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The Storyteller: SUNY Broome alum Roger Brooks goes deep on ‘American Real’

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Roger Brooks at SUNY Broome's Hornet Field

Everyone has a story, a unique human experience aching for expression. Roger Brooks' mission is to draw it out question by question for the world to see.

A Binghamton native, Brooks is the founder and host of [American Real](#), a weekly video talk show and podcast that features real stories of fascinating people. He wasn't always in the host's chair; rather, the show is a second career of sorts for Brooks, who spent more than two decades in the sales field.

"I do what I love: Tell people stories," he explained.

Laying the foundation

Rewind the tape to the late 1980s, when Roger Brooks attended what was then called Broome Community College. He played baseball and majored in Liberal Arts, minoring in both theater and communications. His mentors included the legendary theater Professor Angelo Zuccolo – a friend of the family – and Communications Professor John Butchko.

[Learn about Theater at SUNY Broome.](#)

[Learn about our Communications & Media Arts program.](#)

[Learn about the Liberal Arts division.](#)

Outside of the classroom, Brooks worked in the Little Theatre part-time, doing everything from answering the phone to marketing and selling tickets — an opportunity that introduced him to the world of business.

He also developed other necessary skills. In the Communications & Media Arts program, he learned how to use a camera and edit video, and how to act in front of a microphone.

“It was my foundation for what I’m doing today. Looking back, I never thought it would have much impact, but it has had a tremendous impact on my life,” he said of SUNY Broome. “It was a great community that set the foundation for my life.”

After attending Broome from 1987 to 1989, he transferred to Portland State University in Oregon, where he spent a year and a half before dropping out and embarking on his business career. He began working for Dina A Mate, Inc., a Binghamton-based funding company, and worked his way up to director of sales and marketing. After that, he spent 15 years as vice president of loyalty strategy for FIS Global, before becoming the senior vice president of business development for ZipLine Payments, where he works today.

While Roger Brooks admits freely that he wasn’t a standout student, he worked hard and achieved success in the business world, owing perhaps to his interest in people. But still, it wasn’t enough of an outlet for his passion.

“I just figured out last year it wasn’t really me. It wasn’t really what I wanted to do,” he recounted. “When I started ‘American Real,’ I could really be myself.”

Creating ‘American Real’

‘American Real’ came by way of local artist Anthony Brunelli’s loft, where a group of friends – Brooks among them – brainstormed about ways to create and promote positive content. “Someone suggested a podcast,” Brooks recalled. That pricked his interest; he had been watching a show, Brian Rose’s “London Real,” that told the stories of interesting people, and Brooks wanted to do something similar.

“My father always taught me to be a good listener, whether it was on a ballfield or in a classroom,” he said.

He did his research, and enrolled in Rose’s London Real Academy to learn how to become a podcaster. To cap off the academy program, each year Rose selects one of his pupils to interview him in London. He picked Roger Brooks.

“That really made things propel forward from there,” Brooks said. “I do not believe in coincidences, as corny as it sounds. I believe everything in our life happens for a reason.”

And thus was “American Real” born. His first guest on the show was Brunelli, and he has since expanded to a wide range of guests, including Sgt. Sammy Davis, a Broome County sheriff’s deputy and an instructor in

SUNY Broome's criminal justice program, as well as former SUNY Broome Vice President Debbie Morello, now an author and entrepreneur.

Since starting in August 2017, his interviews have continued to expand: Musicians, a psychologist, surgeons, EOs and even his dad. He was headed to New York to interview a woman from Jordan, one of the top 100 female entrepreneurs in the world, he said. His number one dream guest: the Pope.

It's a comfortable set, and interview subjects tend to open up. The conversation is real, and can go deep.

"The show has an energy about it based on the guests I'm interviewing," he said.

Looking ahead, he will continue to produce an episode every week for his free podcast, taking "American Real" on location to Los Angeles, New York City and Atlanta. The next piece is starting the American Real Learning Academy, so he can pass on the tricks of the trade to the next generation of inspirational podcasters. The American Real Live Tribe, a private Facebook group, will also give members the skills to perfect live video.

"Podcasting is for young people and everyone with a business or sales background who really wants to propel their career," he said.

He's also working on a historical novel – not his first book, as Brooks published *The Power of Loyalty: 10 Essential Steps to Build a Successful Customer Loyalty Strategy*, back in 2010.

Wherever Roger Brooks' journey takes him, he will continue to listen and learn. After all, everyone has a story, and something to teach.

"Life is short. I've learned to try and maximize each day with putting out as much positive energy as I can in the world because it comes back," he said. "I'm learning from each of my guests. I'm hopefully making a small impact on the world."

Serving up success: Haley preps for her career in Hospitality

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Haley Keister in SUNY Broome's beverage lab

At the age of 16, Haley Keister found her very first job at a local restaurant. In the years since, she has stayed in the hospitality industry, where she hopes to make her career.

"I've never had a job outside of a restaurant," she said. "I love working with people, and the potential to make money in this industry is crazy."

An Event Management major set to graduate this May, Haley began attending classes part-time at SUNY Broome while she was still a student at Vestal High School. It gave her the opportunity to get ahead on her education and, later, balance her coursework with her job in the demanding restaurant industry.

[Learn more about Early College.](#)

These days, you can find her behind the bar at the Coppertop Tavern in Vestal, serving drinks and helping create a rewarding customer experience. She meets new people every day, striking up conversations about their lives and their world – all while serving up a menu that ranges from beer to "CopperTinis."

Her secret ingredient in landing the job? Her coursework at SUNY Broome.

[Learn about programs in the Business and Professional Studies Division.](#)

Before she took Bartending & Beverage Management, Haley felt intimidated by the field; there were so many

recipes and techniques to know, she explained. The course – which has students develop their skills in a lab featuring operational dry and wet bars – also gave Haley TIPS certification, which helped her land the job at Coppertop.

“You learn the technique, the best way to deliver a drink, how to impress the guests and interact with them,” she explained.

Sanitation & Safety may not seem, at first glance, as fun as a course in bartending. But it’s deeply useful in the hospitality industry, teaching students to identify and correct behaviors that can contaminate food, how to prevent cross-contamination and more. Students also earn certifications in ServSafe, a nationally known food and beverage safety training program, as well as CPR.

The ServSafe certification definitely improved her employment options, and Haley occasionally finds herself educating her colleagues on safe practices.

“There was so much you don’t realize until you actually take the course,” she said.

While the restaurant industry has demanding hours, many Hospitality program courses are largely online, giving Haley the flexible schedule she needs. Her cooking class, for example, involves hands-on time in the lab on Mondays, with the rest of the coursework – homework, tests and quizzes – all online. Her Human Resources class was completely online.

“I can live my life around my classes and still do well,” she said.

