mary Dobransky, SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm, Bellevue Vice President of Strategic Partnerships James Nekuda, Bellevue Relationship Manager Megan Comstock and President and CEO of the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce Jennifer Conway.

When it came time to attend college, “I enrolled in what I considered to be one of the finest colleges in the nation – the one I’m standing in right now,” said Dobransky, who then went on to earn further degrees from Binghamton University.

Her niece Katie graduated from SUNY Broome’s Nursing program last year and is currently working in critical care at UHS Wilson Medical Center. When it comes time, Dobransky hopes her niece will consider finishing her bachelor’s degree at Bellevue, which offers the flexible scheduling many working adults need.

SUNY Broome’s own online courses and degree programs have been positive for adult learners, a term that describes students over the age of 25, noted SUNY Broome Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti. Interestingly, many of the students considering SUNY Broome’s bachelors partnership programs with Bellevue, SUNY Empire State and Excelsior College are traditional-age students. Younger people also may have jobs and families to consider, and some simply learn better online, Dr. Battisti noted.

Jennifer Conway, President and CEO of the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce, noted Bellevue’s commitment to community partnerships and workforce development. She hopes the partnership program encourages talented and skilled workers to stay in the Broome County area and succeed.

“The number one economic challenge this region faces is finding enough talent to fill the jobs we have available,” Dr. Drumm added.

In the Community Humane Society Holiday Gift and Vendor Show

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Christmas tree



The Broome County Humane Society is holding a holiday gift and vendor show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018, at American Legion Post 1645, 177 Robinson St., Binghamton.

Admission is \$3. Children under age 12 will be admitted free with an adult.

Click the flyer below for more details.

[Holiday Show Flyer 2018 \(PDF\)](#)

Wales Center elevator is running again

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The Wales Center elevator has been repaired and is back up and running. Thank you for your patience!



Dance the night away and benefit suicide prevention efforts on Dec. 1

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Dance the night away and help save a life at the SUNY Broome Gala for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

The event runs from 8 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, at the Terra Cotta in downtown Binghamton. Formal or semi-formal attire is preferred, and hors d'oeuvres and light fare will be served.

Tickets are \$25 per person before Nov. 23 and \$30 per person after that date. To purchase tickets or to sponsor the event, email studentactivities@sunybroome.edu or [click here to purchase online](#).

Open Mic Night on Nov. 30

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Share your talents! DCX and TNT are teaming up for an Open Mic Night from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 30 in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre, located in the Student Center. Students and faculty are welcome to participate.

Thank you for making #Broome24 a success!

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THANK YOU!

The fourth annual SUNY Broome 24 Hours of Giving exceeded our expectations! We have so much to be thankful for and we owe our successes to so many different people. Thank you, our faculty and staff, from the bottom of our hearts, for participating in this monumental day for SUNY Broome. We are finalizing the gift count, but we had a record-setting year. At the end of our 24 Hours on November 27th, we raised \$89,662 from 477 donors. Wow! We are so grateful for the amazing support! Be sure to check back to our website at <http://www.sunybroome.edu/broome24> for our final numbers in the coming days.

Our Faculty & Staff Giving Campaign is an ongoing effort so there is still time to make your gift and get your name into the drawing for the baskets and handmade quilts! We will announce the winners on Dec. 13. Stop by the Foundation office in Wales 201 or go to our [Faculty & Staff Campaign website](#) to make your gift.

Finally, we would especially like to thank those who contributed in various ways to help make this a successful event:

American Dining Creations

BCC Foundation Staff

BCC Foundation Board Members

Follett Bookstore

Student Village Resident Directors and Assistants

SUNY Broome Ice Center

SUNY Broome Maintenance Staff

Orion Barber

Ashley Blackwell

Destiny Bonaparte

Silvia Briga

Ciara Cable

Katie Febres

Steve Gardner '73

Linda Gardner '72

Karen Goodman

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Justin Randolph

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Oliver Richardson

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Eberhard Sheghram

Hailey Johnson-Smith

Kristiane Johnson-Smith

Stinger

Gloria Stracquadanio

Carine Surdey

Edward Yetsko

Dec. 6 Common Hour: Is Parkland, Fla., the straw that broke the camel's back?

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How many school mass shootings can one country endure? Students from Stoneman Douglas High School responded and said, "Enough is enough." Join faculty presenter Carla Michalak at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, in T-102 for a discussion of what we can do as a community to end mass shootings.



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Upcoming Professional Development: Design with Canva

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Easily create beautiful designs and documents using Canva. This easy to use application lets you create social media graphics, flyers, posters and more with thousands of beautiful layouts which you can customize with drag and drop features. In this hands on workshop, you'll sign up for a free Canva account, learn to create some simple graphics by following along with the presenter, and then unleash your creativity with your own designs! We'll use the desktop version, but bring your smartphone if you'd like to play with the mobile app as well.

Limited to 14 participants.

When: Monday, December 10, 2018

Venue: Business Building 133

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Presented by: Sandra Wright

Register: [Register Here](#)

Orchestra and College Choir Winter Concert on Dec. 11

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Please join us for the SUNY Broome Orchestra and College Choir Winter Concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre, located in the SUNY Broome Student Center.



UPDATED: Excellus Dental Insurance Cards for ESPA, Guild and Administration

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Health graphic



Attention members of ESPA, Guild and Administration
enrolled in Dental Insurance:

Effective January 1, 2019, SUNY Broome Community College will have a new Excellus Dental Group Insurance Group Number #89813. New cards are being mailed to all eligible employees. Please present your new Excellus Dental card at your appointments with your provider beginning January 1, 2019.

Attached please find dental insurance change information provided by Excellus Dental.

[Excellus Dental Information Change \(PDF\)](#)

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Get organized for finals: Color in your Calendar on Dec. 4

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With the end of the semester quickly approaching, being proactive and organized is a priority that we all need to have! Although we understand that final exams and end-of-semester assignments can be daunting, we are excited to offer you an event next week that will help you get on track for a successful finals season.

SUNY Broome's Student Success Squad invites you to come to our "Color in your Calendar" event from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Dec. 4, in L-005 in the library. Here, we will be stocked with colorful writing utensils and two-week calendars for you all to pick up and help organize yourselves for finals season. Each calendar will have a section for you to color code your courses, prioritize your work for each day of the week, and also have a quick message for self-care for you to take part in.

We look forward to seeing you next week to jump into these last few weeks successfully!

Find your mellow: Relax Week from Dec. 10 through 14

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With finals fast approaching, take advantage of some relax time! From Dec. 10 through 14, a variety of events will allow you to de-stress and get through the end of the semester with ease.

- Dec. 10: Picture your happy place! Take a virtual vacation to the location of your choice via Green Screen from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center Lobby.
- Dec. 11: Bingo for Books! Play Bingo from 11 a.m. to noon in Decker 117 and win a gift card to the bookstore.
- Dec. 12: Free chair massages from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center Lobby.
- Dec. 13: Enjoy an hour of yoga from 11 a.m. to noon in the Baldwin Gym
- Dec. 14: The Bark 9 therapy dogs will get your tail wagging from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Student Center lobby.

Title IX/Sexual Harassment Training scheduled for Dec. 7

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In light of the snow day on Nov. 16, 2018, one more Title IX/Sexual Harassment training for employees will be held this semester:

- Friday, December 7, from 3 – 4 p.m. in the Libous Room (D-117)

Per new New York State law, every employer in NYS is required to provide employees with sexual harassment prevention training. As we are also an educational institution, federal law mandates we offer Title IX training as well.

Per the new NYS law, employees must receive training on an annual basis. Even if you have previously attended, employees must be trained annually.

Registration is not required and a sign-in sheet will be used to take attendance. A question and answer session will follow the training.

Any questions contact Paige Sedlacek, sedlacekpm@sunybroome.edu.

Hornets care: Campus community donates to Wishes for Wyatt

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Gift baskets for Wishes for Wyatt in the Public Safety office

The Hornet community showed its generosity by donating multiple gift baskets to Wishes for Wyatt. As of Nov. 28, the campus community donated three dozen gift baskets with a variety of themes.

Wyatt Archer-Forbes Plew was born on Oct. 9, 2018, and was soon after diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a form of cancer. His father, Tyler Plew, is an officer in SUNY Broome's Public Safety, while his mother, Katrina, is a UHS oncology nurse. He also has a big sister, Adrienne, who is a student at St. James. Wyatt's parents are at his side at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and won't be able to return to work for the foreseeable future.

A benefit dinner for Wyatt will be held on Dec. 1, 2018, at the American Legion in Vestal at 118 S. Jensen Road, and feature live bands, basket raffles, a 50/50 and silent auction.



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Campus Bible Fellowship to meet Nov. 29

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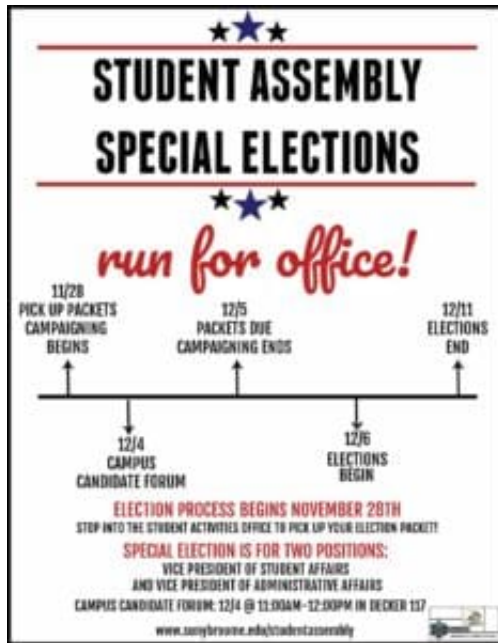
Looking for answers to life's big questions? The Campus Bible Fellowship is a group of Christian students who meet weekly to study and discuss the Bible in an open-learning environment. Peer support and encouragement is a big part of our gatherings. We engage in fun and interesting activities that build relationships and lasting connections such as retreats and various social events. We invite all who are interested in seeking knowledge and meaning in life.

The next meeting is this Thursday, Nov. 29, in BB-219 from 11 to 11:50 a.m.

Run for Office: Student Assembly Special Elections

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The Student Assembly is holding a special election for two positions: The Vice President of Student Affairs and the Vice President of Administrative Affairs.

You can pick up packets and start campaigning on Nov. 28. A campus candidate forum will be held at 11 a.m. Dec. 4 in Decker 117, and packets are due on Dec. 5. The election runs from Dec. 6 through 11 on The Swarm.

Make a difference: Run for office!

Success: Thank you for making a difference with #Broome24

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Gifts are still coming in, but we have surpassed our initial goal of donors and dollars raised!

In the past 24 hours, we have experienced so many meaningful connections with our donor family of alumni, faculty, staff, students, board members and community friends. What an inspiration for us to see so many people who share a common bond with SUNY Broome come together to support our students and campus on this special day.

As of midnight, 477 donors have given gifts totaling \$89,662 during our fourth annual SUNY Broome 24 Hours of Giving. This year far exceeded our expectations! On behalf of our students – Thank You, Thank You, Thank You for your part in making this our best year yet! Donor support is very much appreciated and truly makes a difference.

Be sure to visit our website at www.sunybroome.edu/broome24 over the next few days to see our final counts and updated donor roll. If you have not yet made your gift there is still time to join us in this campaign by visiting our

[secure online giving site](#) or by calling the Foundation office at 607-778-5182 during regular business hours.

Thank you for supporting us on this exciting day!

[DONATE NOW!](#)

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

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

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

Recognition Ceremony

At a University-wide event held in Albany, New York, at 2 p.m. April 24. 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 2018 and May 2019. Nominations must be returned by noon, Jan. 21. These nominations can be filled out electronically here (<https://goo.gl/forms/Ek2DlgiBFo1zenQA3>) 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.

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.

Last chance: Donate to the United Way before Nov. 30!

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It's not too late to join SUNY Broome's United Way campaign! United Way provides essential support for programs such as YMCA After School.



SUNY Broome's United Way campaign will run through Friday, Nov. 30, 2018. Visit www.uwbroome.org/donate to make an online contribution or visit the Human Resources Office to make a pledge to the United Way Community Campaign.

'Tis the season: Giving of the Toys on Dec. 6

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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. 6.

For more than 20 years, this event has become one of SUNY Broome's ways of getting ready for the holidays! More than 60 offices, departments, clubs, athletic teams and campus organizations typically present 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 StudentActivities@SUNYBroome.edu. Gifts given on the day of the event will happily be accepted. Of course, we will have hot chocolate and doughnuts and holiday music. The Buzz and Focus will carry more information on the event as the time draws closer.

We are also excited to announce an Ugly Sweater Contest to kick off this year's Giving of the Toys! Come dressed to ... impress?

'Chapo Trap House' Political Podcasters to Speak Nov. 29

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With more than 20,000 subscribers and Patreon supporters, the Chapo Trap House political/comedy podcast troupe is garnering international attention and acclaim. Hosted by Will Menaker, Matt Christman, Felix Biederman, Amber A'Lee Frost and Virgil Texas, the podcast became known for its far left commentary in the run-up to the 2016 U.S. presidential election. Their new book, "The Chapo Guide to Revolution" is currently on the New York Times Bestseller's List and has been favorably reviewed in Newsweek, Vanity Fair, and The Huffington Post among many others.

Join us for a rare opportunity on Thursday, Nov. 29, to discuss the book and all things political with the "Chapo Gang," fresh off of their sold-out Mid-West tour, via video-conference from 12 to 1:15 p.m. in Titchener Room 101. The discussion will be moderated by Communications Instructor Nick Bongiorno.

"There are a lot of frustrated teens and 20-somethings right now who recognize that older generations have failed them. They want alternatives to the bad baby boomer politics they've lived through for most of their lives, but they also feel powerless to change any of the big forces pushing the planet towards apocalypse — climate change, fascism, parents.... Chapo's slacker aesthetic could indeed be an effective way to keep the politically curious from falling for the dark side."

-Zach Carter, The Huffington Post.

Classroom conflict presentation on Dec. 6

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Conflicts in the classroom can be difficult to manage at times. Join Melissa Martin and Marie Finelli as they present information and tips on how to resolve conflict and what campus resources are available.

The presentation runs from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018 in the Public Safety classroom.

[An image of hands](#)



In the Community: Little Italy Endicott Tree Lighting

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Looking to get in the holiday spirit? Little Italy Endicott is presenting a Christmas Market and Tree Lighting from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at George W. Johnson Park, located off Oak Hill Avenue in Endicott.

The event features traditional Italian treats, kids' activities, carolers, carousel rides, hot chocolate, a visit with La Befana and fireworks at 7:30 p.m.

Sign up now: Fourth annual Health for Haiti Bowling Tournament fundraiser

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Team names due: Nov. 26, 2018
Contribution due: Dec. 3, 2018

Nov. 29 Common Hour: The Crime Victims Assistance Center and Enough is Enough

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Join Haley Murphy from the Crime Victims Assistance Center, SUNY Broome's confidential campus advocate, at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, in T-102. Murphy will introduce the services offered to students from a community nonprofit that supports the victims of crime. She will also discuss the New York State-wide program Enough is Enough, which aims to prevent and respond to student victims of interpersonal violence.



Celebrate art: Pop-up gallery and open studio on Nov. 30

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Please join Professor Dave Zeggert's ART 115 and ART 116 students from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 30 to celebrate their pop-up gallery, located just outside Room 205 of the Old Science building.

Beginning painting and drawing students will have their work on display in conjunction with an open studio event.

Feel free to stop by to view or create work or both!

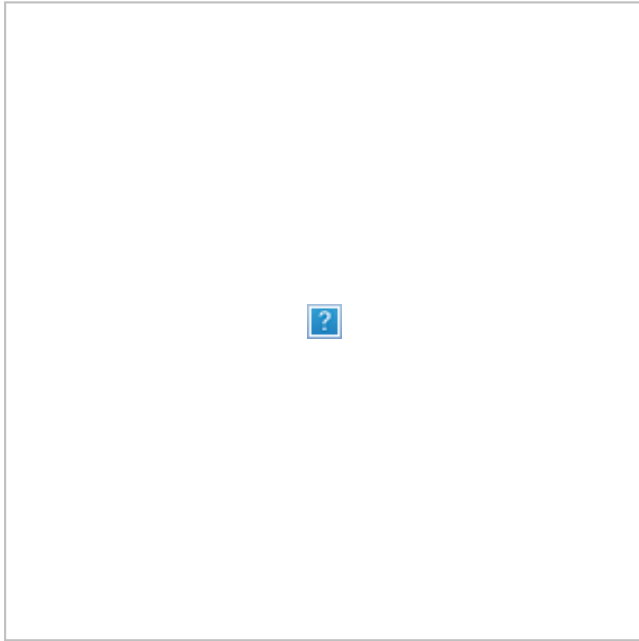
Reception at 11:30 a.m.

Open studio: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Online Proctoring and Examity

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Colleagues,

The Distance Learning Steering Committee conducted an extensive review of the four online proctoring solutions that have partnered with Open SUNY. Committee members evaluated each based on a comprehensive rubric that took into account not only the functionality of the tool, but also the flexibility provided to instructors based on pedagogical need, the integration with our Learning Management System (Blackboard), the ability to work with third-party publisher exams, the technical requirements needed and technical support available, the ease of use for both faculty and students, and the cost. Examity was ultimately chosen as SUNY Broome's remote proctoring solution as it not only exceeded all of the needs outlined above, but the others had significant and concerning shortfalls.

After a successful pilot in the spring of 2018, the campus is ready to move forward and extend the use of Examity to those faculty who wish to provide an online proctoring solution for their online exams. The cost of administering Examity will be covered by the college, so students will not have to pay additional fees, if you choose to use this service. If you would like additional information, or would like to implement Examity in your course, please contact Carine Surdey at 778-5353 or surdeycm@sunybroome.edu.

Thank you,

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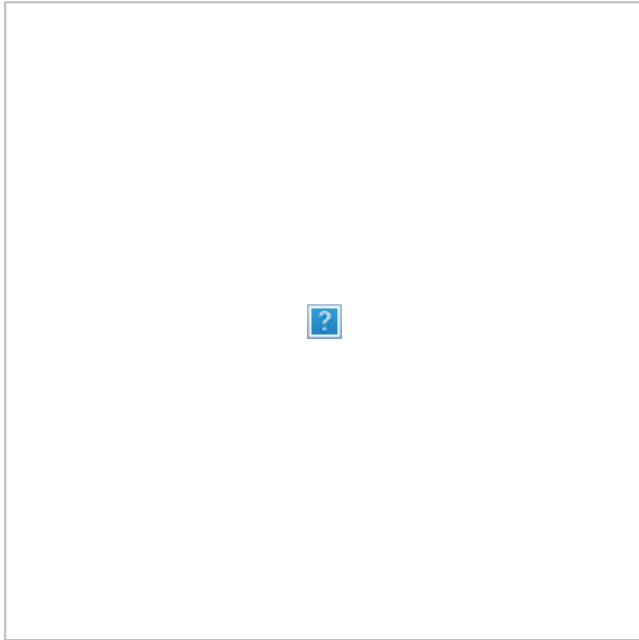
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Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

Exams – BAP Students

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Dear Faculty,

Please note the following information regarding Binghamton Advantage Students (BAP) and the scheduling of exams.

- SUNY Broome faculty ***are not expected*** to make any schedule changes or special accommodations for exams for BAP students.
- All non-local BAP students live in “Break Housing” at Binghamton University to accommodate students when SUNY Broome and Binghamton University’s academic calendars do not align.
- BAP students will have access to housing, dining, and transportation during all times that SUNY Broome is in session, but Binghamton University is not.
- BAP students and parents have been regularly notified of these procedures.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Kate Taylor (taylorlork@sunybroome.edu) or Elisabeth Costanzo Stewart (costanzoes@sunybroome.edu)
Francis L. Battisti, Ph.D.

Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

Guitar Ensemble Concert on Dec. 17

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The SUNY Broome Guitar Ensemble, directed by Paul Sweeny, will present their Fall concert at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre, located in the Student Center. The program will include music for the 13-member ensemble (including two pieces by the director), solos by guitar students, and duets with Professor Sweeny.



Upcoming Webinars Hosted by Diversity Initiatives

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Suicide & Foreseeable Violence to Others: Recent Court Rulings & Risk Management to Improve Safety, Protect Students & Minimize Institutional Liability

Institutions have a duty to take varying levels of “reasonable action” to protect students from inflicting foreseeable self-harm, as well as from causing foreseeable violence to others. **With suicide, homicide and injury being among the top three leading causes of death to 15-34 year-olds**, this is a worry area that keeps administrators up at night. Failure to create clear policies and procedures that follow legal and ethical guidelines, adequately address privacy concerns and support student safety, could lead to costly litigation, a public relations nightmare or worse: a student injury or death.

In just 90 minutes **our expert presenters**, Dr. Brian Mistler — Executive Director of Student Health & Wellness at Humboldt State University — and Mark St. Louis — Associate General Counsel at St. Petersburg College – **will review recent court rulings, core risk management principles and best practices for managing risk of harm to self and others.**

Be able to better distinguish those who have suicidal thoughts from those who will make a suicide attempt; differentiate Title II and ADA implications and available actions for students at risk of suicide versus hurting others; navigate conditions for leave and return; and connect these models to create a campus-wide approach

to improving the safety and learning experience for all students. **Safeguard your campus community and uphold the mission of your institution, as failing to understand the most current rulings could have massive implications.**

Panelists:

Brian J. Mistler is currently serving as the Executive Director of Student Health and Wellbeing Services at Humboldt State University in northern California.

Mark St. Louis is currently serving as Associate General Counsel at St. Petersburg College in Tampa Bay.

Topics Covered:

As a result of this webinar, you will be able to:

- Utilize a safety/risk decision-making matrix to formalize information sharing, including notification of parents and guardians in an academic, dean of students and confidential health/counseling setting to protect students — ***create clear policies and procedures that address privacy concerns, protect the health and safety of students and minimizes institutional liability.***
- Clarify how the Department of Justice’s definition of direct threat under Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act applies differently to the risk of harm to self versus harm to others — ***develop clear and compliant policies to address students leave and return from leave processes.***
- Provide faculty, staff and students with systematic “gatekeeper” training using available tools on recognizing and responding to students in need of mental health or basic needs resources — ***improve campus safety through campus-wide education and prevention programs that support, engage and help to retain at risk students WITHOUT placing even greater demand on your counseling services.***
- Initiate a campus-wide dialogue with faculty, staff, administration and students on the current mental health crisis and campus policies that address “students of concern” — ***appropriately identify and mitigate reasonably foreseeable risks of self-harm or violence to others in compliance with the ethical and legal standards.***
- Understand institutional negligence and liability to protect your students and institution from reasonably foreseeable risks of self-harm or violence to others — ***ensure your case management system for students in distress complies with key legal and state supreme court rulings from across the country and encourages appropriate communication between academic affairs, student affairs and campus support services.***

When: Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Venue: Wales 107

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Hosted by: Diversity Initiatives

Facilitated by: Joe Spence

Register: [Register Here](#)

Men of Color & Their Unique Needs: Strategies for Support, Engagement & Completion

Countless men of color are perpetually battling against perceived educational inferiority, racial bias/profiling both on and off campus, social media attacks and pervasive negative racial

stereotyping. As college campuses become more diverse, the more inclusive and equitable your campus is, the better your men of color recruitment, retention and engagement will be.

Ensure that your institution provides strategies and programs that make men of color feel valued, safe, a sense of belonging and supported throughout their educational experience.

Panelists:

J. Malcolm Smith currently serves as Associate Vice President, Dean of Student & Title IX Coordinator for Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island.

Dr. Ryan C. Holmes is currently the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at the University of Miami in Florida.

Topics Covered:

As a result of attending this webinar you will be able to:

- Build campus structures and systems that provide support for male students of color – **use more than just professionals of color on campus to advocate and support student satisfaction, engagement, and persistence.**
- Create a culturally competent and responsive campus community for all your students of color – ***incorporate the appropriate structure necessary to ensure they feel valued, safe, a sense of belonging and supported.***
- Develop a framework and schema to proactively address racial theory in America and the local, state, national and global incidents that have impact on your campus – **move past these stigmas so you can provide access to needed care and support in a way that resonates with this unique population.**
- Understand the effects of racial profiling – real or perceived – to be inclusive and decrease marginalization of these students. Foster partnerships for additional assistance in educating and changing student/faculty/staff behavior.
- Facilitate critical conversations with key stakeholders on your campus to make resources available to assist men of color. ***Ensure your institution is truly responsive to the needs of your students – take intentional action to address and positively impact their experience on your campus so that they succeed and graduate.***

When: Thursday, December 6, 2018

Venue: Wales 107

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Hosted by: Diversity Initiatives

Facilitated by: Scott Schuhert

Register: [Register Here](#)

Faculty & Staff Campaign during #Broome24 on Nov. 27

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Remember to join us in the Foundation office tomorrow, Nov. 27, throughout the day for basket raffles, prizes and goodies. As a member of the faculty and staff at SUNY Broome, you understand the importance of offering significant opportunities to our students, faculty and staff and keeping the college at the forefront of technology and innovation. We invite you to celebrate this great day with us while inspiring others to give!

And you don't have to wait until tomorrow – make your gift today! Visit our [secure online giving site](#) or our [Faculty & Staff Giving Campaign website](#)! You can also easily set up [payroll deduction](#).

[Faculty Staff Giving Campaign Flyer 2018 \(PDF\)](#)

Thank you for everything you do for the college. Your support shows others that you believe in SUNY Broome and our students!

P.S. If you've already made your gift – THANK YOU! And if you have previously set up your payroll deduction, you won't need to do anything additional. Your deduction will continue. Please contact the Foundation Office at 778-5182 with any questions.

Dec. 13 event: SUNY Broome Jazz Ensemble with Jeff Stockham on trumpet

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The SUNY Broome Jazz Ensemble will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre with special guest Jeff Stockham on trumpet. The band will perform music from the big-band libraries of Count Basie, Sammy Nestico and Ernie Wilkins. Tickets are \$5 at the door.



Upcoming Professional Development: Poll Everywhere

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Are you looking to add more interactive activities in order to engage your students in class? Poll Everywhere is a polling application that engages students in activities that promote interactive learning and student engagement in the classroom. Come join Dr. Graciela Solano at the TRC at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, for a workshop on how to use this polling application with your students.

When: Friday, December 7, 2018

Venue: TRC Lab (LI 101)

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Presented by: Dr. Graciela Solano

Register: [Register Here](#)

Eat at Moe's on Dec. 6 and support CJESSA

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Support the Criminal Justice & Emergency Services Student Association (CJESSA) by eating at Moe's on Upper Front between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. Dec 6; 15% of the pre-tax proceeds will go to CJESSA.

Just show them the flyer from your electronic device, hand them a printed flyer, or mention you are there for the CJESSA fundraiser.

[Cjessa Fundraiser Moes Dec 6 \(PDF\)](#)

Further information about CJESSA can be located at: <http://www2.sunybroome.edu/bps/cjes-dept/criminal-justice-emergency-services-student-association-cjessa/>

Tomorrow is the day: SUNY Broome's 24 Hours of Giving!

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The day has finally arrived! Join us tomorrow for our fourth annual SUNY Broome 24 Hours of Giving on Tuesday, Nov. 27! This annual Day of Giving, part of a larger global giving initiative called Giving Tuesday, marks a time each year for our donors, community friends, alumni, students, faculty and staff to come together to support our students and our campus. The last three years have been a huge success. We ask for your help in making this our best year yet!

Visit our webpage at www.sunybroome.edu/broome24 to learn more about the event, make your gift, and check out who else is supporting SUNY Broome.

Beginning at 12 a.m. tonight, look for updates on our website as well as pictures and messages through social media and in your email! Join us in sharing why you believe in SUNY Broome and don't forget to use #Broome24.

Show your Hornet Pride and join your SUNY Broome family in supporting our college and inspiring others to give. Your gifts make a significant impact on our campus, for our students and for our community!

You don't have to wait until tomorrow....make your gift now by using our secure online giving site!

[DONATE NOW!](#)

Don't miss out! Second Chance Scholarship application due Nov. 30

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The deadline for the Second Chance Scholarship application is approaching! Don't miss out on this great scholarship opportunity. **The deadline is Friday, Nov. 30, 2018.**

Follow this link to complete your application: <https://www.sunybroome.edu/available-scholarships-for-students>

Feel free to stop by the BCC Foundation office in Wales Center Room 201 to have your questions answered about the scholarship.

You're invited: SUNY Broome's Holiday Reception on Dec. 6

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SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm and the BCC Foundation cordially invite you and a guest to the Holiday reception!

Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018

4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Applied Technology Building Atrium

Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be served, along with a cash bar for beer and wine. Please RSVP by Dec. 3, 2018, by calling (607) 778-5100 or emailing odaypg@sunybroome.edu.

Student Assembly will collect your non-perishable food items for CHOW at the door.

United Way campaign: 100 years, 100 percent

November 25, 2018

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When you give to United Way of Broome County, you help improve the lives of everyone in our community – including your own. Visit www.uwbroome.org/donate to make an online contribution or visit the Human Resources Office to make a pledge to the United Way Community Campaign.

Your bachelor's is closer than you think: SUNY Broome, Bellevue University to announce new partnership on Nov. 29

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Join SUNY Broome and Bellevue University on Nov. 29 to mark the beginning of a new transfer opportunity for students.

SUNY Broome has joined Bellevue University's Premier Partnership Network, which gives students the opportunity to seamlessly transfer their college credits and pursue accelerated, online bachelor's and master's degrees in their chosen career field.

This partnership is part of SUNY Broome's Bachelor's Degree Institute, which gives students the opportunity to complete their bachelor's degrees both online and with classes on the SUNY Broome campus. Other partnerships through the institute include Excelsior College and SUNY Empire State.

"We are thrilled to offer yet another bachelor's degree option to our students for continuing their educations right here at home. They can not only earn a bachelor's but even a master's degree if they wish," said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. "Many students through the years have said that they wished SUNY Broome was a four-year school. This is really the next best thing: Getting many of the classes you need right here, then finishing online with one of the country's top open access institutions."

Jim Grotian, Vice President of Strategic Partnerships for Bellevue University added, "Bellevue University is committed to helping SUNY Broome students achieve their educational goals and become leaders here in the Southern Tier."

SUNY Broome will host a student celebration announcing the partnership from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, in the Baldwin Gym, featuring good, raffles, games and prizes. Students who attend this event can enter to win one of two \$1,000 grants, which can be applied to a degree at Bellevue University.

Then, officials from both colleges will announce details of the partnership during a press conference at 2 p.m. in Decker Health Sciences Building Room 201 on the SUNY Broome campus.

Students can learn more about the partnership by contacting Bellevue University's relationship manager at SUNY Broome, Megan Comstock. Her office is located in Wales Administration Center Room 115, and she can also be reached at (607) 778-5071 or comstockmn@sunybroome.edu.

About SUNY Broome Community College

A dynamic presence in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, SUNY Broome's history, degree opportunities, exceptional faculty and staff, rich campus life and dedication to learning, excellence, equity,

diversity and innovation, have established the college as a preeminent school recognized both nationally and globally. Founded in 1947, the fully-accredited community college offers both on-campus and online learning opportunities, seamless transfer to colleges and universities, and multiple degree programs in Liberal Arts, Business & Professional Studies, Health Sciences, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Learn more at www.sunybroome.edu.

About Bellevue University

Founded in 1966, [Bellevue University](http://bellevue.edu) is a non-profit, fully accredited university with more than 50,000 graduates worldwide. The University is a recognized national leader in preparing students for lifelong success with career-relevant knowledge and skills, while making college affordable. Routinely ranked among the nation's top transfer and open access institutions, the University serves students at its main campus in Bellevue, Nebraska, and everywhere online. The University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission through the U.S. Department of Education. For more information, visit bellevue.edu.

In the Community: Get your Xmas shopping down at this holiday bazaar across the street

November 25, 2018

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Need gifts for the holidays? Check out the Holiday Bazaar at Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church (right across the street from the college) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

This is your one-stop Christmas shopping event where you will find holiday gifts and decorations, hand-crafted items, jewelry, white elephant items and a bake sale!

Christmas tree



Dance the night away and benefit suicide prevention efforts on Dec. 1

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Dance the night away and help save a life at the SUNY Broome Gala for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

The event runs from 8 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, at the Terra Cotta in downtown Binghamton. Formal or semi-formal attire is preferred, and hors d'oeuvres and light fare will be served.

Tickets are \$25 per person before Nov. 23 and \$30 per person after that date. To purchase tickets or to sponsor the event, email studentactivities@sunybroome.edu or [click here to purchase online](#).

Nov. 29 Common Hour: The Crime Victims Assistance Center and Enough is Enough

November 22, 2018

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Join Haley Murphy from the Crime Victims Assistance Center, SUNY Broome's confidential campus advocate, at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, in T-102. Murphy will introduce the services offered to students from a community nonprofit that supports the victims of crime. She will also discuss the New York State-wide program Enough is Enough, which aims to prevent and respond to student victims of interpersonal violence.



BPS Division to hold Toys for Tots Holiday Bash on Dec. 3

November 22, 2018

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Join clubs from SUNY Broome's Division of Business and Professional Studies for their annual Toys for Tots Holiday Bash!

The event runs from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, 2018, at the Broome County Regional Farmers Market at 840 Front St., across the street from the college. Admission is free with the donation of a toy.

The event includes activities for kids, a chance to meet Santa, an ugly sweater contest, a hot chocolate bar and a \$10 ziti dinner available for purchase. Ring in the holidays for a great cause!

Hornets care: Donations sought for Wishes for Wyatt

November 22, 2018

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Hornets, can you pitch in to help a local family in need?

Wyatt Archer-Forbes Plew was born on Oct. 9, 2018, and was soon after diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a form of cancer. His father, Tyler Plew, is an officer in SUNY Broome's Public Safety, while his mother, Katrina, is a UHS oncology nurse. He also has a big sister, Adrienne, who is a student at St. James.

Wyatt's parents are at his side at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and won't be able to return to work for the foreseeable future. They can use help for medical and personal bills related to Wyatt's illness.

A benefit dinner for Wyatt will be held on Dec. 1, 2018, at the American Legion in Vestal at 118 S. Jensen Road, and feature live bands, basket raffles, a 50/50 and silent auction.

SUNY Broome's Office of Public Safety is collecting donations. If you're donating a basket for the raffle, please do so before Nov. 28. You can bring them to Investigator Marie Finelli in Public Safety, which is located in the Annex.

Checks can be made payable to Wishes for Wyatt, GHS Credit Union, 910 Front St., Binghamton, NY 13905.

Change of plans: Kaitlynn finds a new route to her dream school and success along the way

November 21, 2018

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Kaitlynn Liriano

Ever since she was 16 years old, Kaitlynn Liriano had her heart set on Binghamton University.

She wasn't accepted when she applied in high school, but she refuses to be deterred. She came up with a plan: Stay at home in New York City, where she could attend class for free, and eventually transfer over to her dream school. She chose Hunter College, one of the oldest public colleges in the country.

And slowly, she watched her dream slip further out of reach. She felt a lack of connection with her new college, along with the guidance and individual attention she needed to succeed. Her grade point average drifted downward – from 3.25, to 2.8 and then a truly concerning 1.5.

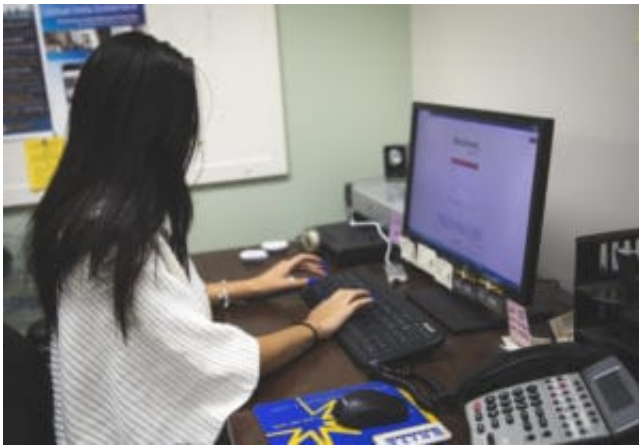
She had friends and family members who encouraged her to consider SUNY Broome. It's a good school and a good platform to transfer onward to Binghamton University, if she kept her grades up. Still, she resisted.

"I felt like I would be taking a step back," she said. "I applied and I got in; I took that as a sign from the universe that it was where I needed to be."

While she didn't initially know anyone at the college, it proved to be a worthy academic home. Majoring in Individual Studies in the Liberal Arts division, Kaitlynn's grades are better than they have ever been and she still plans to transfer to BU. She has already marked her path: major in human development, minor in education and someday become a counselor, helping high school students achieve their college dreams.

[Learn more about Individual Studies.](#)

'Give it a chance'



Kaitlynn Liriano hard at work in Student Activities

Counselors truly made a difference in Kaitlynn's own life, presenting college as an attainable option. That's no small thing.

"I'm a Dominican girl who grew up in Harlem. Society has shaped it so I don't succeed," she explained. "People like me are not set up with opportunities to go to college."

In high school, she became involved with [Aspira of New York](#), a nonprofit that helps inner-city minority youth achieve educational excellence. The organization hired her, and she found a true passion in helping fellow students succeed.

"I love connecting with the kids. It's very fulfilling to see a student finally reach their potential," she said. "A lot of kids in these situations, they think too low of themselves. Counselors connect with them and help them realize that college is possible. It's very rewarding."

Many people have inspired her along the way, including the counselor who initially hired her. He made sure she was exposed to every opportunity for success, including the EOP program, and eased her into the process of applying to college. A Binghamton University alumnus, he still checks in with Kaitlynn to see how she's doing in college.

[Learn more about the Educational Opportunity Program.](#)

The verdict: It's turning out so much better than her initial attempt back home.

"My experience here has been so much better. The professors here work with me. The advising here is amazing. Everything is so easy," she said. "The adults genuinely care and want to see the students succeed. At the end of the day, I have the help I need to figure out where I want to go."

Kaitlynn also has become involved in campus life and made new friends through her job at Student Activities. She's also looking to get involved in Student Assembly, and attends events on the Binghamton University campus as well.

She has the following advice for her fellow students: "Get involved in organizations and student clubs. It's so easy to start a club here," she said. "There's more life on campus than people think there is. Give it a chance."

[Click here to learn about campus clubs.](#)

Personal growth: Gabriella finds both focus and a future in human services

November 21, 2018

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Gabriella Santana

In high school, Gabriella Santana had no idea what she wanted to do with her life.

She knew she wanted to become more independent and go to college away from her hometown of Newburgh, and SUNY Broome's campus and Student Village appealed to her. The larger questions – major, career – remained unresolved, until she reflected on her own young life, her journey so far.

She considered all the people who helped her through the years. Gabriella has a learning disability, and her school counselors and others played a major role in helping her get the services she needed to succeed.

[Learn more about the Accessibility Resources Office at SUNY Broome.](#)

“I wouldn't have made it without them,” she said. That realization helped her find a major in Human Services, and the goal of transferring on to study Human Development; she has already committed to the University at Albany for Spring 2019. She isn't quite sure yet where her career path will take her, but she knows one thing for certain.

“I want to be that person to help someone, whether through an organization or as an advocate,” she said.

[Learn more about our Human Services degree program.](#)

A Resident Assistant in the Student Village, Gabriella already strives to be a leader and a helper to her peers. Initially, she never considered becoming an RA, believing herself to be too unfocused and scattered. After her roommate, [Victoria Celli](#), joined the Residence Life staff, Gabriella's competitive streak kicked in and she decided that she wanted to become more involved in the Student Village.

She joined the Residence Hall Association and helped organize programs for her fellow students before becoming an RA herself. She appreciates the opportunity, which has allowed her to grow as a person and as a future human services professional.

“It taught me a lot about dealing with people and handling situations, and balancing my personal life with

school and work,” she said. “It takes time and dedication.”

[Read more about Residence Life at SUNY Broome.](#)

She finds her classes interesting, particularly psychology, which inspires her to reflect on motivations, thoughts and behaviors. Biology Professor Diane Kelly also proved an inspiration; “She definitely taught me to work hard,” she said.

Psychology & Human Services Professor Margherita Rossi alerted Gabriella to another opportunity, which she jumped at: an internship in the human services field with [BC Hears](#), short for Broome County Higher Education Access, Retention and Success. A partnership program among Binghamton University, SUNY Broome and Broome County Promise Zone, BC Hears uses mentorship, tutoring and community engagement to encourage adults to further their education, whether their GED or a college degree.

As an intern, Gabriella recently went to Harpursville for outreach purposes, where she spoke to adults about their educational possibilities. She also tutors reading comprehension at the Broome County Library.

Adult learners weren’t initially a population she considered in her future career, but she is enjoying the experience.

“It gave me a new perspective on what ‘community-based’ really means,” she said of her internship.

As she prepares to transfer to Albany, she looks back at her SUNY Broome experience and has no regrets.

“Of course, there were times when I wanted to quit and go home, but coming here was the best decision I made. It gave me more time to grow and be the person I wanted to be,” she reflected. “I would have gotten lost if I went directly to a four-year school.”

'Tis the season: Giving of the Toys on Dec. 6

November 20, 2018

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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. 6.

For more than 20 years, this event has become one of SUNY Broome's ways of getting ready for the holidays! More than 60 offices, departments, clubs, athletic teams and campus organizations typically present 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 StudentActivities@SUNYBroome.edu. Gifts given on the day of the event will happily be accepted. Of course, we will have hot chocolate and doughnuts and holiday music. The Buzz and Focus will carry more information on the event as the time draws closer.

We are also excited to announce an Ugly Sweater Contest to kick off this year's Giving of the Toys! Come dressed to ... impress?

'Chapo Trap House' Political Podcasters to Speak Nov. 29

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With more than 20,000 subscribers and Patreon supporters, the Chapo Trap House political/comedy podcast troupe is garnering international attention and acclaim. Hosted by Will Menaker, Matt Christman, Felix Biederman, Amber A'Lee Frost and Virgil Texas, the podcast became known for its far left commentary in the run-up to the 2016 U.S. presidential election. Their new book, "The Chapo Guide to Revolution" is currently on the New York Times Bestseller's List and has been favorably reviewed in Newsweek, Vanity Fair, and The Huffington Post among many others.

Join us for a rare opportunity on Thursday, Nov. 29, to discuss the book and all things political with the "Chapo Gang," fresh off of their sold-out Mid-West tour, via video-conference from 12 to 1:15 p.m. in Titchener Room 101. The discussion will be moderated by Communications Instructor Nick Bongiorno.

"There are a lot of frustrated teens and 20-somethings right now who recognize that older generations have failed them. They want alternatives to the bad baby boomer politics they've lived through for most of their lives, but they also feel powerless to change any of the big forces pushing the planet towards apocalypse — climate change, fascism, parents.... Chapo's slacker aesthetic could indeed be an effective way to keep the politically curious from falling for the dark side."

-Zach Carter, The Huffington Post.

Classroom conflict presentation on Dec. 6

November 20, 2018

Categories: Uncategorized

Conflicts in the classroom can be difficult to manage at times. Join Melissa Martin and Marie Finelli as they present information and tips on how to resolve conflict and what campus resources are available.

The presentation runs from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018 in the Public Safety classroom.

[An image of hands](#)



Spread the word: Brianna hones her skills in marketing and leadership

November 20, 2018

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Brianna Marible

Before coming to SUNY Broome, Brianna Marible took a semester off from her education to ponder her future. What did she truly want to do with her skills, her abilities, the course of her life?

In her Brooklyn community, she found herself participating in charity events and other initiatives – and also discovered her mission along the way. Marketing fascinated her, and she scoured the Internet for community college programs that could get her the best start on her future career.

A neighbor recommended her own alma mater: SUNY Broome. Brianna found that it fit her needs and headed north. She was pleased with what she found: friendly people, a peaceful environment compared to the hectic rush of Brooklyn and solid academics.

“It gave me a chance to focus on the work I wanted to do,” she said.

[Learn more about Marketing, Management & Sales at SUNY Broome.](#)

Two years later, Brianna is graduating and planning her next stop on the way to a bachelor’s degree. She has been accepted at Stony Brook University and is awaiting an answer from her dream school: Binghamton University just down the road.

She has enjoyed her classes in marketing, advertising and the principles of management, where she learned what it takes to become a leader. Her Microsoft Excel class proved extremely useful at her marketing internship at State Farm.

She applied for internships using the Applied Learning & Career Center’s Purple Briefcase program, although it turns out that State Farm actually sought her. She is enjoying the experience in her field and plans to do additional internships while she works toward her bachelor’s degree, she said.

[Learn more about the Applied Learning & Career Center.](#)

Outside of class, she is also involved with Alpha Beta Gamma, the Business honor society, and was previously a member of the Business Club. She is also a Resident Assistant in the Student Village, which

allows her to hone some of the skills she will someday use in the business world: staging and advertising events for her residents, working alongside people from different backgrounds and, of course, resolving the inevitable conflicts.

“Like me, a lot of the residents are coming from far away and leaving their families. I want to make people’s experience at SUNY Broome welcoming,” she said. “We want to make our residents feel comfortable and interact with other people.”

[Learn more about residential life in our Student Village.](#)

Leadership didn’t always come naturally to Brianna; during her first semester she was actually quite shy, she admitted. Her friends and family observed the way she connects with others and suggested she become an RA; she’s glad she did, and relished the opportunity to break out of her shell.