[Learn about the Hospitality Programs Department at SUNY Broome.](#)

Planning a future in hospitality

Looking ahead to her future in the hospitality industry, Haley realizes that she doesn’t want to own or manage a restaurant; she would miss the front-line interaction as a bartender and server. However, her strength stems from a focus on presentation – which is why the Event Management degree program appealed to her.

[Click here to learn about our Event Management degree.](#)

Events bring a different sort of pressure than a restaurant. In the latter, “everyone needs you at once,” Haley explained. Events are more linear, involving planning, a deadline and an end product.

Event Management classes are hands-on and Haley has honed her skills in a variety of events, from the Hurricane Harvey relief fundraiser to bridal shows at the Holiday Inn and mock weddings.

After graduation, she plans to relocate to North Carolina, where her family lives – and where the hospitality industry is booming. She will also continue her studies online at SUNY Delhi while she focuses on building her career.

She would definitely recommend SUNY Broome’s Hospitality Programs to anyone with a passion for the industry. Ultimately, the secret to success is to have a sense of “personalization, to really care about the customers you have,” she reflected.

“It’s taught me a lot more than what I expected in the beginning,” she said of her experience at SUNY Broome. “When you work at a restaurant, you come in and think you know everything, but six months later you realize you know nothing. I’ve gained such knowledge from being in the program.”



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Program review training on Jan. 22

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Please join us for a Program Review Training presented by Dr. Debbie Moeckel, SUNY Assistant Provost for Assessment & Community College Education, on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019 from 1:30 to 3:30 in Decker 201.

The training will focus on:

- Guidance for the program review process
- SUNY and MSCHE expectations for Program Review
- Best Program Review practices
- A sustainable process for Program Reviews
- Integrating student learning assessment results and planning in the Program Review process

The session is open to the campus community. Those departments that are in the process of a program review or that are slated to undergo a program review soon are encouraged to attend.

Please register if you plan to attend: [Register Here](#)

Seasons Greetings and Thank You from SUNY Broome

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SUNY Broome is very grateful this holiday season! Watch our video message below.

Tis the Season to be Thankful | SUNY Broome



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=7lgwR8LUq1I>



Erin Marulli receives the NASPA Region II Community College Award

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Congratulations to Erin Marulli, who won the Community College Award for the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Region II!

The award is given to student affairs professionals who have demonstrated leadership and a commitment to the profession.

Marulli is the assistant director and student success coordinator for [Broome County Higher Education Access, Retention and Success \(HEARS\)](#). The grant-funded program seeks to aid community members who wish to access higher education, students who dropped out before completing a degree and are looking to re-enroll, and those students who are eligible for a reverse-transfer Associate's degree.

Erin Marulli strives to meet students at their need, aiding them with transitional housing, re-entry programs and more at SUNY Broome, during community events and through local libraries and churches.

“As a result of her hard work, Erin has successfully helped to re-enroll 62 students and graduate 130 students via reverse transfer or through class completion through July 2016,” wrote Cory Rusin, Broome County HEARS Student Success coordinator at Binghamton University, in her letter of nomination.

Erin also has taken on leadership roles at SUNY Broome and in the community. With Maureen Breck, she co-chairs the Family Friendly Campus Tool-kit, to determine the available support and needed improvements for student parents. She is also part of the Achieving Success Committee, the Distance Learning Steering Committee, and secretary of Safestreets, an organization that addresses neighborhood quality of life.

She also created the Adult Empowerment Series, a grant-funded program through the Binghamton-Broome Anti-Poverty Initiative that provided skill-building workshops on topics such as technology, civic engagement and creativity.

Congratulations to Erin Marulli on an honor well-earned!



Photo Gallery: The 2018 President's Holiday Reception

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Check out the photo gallery from the 2018 President's Holiday Reception:

<https://flic.kr/s/aHsmoJZWaS>

Happy New Year!



A scene from the December 2018 holiday reception

On-campus construction for the week of Dec. 17

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If any of the occupants in the Applied Technology Suite 017 would like their office thoroughly cleaned (floor, furniture wiped down), please contact David Ligeikis at extension 5575 or (607) 765-9710 or at ligeikisd@sunybroome.edu



Concrete basement floor ready to be poured in the vicinity of the Beverage Lab in the Culinary & Event Center

CULINARY AND EVENT CENTER

Based on Payment Applications, the project is approximately 32% complete and on schedule. We expect a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy to be issued in October 2019 and a Final Certificate of Occupancy to be issued in November 2019.

NEW TO THE PROJECT: A Personal Care Room will be constructed in the basement level.

- The basement concrete floor slabs are nearing completion.
- Most of the new windows have been installed.
- Footings have been poured and new walls are being constructed for the addition.
- Plaster remediation and finishing work continues (mock-ups will be evaluated).
- Framing of soffits/walls and selective demolition continues.
- Electrical “rough ins” throughout the building continue.
- HVAC layout and miscellaneous HVAC demo continues.
- Miscellaneous selective wood flooring removals continue.
- Miscellaneous masonry infills are nearly complete (two chimney areas remain).
- Project Scheduling meetings and Construction Review meetings continue to be held on a bi-weekly basis.

NOTABLE ON-CAMPUS DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Five new custodial workers (first shift) and two new maintenance workers (first shift) were recently hired. We now have eleven custodial workers on first shift and we are experiencing very good results. We thank you for your cooperation and patience with this transition.

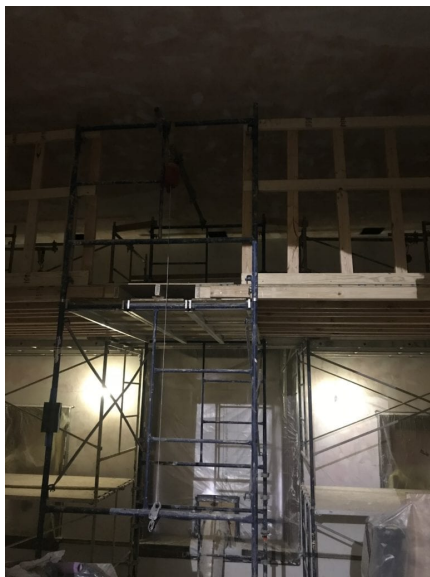
New floor matting (which will depict the SUNY Broome college seal) has been ordered for the recently renovated main entrance of the Learning Resource Center (Library).

Installation of restroom privacy partitions campus wide has been completed (FINALLY!).

Renovation work continues in the newly created Cultural Resource Center (Room 106, Old Science Building).



Second floor interior wall



Renovation work is beginning in the new student Digital Lounge (Room 108, Old Science Building).

construction under the skylight in the Culinary & Event Center

Work will begin soon on a number of other campus initiatives including:

- Music Rehearsal Room (Campus Services Building)
- Finance Office File Storage (Old Science)
- Custodial Break Room (Old Science)
- Literacy Room (Old Science)
- Applied Technology Boiler Replacements
- Campus-Wide Door Replacements

Plaster work in the grand staircase in the Culinary & Event Center



Walls being constructed for the new addition

The entire SUNY Broome Facilities Department would like to wish the entire SUNY Broome family a very healthy, happy and safe holiday season!

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

At the podium: Student speech contest a success

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Eighty students filled Decker 201 on Dec. 7, 2018, for the Speakers of the House Toastmasters Club and the Improvables Club speech contest.

Students from Professor Fadden, McKenna, McMurray and Papkov's Effective Speaking classes and at-large contestant Orion Barber competed in two different contests. A good time and good pizza from American Family Dining were shared by all. Liberal Arts Dean Michael Kinney welcomed the contestants and their guests and emphasized the importance of good speaking skills.

Six students gave prepared speeches of 5 to 7 minutes.

The winners were:

1. Lauren Jensen
2. Joseph West
3. Dachaun Clyburn.

All six contestants in that contest were winners of \$50.

Seventeen students also gave 1 to 2-minute impromptu speeches on topics presented to them at the contest.

The winners were:

1. Orion Barber
2. Nicholas Gilbert
3. Danielle Dillard. They won \$200, \$75, and \$25 respectively.

The contest was generously supported by Student Activity fees and by the two clubs. Watch for next semester's contest. Students, consider competing!



Participants in the Speakers of the House Toastmasters Club and the Improvables Club speech contest.

Finals week fun in the Student Village

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What a fun final week in the Student Village! So many finals yet so many things to do. The RAs in the Student Village came up with some programs to keep the residents busy and to give back to their community. On Dec. 9, the RAs put together a multicultural night. To prepare, the RA's brainstormed ideas to represent their cultures, as well as the residents' cultures. In the end, they picked Asian, Latin-American, Spanish, Italian, American and British.



Midnight breakfast at the Student Village

There were flags put up in the classroom representing the different cultures as well as different items such as chopsticks and cultural decorations. The RA's prepared food such as arroz con gandules, pasteles, empanadas, spaghetti and meatballs, fried rice, and kimchi. They also created a kahoot about American and African American history and culture. They played music and had a lot of fun with the whole event.

On Dec. 10, the RAs, RD, student mentor Christine and RHA put together a "midnight breakfast" for the residents here in the Student Village. This breakfast was put together to give the residents a break from studying so they can enjoy a meal at no cost to them. There were pancakes, waffles, eggs, sausage, bacon, tater tots and juice.

The program started at



Multicultural night at the Student Village

9 p.m. Around 6 p.m., the breakfast was being made and took 3 hours to put all together.

Once it was finished, RHA and RA's served all the students their plates of food and the RAs played music and made sure the residents were enjoying their late night breakfast. The residents really enjoyed the breakfast as well as the break from late night studying.

For the final program of the semester, Abigail Allen and faculty member Christine organized a holiday card program for residents in United Methodist Homes down the road from the school. Some of the residents in the nursing homes do not have family and do not receive anything for the holidays. We wanted to make them feel special and to know that we care.

On Dec. 11, Christine and Abby helped residents make cards for the 120 senior citizens in the nursing home.



Making greeting cards in the Student Village

Each card had a personal note written inside, and no two cards were the same. The 20 residents that came to help created amazing cards really made it a very special holiday for the residents in the nursing home. They will be delivered to the nursing home on Dec. 18 and each resident will get one.

This has been an amazing semester filled with creative programs that have really engaged our residents in the Student Village. This final week of such amazing programs was the cherry on top of such a fantastic semester!



Making greeting cards in the Student Village



Multicultural night at the Student Village

Meet with a TIAA financial consultant

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

- Am I invested in the right mix of investments to help meet my goals?
- Am I saving enough to create the retirement income I need?
- How do I take income from my retirement account once I stop working?

Register for one of the sessions at www.TIAA.org/schedulenow.

Friday, February 1, 2019 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Wales Building – Room 203A

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Wales Building – Room 203A

Wednesday, June 5, 2019 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Wales Building – Room 203B

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Save the Date for 7th annual January Teaching Conference

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Save the Date for 7th annual January Teaching Conference. The theme is “Open Minds: Teaching with Open Resources.”

When: Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Where: Campus Dining Hall

Register: <https://sunycpd.eventsair.com/oerbroome012219/reg>

Keynote speaker: Dr. Karen Cangialosi, Professor of Biology and Coordinator of Faculty Enrichment at Keene State College

- 9 a.m.: Welcome, Introduction and Overview of OER in SUNY and at SUNY Broome (Tony DeFranco from SUNY OER Services)
- 9:30 a.m.: Keynote Speaker
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.: Break
- 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.: OER Petting Zoo: View and Use OER, OER Platforms and Ask Questions
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.: OER Faculty with SUNY Broome and SUNY faculty
- 12:15 – 1 p.m. Lunch
- 1 – 2 p.m.: Continuous Improvement with Lumen Learning & SUNY OER Services
- 2 – 3:30 p.m.: Ready-to-Adopt Catalog; sandbox courses, etc.
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Scheduled ITS upgrades

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Our campus telephone systems will be disabled at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 18 for a required hardware upgrade. Service is planned to be enabled by 8 a.m. NEC engineers will be on campus during the remainder of the day to help us address any remediation needs.

As part of this upgrade, several new phones have been purchased for replacement. Campus safety and security is aware and will advise Broome Emergency Services. Please use your cell phone during this time for emergencies.

On Dec. 27 (curtailment), ITS staff will be performing upgrades to our campus firewall systems. All Internet/network access will experience intermittent outages. This will not effect access to Gmail or MyCollege from off-campus. Please plan accordingly if you are on campus.

Thank you for your understanding. Please call x5011 with any questions.

ART 116 Final evaluation and Exhibition on Dec. 17

December 16, 2018

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Join Professor David Zeggert's ART 116 students as they celebrate the completion of their Beginning Painting class from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, in the Gallery @ SUNY Broome, located in the library.

The exhibit consists of and features work created during the Fall 2018 semester. The exhibit is the result of the students' hard work and dedication to the study of picture-making, discovery and painting.

ALCC Newsletter Fall 2018, Edition 5

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As Fall 2018 wraps up, the ALCC would like to thank faculty and students for another great semester of career-related events and services. We look forward to working with you all in 2019!

Until then, please take a minute to check out our ALCC Newsletter/Edition 5 for a recap of our Fall 2018 happenings and sneak peek of some great things lined up for next semester!

Happy holidays from the ALCC team!