Favorite professors include John Bunnell, Erin Frye and Charles Petrolawicz in the Business Department, and SUNY Broome Registrar Martin Guzzi, who teaches a course in microeconomics.

Brianna has enjoyed her SUNY Broome experience so much that she, like her neighbor, has recommended it to others: “I got to meet different types of people from all different walks of life. The professors were amazing, too, and customer service at the Registrar’s Office and Financial Aid was helpful.”

As any marketing professional knows, sometimes word of mouth is the best advertising there is.

In the Community: Broome Women Lead holiday social on Dec. 10

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BROOME WOMEN LEAD HOLIDAY SOCIAL

Monday, December 10th, 2018 | 5 – 7 pm

Remlik's, Atrium of Kilmer Building

31 Lewis St, Binghamton, NY 13901

\$15 per person. Cash Bar.

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The Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce's Broome Women Lead will hold a holiday social from 5 to 7 p.m. Dec. 10 in the Kilmer Building atrium at 31 Lewis St., Binghamton. Tickets are \$15 per person.

Women's organizations will be available to provide information on what they do and how to get involved.

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Unearthing new dreams: Alex prepares for a future in nursing

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Alex Button

Sometimes dreams and goals must change. That doesn't mean that those dreams were failures, but life often sends us in different directions that change us as well.

Ever since he was a kid in Central Massachusetts, Alex Button wanted to become an archaeologist. He started digging in the dirt early during an internship as a high school freshman, and went on to live his dream: earning a bachelor's degree in archaeology from Binghamton University and working at BU's Public Archaeology Facility.

He enjoyed his job, and had the opportunity to travel all over the state. But as a field, archaeology has its ups and downs, and what worked so well in his 20s didn't prove as good a fit for a married father of two. And then, two years ago, he received shocking news: His workplace would be hit with layoffs.

"We had just been scraping by," said Alex, whose children are 2 and 4 years old.

Although he didn't get cut himself, he made a decision: to go back to school and find a more stable career. While he had no personal experience in healthcare, he opted for SUNY Broome's Nursing program. After a year of taking pre-requisites in the Health Studies program, he is now a freshman.

[Click here to learn more about our Health Studies program.](#)

[Click here to learn more about our Nursing program.](#)

"I took anatomy and physiology. That was my first foray into the hard sciences since high school," he said. "Then I jumped into biology and chemistry. It really clicked."

He was off to a strong start – so strong, in fact, that his professors encouraged him to become a tutor, starting with anatomy and physiology. Now he helps his peers master biology and chemistry, and also tests his newfound skills outside the classroom in clinical rotations.

[Click here to learn about tutoring services at the college.](#)

He and his peers did a month of rotations at a nursing home, followed by UHS Binghamton General Hospital.

It's an intense experience, but the intensity is what makes it so valuable.

“The little things are some of the hardest – patient interaction and the culture of the unit has taken the most adjustment. I need a lot more practice,” he said.

Nursing might seem far afield from archaeology, but they have some factors in common. They aren't desk jobs, and they often involve coordinating with teams and solving interesting problems. Long-term, he envisions himself working in a hospital – perhaps in intensive care – and maybe someday going into a family practice.

“I really like the idea of the excitement and the fast-paced nature of a hospital,” Alex reflected. “I love people. I think there is such value in the uniqueness of all people. Being part of a team matters too.”

The team mentality also extends to SUNY Broome. When he returned to college, Biology Professor Diane Kelly made an indelible impression: tough, but deeply aware that she is training the community's healthcare providers – including ones that may provide her own care someday.

For many students, that team also includes family and Alex is no exception. He's incredibly grateful to his wife, who encouraged him to treat school like a job and attend class full-time.

Perhaps surprisingly, he has found his second time at college easier than the first, when he was 18 and living on his own for the first time.

“Coming back to school as an adult has been so much easier. The professors pay a lot of attention to students and they are accessible,” he said. “It makes me wish I had considered a community college before a four-year institution.”

[Click here to learn about adult learners at SUNY Broome.](#)

Anthony rises from addiction to embrace a new identity: Student, tutor and future counselor

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Anthony Hill

Sometimes a ray of hope comes to us during the darkest of nights, when all seems irreparably broken.

Two years ago, Anthony Hill had come to that place of shattering. In some senses, it was sudden: a 911 call, a 48-day stay in a psychiatric center and a chemical dependency treatment program. But those cracks were laid long before, during years as a functional alcoholic.

It didn't show on the outside during his 38 years in the automotive field, where he rose from technician to manager to shop owner. He lived in North Carolina, West Virginia, Maryland for a time. But the costs added up, resulting in a divorce and family estrangement. When his father and stepfather passed away in 2015, the pieces fell to the floor and he spent the following year in "a blackout drunken fog," he explained.

At UHS' New Horizons program, he finally began to accept the treatment he needed. He also deeply considered those who were putting him on a healthy course, and decided he wanted that future, too.

"I got a taste of wanting to possibly be a counselor," he said. "It took about six months, but I was able to start classes this spring."

Out of school for 35 years, Anthony is now in his second semester at SUNY Broome, as a Chemical Dependency Counseling major. The Owego native is also looking forward to the future: transferring to Binghamton University and someday earning his Master's degree in social work, furthering his aim of helping those who wander in the darkness of addiction.

[Click here to learn about our Chemical Dependency Counseling degree program.](#)

[Click here for more about adult learners at SUNY Broome.](#)

College is a new experience; after graduating high school, Anthony had gone into the military and then directly into the work world. But he greets that new experience with enthusiasm, excitement and a drive to succeed.

"I love to learn new things. I was taking a general psychology course with Professor Bill Altman, and

something clicked where I thought, ‘This is very enjoyable.’ I love learning this material,” he said. “It fit the way I was feeling, the second chapter in my life.”

He is sharing that love of learning with his fellow students as a peer tutor in psychology. He also works in the college’s Liberal Arts office, and volunteers his time as events coordinator for the SWAG Club (short for Social Wellness Advocacy Group). One of his more interesting evenings: coordinating the appearances of divas at the SUNY Broome Drag Show, where he also served as event photographer.

[Click here to learn about tutoring services at the college.](#)

SWAG is also planning a spring meet-and-greet with representatives from local rehab facilities, which will help students potentially make the connections they need for internships and jobs.

This new chapter in Anthony Hill’s life is far different from his old story – and rife with possibilities.

“Talking with other people in the field, I have the chance now to take the transfer and go on to get my masters. The opportunity is here for me now,” he said. “Sometimes I wish I would have done it years ago, but it wasn’t my calling then. Now it is.”

SUNY Broome's 24 Hours of Giving is 1 week away!

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The countdown is on! Join us for our 4th Annual SUNY Broome 24 Hours of Giving on Tuesday, Nov. 27! This annual Day of Giving, part of a larger global giving initiative called Giving Tuesday, marks a time each year for our donors, community friends, alumni, students, faculty and staff to come together to support our students and our campus. The last three years have been a huge success. We ask for your help in making this our best year yet!

Visit our webpage at www.sunybroome.edu/broome24 to learn more about the event, make your gift, and check out who else is supporting SUNY Broome.

Throughout the day, beginning at 12 a.m. EST, look for updates on our website as well as pictures and messages through social media and in your email! Join us in sharing why you believe in SUNY Broome and don't forget to use #Broome24.

Show your Hornet Pride and join your SUNY Broome family in supporting our college and inspiring others to give. Your gifts make a significant impact on our campus, for our students and for our community! You don't have to wait until Giving Day. Make your gift now by using our secure online giving site!

[DONATE NOW!](#)

Artist, scientist, tutor: Debbie strives to ‘spread science’ in ways we can all understand

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Debbie Miller

When she took her first animation class at the University of Rochester, Debbie Miller knew she found her calling.

But the timing was all wrong; it was 2008, and digital media wasn't nearly as big as it is today. Then a college freshman, Debbie knew she would have a difficult time convincing her family that her future lay in fine arts. Instead, she followed her other love – science – and graduated with a degree in molecular genetics in 2012.

She worked in a physics and nanotech lab for a time in Buffalo, but disliked the solitude. “It wasn’t for me. I’m too extroverted to be in a lab,” she said. “I want to spread science.”

And so, she found herself back in retail. Up to two years ago, she worked at Starbucks, where she served coffee – and helped the stray student with their organic chemistry homework. To keep her mind sharp and prepare for a future graduate degree, she began taking classes at nearby SUNY Broome, initially with no particular goal in mind.

Public relations. Anatomy and Physiology. The Art of Science. Drawing. The more classes she took, the more her future path began to take shape – leading her back to an old dream.

New ways to learn

Her classes led her to a job opportunity as a professional tutor, focusing on anatomy and physiology, chemistry and organic chemistry. Years ago, as a student at Seton Catholic Central High School, she tutored students with autism, an experience she found highly rewarding.

Tutoring college students also fulfills a part of Debbie’s nature – giving her a key to the puzzle of her future. She quit her retail job and refocused on her academic side, which led her back to art.

Some concepts – whether it’s how bodily systems work together in anatomy, or processes in organic chemistry – are best explained through pictures and imagery. As a tutor, Debbie uses a smartboard to quite

literally draw her students a picture, which aids their comprehension.

“I’m a kinesthetic learner and I know a lot of people have difficulty absorbing information in classrooms. I try to find those students who have that difficulty comprehending the material,” she explained. “The future of education is animation and video.”

[Click here to learn about tutoring services at the college.](#)

In her classes and tutoring sessions, Debbie Miller came to a realization: She wanted to combine her two passions of hard science and art. At first, she considered a future in medical illustration, which led her to the Art of Science as well as an online drawing class. After exploring the field a bit, she decided that medical illustration was too rigid and traditional for her taste and instead looked into SUNY Broome’s certificate program in New Media Design.

The coursework would prove useful in other aspects of her life. Outside of SUNY Broome, Debbie works at Health Beat in Johnson City and is involved in the local standup comedy scene, both of which require her to post on social media. Adding a New Media Design certificate to her resume would show that she is well-versed in the current technology.

[Click here to learn more about New Media Design.](#)

“Now, with today’s culture and the rise of social media – if you can grab someone’s attention quickly, that’s the way to really reach people,” she said. “What I really want to do is to take hard science concepts and make animations and graphics for education.”

She recently chatted with Art Professor David Zeggert about finding a graduate program in animation, which will take her one step further to her dream career. She has forged personal connections with a number of professors here, including Melissa Glenn in anatomy and Ed Evans in her initial public relations course.

“Every single professor was thorough. They care about your education and you as a person,” she said.

‘A little more together’

A conversation with Debbie Miller can take unexpected and delightful turns. She is honing her skills at oil painting, and makes animations of her pet hermit crabs, for example: “They all have their own personalities. They can live up to age 30 and grow to the size of coconuts,” she said with enthusiasm.

Her childhood hero was Bill Nye the Science Guy – a mechanical engineer who became a standup comic, and then achieved worldwide acclaim by explaining scientific concepts to children. It’s easy to imagine Debbie Miller – with her love of science and background in standup comedy – one day following in his footsteps.

As a tutor, Debbie draws on her own experience in other ways, and particularly enjoys working with students with disabilities or language barriers.

Many people don’t know that she struggles with depression and anxiety, and has attention deficit disorder (ADD) – realities for many students. In her early college years, she wasn’t the best student, but learned ways to cope: a Google calendar, extensive planning, a checklist. Some days, she still falls behind – and that’s okay.

“Every day is a new day. I use my own story to tell students to get their stuff a little more together,” she said. “You don’t have to get it all together – just a little more together.”

Celebrate art: Pop-up gallery and open studio on Nov. 30

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Please join Professor Dave Zeggert's ART 115 and ART 116 students from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 30 to celebrate their pop-up gallery, located just outside Room 205 of the Old Science building.

Beginning painting and drawing students will have their work on display in conjunction with an open studio event.

Feel free to stop by to view or create work or both!

Reception at 11:30 a.m.

Open studio: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Orchestra and College Choir Winter Concert on Dec. 11

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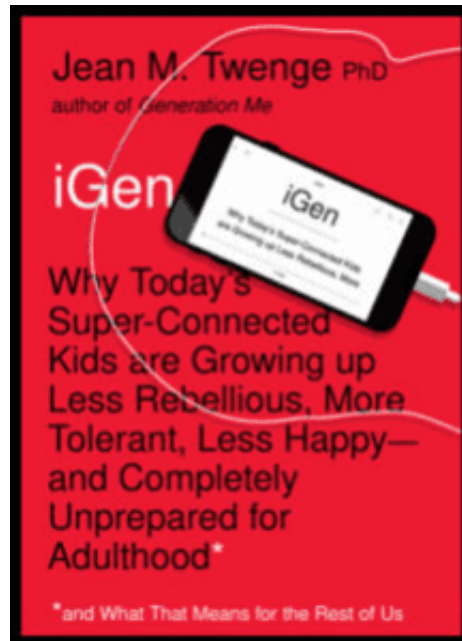
Please join us for the SUNY Broome Orchestra and College Choir Winter Concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre, located in the SUNY Broome Student Center.



And the Spring 2019 Convocation Day speaker is....

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The cover of Dr. Jean M. Twenge's book

The campus-wide Convocation Committee is pleased to announce that Dr. Jean M. Twenge, psychologist and author of the best seller, *iGen*,: ***Why Today's Super-Connected Kids Are Growing Up Less Rebellious, More Tolerant, Less Happy – and Completely Unprepared for Adulthood***, has been selected as our 2019 Convocation Day speaker. Twenge (pronounced “Twangy” as in “twangy guitar”) is a professor of psychology at San Diego State University and has published over 130 articles. Twenge is the author of books on social psychology, personality psychology and narcissism.

Convocation 2019 will focus on important and relevant **themes** such as how technology effects our daily lives and how i-Gen has been effected by being immersed in portable phone/computer culture. Twenge will discuss her research regarding how our technological devices have over-taken our lives and may have had a devastating effect on our youngest citizens. Dr. Twenge will cause us to consider the role that the use of technology plays in mental health and development toward adulthood as well as how the overuse of technology and social media may undermine sociability and happiness.

We hope that Twenge will inspire students and faculty alike to reconsider the overwhelming presence of smartphones, social media and technology in their daily lives. Please note that **Tuesday April 9, 2019, is Convocation Day, on which no day or evening classes will be held.**

Attention Teaching Faculty: Important information regarding the **Convocation Faculty Scholars (CFS) program** for teaching faculty will be released shortly. Over 80 teaching faculty members enrolled as CFS in 2018. This program recognizes teaching faculty who actively support student attendance at Convocation Day 2019 through the creation of Convocation-related scholarly activities.

For teaching faculty who wish to read the author's book, *iGen*,: ***Why Today's Super-Connected Kids Are Growing Up Less Rebellious, More Tolerant, Less Happy—and Completely Unprepared for Adulthood***, and delve into a deep discussion of the issues raised by her work, we plan to offer a 3-hour **Convocation**

Institute on Jan. 23, 2019. More details regarding the Convocation Institute for teaching faculty will be released shortly.

Campus-Wide Convocation Day Committee Members

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More Information about Dr. Jean's Twenge's book on iGen:

With generational divides wider than ever, parents, educators, and employers have an urgent need to understand today's rising generation of teens and young adults. Born after 1995, iGen is the first generation to spend their entire adolescence in the age of the smartphone. With social media and texting replacing other activities, iGen spends less time with their friends in person – perhaps why they are experiencing unprecedented levels of anxiety, depression, and loneliness.

But technology is not the only thing that makes iGen distinct from every generation before them; they are also different in how they spend their time, how they behave, and in their attitudes toward religion, sexuality, and politics. They socialize in completely new ways, reject once sacred social taboos, and want different things from their lives and careers. More than previous generations, they are obsessed with safety, focused on tolerance, and have no patience for inequality. iGen is also growing up more slowly than previous generations: eighteen-year-olds look and act like fifteen-year-olds used to.

As this new group of young people grows into adulthood, we all need to understand them: Friends and family need to look out for them; businesses must figure out how to recruit them and sell to them; colleges and universities must know how to educate and guide them. And members of iGen also need to understand themselves as they communicate with their elders and explain their views to their older peers. Because where iGen goes, so goes our nation—and the world.

Drawing from nationally representative surveys of 11 million young people as well as in-depth interviews, iGen is the first book to document the cultural changes shaping today's teens and young adults, documenting how their changed world has impacted their attitudes, worldviews, and mental health.

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4th annual Health for Haiti Bowling Tournament

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Haitian children

SUNY Broome Health for Haiti invites SUNY Broome faculty, staff, administrators, students, family and friends to a one-day bowling tournament. Four-person teams will compete throughout 2 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 Haiti. 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. 8 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.

[H4h Bowling 2018 \(PDF\)](#)

In the Community: Take a study break at ‘Messiah’ on Dec. 15

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The Binghamton Downtown Singers will present a nearly complete version of Handel’s oratorio “Messiah” at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church, 308 Main St., Johnson City. The full orchestra, 100-plus voice choir and soloists Elena Galván, Dawn Pierce, Daniel Bates and Timothy LeFebvre will be conducted by Artistic Director Marisa Crabb.

General admission tickets: \$20. A student ticket is available for each full price ticket purchased. Mail check made out to “Binghamton Downtown Singers” to: DTS Tickets c/o Rocky Porzio, 404 Ridge Road, Vestal, NY 13850, or purchase at the door.

Details: 607-648-5032 or DTS_Concerts@stny.rr.com.

Funding is provided in part by a project grant from Broome County Arts Council’s “United Cultural Fund” and public funds administered by the Chenango Arts Council’s Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the NYS Council on the Arts, with support from Governor Cuomo and the NYS Legislature. Additional support for Broome County provided by the Stewart W. & Willma C. Hoyt Foundation.

Your bachelor's is closer than you think: SUNY Broome, Bellevue University to announce new partnership on Nov. 29

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Join SUNY Broome and Bellevue University on Nov. 29 to mark the beginning of a new transfer opportunity for students.

SUNY Broome has joined Bellevue University's Premier Partnership Network, which gives students the opportunity to seamlessly transfer their college credits and pursue accelerated, online bachelor's and master's degrees in their chosen career field.

This partnership is part of SUNY Broome's Bachelor's Degree Institute, which gives students the opportunity to complete their bachelor's degrees both online and with classes on the SUNY Broome campus. Other partnerships through the institute include Excelsior College and SUNY Empire State.

"We are thrilled to offer yet another bachelor's degree option to our students for continuing their educations right here at home. They can not only earn a bachelor's but even a master's degree if they wish," said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. "Many students through the years have said that they wished SUNY Broome was a four-year school. This is really the next best thing: Getting many of the classes you need right here, then finishing online with one of the country's top open access institutions."

Jim Grotian, Vice President of Strategic Partnerships for Bellevue University added, "Bellevue University is committed to helping SUNY Broome students achieve their educational goals and become leaders here in the Southern Tier."

SUNY Broome will host a student celebration announcing the partnership from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, in the Baldwin Gym, featuring good, raffles, games and prizes. Students who attend this event can enter to win one of two \$1,000 grants, which can be applied to a degree at Bellevue University.

Then, officials from both colleges will announce details of the partnership during a press conference at 2 p.m. in Decker Health Sciences Building Room 201 on the SUNY Broome campus.

Students can learn more about the partnership by contacting Bellevue University's relationship manager at SUNY Broome, Megan Comstock. Her office is located in Wales Administration Center Room 115, and she can also be reached at (607) 778-5071 or comstockmn@sunybroome.edu.

About SUNY Broome Community College

A dynamic presence in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, SUNY Broome's history, degree opportunities, exceptional faculty and staff, rich campus life and dedication to learning, excellence, equity,

diversity and innovation, have established the college as a preeminent school recognized both nationally and globally. Founded in 1947, the fully-accredited community college offers both on-campus and online learning opportunities, seamless transfer to colleges and universities, and multiple degree programs in Liberal Arts, Business & Professional Studies, Health Sciences, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Learn more at www.sunybroome.edu.

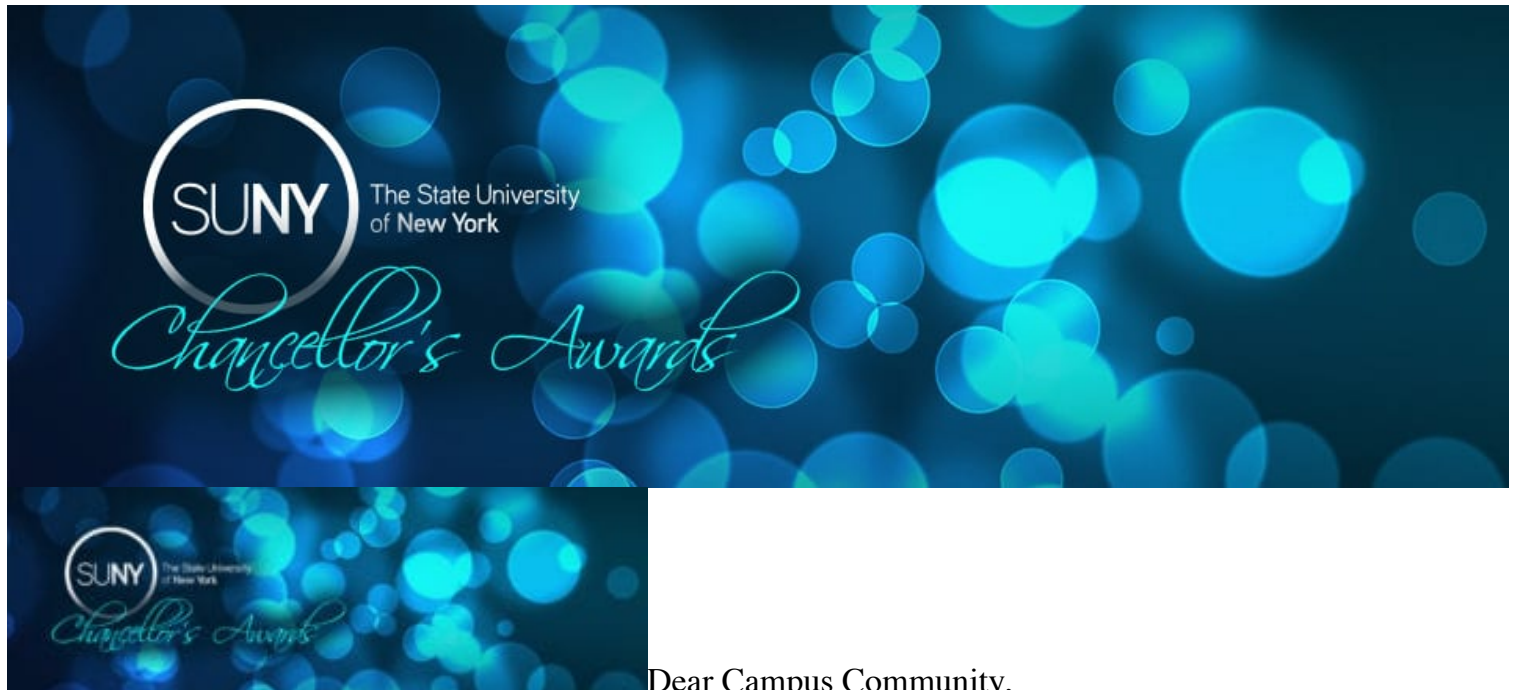
About Bellevue University

Founded in 1966, [Bellevue University](http://bellevue.edu) is a non-profit, fully accredited university with more than 50,000 graduates worldwide. The University is a recognized national leader in preparing students for lifelong success with career-relevant knowledge and skills, while making college affordable. Routinely ranked among the nation's top transfer and open access institutions, the University serves students at its main campus in Bellevue, Nebraska, and everywhere online. The University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission through the U.S. Department of Education. For more information, visit bellevue.edu.

SUNY Chancellor Award Nominees

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Dear Campus Community,

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

Excellence in Teaching

William Altman
Patricia Evans
Rachel Hinton
Diane Kelly
Mary Seel

Excellence in Professional Service

Melissa Martin

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. Packets are due **Friday, January 11, 2019**.

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.

Please join me in congratulating our deserving colleagues!

-Kevin

Kevin Drumm, PhD
SUNY Broome President

Make your gift day or night during SUNY Broome's 24 Hours of Giving on Nov. 27

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Join us for SUNY Broome's Annual 24 Hours of Giving on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018. Also known as Giving Tuesday, it is a nationally recognized day of giving back to your community by volunteering your time or donating to local organizations. We challenge our alumni, community friends, students, faculty and local businesses to support SUNY Broome and make their gift today!

Last year, we exceeded our goal and we ask for our community's help in reaching this year's goal of raising \$75,000 from 300 donors. Your support helps SUNY Broome continue to provide a high quality education and real world experience that students will remember for years to come.

The Broome Community College Foundation's scholarship program is successful because of our loyal donors and friends. The cost of going to college is continuously increasing, along with living expenses and other life circumstances. Many of our students cannot attend school without the much needed additional financial help!

Look for us on social media, email and our dedicated webpage <http://www3.sunybroome.edu/broome24>. The community will be able to tune into real time excitement and engage with one another.

This is a momentous day for the SUNY Broome family. 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. 27!

Request for Proposals: Sunshine Fund

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Request for Proposals- Sunshine Fund for Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration Grant

The BCC Foundation Sunshine Fund for Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration Grant is designed to stimulate and encourage faculty (full- and part-time) from different academic areas to work together to develop new ways to teach their courses. A cross-disciplinary approach to teaching is one which employs the teaching of one discipline through the lens of another discipline (e.g., how physicists explore music, sociological perspectives on the purpose of religion, etc.). The award is in memory of Harold Sunshine, who served as a former professor at SUNY Broome for 30 years and was instrumental in the college's hockey program.

Grant applications taking place this academic year are **due by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12th to the TRC mail stop #56**. Given the date of this announcement, approval has been granted for this one-time opportunity, which will allow applicants to have until December 31, 2019 to complete the required work associated with their project in the event the activity will extend beyond the current academic year. These PDAP funds are accessible to both Faculty and Staff.

For funding consideration, please review the information on the Sunshine Fund for Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration Grant on the Professional Development website. The [Sunshine Fund](#) webpage contains the required forms that must be used for full consideration of your PDAP request. The Professional Development Steering Committee will meet shortly after this date to act on the applications.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the TRC at 778-5611 or stop by to visit us at LI 101. We're here to help.

New Reality of Education Summit on Nov. 30

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Announcing a community summit for educators and administrators to learn about, discuss and brainstorm the new technology of virtual reality and its applications in education!

Led by Matthew Gill, founder of Enhance VR, a start-up company based in the Koffman Southern Tier Incubator in Binghamton, the event begins at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 30 at 120 Hawley Street, Binghamton. Sign up by clicking the link on the attached flyer or by emailing enhancevrteam@gmail.com

Food and beverages will be offered, and a live webcast will be available for those unable to attend.

[Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

Destiny calling: Why this Human Services major is part of Phone-A-Thon

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Destiny Bonaparte

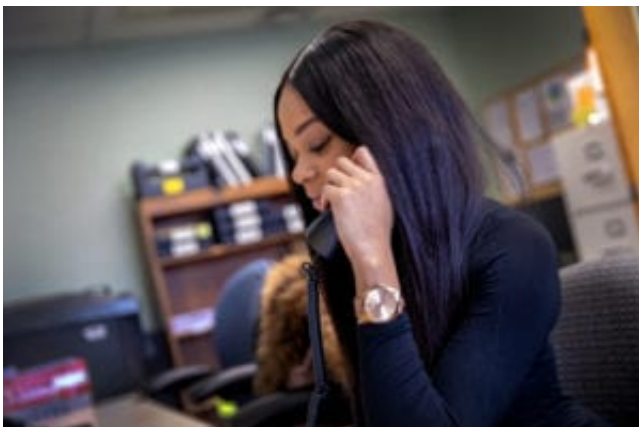
When you hear that ring and “SUNY Broome” pops up on your caller ID, make sure you answer: It could be Destiny calling.

Destiny Bonaparte, that is. The second-year Human Services major is one of the Broome Community College Foundation’s stalwart Phone-A-Thon callers, helping raise money for scholarships that benefit SUNY Broome students.

She and her colleagues will have a super-long day on Nov. 27 for SUNY Broome’s annual 24 Hours of Giving — #Broome24 for short.

A native of the Bronx, Destiny learned about the college from her sister, an alumna. She decided to go away for college, and SUNY Broome proved to be the best fit. “I didn’t want to travel too far, and I wanted a small school,” she said.

Graduating in May, she is solidifying her transfer plans, although she expects they will lead her back to the Big Apple. Her ultimate goal is to become a social worker.



Destiny Bonaparte

“I’m glad I came here. It’s a really good school,” she said of her time at SUNY Broome. “They have the Writing Center, the Math Lab – there is a lot of help. There are a lot of resources; you just have to utilize them.”

[Click here to learn more about our Human Services degree program.](#)

Her desire to help others – the same that inspires her professional aspirations — led her to the Phone-A-Thon, which proved to be the ideal campus job. Interestingly, she isn’t a scholarship recipient herself – she probably should have applied, she admitted – but she sees the impact on her peers.

“There are a lot of students who are struggling,” she said.

While the Phone-A-Thon is meaningful and even fun, those first few calls were tough. Callers work off a script, and Destiny made sure to practice before she picked up the line.

“During my first call, I was so nervous! I was stuttering. I was shaking,” she remembered. “Over time, it gets better.”

When you hear Destiny calling on Nov. 27, make sure to pick up – and donate to #Broome24! Even better, you can call her and her dedicated Phone-A-Thon peers at (607) 778-5182 during #Broome24, or donate at any time – even now! – at www.sunybroome.edu/broome24.

Upcoming Webinars Hosted by Diversity Initiatives

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Suicide & Foreseeable Violence to Others: Recent Court

Rulings & Risk Management to Improve Safety, Protect Students & Minimize Institutional Liability

Institutions have a duty to take varying levels of “reasonable action” to protect students from inflicting foreseeable self-harm, as well as from causing foreseeable violence to others. **With suicide, homicide and injury being among the top three leading causes of death to 15-34 year-olds**, this is a worry area that

keeps administrators up at night. Failure to create clear policies and procedures that follow legal and ethical guidelines, adequately address privacy concerns and support student safety, could lead to costly litigation, a public relations nightmare or worse: a student injury or death.

In just 90 minutes **our expert presenters**, Dr. Brian Mistler — Executive Director of Student Health & Wellness at Humboldt State University — and Mark St. Louis — Associate General Counsel at St. Petersburg College – **will review recent court rulings, core risk management principles and best practices for managing risk of harm to self and others.**

Be able to better distinguish those who have suicidal thoughts from those who will make a suicide attempt; differentiate Title II and ADA implications and available actions for students at risk of suicide versus hurting others; navigate conditions for leave and return; and connect these models to create a campus-wide approach to improving the safety and learning experience for all students. **Safeguard your campus community and uphold the mission of your institution, as failing to understand the most current rulings could have massive implications.**

Panelists:

Brian J. Mistler is currently serving as the Executive Director of Student Health and Wellbeing Services at Humboldt State University in northern California.

Mark St. Louis is currently serving as Associate General Counsel at St. Petersburg College in Tampa Bay.

Topics Covered:

As a result of this webinar, you will be able to:

- Utilize a safety/risk decision-making matrix to formalize information sharing, including notification of parents and guardians in an academic, dean of students and confidential health/counseling setting to protect students — ***create clear policies and procedures that address privacy concerns, protect the health and safety of students and minimizes institutional liability.***
- Clarify how the Department of Justice’s definition of direct threat under Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act applies differently to the risk of harm to self versus harm to others — ***develop clear and compliant policies to address students leave and return from leave processes.***
- Provide faculty, staff and students with systematic “gatekeeper” training using available tools on recognizing and responding to students in need of mental health or basic needs resources — ***improve campus safety through campus-wide education and prevention programs that support, engage and help to retain at risk students WITHOUT placing even greater demand on your counseling services.***
- Initiate a campus-wide dialogue with faculty, staff, administration and students on the current mental health crisis and campus policies that address “students of concern” — ***appropriately identify and mitigate reasonably foreseeable risks of self-harm or violence to others in compliance with the ethical and legal standards.***
- Understand institutional negligence and liability to protect your students and institution from reasonably foreseeable risks of self-harm or violence to others — ***ensure your case management system for students in distress complies with key legal and state supreme court rulings from across the country and encourages appropriate communication between academic affairs, student affairs and campus support services.***

When: Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Venue: Wales 107

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Hosted by: Diversity Initiatives

Facilitated by: Joe Spence

Register: [Register Here](#)

Men of Color & Their Unique Needs: Strategies for Support, Engagement & Completion

Countless men of color are perpetually battling against perceived educational inferiority, racial bias/profiling both on and off campus, social media attacks and pervasive negative racial stereotyping. As college campuses become more diverse, the more inclusive and equitable your campus is, the better your men of color recruitment, retention and engagement will be.

Ensure that your institution provides strategies and programs that make men of color feel valued, safe, a sense of belonging and supported throughout their educational experience.

Panelists:

J. Malcolm Smith currently serves as Associate Vice President, Dean of Student & Title IX Coordinator for Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island.

Dr. Ryan C. Holmes is currently the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at the University of Miami in Florida.

Topics Covered:

As a result of attending this webinar you will be able to:

- Build campus structures and systems that provide support for male students of color – **use more than just professionals of color on campus to advocate and support student satisfaction, engagement, and persistence.**
- Create a culturally competent and responsive campus community for all your students of color – *incorporate the appropriate structure necessary to ensure they feel valued, safe, a sense of belonging and supported.*
- Develop a framework and schema to proactively address racial theory in America and the local, state, national and global incidents that have impact on your campus – **move past these stigmas so you can provide access to needed care and support in a way that resonates with this unique population.**
- Understand the effects of racial profiling – real or perceived – to be inclusive and decrease marginalization of these students. Foster partnerships for additional assistance in educating and changing student/faculty/staff behavior.
- Facilitate critical conversations with key stakeholders on your campus to make resources available to assist men of color. *Ensure your institution is truly responsive to the needs of your students – take intentional action to address and positively impact their experience on your campus so that they succeed and graduate.*

When: Thursday, December 6, 2018

Venue: Wales 107

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Hosted by: Diversity Initiatives

Facilitated by: Scott Schuhert

Register: [Register Here](#)

Do you know a parenting or pregnant student?

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Do you know of any current students who are parenting and/or pregnant? If so, we are looking for feedback related to their experience at SUNY Broome!

Please encourage them to visit <http://bit.ly/Broomefamily> to complete a brief survey and be entered to win one of four Target Gift Cards for completing. Their response will be used to create recommendations for services and resources for parenting students here at SUNY Broome.

[Broome Ffct Survey Flyer 7 1 \(PDF\)](#)

Open Registration/College Readiness Weeks: Schedule and Information

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Registration is now open and we recommend that students register for class as soon as possible to get the classes and schedule they need.

Open Registration Week — the last week for regular applications — runs from Jan. 14 through 18, 2019, at the following days and times. **The application closes at the end of the day on Jan. 16, 2019.**

- Monday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

College Readiness Week is the last week for accepted students to adjust their schedule, and runs from Jan. 22 through 25, 2019. (The Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday is on Jan. 21, 2019.) **Registration during College Readiness Week is for previously accepted students only.**

The times and dates are:

- Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with student success workshops from 12 to 3 p.m.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with student success workshops from 2 to 5 p.m.
- Thursday: 12 to 5 p.m.
- Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

'Tis the season: Giving of the Toys on Dec. 6

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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. 6.

For more than 20 years, this event has become one of SUNY Broome's ways of getting ready for the holidays! More than 60 offices, departments, clubs, athletic teams and campus organizations typically present 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 StudentActivities@SUNYBroome.edu. Gifts given on the day of the event will happily be accepted. Of course, we will have hot chocolate and doughnuts and holiday music. The Buzz and Focus will carry more information on the event as the time draws closer.

We are also excited to announce an Ugly Sweater Contest to kick off this year's Giving of the Toys! Come dressed to ... impress?

Don't miss out! Second Chance Scholarship application due Nov. 30

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The deadline for the Second Chance Scholarship application is approaching! Don't miss out on this great scholarship opportunity. **The deadline is Friday, Nov. 30, 2018.**

Follow this link to complete your application: <https://www.sunybroome.edu/available-scholarships-for-students>

Feel free to stop by the BCC Foundation office in Wales Center Room 201 to have your questions answered about the scholarship.

You're invited: SUNY Broome's Holiday Reception on Dec. 6

November 18, 2018

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SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm and the BCC Foundation cordially invite you and a guest to the Holiday reception!

Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018

4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Applied Technology Building Atrium

Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be served, along with a cash bar for beer and wine. Please RSVP by Dec. 3, 2018, by calling (607) 778-5100 or emailing odaypg@sunybroome.edu.

Student Assembly will collect your non-perishable food items for CHOW at the door.

United Way campaign: Every dollar counts!

November 18, 2018




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WHY LIVE UNITED?


United Way fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in Broome County. When you give through United Way, you join with your friends, neighbors, and local businesses to help Broome County residents improve their daily lives, while empowering lasting change. Every donation counts and 100% of your donation goes directly into the community. The impact of United Way can be felt in nearly every home. Take a look at how a small contribution makes a big difference.

- > \$3.00 provides 1 backpack meal through local food pantries.
- > \$50.00 provides a senior with assistance in receiving free and confidential guidance to make informed choices about their health insurance options and services.
- > \$150.00 provides students with programming that improves the social, emotional and academic abilities of at risk youth.

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Every dollar donated counts. Visit www.uwbroome.org/donate to make an online contribution or visit the Human Resources Office to make a pledge to the United Way Community Campaign.

Gobble, Gobble, Give, Give: Medical Assisting students are holding a food drive

November 18, 2018

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Can you imagine what it must be like to be so hungry that you can't focus on studying? Or what it must be like to not have food on your Thanksgiving table? Unfortunately, that's not an imaginary situation: 42% of college students go to bed hungry every day.

We know you want to help our students! Drop off a canned good at one of the designated locations on campus and help Medical Assisting students help make students on our campus feel a little bit fuller this Thanksgiving. All donations go to benefit students at SUNY Broome and the Food for Thought Pantry, located on campus.

Look for collection bins in: Decker Health Science Office (217), Applied Technology, Titchener (210), Business (Main floor), Wales (107), Learning Assistance Department, 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

[Food Drive Flier 2018 \(PDF\)](#)

Nov. 29 presentation: Social Media and Our Self-Esteem

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Join Counseling Services from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Nov. 29, 2018, in Decker 201 for a presentation on “Social Media and our Self-Esteem.”

Social media has changed the landscape of how we communicate and interact with others. It also has a profound effect on our mental well-being. Join us for a presentation and discussion of how social media and our cell phones affect us.

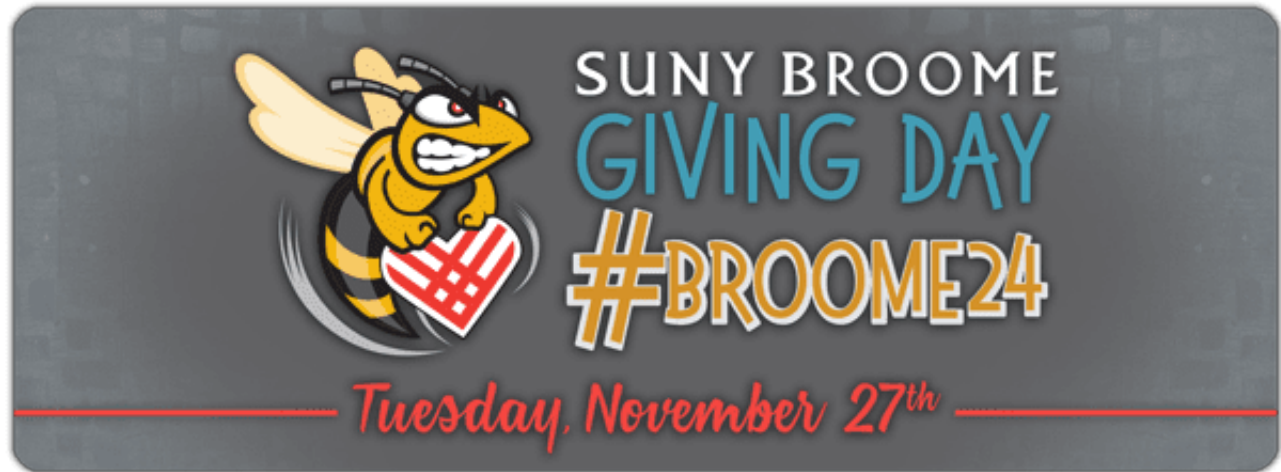
For more information, questions or concerns, please contact Melissa Martin in Counseling Services at 778-5210.



Faculty/Staff Giving Campaign and #Broome24: Perfect together!

November 15, 2018

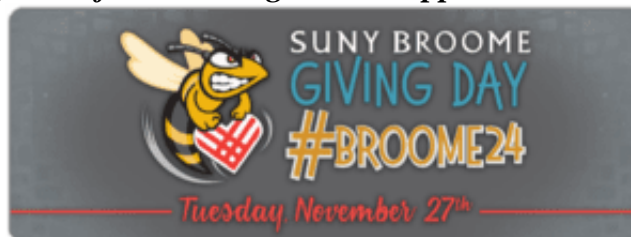
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There is no better time to kick off our Faculty & Staff Giving Campaign than during SUNY Broome's 24 Hours of Giving on Tuesday, Nov. 27! Join us in the Foundation office throughout the day for basket raffles, prizes and goodies. As a member of the faculty and staff at SUNY Broome, you understand the importance of offering significant opportunities to our students, faculty and staff and keeping the college at the forefront of technology and innovation. We invite you to celebrate this great day with us while inspiring others to give!

You don't need to wait until Giving Day to make your gift. Visit our [secure online giving site](#) or our [Faculty & Staff Giving Campaign website](#) to make your gift today! You can also easily set up [payroll deduction](#).

Thank you for everything you do for the college. Your support shows others that you believe in SUNY



Broome and our students!

P.S. If you've already made your gift – THANK YOU! And if you have previously set up your payroll deduction, you won't need to do anything additional. Your deduction will continue. Please contact the Foundation Office at 778-5182 with any questions.

Dance the night away and benefit suicide prevention efforts on Dec. 1

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Dance the night away and help save a life at the SUNY Broome Gala for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

The event runs from 8 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, at the Terra Cotta in downtown Binghamton. Formal or semi-formal attire is preferred, and hors d'oeuvres and light fare will be served.

Tickets are \$25 per person before Nov. 23 and \$30 per person after that date. To purchase tickets or to sponsor the event, email studentactivities@sunybroome.edu or [click here to purchase online](#).

Sign up now: Fourth annual Health for Haiti Bowling Tournament fundraiser

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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. 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.

[H4h Bowling 2018 \(PDF\)](#)



Team names due: Nov. 26, 2018
Contribution due: Dec. 3, 2018

Making history: Nation's oldest Park Ranger speaks to a standing-room only crowd

November 15, 2018

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Flanked by professors Virginia Shirley and Scott Corley, Betty Reid Soskin discusses her life.

Whether you realize it or not, the decisions you make today – who to vote for or whether to vote at all, whether to speak up, what career you will follow – will shape the future for generations to come. The problem is, mused Betty Reid Soskin, you won't know exactly how until decades afterward.

"Tomorrow is shaped by what we do or fail to do today," she told a standing-room only crowd in SUNY Broome's Decker Health Sciences Room 201 on Nov. 14. "These periods of chaos are cyclical and they've been happening since 1776."

At 97 years old, Soskin is the nation's oldest National Park ranger – and it's not an honorary post. She works five days a week at the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, California, giving talks and conducting tours. Before becoming a park ranger at the age of 85, the mother, grandmother and musician had a wide and varied life, including founding and running a record store, serving as a community activist, writing songs for the Civil Rights movement, fundraising for the Black Panthers and, later, serving as a field representative for two California state assemblywomen, which led to her involvement in the future park.



Betty Soskin Reid autographs her photo in Glamour Magazine

In short, Soskin has a birds-eye view of American history, stemming from her long years of experience. During an intimate conversation with Soskin led by Professors Virginia Shirley and Scott Corley, a rapt and silent audience hung on her every word.

“You’re really killing it here today!” one young man exclaimed during the question and answer portion.

“Thank you!” Soskin said with a laugh.

Forgotten history

The story behind the park is a fascinating one. It preserves the legacy of the home front struggle during World War II and specifically the Kaiser Richmond shipyards, which built 747 ships in three years and eight months, effectively out-producing the enemy, Soskin explained. Henry Kaiser imported his 98,000-member workforce from the South, both black and white, to a city with a population of only 23,000.



A student has his picture taken with Betty Soskin Reid

The massive productivity opened job opportunities to women and minorities – including the white, iconic “Rosie the Riveter” types – but came at a significant cost of lives in industrial accidents: a tally of 37,600 during the home front initiative. There were other costs, too: the 2½ years that Japanese-Americans spent in internment simply because they looked like the enemy. The Port Chicago explosion in California, in which 320 men – mostly black dockworkers – lost their lives when a munitions ship exploded. Afterward, 50

dockworkers refused to continue working out of fear of future explosions – and were convicted of mutiny and sentenced to 15 years in prison, the first time the nation had conducted a group trial of that sort, Soskin said.

“There’s so much history that was forgotten,” she said.

Soskin, whose parents were from Louisiana, identifies herself as “poly-racial” but in the world of her day, she was considered black. During the time of the shipyards, she worked as a clerk in a Jim Crow-segregated union hall and never saw a ship being built or launched.