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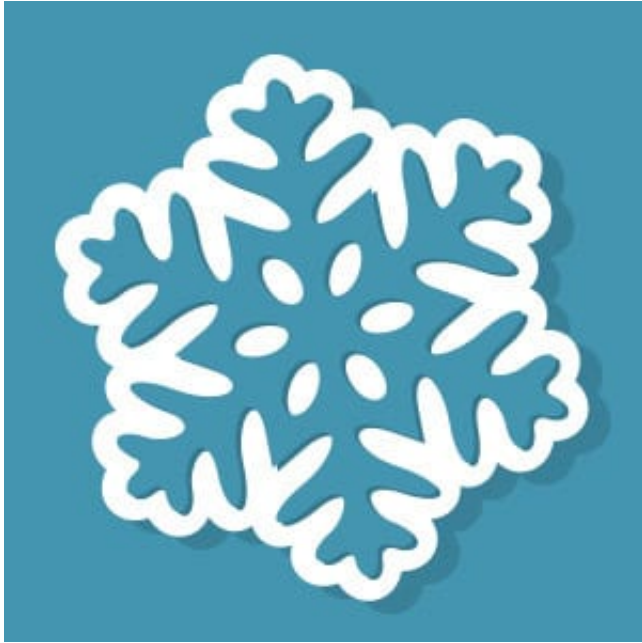
Gina and Jeanie in the ALCC's new Career Closet.

Reminder: Payment for Winter Term due Dec. 19

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Taking classes this Winter Term? Payment is due Wednesday Dec. 19, 2018.



Student Assembly special election results

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Please congratulate our Student Assembly Special Election Winners! All participants campaigned well and are ready to represent the SUNY Broome student body.

VP for Student Activities – Greg Thurston

VP for Administrative Affairs – Daniel Todd

Both were already the interim VP for their respective position, so they come in ready to move quickly and with a vision.

We appreciate all who participated. Knowing that you were ready to work for your fellow students and put your views out there is a huge accomplishment.



Go bowling Dec. 18 and support the Ian Wiles Scholarship

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PTA Club fundraiser



Please come and join the Physical Therapist Assistant Club from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 18 at Laurel Bowling Alley. This fundraiser is to raise money for the Ian Wiles Scholarship Fund.

The Ian Wiles Scholarship is given to a deserving freshman PTA student who embodies Ian's spirit. If you cannot join us, please consider making a donation to one of our PTA students or faculty members.

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Professor of Biology and Coordinator of Faculty Enrichment at Keene State College

More to be announced later on with our full conference schedule.



Faculty & Staff Campaign prize winners

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We chose the names for the Faculty & Staff Campaign Gift Basket and Quilt raffle today. Please stop by the BCC Foundation office in Wales 201 to claim your prize!

Congratulations to all our winners!

Jan Hertzog – Skin care basket donated by Carine Surdey

Jenne Micale – Wine and snacks basket

Bill Altman – handmade quilt donated by Bari Roden

Sharon Eldridge – Christmas basket

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the Faculty & Staff Campaign. If you haven't already done so, you can still make your gift to the Campaign by completing the [online payroll deduction](#) form. We are so grateful to our staff for supporting the Foundation during this season of giving!



Training on Program Review with Dr. Debbie Moeckel on Jan. 22

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Colleagues,

I wanted to notify you that Dr. Debbie Moeckel, SUNY Assistant Provost for Assessment & Community College Education, will be on campus on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in D-201 to provide training and guidance on the program review process. The session is open to the campus community. Those departments that are in the process of a program review or that are slated to undergo a program review soon are encouraged to attend.

More details will be sent shortly.

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Francis L. Battisti, Ph.D.

Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

SUNY Distinguished Service Professor



Take the campus technology needs survey

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

Do you know of a classroom or other instructional space on campus that may need multimedia equipment and/or upgrades to the current equipment?

Is there a classroom you teach in which has a specific issue you encounter which can be alleviated by an upgrade or replacement?

We are collecting requests and ideas for consideration by our Multimedia Subcommittee. Please take a few moments to fill out the following form: <https://goo.gl/forms/zwauYbpbUGYKtSm1>

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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.



Guaranteed jobs: Warehouse Opportunity Impact Program bridges the gap between job-seekers and employers

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James Woods is no stranger to workforce training and development programs, but only one led to a guaranteed job at the end.

Now an employee at Amrex Chemical Co., Woods was among the 21 graduates of the [Warehouse Opportunity Impact Program](#), which connected the unemployed with the skills, training and ultimately the jobs they needed in the local warehouse sector.

“It gives you more motivation. You look forward to getting up and going to these trainings because at the end of the day, you’re guaranteed a job,” Woods said.



Amrex employee James Woods

The program resulted from a web of partnerships between Broome-Tioga Workforce, SUNY Broome, Broome-Tioga BOCES, the New York State Department of Labor, the Community Foundation of South Central New York, the Raymond Corporation, Willow Run Foods, Maines and Amrex. This fall, the Warehouse Opportunity Impact Program received recognition for Best Collaborative Effort from the Continuing Education Association of New York.



The award earned by the Warehouse Opportunity Impact Program



SUNY Broome Continuing Education and Workforce Development Director Janet Hertzog presents the CEANY award to Broome-Tioga Workforce Director Sara Liu

The ultimate goal was to connect people who need jobs with employers seeking to fill positions. Oftentimes, people from disadvantaged backgrounds seeking work would head to regional job fairs but return empty-handed because they didn't have the job-readiness skills sought by employers.



Sara Liu, executive director of Broome-Tioga Workforce

Shifting trends

One of the greatest challenges in Broome County is filling the approximately 4,000 vacant jobs in the region, noted Broome County Executive Jason Garnar during a Dec. 13 press conference at Workforce.