When the park was being proposed around 2000, Betty Reid Soskin stepped forward to offer her own remembrances: the racial segregation and realities of the time, for example. To her surprise, she found a roomful of planners listening to her seriously. They were perhaps among the first generations to grow up with Sesame Street and Mr. Rogers, which normalized diversity and benefited the cause of Civil Rights.



Betty Reid Soskin meets with SUNY Broome students

“I have the incredible sense now that my fingerprints are all over that park. Without knowing I was doing it, I shaped a national park,” she said.

Redefining democracy

Soskin and her first husband moved to the suburbs to build a home and raise their family – the only black family in the neighborhood, where they faced bias and threats. As society changed, so did their reception, she remembered; she eventually became the friend white liberals wanted to have, to prove their dedication to Civil Rights.

She was politically active through the tumult of the 1960s – a period she is much reminded of today. “Those periods of chaos are when democracy are being redefined,” she said.

Due to her longevity, she is now living in the future she helped create – and largely, it’s a good one. She gives programs in Silicon Valley, where diversity is assumed, for example. Even tough moments – such as the white supremacists rallying in Charlottesville – reflect positive developments: the masks and hoods are off, and diverse groups are uniting to fight white supremacy, she reflected.

It’s true that today’s students must meet the challenges of their generation, such as climate change, with a flawed social system. That was also true during the World War II home front effort, Soskin reflected.

“There have always been those people in the system who are trying to get it right. The thrust of history is

positive,” she said, pointing out that her great-grandmother was born a slave in 1846, before the Dred Scott decision. The family connection isn’t just academic; Soskin knew her great-grandmother as the matriarch of her family, and she died when the younger woman was 27.

Named one of Glamour Magazine’s Women of the Year this fall, Soskin documented her life experiences in a memoir, *Sign My Name to Freedom*, and gives talks via Skype to book clubs around the country. She is still learning new things at the age of 97, and wishes she could have a few more decades to see the changes to come.

“I have no idea where we’re going to end up, but I think we’re on the right track,” she said. “Democracy has been a successful experiment for all of the woes, but we have to take our place in it.”

Pancakes for Haiti on Nov. 18

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Help the 2019 Health for Haiti class raise money for our upcoming projects in Haiti by attending our Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast.

The breakfast runs from 8 to 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, at Applebee's on 842 Front Street in Binghamton (across the street from SUNY Broome). Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased from Jen Musa



(musajm@sunybroome.edu) or any Health for Haiti student.

Please support our 2019 Health for Haiti students as they work to fight poverty and malnutrition by providing clean water, solar power, education, economic opportunities, and basic health services.

Arts at SUNY Broome: See ‘Rumors’ tonight, Friday and Saturday in the Little Theatre!

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The cast of Neil Simon’s “Rumors”

SUNY Broome Theater is performing its fall production of Neil Simon’s “Rumors” at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday), Friday and Saturday in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre, located in the SUNY Broome Student Center.

“The prolific, beloved and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Neil Simon passed away at the age of 91 this past August. The students and I chose this play so that we could pay tribute to this great theater artist,” said theater director Katherine Bacon.

In his long career, Simon received more combined Oscars and Tony nominations than any other writer. A true American situation comedy, “Rumors” was also the playwright’s first attempt at a farce.



The cast of Neil Simon’s “Rumors”

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students; no children under the age of 12 are permitted. Faculty and staff may receive complementary tickets, but please make reservations by calling 778-5191.

SUNY Broome's inaugural Career Week was a huge success!

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Students enjoyed the Build A Bear workshop during Career Week.

The Applied Learning & Career Center recently hosted SUNY Broome's very first Career Week (Oct. 29 through Nov. 2) to celebrate National Career Development Month (November). The ALCC collaborated with the STEM Division, Counseling Services department, Student Activities and the Women's Institute to put on a series of events each day of the week.

The larger scale events included the STEM Employer Showcase, which brought representatives from 13 local companies to the Calice Advanced Manufacturing Center atrium, giving students an opportunity to learn more about careers in various STEM career fields. On Tuesday, five esteemed women professionals, some of whom were in industries not traditionally occupied by females, shared their personal stories, career journeys and tips during the Women & Work Career Panel and Networking event. Thursday's annual Transfer Day brought 60+ college institutions to campus to answer questions for students considering continuing their education beyond SUNY Broome.



The panelist during the Women & Work discussion



The STEM showcase during Career Week

Other events included Workshop Wednesday, which offered a variety of workshops including: LinkedIn Lab, Career Exploration Workshop, Resume Roadshow, and Purple Briefcase and Big Interview demos. In addition, Fashion Friday offered a fun and interactive way to educate students on appropriate interview attire and promoted ALCC's upcoming Career Closet initiative, which will provide professional clothing to students at no cost.



Transfer Day 2018

Throughout the week, more than 500 students participated in some form or another with these events. The ALCC wishes to thank the campus partners and community representatives, as well as the students, for making our inaugural Career Week such a success!

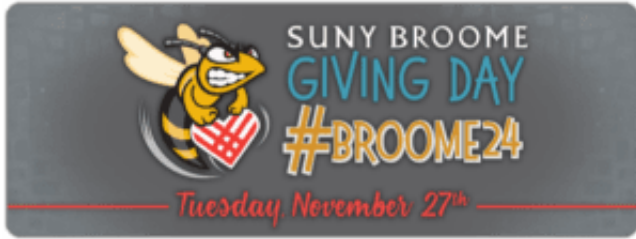


At the Women & Work panel

The countdown is on to SUNY Broome's 24 Hours of Giving!

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The countdown is on! Join us for our fourth annual SUNY Broome 24 Hours of Giving on Tuesday, Nov. 27! This annual Day of Giving, part of a larger global giving initiative called Giving Tuesday, marks a time each year for our donors, community friends, alumni, students, faculty and staff to come together to support our students and our campus. The last three years have been a huge success. We ask for your help in making this our best year yet!

Visit our webpage at www.sunybroome.edu/broome24 to learn more about the event, make your gift, and check out who else is supporting SUNY Broome.

Throughout the day, beginning at 12 a.m. EST on Tuesday, Nov. 27, look for updates on our website as well as pictures and messages through social media and in your email! Join us in sharing why you believe in SUNY Broome and don't forget to use #Broome24.

Show your Hornet Pride and join your SUNY Broome family in supporting our college and inspiring others to give. Your gifts make a significant impact on our campus, for our students and for our community!

You don't have to wait until Giving Day...make your gift now by using our secure online giving site!

[DONATE NOW!](#)

BPS Division to hold Toys for Tots Holiday Bash on Dec. 3

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Join clubs from SUNY Broome's Division of Business and Professional Studies for their annual Toys for Tots Holiday Bash!

The event runs from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, 2018, at the Broome County Regional Farmers Market at 840 Front St., across the street from the college. Admission is free with the donation of a toy.

The event includes activities for kids, a chance to meet Santa, an ugly sweater contest, a hot chocolate bar and a \$10 ziti dinner available for purchase. Ring in the holidays for a great cause!

Eat at Blaze Pizza on Nov. 21 and benefit the Nursing Class of 2020!

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Have a great meal for a great cause! The SUNY Broome Nursing Program Class of 2020 is holding a fundraiser at Blaze Pizza in Vestal, located at 3714 Vestal Parkway, from 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21.

Bring the flyer shown in the image here, or display it on your phone before paying. If you do, Blaze Pizza will donate 20 percent of proceeds from your meal to the Class of 2020!



Enjoy yourself and support our cause at a special fundraising event for:

Organization: SUNY Broome Nursing Program Class of 2020

Date: Wednesday, November 21st

Time: 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: Blaze Pizza - Vestal
3714 Vestal Parkway

Bring in this flyer or show it on your phone before paying. Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of proceeds from your meal back to our organization.



FAST-FIRE'D.

Donation amount excludes proceeds from the sale of gift cards purchased. Subject to Blaze's standard and policy. 20% valid for entire order. Blaze's standard and policy. 20% proceeds from your meal back to our organization.

Check now: Is your RAVE Emergency Alert info up-to-date for snow days and emergency closings?

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It's that time of year again, when snow is in the forecast!

This would be a great time for you to check your information in the RAVE Emergency Alert system. We use this system to convey closings and emergency information — including closings and delays for inclement weather.

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.

Don't miss out! Second Chance Scholarship application due Nov. 30

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The deadline for the Second Chance Scholarship application is approaching! Don't miss out on this great scholarship opportunity. **The deadline is Friday, Nov. 30, 2018.**

Follow this link to complete your application: <https://www.sunybroome.edu/available-scholarships-for-students>

Feel free to stop by the BCC Foundation office in Wales Center Room 201 to have your questions answered about the scholarship.

Donating to the United Way helps local organizations like VINES

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When you give to the United Way, your donation stays within the community — helping organizations such as VINES, which provides fresh produce to communities who may not otherwise be able to afford it.



SUNY Broome's United Way campaign will run through Friday, Nov. 30, 2018. Visit www.uwbroome.org/donate to make an online contribution or visit the Human Resources Office to make a pledge to the United Way Community Campaign.

'Chapo Trap House' Political Podcasters to Speak Nov. 29

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With more than 20,000 subscribers and Patreon supporters, the Chapo Trap House political/comedy podcast troupe is garnering international attention and acclaim. Hosted by Will Menaker, Matt Christman, Felix Biederman, Amber A'Lee Frost and Virgil Texas, the podcast became known for its far left commentary in the run-up to the 2016 U.S. presidential election. Their new book, "The Chapo Guide to Revolution" is currently on the New York Times Bestseller's List and has been favorably reviewed in Newsweek, Vanity Fair, and The Huffington Post among many others.

Join us for a rare opportunity on Thursday, Nov. 29, to discuss the book and all things political with the "Chapo Gang," fresh off of their sold-out Mid-West tour, via video-conference from 12 to 1:15 p.m. in Titchener Room 101. The discussion will be moderated by Communications Instructor Nick Bongiorno.

"There are a lot of frustrated teens and 20-somethings right now who recognize that older generations have failed them. They want alternatives to the bad baby boomer politics they've lived through for most of their lives, but they also feel powerless to change any of the big forces pushing the planet towards apocalypse — climate change, fascism, parents.... Chapo's slacker aesthetic could indeed be an effective way to keep the politically curious from falling for the dark side."

-Zach Carter, The Huffington Post.

Health and Safety update on the mouse situation in AT

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Alert logo



Public Safety received a report concerning mice in the Applied Technologies Building and promptly investigated the situation. After the presence of mice was confirmed, the college took immediate action, outlined below.

Please note that experts recommend a wait of 5 to 7 days after initial treatment before beginning a thorough cleanup to ensure the mice are gone.

Experts recommend the following response plan by the college:

- Take interim action to disinfect surfaces that have evidence of exposure with a bleach spray or commercial disinfectant.
- Once it has been determined the infestation is completely removed, cleanup can begin which includes:
- Wear rubber, latex, or vinyl gloves when cleaning up urine, droppings or nesting materials.
- Spray any urine, droppings, and nesting materials with either a bleach and water solution (1 parts bleach to 9 parts water) or a household disinfectant prepared according to the label instructions for dilution and disinfection time. Soak well. Use a paper towel or rag to pick up the materials and dispose of them.
- Mop floors after spraying them using bleach/water solution or a disinfectant.
- Remove potentially contaminated materials and discard them. If they cannot be discarded, items that cannot be disinfected with a liquid formula – such as books, magazines and documents — can be left outside in the heat for a day or stored in a disinfected indoor area for at least a week. Plastic, glass, or metal containers can be disinfected by spraying with the bleach and water solution or disinfectant.
- Clean countertops, cabinets, and drawers with disinfectant or bleach and water solution.
- When cleanup is complete, decontaminate gloves with disinfectant or bleach and water solution. Wash hands well with soap and warm water.

Actions Taken to Date

- The nesting area was cleaned and disinfected.

- A professional exterminator was called in to eliminate and control the situation. The initial target was the 017 suite area. By request, this has been expanded to all areas in AT with raised floors or any area where a mouse has been reported.
- All floors in the 017 suite area have been mopped and disinfected
- The floor of 017B was mopped and disinfected from wall to wall.
- All surfaces, drawers and shelves in 017B will be cleaned and disinfected.
- Custodial staff will spray disinfectant all surface in areas (computer labs, offices and classrooms) where there is evidence of mice (visual report of mice, droppings or nesting).
- Disinfectant wipes will be provided to all offices that feel they may have evidence of exposure.

Proposed Actions

- Faculty and staff need to identify to Facilities any additional areas where they may have seen mice.
- Rooms will be placed on a list to be addressed.
- Faculty/staff will need to remove personal items and papers from those areas.
- Maintenance and custodial staff will complete the cleaning during the break.
- Mice usually will not crawl over keyboards, into drawers or other surfaces unless in route to a source of food. **Do not keep food items in or on your desk.**

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Hornet power! Celebrate SUNY Broome success on the court this Friday

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The Hornets Women's Volleyball team at Nationals in 2018

The Fall 2018 semester went to the ladies – the Lady Hornets that is!

Our women's volleyball team headed to Nationals for the first time since 1984! They finished ninth in the Rochester, Minnesota, tournament and finished the season with a record of 30-7.

Our women's tennis team headed south to Peachtree City, Georgia, where they finished fourth place in the 2018 NJCAA Division III Women's Tennis Championship. They have competed in Nationals every year since 2011, and 10 times in the last 12 seasons.



The 2018 Hornets Women's tennis team

We also congratulate our men and women's cross-country team, who competed in Nationals in Massachusetts

Come join us at noon Friday, Nov. 16, in the Student Center Dining Hall to celebrate that Hornet spirit!

Pancakes for Haiti on Nov. 18

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The Health for Haiti class is having a Flapjack Fundraiser from 8 to 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018, at Applebees on Front Street. Tickets are only \$7. All proceeds from the breakfast will support the 2019 Health for Haiti class projects in Haiti. To enjoy some pancakes for a good



cause, please contact Jen Musa or Maureen Hankin.

Into the classroom: Inspired by his teachers, Joshua strives to make a difference

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Joshua Baker

Teachers do more than convey subject matter and skills, although that is an important role. They can also inspire, and even change your life.

Joshua Baker has seen this firsthand. He grew up in a tough New York City neighborhood and, in high school, had trouble finding his focus. College seemed out of the realm of possibility; no one in his family had ever gone on to higher education, and Joshua's family – like many others in the neighborhood – struggled to make ends meet.

"During my high school years, my grades were like a roller coaster going up and down," said the SUNY Broome sophomore.

His high school English teacher changed his course, giving him the confidence he needed to succeed. She met him after school to tutor him for free. Joshua, now an Early Childhood Education major, still keeps in touch and wants to follow in her footsteps.

"I want to pay it forward. I feel I could be a bridge in another person's life," he said.

[Learn more about Early Childhood Education at SUNY Broome.](#)

The transition to college hasn't always been easy. He dropped out of college twice in the city – Brooklyn College and Medgar Evers Community College, respectively – when he couldn't juggle the demands of helping out his family and his education.

To finish his degree, he knew he needed to leave the Big Apple and initially considered SUNY Jefferson before choosing SUNY Broome, which offers a pathway to Binghamton University. Going away was the right choice – but a difficult one.

"My mom was a single parent, and I always helped her take care of things, for better or for worse. I felt I was being selfish, to go away and do something for myself," he said. "Ultimately, I made the right decision and I'm breaking the cycle."

During his first semester on campus, he instantly clicked with his peers and knew he would succeed. He is a resident assistant at the Student Village, which gives him the opportunity to hone his skills in leadership and conflict resolution, which will ultimately prove useful in his own future classroom.

[Read more about Residence Life at SUNY Broome.](#)

His professors also inspire him. English instructor Alla Boldina reminds him of the high school teacher who set him on his current path, and Education Professor Lisa Strahley “always goes the extra mile for her students,” he said.

He has discovered a love for writing, which provides a way to channel his emotions and express his true self. He is currently taking a creative writing class on communicating ideas and values, which involves keeping a personal journal, a practice Joshua enjoys.

SUNY Broome’s Early Childhood Education program requires students to conduct class observations in the field. So far, Joshua has spent 10 hours with students with disabilities in a special education class and also conducted observations at Binghamton High School and his alma mater. He knows the population he himself would someday like to teach: teenagers, either in high school or middle school.

“Those are the ages kids make the decisions about the path they’re going to follow,” he explained.

When considering his transfer options – the next step for this future teacher – his perspective has broadened. He initially had his mind set on Binghamton University, but strong grades has led him to a new dream school: Northeastern University in Boston.

In the future, when Joshua at the head of his own classroom, he will continue to draw on the inspiration he received as a student – the teachers who changed his life. SUNY Broome has been an important part of that journey.

“It has been life-changing, seeing the environment where I’m from. Even the people out here, it’s so uplifting,” he said. “The atmosphere at Broome really helps kids succeed.”

Global connections: U.S. and Mexican Students say ‘Adios!’

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After 10 weeks of Wednesday teleconferences, the students in David Shrum’s English class at la Universidad de Celaya and in Kathleen McKenna’s Effective Speaking class at SUNY Broome held their final teleconference. The students began the semester by sharing introductory videos of themselves and their campuses in Blackboard. Then they Skyped weekly and listened to one another’s speeches, asking one another questions about life in the U.S. and Mexico. Some of their interactions focused on fall holidays in both countries.

The Mexican students shared information about their families, their school, Celaya and its famous dulce de leche, known as cajeta. They explained how tequilla is made, told a famous legend — la Llorona — about a woman who roams at night, tormented by the fact that her children are dead. They described celebrations of Independence Day and of Dia de los Muertos. They also talked about a museum in nearby Guanajuato, in which mummified remains are on display: <http://www.momiasdeguanajuato.gob.mx/>

U.S. students talked about the good, the bad and the scary (coyotes) of their camping trips. They taught their counterparts some drumming, some American sign language, and how to draw a cartoon version of a dog. They also shared stories describing the difference between their experiences living in New York City and in Binghamton. In the process, Broome students learned from one another as well. The U.S. students explained the history and celebration of Halloween.

The Mexican students shared some of the challenges their region faces as organized crime has gotten involved in stealing gasoline from underground pipes. They asked U.S. students about whether U.S. gun violence, especially in schools, impacts their daily lives. The students’ conversations were thoughtful and respectful. The Mexican students enjoyed hearing all the different regional accents within New York, and enjoyed learning from U.S. students from Egypt, Morocco and Iran as well. The U.S. students enjoyed trying out a little Spanish and hearing about their shared interests in music, food and spending time with friends.

The collaboration was part of SUNY Broome’s ongoing Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) initiative, designed to give international experiences to students right here on campus.

Fredonia Guitar Quartet to visit campus Thursday

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Distinguished SUNY Professor James Piorkowski and a group of his outstanding classical students will be in Binghamton on Thursday, Nov. 15.

Professor Piorkowski will conduct a workshop on effective practicing for guitarists (with hints that would help any other musician) at 11 a.m. in Campus Services Building Room 113 on the SUNY Broome campus. The Fredonia Guitar Quartet will present a program of ensemble and solo music on the Binghamton University campus in the Casadesus Recital Hall (Fine Arts 107) at 6 p.m. that evening. Their repertoire will include music from Latin America and also a piece by the late French guitarist/composer Roland Dyens written specifically for the Fredonia students.

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

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The Broome Educators of Children Association (BECA) has decided to continue its annual tradition of adopting a family through the Family Enrichment Network's Adopt a Family program. This year, the club chose to adopt a large family of five children. These children range in age from 2 to 8 years old.

BECA have been given a wish list. If you want to make these children's holidays a little brighter, you can purchase the items posted on a bulletin board in the Teacher Education/Early Childhood Classroom (T204). Just take a tag off the board, bring the unwrapped gift back to T-204 and place it in the appropriate child's decorated box by Dec. 5. Can't make it out? BECA will be happy to pick up your donations!

This family's head of household is also being celebrated with a special "pamper" basket for the foster mother and father. The club is also accepting gift certificates (of any denomination) for local grocery stores to support their family.

Attached you will find the children's wish lists and needs. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Christine Duffy-Webb at extension 5160.

[Adopt A Family List Without Names 18 \(PDF\)](#)

Business Programs Spring Advising & Registration

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Drop-in advising and registration for the Spring 2019 semester for current Business students will be held from 11 a.m. to noon this Thursday, Nov. 15, in Business Building Room 224.



Nov. 15 Common Hour: The #MeToo movement and sexual harassment

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How can sexual harassment be stamped out in government service and the private sector? Can public interest in addressing the widespread sexual harassment of women be sustained? Should public monies be used to protect harassers in government service?

Join faculty presenters Lee Whitted and John Sterlacci for a discussion of the #MeToo movement and sexual harassment at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, in T-102.



New vistas: Caleb expands his perspectives on business and his future

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Caleb Harrower at the front desk of the Student Village

Sometimes, to succeed in the classroom, you need to step outside of it for a while. When you return, you may have new perspectives, new goals – and new motivation.

Take Caleb Harrower, a second-year Business Administration major and a resident assistant in the Student Village. A native of Waverly, New York, he went directly from high school to college, envisioning a future in the real estate industry.

But during the Spring 2018 semester, life became overwhelming and his academic focus began to waver. He decided to do something dramatic: withdraw from his classes and drive out to Colorado, where he spent two months working before returning east. It was a last-minute decision, but ultimately worthwhile.

His car only made it to Kansas, and he had to figure out what to do entirely on his own, far from family and friends. He made it to Colorado the next day and ended up renting a room from a family in the Denver area, working for a roofing company and as a restaurant host.

He describes the Denver area as diverse and friendly, with a booming economy. Still, although he enjoyed his time there, he knew it was time to return and finish his degree.

“I needed that break. Before I went on that trip, I felt like I was losing motivation,” he said. “I’ve been so determined since the junior year of high school. I didn’t regret it at all.”

[Click here to read more about our Business Administration degree program.](#)

His own path



Caleb Harrower at the front desk of the Student Village

Finding a path unique to his own vision and experience isn't new to Caleb. Going into the military rather than college is somewhat of a family tradition; he opted out. In high school, he studied building construction at his local BOCES so he could learn how houses are constructed, knowledge he could draw on once he entered real estate.

But once he began taking classes at SUNY Broome, his perspectives on business – and his own future – expanded. He now sees himself as a future entrepreneur, and will continue his studies after transfer; he has already been accepted by the University at Buffalo and also has applied to Binghamton University.

[Click here to learn more about seamless transfer opportunities.](#)

“I want to start a business soon. I have some ideas, but I want to do a lot more research,” he reflected.

SUNY Broome has broadened his perspective in other ways, as well. It's why he chose to live in the Student Village rather than commute, he explained.

“I feel like it puts me in a position where I have to learn about people from different walks of life. There are people from Rochester, New York City, Colorado,” he said of the Student Village. “Being in my hometown, it's not as diverse. I wanted to explore new areas.”

[Read more about Residence Life at SUNY Broome.](#)

You can trace Caleb's appreciation for diversity to his summer jobs at local campgrounds, including KOA Campgrounds in Watkins Glen and Camp Badger in Spencer. Summer camp gave him the opportunity to work with people from around the world; at Camp Badger, he also worked with individuals with special needs, an experience he describes as life-changing.

He enjoys being a resident assistant, and makes sure to greet residents and their families during Move-In Day at the start of the semester. He is now more eager to reach out to others, and to make them feel welcome. In short, he found himself to be something he never imagined before: a leader.

Going to the mountains does change your perspective on life, as Caleb Harrower has found. But so do vistas closer to home: in the classroom, where you learn something new. In your residence hall or in your summer job, where you meet someone from far away and learn about their hometown.

“It's pushed me to start my own business someday. I think my life has become more broad and it's benefiting me a lot,” Caleb said of his time at SUNY Broome. “Coming here helped me better understand what I want to

do.”

SUNY Broome Theater presents 'Rumors' this Thursday, Friday and Saturday

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The cast of Neil Simon's "Rumors"

SUNY Broome Theater is performing its fall production of Neil Simon's "Rumors" at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre, located in the SUNY Broome Student Center.

"The prolific, beloved and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Neil Simon passed away at the age of 91 this past August. The students and I chose this play so that we could pay tribute to this great theater artist," said theater director Katherine Bacon.

In his long career, Simon received more combined Oscars and Tony nominations than any other writer. A true American situation comedy, "Rumors" was also the playwright's first attempt at a farce.



The cast of Neil Simon's "Rumors"

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students; no children under the age of 12 are permitted. Faculty and staff may receive complementary tickets, but please make reservations by calling 778-5191.

Honoring service: SUNY Broome holds Veterans Day ceremony

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The Broome County Veterans Memorial Association Color Guard at the start of the 2018 Veterans Day ceremony.

As a sign language interpreter rendered her words into graceful gestures, SUNY Broome student Marisa Kreidler sang the National Anthem at the start of SUNY Broome's Veterans Day observance.

The campus community and guests gather each year to honor the service of veterans, who safeguard our rights as Americans – including the freedom of speech, the press and assembly, and the freedom to vote and pursue an education, said Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti.

“Our veterans put their own education, careers and families on hold on behalf of this country – on behalf of us all. In short, military service is a sacrifice and a life-changing experience for both the people in uniform, and their families back home,” Dr. Battisti said.



Marisa Kreidler sings the National Anthem during the 2018 Veterans Day ceremony

While SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm was traveling and unable to make the 2018 ceremony, he sent words of support. “Thank you to all those in our academic community who have served and to all veterans across the nation and around the world. We enjoy the freedoms we have today thanks to your dedication to our great country,” he wrote.

Up until 1954, Veterans Day was known as Armistice Day and initially marked the end of the first World War a century ago on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. The forces the “Great War” set in motion are

still shaping and dividing our world today in the 21st century, Dr. Battisti said.



State Senator Fred Akshar speaks during the 2018 Veterans Day ceremony

Unlike Memorial Day, which remembers the fallen, Veterans Day honors those living who serve or have served their country. While it wasn't always true in the past, today's service members are all volunteers, making their sacrifice on behalf of their nation even more meaningful, Dr. Battisti said.

SUNY Broome, like other community colleges, owes its beginnings to veterans. After World War II, the G.I. Bill gave returning veterans the opportunity to pursue higher education – a new development in a country where college was traditionally reserved for people of means. Those veterans needed a public college system to accommodate their desire to learn, which spurred the creation in New York State of five Institutes of Applied Arts and Sciences. These institutes – SUNY Broome among them – became the core of the new community college system.



Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti speaks during the 2018 Veterans Day ceremony

SUNY Broome students continue to attend class on the G.I. Bill today, and veterans remain an important part of our campus community. They have a space of their own in the Veterans Resource Center, located in the Student Services Building, where they can focus on academics or socialize with each other in a safe and supportive space.

“For the students out there who aren’t veterans, I encourage you to reach out to your peers who have served and value their experiences and their voices,” Dr. Battisti said. “They are part of the wonderful diversity we have here on campus.”

During the ceremony, SUNY Broome welcomed state Senator Fred Akshar, a proud alumnus of the college, along with Broome County Sheriff David Harder and Binghamton Mayor Rich David. Akshar offered a succinct message of gratitude to veterans, both past and present.



Student Activities Director Jason Boring hands out green lightbulbs for the Greenlight A Vet initiative.

“We have a beautiful country and we have all of you to thank for that,” he said.

Dr. Battisti also encouraged attendees to visit the [Innocent Souls Exhibit](#) on the sixth floor of the County Office Building in downtown Binghamton. Sponsored by SUNY Broome’s Civic Engagement Center and the Broome County Arts Council, the exhibit features the photography of Glenn Hoover, a Vestal native, during his tour of duty during the Vietnam War in 1968. [SUNY Broome hosted the exhibit in 2017.](#)

Following the ceremony, Student Activities Director Jason Boring distributed green lightbulbs as part of the national Greenlight A Vet initiative, which is intended to highlight veterans as valued members of our community.

Sustainability at SUNY Broome: Lighting Lecture on Nov. 13

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Join Bill Watson from Envivid, Inc. for a lecture on modern lighting systems and design at noon Tuesday, Nov. 13, in Calice Advanced Manufacturing Center Room 213.

Envivid Inc. is an industry lighting leader, with one-stop shopping for smart LED lighting solutions, both indoor and outdoor, including but not limited to car dealerships, industrial plants, commercial applications, municipalities, parking lots, parking garages and highways.

And, mark your calendars for Thursday, Dec. 6, when Associate Professor Patricia Evans of the Visual Communications Department discusses sustainable lighting in the classroom. Do lighting choices in the classroom change the way our students learn?

Going on now: International Students Week in the Cafe!

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American Dining Creations is proud to partner with the International Students Organization for another year of International Students Week!

On the week of Nov. 12 through 16, ADC will be working with groups of International students from different countries and areas of the world to create menus representative of their homelands. The Dining Hall will feature a different country or region every day, and the students will work directly with our culinary staff to prepare and serve recipes that they have provided.

Academic Coffee House This Week!

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Join the Discussion... Following Wednesday's Faculty Best Practices Session the discussion will continue as to what our next actions need to be to make SUNY Broome, a stronger student-centered college. Focus will be given to Best Practices to raise student success and assist with reaching our Strategic Goal of enhancing student supports and success. Coffee and Tea will be served.

When: Thursday, November, 15th

Venue: Wales 203B

Time: 11:00 am – 11:50 am

Presented by: Dr. Francis Battisti

Register: [Register Here](#)

The Monday Poem: 'In Flanders Field'

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The Monday Poem is brought to you by Professor Kristin Bensen-Hause of the English Department. Enjoy!

In Flanders Fields

John McCrae (1872-1918)

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead; short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



McCrae, John. "In Flanders Fields." 1915, *Poets.org*,
www.poets.org/poetsorg/poem/flanders-fields. Accessed November 10, 2018.

Title IX/Sexual Harassment Trainings

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Title IX/Sexual Harassment training for employees:

- Friday, Nov. 16, from 10 – 11 a.m. in Wales 203B

Per new New York State law, every employer in NYS is required to provide employees with sexual harassment prevention training. As we are also an educational institution, federal law mandates we offer Title IX training as well.

Per the new NYS law, employees must receive training on an annual basis. Even if you have previously attended, employees must be trained annually.

Registration is not required and a sign-in sheet will be used to take attendance. A question and answer session will follow the training.

Learn about healthy sexual habits on Nov. 13

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The Broome County Sex Educators will be on campus from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018, in the Student Village classroom! Come learn about healthy sexual habits, have your questions answered, and enjoy games, prizes, free food and condom bingo.

An Intimate Discussion with Betty Reid Soskin, the nation's oldest Park Ranger, on Nov. 14

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Betty Soskin Reid

Join us for an intimate discussion on the converging worlds of Black History, the legacy of Theodore Roosevelt and the Environmental Protection Agency with Betty Soskin Reid, the oldest Park Ranger with the National Park Service.

The event will be held at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 14 in Decker Health Sciences Building 201 on the SUNY Broome campus.

Betty Charbonnet Soskin Reid is the oldest park ranger with the National Park Service and the author of the recently published *Sign My Name to Freedom: A Memoir of a Pioneering Life*. Her remarkable life spans nearly 10 decades and has included being an author, composer and singer, social and political activist, entrepreneur, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, historian, blogger and public speaker. Ms. Reid was instrumental in the establishment of the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, California. She was later hired to work the Rosie the Riveter Park, where she works today.

This event is sponsored by SUNY Broome President's Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion, Division of Academic Affairs and the SUNY Broome Women's Institute.

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“We wanted to find a way to bring awareness to the SUNY Broome community that many students struggle, often on a daily basis, to meet basic needs such as food and shelter. At the same time, we also wanted to find a way to let students who may be struggling know that there are a number of resources readily available,” said Hodel.

Information from local assistance organizations will be available during the event to help answer questions and to provide details about services offered. According to Student Activities Director, Jason Boring, “The Hunger Banquet is an opportunity for students to understand more about the circumstances that people face around the world and in the U.S. in regard to food insecurity and hunger. Students will be able to place themselves in different people's circumstances, and maybe even talk about their own personal experiences. The banquet is interactive, and meaningful. Students who come back years later remember this event.”

Veterans Day at SUNY Broome on Nov. 12

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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 Nov 12 at the Veterans Monument, located in front of the Student Services Building.

Refreshments will follow in the Calice Advanced Manufacturing Center atrium. Green light bulbs, part of the Greenlight a Vet initiative, will be available for pickup the afternoon of the event in the Student Activities Office.

United Way campaign: Ready to Live United?

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Give to the United Way Community Campaign. Be part of the solution. 100% of your generous gift works to make positive, sustainable change possible.

Visit www.uwbroome.org/donate to make an online contribution or visit the Human Resources Office to make a pledge to the United Way Community Campaign.

Gobble, Gobble, Give, Give: Medical Assisting students are holding a food drive

November 11, 2018

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Can you imagine what it must be like to be so hungry that you can't focus on studying? Or what it must be like to not have food on your Thanksgiving table? Unfortunately, that's not an imaginary situation: 42% of college students go to bed hungry every day.

We know you want to help our students! Drop off a canned good at one of the designated locations on campus and help Medical Assisting students help make students on our campus feel a little bit fuller this Thanksgiving. All donations go to benefit students at SUNY Broome and the Food for Thought Pantry, located on campus.

Look for collection bins in: Decker Health Science Office (217), Applied Technology, Titchener (210), Business (Main floor), Wales (107), Learning Assistance Department, 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

[Food Drive Flier 2018 \(PDF\)](#)

Classroom conflict presentation on Nov. 15

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Conflicts in the classroom can be difficult to manage at times. Join Melissa Martin and Marie Finelli as they present information and tips on how to resolve conflict and what campus resources are available.

The presentation runs from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018 in the Public Safety classroom.

The presentation will also run at the same time and place on Dec. 6.

[An image of hands](#)



SUNY Broome Theater announces fall production of Neil Simon's 'Rumors'

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The students pictured in the cast photo for *Rumors* are, in alphabetical order: Saifon Barry, Tylor Belles, Ryan Brunick, Fedeline Jean-Philippe, Lynnette Linares, Jeffrey Miller, Jaycee Mosher, Tiffany Poborsky, Mackinaw Shutt, Abdul Siddique, Ben Swenson and Jialin Tian. Also pictured are crew members and SUNY Broome alumnae, Joy Thornton and Claudia Sacco.

SUNY Broome Theater will present one of the most popular plays by the recently deceased comic playwright Neil Simon this fall. “*Rumors*” will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15; Friday, Nov. 16; and Saturday, Nov. 17 in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre, located in the Student Center.

“On Aug. 26, the world lost what the New York Times called the ‘Broadway Master of Comedy’ in 91-year-old playwright Neil Simon,” said theater director Katherine Bacon. “We are proud to be able to honor this great comic writer by presenting one of his most popular plays. Don’t miss the chance to see this hilarious comedy by this Pulitzer-prize winning, legendary playwright.”

Simon was nominated for four Oscars and received a number of Tony Awards. In fact Neil Simon, received more Tony and Oscar nominations than any other writer, not just playwrights.

Neil Simon’s list of works is too long to name, but he wrote 30 plays including *The Odd Couple*, *The Last of the Red Hot Lovers*, *Plaza Suite*, *The Goodbye Girl*, *Sweet Charity*, *Barefoot in the Park*, *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, *Broadway Bound*, *Biloxi Blues*, *The Dinner Party* and the play for which he won the Pulitzer, *The Drama Desk*, and the Tony, *Lost in Yonkers*. He wrote adaptations of many of his works for television movies and screenplays. He also wrote for a number of early television comedy shows along with Mel Brooks, Woody Allen, Sid Caesar, etc. He also wrote the book for four musicals including the smash hit *Promises, Promises*.

'Tis the season: Giving of the Toys on Dec. 6

November 9, 2018

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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. 6.

For more than 20 years, this event has become one of SUNY Broome's ways of getting ready for the holidays! More than 60 offices, departments, clubs, athletic teams and campus organizations typically present 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 StudentActivities@SUNYBroome.edu. Gifts given on the day of the event will happily be accepted. Of course, we will have hot chocolate and doughnuts and holiday music. The Buzz and Focus will carry more information on the event as the time draws closer.

We are also excited to announce an Ugly Sweater Contest to kick off this year's Giving of the Toys! Come dressed to ... impress?

SUNY Broome Campus Shop 3-Day Sale Nov. 13-15

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Get 25% off all fleece, outerwear, outerwear accessories, emblematic diploma frames and emblematic drinkware in the Campus Shop from Nov. 13 to 15. Sale is also valid on the sunybroomeshop.com website.

In the Community: Innocent Souls photo exhibit

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SUNY Broome hosted the [Innocent Souls Exhibit](#) in 2017. Vietnam War veteran and Vestal native Glenn Hoover captured these images during his tour in Vietnam in 1968. He graciously provided the exhibit and gave a talk on his experiences, as told through the images in the photos.

SUNY Broome's Civic Engagement Center partnered with the Broome County Arts Council to display the exhibit at the County Office Building in honor of Veterans Day. The exhibit is on display on the 6th floor of the County Office Building now through the end of the year and is open to the public.



"Innocent Souls: Vietnam 1968" is on display on the sixth floor of the County Office Building through the end of the year.



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PTA students present multicultural healthcare poster presentations

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The Senior Physical Therapist Assistant students presented their Cultural Competence in Healthcare poster board presentations in the Decker Atrium on Nov. 7, 2018. The student posters represented Haiti, South Korea, Polynesia, the Inuit, Judaism, the deaf and individuals within the autism spectrum. The students did a superior job of providing clinically relevant information regarding the “Do’s and Don’ts” of providing culturally proficient healthcare as it relates to the populations represented on the day of the event.

Flu clinics for the week of Nov. 12

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Our flu vaccine clinics for the week of Nov. 12 through 16, 2018, are as follows:

- Monday, Nov. 12: 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 14: 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 16: 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m.

Just walk in during our flu clinic hours! Clinics are held in the Student Health Services Office, Science Building Room 102.

Nov. 15 Common Hour: The #MeToo movement and sexual harassment

November 8, 2018

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How can sexual harassment be stamped out in government service and the private sector? Can public interest in addressing the widespread sexual harassment of women be sustained? Should public monies be used to protect harassers in government service?

Join faculty presenters Lee Whitted and John Sterlacci for a discussion of the #MeToo movement and sexual harassment at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, in T-102.



Hornets care: Donations sought for Wishes for Wyatt

November 8, 2018

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Hornets, can you pitch in to help a local family in need?

Wyatt Archer-Forbes Plew was born on Oct. 9, 2018, and was soon after diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a form of cancer. His father, Tyler Plew, is an officer in SUNY Broome's Public Safety, while his mother, Katrina, is a UHS oncology nurse. He also has a big sister, Adrienne, who is a student at St. James.

Wyatt's parents are at his side at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and won't be able to return to work for the foreseeable future. They can use help for medical and personal bills related to Wyatt's illness.

A benefit dinner for Wyatt will be held on Dec. 1, 2018, at the American Legion in Vestal at 118 S. Jensen Road, and feature live bands, basket raffles, a 50/50 and silent auction.

SUNY Broome's Office of Public Safety is collecting donations. If you're donating a basket for the raffle, please do so before Nov. 28. You can bring them to Investigator Marie Finelli in Public Safety, which is located in the Annex.

Checks can be made payable to Wishes for Wyatt, GHS Credit Union, 910 Front St., Binghamton, NY 13905.

Pancakes for Haiti on Nov. 18

November 8, 2018

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Help the 2019 Health for Haiti class raise money for our upcoming projects in Haiti by attending our Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast.

The breakfast runs from 8 to 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, at Applebee's on 842 Front Street in Binghamton (across the street from SUNY Broome). Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased from Jen Musa



(musajm@sunybroome.edu) or any Health for Haiti student.

Please support our 2019 Health for Haiti students as they work to fight poverty and malnutrition by providing clean water, solar power, education, economic opportunities, and basic health services.

Where is Stinger today? Follow SUNY Broome's Admissions Team!

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Where is SUNY Broome recruiting? In a word: Everywhere!

Fall “travel season” happens in September, October, November and December. The list below includes high school visits, college fairs, “Instant Admit” days and community events. This is in addition to 20+ groups from non-local schools that come to campus for info sessions, tours and on-campus events that we offer to table at, including science fairs, math fairs, STEAM camps and more.

Please note that this list is constantly growing and we always appreciate when people on campus alert us to events that may warrant a presence from Admissions.

Though we always encourage faculty to partner with Admissions, the majority of the events that we attend are geared for us to discuss the full breadth of our programs and not specific programs of study. That being

said, we always welcome support and participation.

High School Visits (Admissions)

Broome County:

Binghamton High School
Chenango Forks High School
Chenango Valley High School
Deposit High School
Harpursville High School
Johnson City High School
Maine-Endwell High School
Seton Catholic Central High School
Central Baptist
Susquehanna Valley High School
Union-Endicott High School
Vestal High School
Whitney Point High School
Windsor High School

Tioga County:

Candor High School
Newark Valley High School
Owego-Apalachin High School
Spencer-Van Etten High School
Tioga High School
Waverly High School

Cortland County:

Cincinnatus High School
Cortland High School
Homer High School
Marathon High School
McGraw High School

Delaware County:

Andes High School
Charlotte Valley High School
Delhi High School
Downsville High School
Franklin High School
Hancock High School
Margaretville High School
Roxbury High School
Sidney High School
South Kortright High School
Stamford High School
Walton High School

Chenango County:

Afton High School
Bainbridge-Guilford High School

Georgetown-South Otselic High School
Greene High School
Norwich High School
Oxford Academy High School
Sherburne-Earlville High School
Unadilla Valley High School

College Fairs/Parent Nights (Admissions)

Broome Tioga BOCES Fair: August 9, 2018
Elmira High School College Fair: September 4, 2018
Hancock High School Mini Fair: September 20, 2018
Athens High School Mini Fair: September 20, 2018
SUNY College Fair (Syracuse): September 20, 2018
Johnson City Parent Night: September 27, 2018
SUNY OpInform (Morrisville): September 28, 2018
ConTech Career Day: October 3, 2018
Maine-Endwell Parent Open House: October 4, 2018
Mohawk Valley Counselors Association Fair: October 9, 2018
SUNY College Fair (NYC) October 10-11, 2018
Greater Binghamton College Fair: October 17, 2018
Lackawanna County College Fair: October 17, 2018
Arnot Mall College Fair: October 18, 2018
SUNY OpInform (Oneonta): October 23, 2018
CTE College Information Day: October 25, 2018
Nowich College Fair: November 8, 2018
OCM BOCES College/Career Fair: November 16, 2018

Instant Admit Events (Admissions)

Binghamton High School Instant Admit Day: October 26, 2018
Chenango Forks Instant Admit Day: October 29, 2018
Johnson City High School Instant Admit Day: October 18, 2018
Owego Free Academy Instant Admit Day: October 19, 2018
Chenango Valley Instant Admit Day: October 23, 2018
Newark Valley Instant Admit Day: October 25, 2015
Maine-Endwell Instant Admit Day: October 30, 2018
Windsor High School Instant Admit Day: November 7, 2018
Vestal High School Instant Admit Day: November 8, 2018
Whitney Point High School Instant Admit Day: November 14, 2018
Susquehanna Valley Instant Admit Day: November 15, 2018

Community Events/Specialty Recruitment

RoberCon: September 29-30, 2018
Pathway to Careers Whitney Point High School: October 10, 2018
Pathway to Careers Chenango Valley High School: November 5, 2018
Pathway to Careers Maine-Endwell High School: November 14, 2018
Pathway to Careers Union-Endicott High School: November 29, 2018

Please note: There are several offices/departments on campus that support the college via outreach. In this way, the college performs a wide variety of informative services as a gift to the community.

Some of these offices include:

Financial Aid
ALCC
Continuing Education
EOP
LAD
and many others!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to Admissions!

Keep Admissions updated about your great work!

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SUNY Broome's Admissions Team is always looking for program updates, student success stories, and transfer/career opportunities to share with prospective students.

All academic departments and student support offices are encouraged to come to an Admissions Staff Meeting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday mornings to update the team .

If you are interested, please email Elisabeth Costanzo Stewart at costanzoes@sunybroome.edu.

SANS OUCH! November 2018: Am I Hacked?

November 7, 2018

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We are excited to announce November's edition of the OUCH! newsletter: "Am I Hacked?" Led by Guest Editor and SANS Instructor Dr. Johannes Ulrich, we answer the question how do you know when you have been hacked, and just as importantly, what should you do? Learn the simple and easy steps by downloading and sharing OUCH! with family, friends and co-workers.

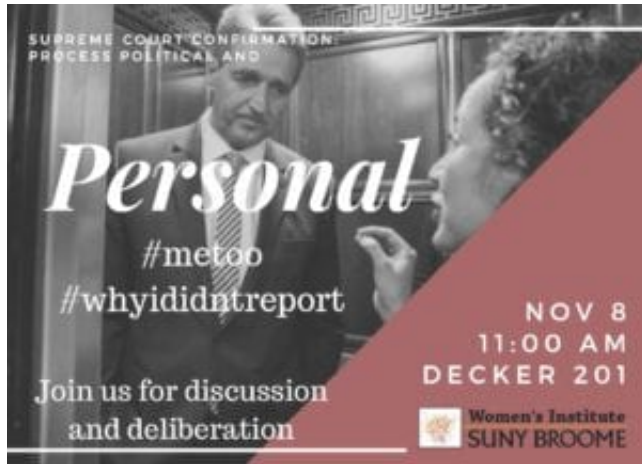
Am I Hacked?: <https://www.sans.org/security-awareness-training/resources/am-i-hacked>

OUCH! Archives: <https://www.sans.org/ouch>

Supreme Court Confirmation: The personal aspects of #metoo on Nov. 8

November 7, 2018

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Join the Women's Institute at SUNY Broome for a discussion and deliberation related to the U.S. Supreme Court confirmation process for Judge Kavanaugh.