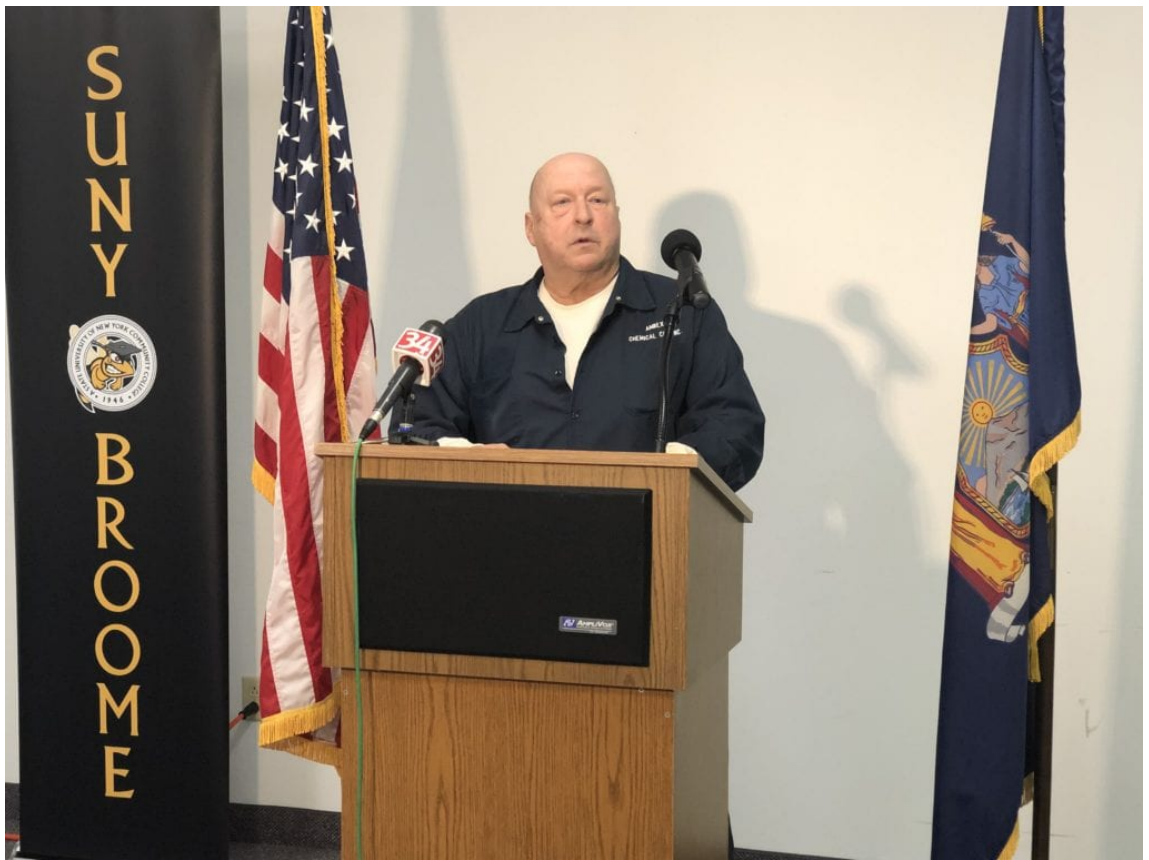
"If we don't get them filled, they're going to go elsewhere," he said of employers. "We've had to do new and innovative things in order to connect people with jobs."

Employment trends have shifted through the years, acknowledged Woodie Robins, general manager at Amrex; he has seen it firsthand.

"Twenty years ago, companies were flooded with applications. Those days have come to an end," he explained. He added

that the program has been a great benefit for his company and others in the area, and hoped that future programs would address another regional need: the lack of CDL drivers, many of whom are retiring.

The four-week training program operated a bit like a bootcamp, Garnar noted. Workers took classes in basic math and reading, interpersonal communication skills, problem-solving, effective speaking, accountability and respect, and team building, in addition to material moving equipment instruction and workplace and personal safety training. The Raymond Corporation provided a virtual reality forklift simulator, which gave participants a hands-on experience.



Woodie Robins, general manager at Amrex



Broome County Executive Jason Garnar

The program also helped workers overcome obstacles such as a lack of childcare, transportation or even equipment such as work boots, thanks to funding from the Community Foundation.

While people often associate SUNY Broome with Associate's degrees and Broome-Tioga BOCES with high school diplomas, both institutions play a significant role in workforce development, SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm noted. The college has been a workforce development leader for much of its 70-year history – not only through its degree programs, but via the non-credit classes offered by the Office of Continuing Education and Workforce Development, he said.

[Read more about Workforce Development at SUNY Broome.](#)

“As a community college, part of our mission is to give individuals of all backgrounds access to the educational resources they need to succeed. The Warehouse Opportunity Impact Program is a shining example of this sort of work, and a real testament to the power of partnerships,” Dr. Drumm said.

The program is a great model for the region, added James Mullins, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction at Broome-Tioga BOCES. And indeed it will continue to be, as Workforce works on similar initiatives

to fill employment gaps in other high-need areas, added Executive Director Sara Liu.



SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm



The many partners behind the success of the Warehouse Opportunity Impact Program

Dec. 14 Film Screening: Ethics and the Bathsheba Syndrome

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Join Professor I.J. Byrnes from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Dec. 14 in T-102 for “Ethics and the Bathsheba Syndrome,” a brief film screening about leadership ethics that is relevant to future employees in business, the military and every workplace in between.



Completely online: Explore Two-Dimensional Design this Winter Term

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Get creative this Winter Term with ART 105: Introduction to Two-Dimensional Design!

Register online or with your Advisor for this **3 Credit Gen Ed Course** that will transform the way you see. Train your eye to create something from nothing, get ahead for Spring, and have some fun!

It's great for all curious learners of all majors, especially beginners and non-traditional students.

Register online at www.sunybroome.edu or with your advisor. You'll need to sign up for ART 105-Y01 (the lecture — CRN 622) and ART 105-LY1 (the lab — CRN 623). Questions? Contact Professor Evans at evanspm@sunybroome.edu or 607-778-5503.



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Year End Letter and 2019 Payroll Dates

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Click below for the year-end letter from Payroll and the 2019 Payroll Dates.

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Focus on EOP: Kyara has the opportunity to see one of her role models and build connections with her peers

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Kyara Perkins at The Barclays Center



Kyara Perkins and fellow EOP students at The Barclays Center

Kyara Perkins dropped by Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) director Venessa Rodriguez's office on a recent morning to answer a non-urgent question.

"Would you be able to go to the city this weekend?" Rodriguez asked the SUNY Broome student, a native of the Big Apple.

Sure, Kyara replied, growing curious. Then came the follow-up question, completely unexpected: "Do you want to see Michelle Obama?"

"I screamed, I can't lie! I take opportunities like this so seriously," Kyara recounted. "She (Michelle Obama) is very influential to me, being a black woman into law, and wanting to help the development of people."

[Learn more about EOP at SUNY Broome.](#)

The ticket came by way of SUNY's Office of Opportunity Programs, which distributed tickets to Michelle Obama's Dec. 1 talk at the Barclays Center to EOP offices throughout the SUNY system. The former First Lady, attorney and university administrator is on tour promoting her new book, *Becoming*.

Perkins has expressed her intention to read the book, making the Criminal Justice – Corrections major the right choice for the trip.

"I'm 19, and people in my generation aren't usually thrilled about books. Once I heard Michelle was coming out with a book, I knew I wanted to read it," she explained. "It explains her struggles and how we come from similar backgrounds, although she's from Chicago and I'm from New York."

[Learn more about SUNY Broome's Criminal Justice – Corrections degree program.](#)

During the Barclays talk, Michelle Obama discussed "being me, us and we," giving the audience a glimpse into the themes behind her book. She discussed her childhood, how she met Barack Obama and how she worked to maintain her individuality as First Lady. One message in particular resounded with Kyara: Michelle Obama attended Harvard Law School and became an attorney not for any particular reason, but simply because she wanted to.

Kyara also fields similar questions: Why corrections? Why does she plan to attend law school someday, and become a civil rights attorney? Like the First Lady, there is no particular reason or justification; Kyara is interested in the field and this path, and that's enough.

While Michelle Obama inspired and thrilled her audience, the audience itself was also thrilling to Kyara Perkins. She was surrounded by fellow EOP students and the trip was a bonding experience; participants exchanged numbers and had a great time.