The session, which focuses on the personal aspects of the confirmation, will run from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, in NSC 205. It will look at the effect of this process on individual lives (of the accused and the accuser), its relationship to the #metoo movement, and the effect of such explosive public hearings on survivors of sexual assault. It will also ask how all people committed to respect should interact with one another moving forward.

[Click here to learn more about the deliberation.](#)

Don't miss out! Second Chance Scholarship application due Nov. 30

November 7, 2018

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The deadline for the Second Chance Scholarship application is approaching! Don't miss out on this great scholarship opportunity. **The deadline is Friday, Nov. 30, 2018.**

Follow this link to complete your application: <https://www.sunybroome.edu/available-scholarships-for-students>

Feel free to stop by the BCC Foundation office in Wales Center Room 201 to have your questions answered about the scholarship.

Pancakes for Haiti on Nov. 18

November 7, 2018

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The Health for Haiti class is having a Flapjack Fundraiser from 8 to 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018, at Applebees on Front Street. Tickets are only \$7. All proceeds from the breakfast will support the 2019 Health for Haiti class projects in Haiti. To enjoy some pancakes for a good



cause, please contact Jen Musa or Maureen Hankin.

Spring 2019 Orientation dates

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We will be offering two new student orientations sessions with Academic Advising. The first will be Thursday, Nov.29, 2018, from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The second will be Wednesday, Dec. 12, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 pm.

College Readiness week workshops, for students who already have registered, will take place Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, and Wednesday, Jan. 23.

An orientation for incoming new residential students will be Friday, Jan. 25. This offers students an early move-in to get acquainted with college. These students must register for classes prior to orientation and should be directed to the academic department for academic advising options.

If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Breck at X5648.

Celebrate art: Pop-up gallery and open studio on Nov. 30

November 7, 2018

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Please join Professor Dave Zeggert's ART 115 and ART 116 students from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 30 to celebrate their pop-up gallery, located just outside Room 205 of the Old Science building.

Beginning painting and drawing students will have their work on display in conjunction with an open studio event.

Feel free to stop by to view or create work or both!

Reception at 11:30 a.m.

Open studio: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

United Way Needs You!

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SUNY Broome United Way Campaign

October 30 through November 30, 2018

SUNY Broome faculty and staff have always been strong partners with the United Way of Broome County. Last year, more than 57,000 people in Broome County benefited from the United Way!

Don't forget that One Hundred percent (100%) of your gift goes to work right here in our community! You may even designate which organization you would like to receive your gift.

Choose the payment option that works best for you: payroll deduction, write a personal check or request direct billing from the United Way. Every dollar makes a difference in our community!

When we work together we *Live United*.

For your convenience we have attached copies of the following: (See Attached Forms)

2018-19 Pledge Form

Weekly Incentive Prize Drawing Form

Grand Prize Drawing Form

[Weekly Incentive Card 2015 \(PDF\)](#) [PrizeBrochure18 19 FINAL \(PDF\)](#) [Grand Prize Incentive Card 2017 2018 \(PDF\)](#) [folder 2018_19_FINAL \(PDF\)](#)

You may print 2018-19 Pledge Form, complete, sign and return to the Human Resources Office to be forwarded to the United Way OR you may forward your gift directly to the United Way at <https://www.UWBROOME.org>, click **GIVE**, Donation amount, enter name, address, and SUNY Broome Community College (under Designations/Comments). A payroll deduction donation must be accompanied by signed form.

When you pledge \$1 or more per week (or \$50 per year), you may add your name for the United Way Weekly Drawings and/or possibly the Grand Prize Drawings. *See entry form for details.

Join the First Six Weeks Committee!

November 6, 2018

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While doing an audit of best practices at other institutions the idea of a “First Six Weeks” Committee emerged. The idea was to gather the information and stakeholders that are involved in helping students get acclimated in the first six weeks and ensuring that we are doing everything in our power to make this a smooth time for our students.

We are interested in finding individuals interested in working on this committee as well as collecting feedback. Please fill out this form (<https://goo.gl/forms/48uPn5oPrU6CUTyfl>) if you are interested in the committee or would like to share information that you think could help this time period.

Thank you very much,

FSW Committee

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

November 6, 2018

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The Broome Educators of Children Association (BECA) has decided to continue its annual tradition of adopting a family through the Family Enrichment Network's Adopt a Family program. This year, the club chose to adopt a large family of five children. These children range in age from 2 to 8 years old.

BECA have been given a wish list. If you want to make these children's holidays a little brighter, you can purchase the items posted on a bulletin board in the Teacher Education/Early Childhood Classroom (T204). Just take a tag off the board, bring the unwrapped gift back to T-204 and place it in the appropriate child's decorated box by Dec. 5. Can't make it out? BECA will be happy to pick up your donations!

This family's head of household is also being celebrated with a special "pamper" basket for the foster mother and father. The club is also accepting gift certificates (of any denomination) for local grocery stores to support their family.

Attached you will find the children's wish lists and needs. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Christine Duffy-Webb at extension 5160.

[Adopt A Family List Without Names 18 \(PDF\)](#)

Thank you for participating in Open House!

November 6, 2018

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The Open House Committee would like to thank you very much for your participation in this weekend's event. Please extend our sincerest thanks to all in your department who helped welcome all of our guests to campus. A special thank you to our presenters, Elisabeth Costanzo Stewart, Dr. Scott Schuhert, and Rich Griffis (who presented twice).

Similar to last Fall's Open House, this year we had over 500 prospective students and families in attendance.

Thanks to the impressive demonstrations and engaging conversations that you had with our guests, we had more than 60 students take advantage of applying for admissions at the Instant Admit booth.

Thank you again, for without you this event would not be possible. We are always looking for feedback to continuously improve the program. We ask that you take a moment to complete the Fall Open House (2018) survey. Thank you in advance for your feedback. We have already begun to plan and implement some of the suggestions made this weekend. This includes providing name tags for participants, having bottled water at all tables, etc.

The Open House Committee

Survey Link- <https://goo.gl/forms/Jc3ooSD3JIavoKMv1>

In the Community: Gender Expedition on Nov. 10

November 6, 2018

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[Binghamton University's Q Center](#) is holding a Gender Expedition in honor of Trans Awareness Week from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018, on the BU campus.

The event is free and open to trans, gender expansive and questioning students from Binghamton University and SUNY Broome. No registration is required.

In Appalachian Room 111, there will be a Gender Affirming Clothing Swap with clothing and accessories, free haircuts, makeup tutorials and free LinkedIn profile pictures. Topical workshops in Appalachian Room G 16 include medical transition, legal issues, voice modification and how to dress for success.

For more information, email lgbtq@binghamton.edu or call 777-6028.

You're invited: SUNY Broome's Holiday Reception on Dec. 6

November 6, 2018

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SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm and the BCC Foundation cordially invite you and a guest to the Holiday reception!

Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018

4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Applied Technology Building Atrium

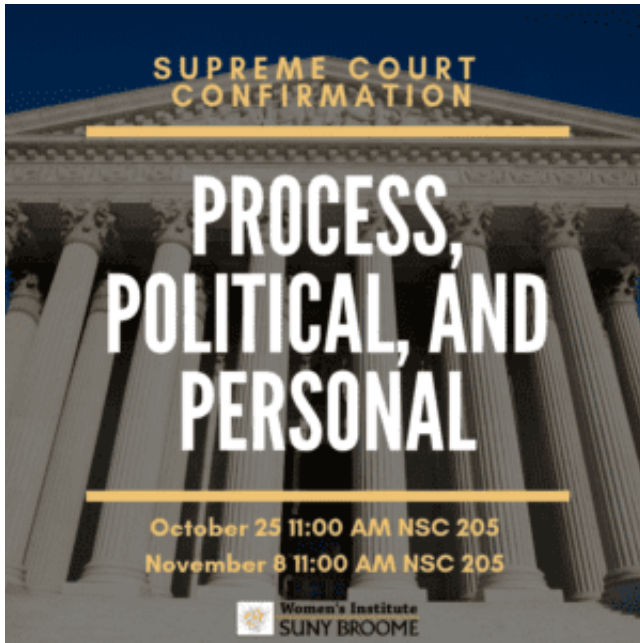
Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be served, along with a cash bar for beer and wine. Please RSVP by Dec. 3, 2018, by calling (607) 778-5100 or emailing odaypg@sunybroome.edu.

Student Assembly will collect your non-perishable food items for CHOW at the door.

Supreme Court Confirmation: Process, Political, and Personal on Oct. 25 and Nov. 8

November 6, 2018

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Do you have questions, thoughts, frustrations about the U.S. Supreme Court confirmation process for Judge Kavanaugh? It has played out on national news, social media, and political rallies, but information overload does not always help us understand the complexity of issues and the extent to which they affect us as a democratic society. The process has affected many on a personal level as accusers and accused came forward to tell their stories. What does it tell us about our democracy? What does it tell us about our own private lives and personal traumas? How can it inform our decisions both personal and public going forward?

A group of faculty from SUNY Broome's Women's Institute began asking these same questions, drawing from diverse areas of expertise including law, political science, performing arts, literature, information technology, nursing, counseling, education and psychology. Grappling with the profound political processes and the social and personal ramifications of this confirmation requires critical thinking, civic discourse, a sharing of professional and personal perspectives. Making sense of this type of complexity is, in fact, exactly what higher education hopes to accomplish.

Come explore these questions with us. Our dialog is not complete without the voices of our students and colleagues. We would like to know your thoughts on the process, your experiences in gleaning information from social media or from more formal news sources, and how this has affected you personally. We will offer some answers from our areas of expertise, but we hope to come together for dialog and discourse and to learn together from our shared experiences and our differences. We hope participants will leave the sessions with a broader perspective, a deeper understanding of the political process, and a sense of personal and professional support from within our SUNY Broome community.

The first session, **Process and Political**, will run from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, in NSC 205. It will focus on the U.S. Supreme Court nomination process, the political setting in which it took place, and the role of citizen voice in the process.

The second session, **Personal**, will run from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, in Decker 201. It will look at the effect of this process on individual lives (of the accused and the accuser), its relationship to the #metoo movement, and the effect of such explosive public hearings on survivors of sexual assault. It will also ask how all people committed to respect should interact with one another moving forward.

Facilitators:

Carla Michalak, History, Philosophy & Social Science; Kathleen McKenna, Criminal Justice & Emergency Services, Foreign Language, ESL And Speech; Melissa Martin, Counseling Services, Psychology; Tera Doty-Blance, Teaching Resource Center, Business Information Technology; Sandy Wright, Business Information Technology; Suzanne Shepard, English; Katherine Bacon, Performing Arts, Susan Seibold-Simpson, Nursing; Lisa Strahley, Civic Engagement, Teacher Education/Early Childhood Education

Deadline is Friday, Nov. 9, for the Professional Development Assistance Grant

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Professional Development Events @ SUNY Broome



*Professional Development
Events @ SUNY Broome*

The Professional Development Steering Committee is looking forward to receiving your Tuition/Coursework and Conference/Workshop applications no later than 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, in the TRC (LI 101 – Mail stop #56). **Grant monies are available so be sure to get your submissions in!**

Keep in mind that while the application process is slightly different than in the past, the information provided, both in the application and ultimately in the Summary Report, are to be comprised of brief written explanations. The accompanying Rubric, provided in each packet, is not to be completed by applicants. This material was included to demonstrate how the PDSC will be scoring submissions.

Grant applications for Tuition/Coursework and Conference/Workshop activities, taking place between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2018, are due by 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9. These PDAP funds are accessible to both Faculty and Staff.

For funding consideration, please read through the information about the Professional Development Assistance Program (PDAP) on the Professional Development website:

([Professional Development Assistance Program \(PDAP\)](#)) This site also contains the recently updated and approved forms that must be used for full consideration of your PDAP request.

The Professional Development Steering Committee will meet shortly after this date to act on the applications.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the TRC at 778-5611. We're here to help.

SUNY Broome Teaching Grant Funds Available. Deadline Friday, Nov. 9

November 6, 2018

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Image of books, glasses and an apple



The Professional Development Steering Committee is looking forward to receiving your Teaching Grant applications no later than 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, in the TRC (LI 101 – Mail stop #56). Grant monies are available, so be sure to get your submissions in!

Keep in mind that while the application process is slightly different than in the past, the information provided, both in the application and ultimately in the Summary Report, are to be comprised of brief written explanations. The accompanying Rubric, provided in each packet, is not to be completed by applicants. This material was included to demonstrate how the PDSC will be scoring submissions.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the TRC at 778-5611. We're here to help. Eligible teaching grant applications supporting the SUNY Broome's Strategic Plan are now available.

The Process is simple:

- Visit the [Teaching Grant webpage](#) on the Professional Development website. Here you will find detailed instructions and all of the required forms & documents.
- Identify and document the issue/problem/concern your idea addresses.
- Propose a solution and your implementation game plan.
- **Submit your concept using the Project Concept Form & Project Expense Spreadsheet by 3 p.m. Nov. 9, 2018.** (Application materials are to be submitted

to the Professional Development Steering Committee c/o TRC, MS#56.)

- If your project is selected for funding, implement and track your solution in the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 semesters.
- **The project completion deadline is June 30, 2019.**
- **Submit a report by July 29, 2019** to let everyone know of your successes, share your innovative ideas, and let others learn from your experiences.

Yes. It really is that simple!

If you have any questions regarding the Teaching Grant process, please visit the [Teaching Grant webpage](#) or contact the TRC x-5611. We are here to help!

Student Retention and Success: Faculty Best Practice and Current Campus Initiatives on Nov. 13

November 6, 2018

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In light of shifting enrollment and demographic trends, now is the time to collaborate on student success!

At a faculty best practices session from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 13, 2018, in Titchener 101, learn about campus initiatives and hear from seasoned industry professionals on the future of higher education. Join colleagues for a discussion on how faculty are leading the charge in success efforts in their classrooms.

Light refreshments will be served.

Veterans Day at SUNY Broome on Nov. 12

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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 Nov 12 at the Veterans Monument, located in front of the Student Services Building.

Refreshments will follow in the Calice Advanced Manufacturing Center atrium. Green light bulbs, part of the Greenlight a Vet initiative, will be available for pickup the afternoon of the event in the Student Activities Office.

Classroom conflict presentation on Nov. 15

November 6, 2018

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Conflicts in the classroom can be difficult to manage at times. Join Melissa Martin and Marie Finelli as they present information and tips on how to resolve conflict and what campus resources are available.

The presentation runs from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018 in the Public Safety classroom.

The presentation will also run at the same time and place on Dec. 6.

[An image of hands](#)



The next scenario for the Mock Disaster could be yours! Submit your ideas by Nov. 29

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Paramedic students coordinate treatment during the 2018 Mock Environmental Disaster.

A bus crash that sends a mysterious powder into the air. A stage collapse. Multiple car crashes, and forces of nature. These are just some of the mass-casualty disasters SUNY Broome students have tackled in their annual Mock Environmental Disaster drill, which allows them to hone their skills as first-responders, medical professionals and more.

What will we do for the eighth annual Mock Disaster on Friday, May 3, 2019? **It's up to you!**

The Mock Disaster Committee is seeking ideas from students, faculty and staff for the 2019 scenario. Ideas can include natural disasters, accidents or college functions — **but non-intentional acts only. The deadline to submit your idea is 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018. There is a limit of one submission per person.**

Submit your ideas here: <http://www3.sunybroome.edu/forms/mock-disaster/>

The winner will be notified at the Mock Disaster event and will receive a free Mock Disaster t-shirt!



More information about the Mock Disaster can be found at: <https://mycollege.sunybroome.edu/web/shared-governance/mock-disaster-committee>

Nov. 8 Common Hour: All issues considered

November 6, 2018

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Join Professors Scott Corley and Carla Michalak, panelists with divergent points of view, for a discussion of the most important current events of the day at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, in T-102.



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Start a conversation: Take Deliberative Dialogue for Community Change this spring!

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Substance abuse, climate change, gun violence, immigration. In order to function well, societies need to discuss tough topics — without turning into heated arguments.

In CTP 275-04, Deliberative Dialogue for Community Change, you can help drive these productive conversations!

Students enrolled in this section of CTP 275 will learn how to convene and moderate community conversations around difficult issues so crucial to the world today.

Help start the conversation. Enroll today at www.sunybroome.edu/apply.

Student Village RAs present at Stony Brook Resident Assistant Conference

November 6, 2018

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Top row: Joshua Baker, Abigail Allen, Faith Martinez

Middle row: RD Alexandria Donkor, Destaysia Wallace, Ashley Simmons

Bottom row: Brianna Marible, Gabriela Santana

By Abigail Allen, Student Village Resident Assistant

SUNY Broome Student Village Resident Assistants (RAs) hit the road on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2018, to go to Stony Brook University in Long Island for a Resident Assistant Conference. RAs Gabriela Santana, Abigail Allen, Joshua Baker, Brianna Marible, Faith Martinez and Destaysia Wallace were selected to go to the conference, along with Residence Hall Associate Ashley Simmons. Before the conference, Santana, Martinez and Baker had a wonderful opportunity to come up with a presentation on “How to Deal with Different Residents” to present at the conference.

After we arrived at the conference at 9 a.m., we sat down at a table together as 21 other schools that were invited arrived and took their seats. Once all the invited schools arrived, we were all led to a giant auditorium where more than 500 RAs from across the state were seated for an opening ceremony. The opening ceremony was led by a residence hall director at Stony Brook, as well as a guest inspirational speaker named Daryl.



Left to right: Faith Martinez, Joshua Baker, Gabriela Santana

After the opening ceremony, the RAs and residence hall directors branched off to attend presentations led by other RDs and RAs from across the state. One of presentations was “Who would you save?” about the diversity among people in this world. After that first presentation, RAs Santana, Baker and Martinez were ready to present their presentation. To begin the presentation, RAs Wallace, Allen, Marible and Simmons lead an icebreaker called Link Up. Link Up is a game where a person tells the group something they like to do, eat or anything else. If someone liked what that person liked, they would link arms. The person at the end of the chain would say something they like until everyone is linked in the end forming a circle.

After the icebreaker, the presentation. Some of the topics discussed during the presentation were:

- Different types of people
- The importance of resident care
- How to handle all the resident types
- Basic principles of care
- Words to use and not to use



Top row: Joshua Baker, Brianna Marible, Abigail Allen, Faith Martinez, Gabriela Santana
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Everybody was very engaged in the presentation and the RAs presenting received great reviews and

comments such as, “very engaging,” “a wonderful presentation” and “I really learned a lot from this presentation.” Some RAs from other schools even asked if we could mail the presentation to them for future use and application.

The SUNY Broome RAs went to another presentation afterward about how to mediate conflict between residents. The Stony Brook RA presenters went over topics including:

- Different problems encountered
- How to mediate different types of conflict
- Rules to follow while dealing with conflict

After all the presentations were finished, all the RAs were called back into the auditorium, for a closing ceremony.

Thank you to Stony Brook University for the wonderful opportunity to be able to attend, present at and share our abilities at such an inspiring conference. It gave us the chance to show everyone what SUNY Broome’s RAs can accomplish. It was a wonderful conference and we are so thankful for the opportunity!

Don't forget to vote on Nov. 6!

November 5, 2018

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Be an informed and engaged citizen: **Vote on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018!**

To learn about races, candidates, and much more visit: www.vote411.org

This message brought to you by the Douglas C. Garnar Center for Civic Engagement.

Learn about healthy sexual habits on Nov. 13

November 5, 2018

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The Broome County Sex Educators will be on campus from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018, in the Student Village classroom! Come learn about healthy sexual habits, have your questions answered, and enjoy games, prizes, free food and condom bingo.

LGBTWho? Come find out on Nov. 6!

November 5, 2018

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Learn how to create a safe and welcoming environment for LGBTQ individuals from 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 6 in Decker 117.

Not just a free lunch: Join us for the Hunger Banquet on Nov. 15

November 5, 2018

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SUNY Broome's Student Activities and the Homelessness and Food Insecurity Work Group will hold a Hunger Banquet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov 15. This interactive meal and presentation will be emceed by Scott Corley, Assistant Professor of History, Philosophy & Social Science, and Venessa Rodriguez, Director of EOP.

The Hunger Banquet is designed to educate and increase awareness on food insecurity and social inequities, and also to provide information about resources that are available. While admission is free, there are a limited number of tickets. Please contact Melissa Martin in Counseling Services at martinmm2@sunybroome.edu to order tickets.

Those who attend the banquet are encouraged to contribute a non-perishable, canned or packaged food item for the campus food pantry.

The Homelessness and Food Insecurity Work Group consists of students, administration, faculty and staff members. The group is chaired by Financial Aid Director Laura Hodel.

“We wanted to find a way to bring awareness to the SUNY Broome community that many students struggle, often on a daily basis, to meet basic needs such as food and shelter. At the same time, we also wanted to find a way to let students who may be struggling know that there are a number of resources readily available,” said Hodel.

Information from local assistance organizations will be available during the event to help answer questions and to provide details about services offered. According to Student Activities Director, Jason Boring, “The Hunger Banquet is an opportunity for students to understand more about the circumstances that people face around the world and in the U.S. in regard to food insecurity and hunger. Students will be able to place themselves in different people's circumstances, and maybe even talk about their own personal experiences. The banquet is interactive, and meaningful. Students who come back years later remember this event.”

Title IX/Sexual Harassment Trainings

November 4, 2018

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Title IX/Sexual Harassment training for employees:

- Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 9 – 10 a.m. in Wales 203B
- Friday, Nov. 16, from 10 – 11 a.m. in Wales 203B

Per new New York State law, every employer in NYS is required to provide employees with sexual harassment prevention training. As we are also an educational institution, federal law mandates we offer Title IX training as well.

Per the new NYS law, employees must receive training on an annual basis. Even if you have previously attended, employees must be trained annually.

Registration is not required and a sign-in sheet will be used to take attendance. A question and answer session will follow the training.

The Monday Poem: ‘Sci-Fi’ by Tracy K. Smith

November 4, 2018

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The Monday Poem is brought to you by English Professor Kristin Bensen-Hause. Enjoy!

Sci-Fi

[By Tracy K. Smith](#), 1972

There will be no edges, but curves.
Clean lines pointing only forward.

History, with its hard spine & dog-eared
Corners, will be replaced with nuance,

Just like the dinosaurs gave way
To mounds and mounds of ice.

Women will still be women, but
The distinction will be empty. Sex,

Having outlived every threat, will gratify
Only the mind, which is where it will exist.