"I felt like I was in a different environment. I found the group of people that were more like me. It showed me what the possibilities are," Kyara reflected. "It was a very insightful experience."

Kyara Perkins hadn't initially intended on coming to SUNY Broome; she had originally applied to out-of-state schools, only to realize that the financial burden would weigh heavily. Her parents recommended staying in the SUNY system – a great foundation at a reasonable price.

She had friends who attended SUNY Broome and applied last minute. Graduating in May 2019, she has just completed the SUNY application, but is keeping her transfer options open. SUNY Oneonta is a possibility, but her dream school is The College at Brockport, where she hopes to study criminal justice and ultimately prepare for entry into law school.

Overall, SUNY Broome has been a good experience for Kyara, both as a student and a young adult, mastering concepts such as budgeting and time management in addition to her coursework.

“It has really helped me mature and get into the right groups of people,” she said.



Kyara Perkins and fellow EOP students at The Barclays Center

Dec. 14: The Chamber Singers Winter Concert

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The Chamber Singers of SUNY Broome proudly present their Winter Concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre, located in the SUNY Broome Student Center. Featured in this singing concert will be SUNY Broome's own a cappella group, The Stinging Singers. Bring family and friends. Admission is free!



Caroling in the Student Village on Dec. 13

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The Campus Bible Fellowship Club invites you to attend caroling in the first floor lounge of the Student Village at 11 a.m. Thursday. Dec. 13, 2018.



Dec. 16 Contemporary Concert to feature student talent

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The Music Program of the Performing Arts Department is proud to present its Contemporary Concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018, in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre.

SUNY Broome students will perform original compositions or covers in pop, jazz, rock, Broadway, rap and other music of today. Donations for this concert will help raise funds for the SUNY Broome Health for Haiti program.

A graphic featuring a vibrant background of orange and yellow geometric shapes. Overlaid on this are various black musical symbols, including treble and bass clefs, eighth and sixteenth notes, and a sharp sign. A dark blue silhouette of a hill or stage is at the bottom. In the center, a yellow rounded rectangle contains the text "SUNY Broome Music Concerts" in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font.

**SUNY Broome
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From the Desk of the President: What amazing jobs we have!

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.... and so many people in our academic community contribute to the honor we have to work in higher education, especially here at SUNY Broome.

Colleagues: last evening I had the sheer pleasure of attending our Winter Concert put on by our Orchestra and Choir. What a beautiful experience! Their performance was both moving and entertaining and it reminded me of just how much talent we have on both sides of the baton here at SUNY Broome.

I want to thank Choir Director Jennifer Easley and Orchestra Conductor Heather Worden for their leadership in these efforts. We appreciate what you do for us!

From our holiday performances to our Science Fair in spring, and everything in between, the range of talent and activity here is truly amazing and we should all take great pride in what we offer for our students.

Thank you to all our faculty and staff who spend time afternoons, evenings and weekends leading many of our students in co-curricular activities which add so much to the student experience and our academic culture.

Bravo!!!

-Kevin Drumm, Ph.D., SUNY Broome President



SUNY Broome orchestra and choir during the December 2018 Winter Concert



SUNY Broome orchestra during the December 2018 winter concert

Farewell party for Patti O'Day and Lori Lyon on Dec. 14

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Patti O'Day and Lori Lyon are retiring! Join us to say goodbye from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 14 in the Ice Center Event Room.

Refuel for finals with FREE snacks and supplies Dec. 12

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Feeling a little worn down from finals? No worries, we got you covered!

Megan Comstock, our Bellevue University representative, and Val Carnegie, Director of the Bachelor Partnership Program, will be traveling around campus from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, offering students FREE packaged peanuts, granola bars, Mars candy and pens.

If you need a snack or a pen, simply be on the lookout for a big purple cart wheeling around campus!



Hero in training: Gloryangeliz leaves her comfort zone and changes her trajectory

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Gloryangeliz Lugo-Vazquez in the Criminal Justice classroom

When Gloryangeliz Lugo-Vazquez was small, she came to view police officers as heroes.

She was born in Puerto Rico, and her neighborhood was no stranger to violence or the presence of police. When she was in second grade, her family relocated to Florida, followed up by moves to Michigan and eventually Binghamton, but she never forgot the men and women in uniform who made such an impression on her young mind.

“As little kids, we always want to become heroes. The real heroes are the police. That’s how I know I wanted to be one,” she said.

Majoring in Criminal Justice – Police at SUNY Broome was a critical step toward her goal. This fall, Gloryangeliz — who will graduate this May — received a boost of confidence from the law enforcement community, when she received a scholarship from the New York State Sheriff’s Institute. Broome County Sheriff David Harder presented the award during a recent press conference.

[Learn more about our Criminal Justice – Police AAS degree program.](#)

It can be disorienting to stand in front of a room full of reporters, but it’s also what Gloryangeliz wants to do. She plans to transfer to SUNY Cortland, where she will major in criminology and minor in communications, and from there to the police academy. Her goal as a police officer is to work in communications.

Not too long ago, that might have seemed farfetched. Gloryangeliz was once shy, and sat on the sidelines as opportunities for jobs and internships went to peers with more confidence.

Determined to change her future, she has since focused on leaving her comfort zone – applying for scholarships, and giving presentations whenever the opportunity arises.

“Challenge is what you learn from,” she explained.

Embracing challenge

Her job in the Business and Professional Studies division requires her to answer the phone – an uncomfortable task at first, but one that slowly allowed her to become more comfortable in communicating with others.

“It’s helped me control my nerves and stay professional,” she said.

She has conquered her fear of speaking in other avenues, too. Through the college’s [Alpha Beta Gamma business honor society](#), she has the opportunity to travel to national conferences and give presentations to a wider audience. She gave a presentation in Georgia last spring. She will do the same at this spring’s conference, this time tackling the concept of comfort zones.

It’s always difficult to leave a space where you feel protected, and where life is largely predictable. Small steps can add up to create lasting change, she advises, such as trying something new for lunch, taking a different road to work, or answering a telephone even when you feel anxious. Once you establish confidence, those larger steps seem only natural.

“I’ve decided that any chance I get, I’ll speak in front of people,” Gloryangeliz said. She’s bilingual, so that adds up to twice the amount of opportunity – as she found out at church, when she translated an entire church service from English to Spanish.

She has practiced leaving her comfort zone at Christian Community Jehovah Nissi, too, where she is an active volunteer – often the first one there and the last to leave, aside from the pastor. In addition to impromptu translation services, she is also in charge of the youth department.

New opportunities

Even before enrolling in SUNY Broome, Gloryangeliz benefited from a head start through Broome-Tioga BOCES’ criminal justice program, which developed both her interest and exposure to the field. She remembers one classroom exercise, in which students had to talk down a man with a bomb on his chest.