For kicks, we’ll dance for ourselves
Before mirrors studded with golden bulbs.

The oldest among us will recognize that glow—
But the word sun will have been re-assigned

To a Standard Uranium-Neutralizing device
Found in households and nursing homes.

And yes, we’ll live to be much older, thanks
To popular consensus. Weightless, unhinged,

Eons from even our own moon, we’ll drift
In the haze of space, which will be, once

And for all, scrutable and safe.



[Tracy K. Smith is the Poet Laureate of the United States.](#) She received the Academy of American Poets Fellowship in 2014 and the James Laughlin Award in 2006 for her second book, *Duende*.

An Intimate Discussion with Betty Reid Soskin, the nation's oldest Park Ranger, on Nov. 14

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Betty Soskin Reid

Join us for an intimate discussion on the converging worlds of Black History, the legacy of Theodore Roosevelt and the Environmental Protection Agency with Betty Soskin Reid, the oldest Park Ranger with the National Park Service.

The event will be held at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 14 in Decker Health Sciences Building 201 on the SUNY Broome campus.

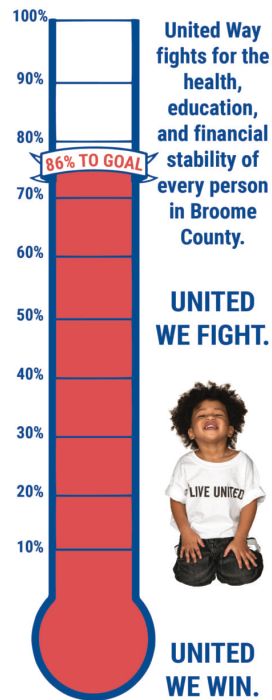
Betty Charbonnet Soskin Reid is the oldest park ranger with the National Park Service and the author of the recently published *Sign My Name to Freedom: A Memoir of a Pioneering Life*. Her remarkable life spans nearly 10 decades and has included being an author, composer and singer, social and political activist, entrepreneur, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, historian, blogger and public speaker. Ms. Reid was instrumental in the establishment of the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, California. She was later hired to work the Rosie the Riveter Park, where she works today.

This event is sponsored by SUNY Broome President's Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion, Division of Academic Affairs and the SUNY Broome Women's Institute.

United Way campaign: All gifts benefit community-based programs

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Did you know 100% of all gifts made to the United Way of Broome County go directly to community-based projects and programs? Be part in creating a stronger, more vibrant Broome County by donating to the United Way Community Campaign today.

Visit www.uwbroome.org/donate to make an online contribution or visit the Human Resources Office to make a pledge to the United Way Community Campaign.

Ocean City Police Department to table on Nov. 8

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Representatives from the Ocean City Police Department will be tabling on campus on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018, from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. in the Business Building and 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Student Center.

They will be providing information about their seasonal summer positions, which include:

- Seasonal Police Officers
- Seasonal Public Safety Aides
- Seasonal Communications Personnel

OCPD is located in Ocean City, Maryland. For further information, go to: <https://joinocpd.com/>

PTA students to give multicultural healthcare presentations on Nov. 7

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Please support our senior Physical Therapist Assistant students as they present their research on the provision of effective healthcare in a multicultural society.

The event is being held in the Decker atrium from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018. Stop by and view the students' poster presentations, ask questions and enrich your knowledge on the various cultures being presented.

PTA Club Team Trivia Night on Nov. 6

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Come out and join the SUNY Broome PTA Club for a fun night of Team Trivia from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 6, 2018, at Galaxy Brewing (41 Court St., Binghamton).

The cost is \$25 per team, with up to five players on a team. Nachos will be included in the cost of the event. There will be a 50/50 raffle and prizes for the winners. DJ Kevin Novotny will be spinning the event.

Please come out and support our Physical Therapist Assistant students! It promises to be a great time. Please feel free to contact Julianne Klepfer at 778-5329 or klepferje@sunybroome.edu if you are interested in registering a team ahead of time.

SUNY Broome Theater announces fall production of Neil Simon's 'Rumors'

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The students pictured in the cast photo for *Rumors* are, in alphabetical order: Saifon Barry, Tylor Belles, Ryan Brunick, Fedeline Jean-Philippe, Lynnette Linares, Jeffrey Miller, Jaycee Mosher, Tiffany Poborsky, Mackinaw Shutt, Abdul Siddique, Ben Swenson and Jialin Tian. Also pictured are crew members and SUNY Broome alumnae, Joy Thornton and Claudia Sacco.

SUNY Broome Theater will present one of the most popular plays by the recently deceased comic playwright Neil Simon this fall. “*Rumors*” will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15; Friday, Nov. 16; and Saturday, Nov. 17 in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre, located in the Student Center.

“On Aug. 26, the world lost what the New York Times called the ‘Broadway Master of Comedy’ in 91-year-old playwright Neil Simon,” said theater director Katherine Bacon. “We are proud to be able to honor this great comic writer by presenting one of his most popular plays. Don’t miss the chance to see this hilarious comedy by this Pulitzer-prize winning, legendary playwright.”

Simon was nominated for four Oscars and received a number of Tony Awards. In fact Neil Simon, received more Tony and Oscar nominations than any other writer, not just playwrights.

Neil Simon’s list of works is too long to name, but he wrote 30 plays including *The Odd Couple*, *The Last of the Red Hot Lovers*, *Plaza Suite*, *The Goodbye Girl*, *Sweet Charity*, *Barefoot in the Park*, *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, *Broadway Bound*, *Biloxi Blues*, *The Dinner Party* and the play for which he won the Pulitzer, *The Drama Desk*, and the Tony, *Lost in Yonkers*. He wrote adaptations of many of his works for television movies and screenplays. He also wrote for a number of early television comedy shows along with Mel Brooks, Woody Allen, Sid Caesar, etc. He also wrote the book for four musicals including the smash hit *Promises, Promises*.

Visiting scholar: Irish law professor discusses the shifting role of the victim in the legal process

November 2, 2018

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Dr. Shane Kilcommins, head of the Law School at the University of Limerick in Ireland, gave a guest lecture to students in SUNY Broome's Criminal Justice & Emergency Services program on Nov. 2.

When it comes to the legal system, Ireland has often followed the trends of the United States – albeit five to 10 years behind.

That may be changing, however, with the advent of social media and movements such as #MeToo, according to Dr. Shane Kilcommins, head of the Law School at the University of Limerick in Ireland.

Dr. Kilcommins crossed the Atlantic to represent the University of Limerick at SUNY Broome's Transfer Day on Nov. 1, as well as the Fall Open House. On Nov. 2, he spoke to a range of Criminal Justice & Emergency Services classes about victims, the public interest and the criminal process.

[SUNY Broome currently has a partnership with Limerick](#), and is working on transfer pathways in criminal justice, music and mathematics, along with others in the planning phase, according to Andrea Roma, acting chair of the college's Outreach programs. The university, located in western Ireland, is SUNY Broome's first international partnership.

"We're the only community college the University of Limerick is working with for these kind of agreements," Roma said.

During his lecture to CJES students, Dr. Kilcommins charted the transformation of western law from an exculpatory model, in which victims themselves took cases to court and the accused was required to speak, to a more centralized system in which the state prosecutes and investigates crime.



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The changes developed in tandem with an increasingly urbanized and industrialized society, he noted. They also removed victims from the central role in the legal process, which became increasingly the province of lawyers and afforded the accused a fuller range of rights.

These shifts also effectively removed emotion from the criminal process, and afforded victims little role outside of reporting crimes or serving as witnesses. But little by little since the end of World War II, the role of the victim has increased in the legal process. Mass surveys on victimization gathered essential research in the United States in the 1970s, Wales in the 1980s and Ireland in the 1990s, he said.

Social media and the #MeToo movement represents a further development, in which the role of the victim is central. Ireland experienced its own version of #MeToo last spring, following the trial of four men in Belfast accused of rape after a party. Following a jury trial, all were found not guilty. During the trial, the woman involved in the case was repeatedly cross-examined by the men's attorneys.

Thousands protested in the streets, and engaged in a social media trend using the hashtag #IBelieveHer – and, for those of different opinion, #IBelieveHim.

Hashtags and social media allow people to organize in public spaces, and give people more opportunity for engagement in the public sphere, Dr. Kilcommins noted. But they can also fly in the face of the presumption of innocence – part of the Irish legal system as well as the American. And in the Irish system as well as the American one, juries are given two choices: guilty or not guilty. A not guilty verdict doesn't necessarily mean that the accused is believed to be innocent; rather, it may simply indicate that the case wasn't proved beyond a reasonable doubt.

CJES students asked Dr. Kilcommins a range of questions about the differences between Irish and American law, and the perception of the American court system in the wake of the contentious confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. Decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court were historically taken seriously in Ireland, which often followed with similar decisions. In recent years, the U.S. Supreme Court has held less weight internationally because it is viewed as overly politicized, he said.

Students also asked about the impact of terrorism on Irish law. The country has a lengthy history of terrorism connected to the Irish Republican Army and its efforts. The decades of conflict resulted in two parallel legal systems – one that deals with regular crime and the Special Criminal Court, focused on terrorism, which involves non-jury trials and lengthy detention.

Even when the terrorism threat has abated, authorities were unwilling to give up that second legal system, which became applied to different groups, such as gangs. Once such a system is established, it's difficult to dissolve, Dr. Kilcommmins said.

“It becomes normalized,” he said.

The passing of Bill Hunsinger

November 2, 2018

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William Hunsinger in between classes at
SUNY Broome

The SUNY Broome community is greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Bill Hunsinger on Oct. 31, 2018, at the age of 90.

Mr. Hunsinger was perhaps one of the oldest Hornets on campus, and began taking classes in the Criminal Justice & Emergency Services program at the age of 86, with the aim of helping protect children. [You can read a feature story about him here.](#)

Mr. Hunsinger continued to attend CJES courses through the end of spring 2018 and was enrolled in a class with Professor Scott Corley this semester. He will be dearly missed by Criminal Justice & Emergency Services faculty and the Business & Professional Studies office staff who had the pleasure of knowing him.

[Click here for his obituary.](#) Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Nov. 5, Monday at Union Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St. Endicott. Burial with military honors will follow in Riverside Cemetery, Endicott. Friends may call Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Hopler & Eschbach Funeral Home, 483 Chenango St. Binghamton. Amaranth services 3:15pm. Eastern Star services 3:30 pm and Masonic services 4:00 pm.

Expressions of sympathy can be made to CHOW/Broome County Council of Churches, 3 Otsiningo Street, Binghamton, NY 13903 or Shriners Hospital for Children, c/o 625 Dickson St. Endicott, NY 13760.

Design the logo for TEDxBinghamtonUniversity!

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TEDxBinghamtonUniversity, a large scale TEDx conference featuring over 1,000 attendees, is running a design contest to create their logo for this year. This is a PAID position, with the selected designer being compensated for their work with \$500. The team is looking for someone to work with them to create a logo based on the theme, additional marketing materials, and a stage design for the day of the event (March 3).

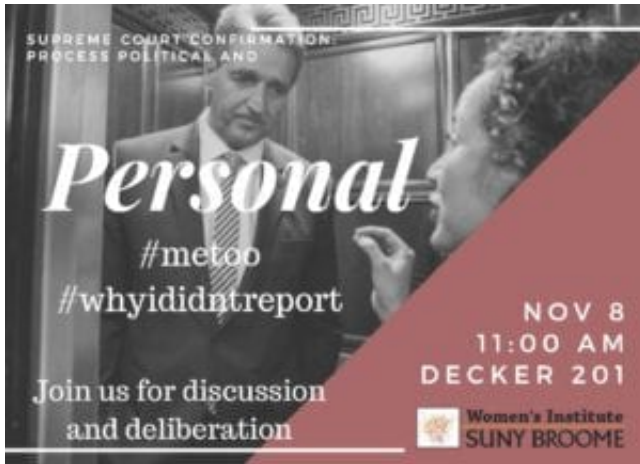
[To apply, please fill out this Google form.](#)

Applications are due at 11:50 p.m. Nov. 25. Let the team know if you have any questions by emailing tedx@binghamton.edu. We hope to see you apply!

Supreme Court Confirmation: The personal aspects of #metoo on Nov. 8 *Updated*

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Join the Women's Institute at SUNY Broome for a discussion and deliberation related to the U.S. Supreme Court confirmation process for Judge Kavanaugh.

The session, which focuses on the personal aspects of the confirmation, will run from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, in Decker 201. It will look at the effect of this process on individual lives (of the accused and the accuser), its relationship to the #metoo movement, and the effect of such explosive public hearings on survivors of sexual assault. It will also ask how all people committed to respect should interact with one another moving forward.

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Flu vaccine clinics for the week of Nov. 5

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Our flu vaccine clinics for the week of Nov. 5 through 9, 2018,

are below:

- Monday, Nov. 5: 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 7: 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 9: 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m.

Just walk in during our flu clinic hours! Clinics are held in the Student Health Services Office, Science Building Room 102.

Focus on Wellness: Read the eni Monthly Newsletter

November 1, 2018

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness



eni is pleased to bring you our monthly productivity and balance newsletter. This month our experts discuss how to plan for the holidays while remaining stress-free.

Please click the link below to access the newsletter and feel free to email marketing@eniweb.com or contact your Customer Relations Representative with any questions.

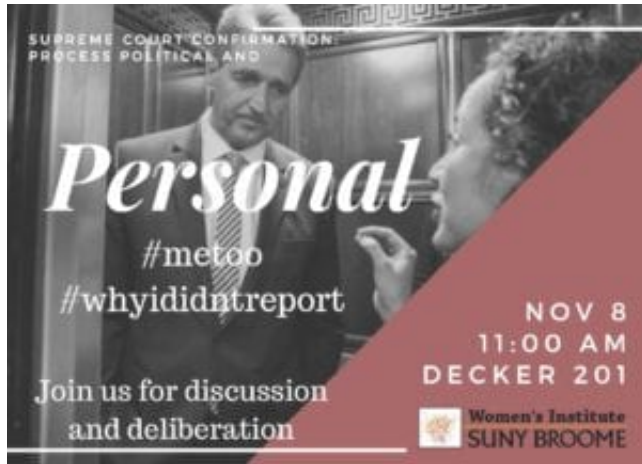
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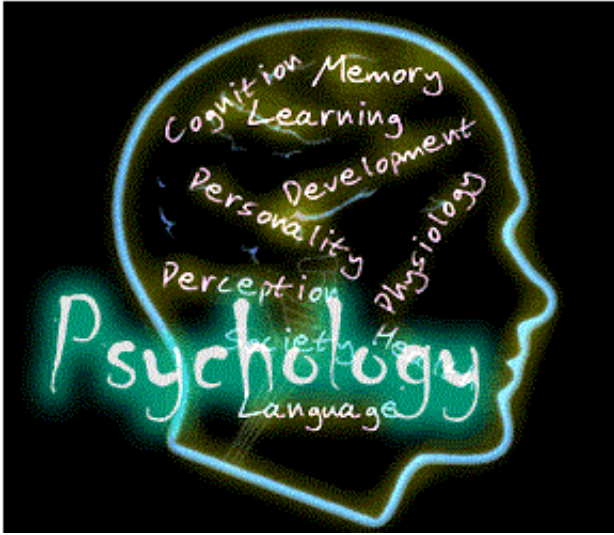
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Want to be a psychologist? Take the Psychology Research Capstone course!

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The Psychology Department is now offering the Psychology Research Capstone course, PSY 295-W01.

If you want to pursue a career or major in psychology, this course will give you the edge you need for transfer and may even make you more attractive to graduate schools. In this course, you'll choose, design and execute a psychological research project, and aim to publish in a journal or present at a professional psychology conference.

The Psychology Research Capstone meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m.

See Dr. Bill Altman in Titchener Hall Room 011a, or email him at altmanws@sunybroome.edu to find out more about this exciting course!

Completely online: Explore Two-Dimensional Design this Winter Term

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Transparency and Intensity of Color

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Bridging cultures and concepts: Xiaoying helps her peers master math

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Xiaoying Chen works on a drawing.

In Chinese schools, mathematics is taught differently than here in the United States. Students such as Xiaoying Chen begin mastering concepts in high school that their American counterparts may only approach once they reach college.

“What I learned in China is a more simple way to get the correct answer,” said Chen, who tutors her SUNY Broome peers in the Math Lab. “When I show my classmates, they are like, ‘oh, ah!’”

An international student, Chen will graduate this May with a degree in Mathematics from SUNY Broome and then transfer on for her bachelor’s and master’s degrees. With a stellar 4.0 grade point average, she is considering multiple options – Cornell University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Purdue University, to name a few.

Mathematics, however, turned out to be her third major; she started in [Computer Science](#) and then moved over to [Communications & Media Arts](#). She has a passion for filmmaking and photography, and hopes to finish her Communications degree someday – after a rewarding career in investment banking.

Unlike many international students from China, she comes from the southern part of the country, closer to the border with Vietnam. Southern Chinese students studying in the United States tend to head to California or the West Coast, and they speak a different dialect of Chinese than their northern counterparts, Chen explained.

There are climate differences, too. “The first time I saw snow was here, and I got my first winter coat here,” Xiaoying said of life in Upstate New York.

Like many students, Xiaoying Chen came to SUNY Broome primarily because of its affordability. She admitted with a smile that she was also drawn by the Hornet. “Broome’s logo is pretty cool,” she said.

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Fun things: Dancing, drawing – organic chemistry?



Xiaoying Chen

When she first came to SUNY Broome, Chen struggled with English and still has to work around a language barrier sometimes. For example, she ordered a Chinese textbook in addition to her American textbook for organic chemistry, so she could study the material in her native language and translate back and forth. Writing essays for English class also takes her longer than many students – but she manages to earn top grades in spite of this.

Of course, math is a universal language – even if teaching methods vary by country.

“I skipped Calculus 1 and went into Calculus 2,” she remembered. “Even though I didn’t know any English, I knew the math.”

Joining the International Student Organization gave her the opportunity to connect with fellow international students, and learn more about the United States through trips and activities. She is also a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society.

Life isn’t limited to math; she is also taking a drawing class with Professor Patricia Evans, and her work – along with classmates – will be on display in the library. She’s taking that organic chemistry class for fun, too. (Yes, you read that correctly.)

“I like challenge!” she said.

One particular interest that links East and West: a dance style called “Waacking” that’s very popular in China. The dance originates in the African-American LGBT community, where it was popular in disco-era clubs in the Los Angeles area. While Chen doesn’t identify as LGBTQ herself, she expressed her support for the community – and her appreciation of the dance form’s origins.

She has never seen anyone strike a pose at SUNY Broome, but maybe that could change. “I would like to make friends to dance together,” she said.

Musician, leader, future teacher: Victoria strikes a chord at SUNY Broome

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Victoria Celli

Victoria Celli lives for the “lightbulb moments” – when you teach a skill or present a piece of new information, and your students finally grasp it. You can see that light of understanding beam forth, shining with enthusiasm and the joy of discovery.

She sees it in the faces of elementary school children in Chenango Forks, where she is doing observations as part of her Music Education degree. Watching them pick up a guitar for the first time is a gift.

“When I show them something and they get it – I could have that impact throughout my life,” she said of her decision to seek a career in teaching.

[Learn more about SUNY Broome’s Music Program.](#)

Victoria was around their age when she first became involved in music; her parents started her on the violin in third grade. She is still focused on the violin – it’s her main instrument at SUNY Broome – but also has picked up the piano, guitar, cello and ukulele.

“I’ve always found it fun and really helpful,” she said of playing her many instruments.

In music, practice makes perfect – and so, too, in higher education. SUNY Broome is actually Victoria’s third school; she tried SUNY Delhi and SUNY Oneonta, but couldn’t find the right fit. Perhaps, in part, that stemmed from her decision to try a general Liberal Arts major, rather than consider her true passion in music.

“I’m one of those people who want to try everything,” she said. “I decided to jump into this and thankfully, it worked.”

Victoria Celli has truly found herself at SUNY Broome – as a musician, mentor and leader. A native of Delhi, she is a Resident Assistant in the Student Village, which inspires her on a daily basis to expand her comfort zone and connect with people from a range of backgrounds.

“I’ve always wanted to be the person somebody could talk to,” she said.

[Read more about Residence Life at SUNY Broome.](#)

In addition to connecting with her fellow RAs and music students, she also has forged bonds with her professors – from Heather Worden, Peter Sicilian and Julia O’Connell in the music program to her private violin teacher Amy Christian and dance instructor Allison Ellis.

“My professors show genuine care. It means a lot; they’re my parents away from home,” she said.

Her favorite class, perhaps understandably, is orchestra. “For two hours, we get to play fun songs and then we give a performance at the end of the semester,” she explained.

Outside of the classroom, when she isn’t helping her peers as an RA or honing her skills as a musician, she likes to lift heavy objects. It turns out that Victoria is a Crossfit aficionada, and her deadlift is currently around 230 pounds. It’s a great stress-reliever, she said, and useful when it comes to moving a cello.

She was recently accepted into SUNY Oswego, the next step on her journey to her own music classroom. Looking back, she describes her SUNY Broome experience as “amazing.”

“I’ve had rough spots, but I couldn’t ask for a better restart,” she said. “It’s been a great experience to kick-start my next chapter.”

Nov. 8 Common Hour: All issues considered

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Join Professors Scott Corley and Carla Michalak, panelists with divergent points of view, for a discussion of the most important current events of the day at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, in T-102.



Banner downtime this weekend

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All Banner, DegreeWorks and BlackBoard services will be down this Saturday night, Nov. 3, 2018, starting at 10 p.m. through Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018, at 6 a.m. due to emergency maintenance at ITEC.

As a reminder, time sheets are due to be submitted by Sunday, Nov. 4, by 9 p.m. Please plan accordingly.

Hornets care: Donations sought for Wishes for Wyatt

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Hornets, can you pitch in to help a local family in need?

Wyatt Archer-Forbes Plew was born on Oct. 9, 2018, and was soon after diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a form of cancer. His father, Tyler Plew, is an officer in SUNY Broome's Public Safety, while his mother, Katrina, is a UHS oncology nurse. He also has a big sister, Adrienne, who is a student at St. James.

Wyatt's parents are at his side at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and won't be able to return to work for the foreseeable future. They can use help for medical and personal bills related to Wyatt's illness.

A benefit dinner for Wyatt will be held on Dec. 1, 2018, at the American Legion in Vestal at 118 S. Jensen Road, and feature live bands, basket raffles, a 50/50 and silent auction.

SUNY Broome's Office of Public Safety is collecting donations. If you're donating a basket for the raffle, please do so before Nov. 28. You can bring them to Investigator Marie Finelli in Public Safety, which is located in the Annex.

Checks can be made payable to Wishes for Wyatt, GHS Credit Union, 910 Front St., Binghamton, NY 13905.