“I’m really good with showing empathy toward people and taking control of situations,” she said. “But my professors said always to have a backup plan because you never know what might happen; my backup plan is to go toward 911 operations.”

After graduating high school, SUNY Broome was the logical choice. She had family members who attended the school, and knew of its strong reputation for academics.

In addition to her classes, she is taking advantage of other opportunities in the criminal justice field.

She had a recent job interview with Broome Security, participated in the local Citizens Police Academy and went on a ride-along with police officers a few weeks ago.

She has also honed her leadership skills as the president of the [Criminal Justice and Emergency Services Student Association \(CJESSA\)](#), an active campus club that participates in community service, such as traffic marshalling for local police departments.

None of these things would have happened if Gloryangeliz stayed in the background, in the safe haven of the familiar. She has learned strength and confidence, attributes that will serve her well in the law enforcement

profession.

“When you go out into the work environment, you need to leave that comfort zone and learn new things,” she said.



Gloryangeliz Lugo-Vazquez in the Crfiminal Justice classroom

Dec. 13 Common Hour: A Celebration of 19th Century Music

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Join music faculty member Paul Sweeny at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, in T-101 for a performance of some of the celebrated 19th century musical pieces for guitar.

19th Century Classical Guitar performance



Move to improve: Derek excels in the challenging PTA program and helps his peers along the way

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Derek Sturdevant in the PTA classroom

Even as Derek Sturdevant was finishing his bachelor's degree in athletic training, his heart began to shift.

Still, he shook off his doubts, graduated from Marywood University and entered the field. He spent four years at Chenango Forks Central Schools, where he coached lacrosse and soccer at the middle school level.

The life of an athletic trainer involves both long days and traveling and, in the end, Derek wanted something more grounded. He decided to go back to school, and enrolled in SUNY Broome's challenging Physical Therapist Assistant program.

"I had so much knowledge coming in, I wanted to do something along the same lines, more in line with my hours and lifestyle," he explained. "It was a great decision for me to come here."

[Read more about SUNY Broome's Physical Therapist Assistant program.](#)

SUNY Broome is a family tradition of sorts: Derek's father is a Hornet alumnus, and enjoyed his time at the college.

Derek is deeply involved in both his program and in campus life. He is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and president of the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Club, one of the most active clubs on campus. He and his fellow club members conduct community outreach events, educating others about the opportunities in the field, as well as fundraisers for various causes.

He also tutors freshmen PTA students during drop-in hours, answering their questions about their courses and the program as a whole.

“I enjoy helping people. When I worked at Chenango Forks, I tutored kids in science and math,” he said. “Last year as a freshman, I ended up tutoring my fellow classmates unofficially.”

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

[Fun fact: One of the young students he once helped at CF is a fellow SUNY Broome student and tutor today — Kara Hess-Hover.](#)

There is an added benefit to tutoring: It helps Derek master the material himself, a benefit as he faces his future licensing exam. Outside of the classroom, he takes part in clinical rotations at local physical therapy offices, which gives him the experience he needs for his future career.

“I’m really enjoying the chance to take what we learned in the classroom and apply it to actual human beings,” he said.

He has begun looking for a job to prepare for his post-graduation future. Looking back, Derek appreciates the knowledge and experience of all his professors, and particularly has a place in his heart for Professor Julianne Klepfer: “She genuinely cares about all of us and would do anything to help us,” he said.

Returning to college can be a daunting prospect, especially when you have already established a home and a life – and care for two rambunctious dogs, as Derek does.

“I probably should have come right when I finished my bachelor’s, but I was a little tired of school at that point and I wanted to do something else,” he admitted. “It was a tough decision at first to get going, but three days in, I was so glad I did it. Going back was definitely the right thing for me.”



Derek Sturdevant in the PTA classroom

Dec. 13 Common Hour: Psyched Up

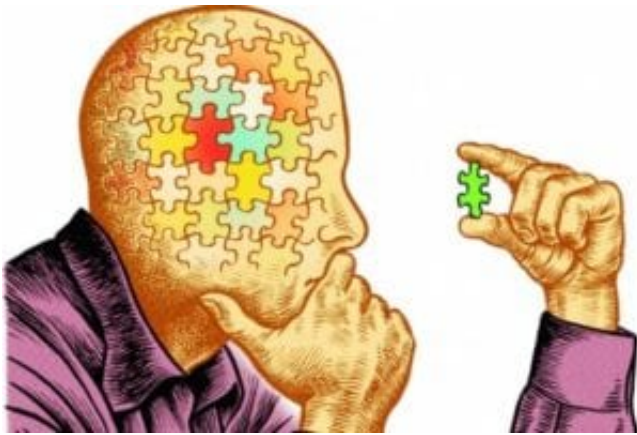
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Join Psychology Department faculty for fascinating tips and techniques that will be of use to you, your friends and family — right now!

Psyched Up starts at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, in T-102.

Each session will focus on the latest psychological findings on topics such as motivation, perception, success at school and work, dealing with social situations, and lots of other hot topics.



BC Transit service changes this winter

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BC Transit's added service on routes 5 and 15 — which depart the BC Junction at 7:30 a.m., 8:10 a.m., 8:50 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:10 a.m. — will end on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, and resume on January 22, 2019.

Regular service on routes 5 and 15 will continue as scheduled. Route 16 BU Express service will end on December 12, 2018 and resume on January 22, 2019.

The 8 SUNY Broome Express will end on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 and resume January 28, 2019. The regular 8 Front St bus will continue as scheduled. Route 9 BU Advantage last day of service is Monday, December 17, 2018.



Posting Final Grades – Fall 2018

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The last day of the semester is Monday, December 17, 2018.

Final grades for the 2018 fall semester are due at 5 p.m. on Wednesday December 19, 2018.

Students will be able to view their grades, on their MyCollege account, starting on Thursday, December 20, at 8 a.m.

If you have held all of your class meetings and have your final grades calculated, you may begin entering your grades at this time.

It is extremely important that grades are submitted by the deadline. A delay in turning in grades can result in the following:

A greater number of students will be academically dismissed from the College.

A greater number of students will be put on academic probation and financial aid warning.

Delaying the students graduation certification.

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

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

Once again we will be posting grades online using MyCollege.



Want to start a business? Check out the Entrepreneurship Colloquium on Dec. 12

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SUNY Broome is hosting its first Entrepreneurial Colloquium from 12 to 2 p.m. Dec. 12, 2018, in Decker Health Sciences Building Room 201.

Local entrepreneurs will present on the innovative thoughts, actions and behaviors reflective of a successful entrepreneurial mindset. Speakers will also give first-hand insight into what is required during the planning and implementation phases of business start-ups.

Presenters include Victoria Giarratano, executive director of the Cornell Cooperative Extension and a former small business owner; Eric Krohn, director of Binghamton University's Business Incubation Program and the co-owner of three hemp companies; Sara Liu, originator and owner of Parlor City Vegan; and Rob Salamida, the spiedie sauce pioneer.

Please join us in Decker Hall, Room 201, to learn more about what it takes to become a successful entrepreneur! Please RSVP by emailing rusnakdm1@sunybroome.edu.

[Entrepreneurship event flyer \(PDF\)](#) Download



Health Insurance Rate Increase 2019

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Please be advised that the College has been notified by the Broome County Legislature that health insurance rates will be increased (5%) for the upcoming January 1, 2019 calendar year.

Faculty and staff should be aware this rate increase will appear in the December 20, 2018 payroll period.

Please contact Meg Smith at Ext. 5240 in Human Resources should you have any questions.



ART 116 Final evaluation and Exhibition on Dec. 17

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Join Professor David Zeggert's ART 116 students as they celebrate the completion of their Beginning Painting class from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, in the Gallery @ SUNY Broome, located in the library.

The exhibit consists of and features work created during the Fall 2018 semester. The exhibit is the result of the students' hard work and dedication to the study of picture-making, discovery and painting.

Focus on STEM: Student present microprocessor projects on Dec. 12

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Microprocessor Project Presentations

3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, in the Applied Technology Building Atrium

Come and see microprocessor class projects from SUNY Broome Engineering Science students. Projects include a claw game machine, a pinball machine, a miniature elevator, a snack food dispenser and more. Devices are built from motors, sensors, LCDs, microprocessors, and other components. Many of the designs incorporate 3D printed parts as well as components scavenged from old scanners, computers, and printers. Refreshments will be served.

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Warehouse Opportunity Impact Program connects job-seekers with training and guaranteed employment

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A worker using Raymond Corporation's virtual reality forklift simulator

Broome-Tioga Workforce, SUNY Broome to host Dec. 13 media event

Southern Tier employers are looking for experienced warehouse workers. A partnership between SUNY Broome, Broome-Tioga Workforce, Broome-Tioga BOCES, the New York Department of Labor, the Community Foundation of South Central New York, the Raymond Corporation, Willow Run Foods, Maines and Amrex helped fill that gap, while guaranteeing full-time jobs for everyone who completed a four-week training program.

All of the 21 people who graduated the first-ever Broome-Tioga Workforce Warehouse Opportunity Impact Program are gainfully employed, and the program has become a model for future partnerships.

The program recently received recognition for Best Collaborative Effort from the Continuing Education Association of New York.

Join SUNY Broome, Broome-Tioga Workforce, Broome-Tioga BOCES, local employers, partners and program participants at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, to discuss the partnership program and the impact it has made in the local community. The press conference will be held at Broome-Tioga Workforce, located at 171 Front Street in Binghamton.

“The Warehouse Opportunity Impact Program is a huge success! It’s an innovative program that combines workforce development and guaranteed jobs,” said Broome County Executive Jason Garnar. “It’s a win-win for job-seekers and employers, filling a gap of open positions in high-demand industries in Broome County and securing full-time employment for those looking for work. This program’s success is credited to the power of partnerships. I applaud Broome-Tioga Workforce, SUNY Broome, BOCES and all agencies involved.”

“As a community college, part of our mission is to give individuals of all backgrounds access to the educational resources they need to succeed. The Warehouse Opportunity Impact Program is a shining example of this sort of work, and a real testament to the power of partnerships,” said SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm. “SUNY Broome has been a workforce development leader for 70 years, and we are thrilled to participate in this and future initiatives.”

“This model is be a framework that could be replicated for businesses in our community to fill their employment needs,” said James Mullins, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction at Broome-Tioga BOCES.

The impetus for the program came from Broome-Tioga Workforce. Oftentimes, people from disadvantaged backgrounds seeking work would head to regional job fairs but return empty-handed because they didn’t have the job-readiness skills employers sought, explained Executive Director Sara Liu.

“This program was designed as a response to the feedback we were getting from traditional job fairs. It was designed as a four-week intensive training program with the promise of full-time employment,” Liu said.

More than 90 people applied and underwent a screening process that included a March 14 orientation, as well as a screening and background check. A panel of staff members reviewed applications and the participating employers made the final selection. The training program ran in two cohorts in Spring and Summer 2018.

Partnerships were key to the success of the program, and Workforce met with representatives from Willow Run Foods, Maines and Amrex to develop the curriculum. SUNY Broome and Broome-Tioga BOCES provided the training to workers, which included courses in basic math, basic reading, interpersonal communication skills, problem-solving, effective speaking, accountability and respect, and teambuilding, in addition to material moving equipment instruction and workplace and personal safety training.

Another partner, The Raymond Corporation, provided a virtual reality forklift simulator to provide participants a hands-on experience that proved to be a favorite part of the overall course.

“From the start, participants embraced the virtual reality learning, saying that it offered them a more engaging and realistic experience before performing on the job site,” said Ed Dutkowsky, manager of corporate education and development at Raymond. “The noticeable pride participants felt after completing the VR educational courses was powerful to watch.”

Not only did the Opportunity Impact Program give workers the skills they need to succeed in the workplace, it also helped them overcome barriers such as lack of childcare, lack of transportation, and the job interview and placement process. As a key part of the program, participants were provided with counseling and financial assistance to overcome those barriers to employment, and equipment such as work boots.

The Warehouse Opportunity Impact Program was fully funded by a New York Department of Labor Sector Partnership National Emergency Grant for Work Based Training. The Community Foundation of South Central New York provided the support services participants needed until they received their first paycheck.

“The approach was really holistic. I call it the ‘no excuses’ program,” Liu said.

Outcome and future plans

Workforce plans to track the outcome for the participants at six and 12 months. So far, every worker continues to be employed at a local employer, and are doing quite well.

“Compared to the general population, they were working harder and they were more familiar with the equipment and with the work that needs to be done. They established friendships with one another,” Liu said.

Plans are already under way to use the partnership model in other workforce development efforts, said Janet Hertzog, director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development at SUNY Broome. Work is already underway on establishing a training-to-apprenticeship program for soldering technicians, as well as a program targeting advanced manufacturing.

“This is a model we plan to use for other programs down the road,” Hertzog said.



A worker using Raymond Corporation's virtual reality forklift simulator

Professional Development Facilitator/s Opportunity

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We are seeking to identify a faculty member/s to cultivate professional development on campus beginning in the Spring 2019 semester. The primary tasks for Spring 2019 will be to conduct a Professional Development Interest and Needs Assessment focused on instructional faculty across campus and to research models of best practice. These tasks will be important in laying the groundwork for designing authentic professional development practices that foster campus-wide, department, and individual needs. The Professional Development Facilitator/s will lead the PDSC's efforts in developing strategies that emphasize quality teaching and student engagement.

Release time is applicable. Full-time, tenured faculty preferred. Interested individuals should send a letter of interest to the EVP/CAOs office, outlining interest, and applicable background for the tasks outlined, by December 17, 2018.

For further information, please feel free to contact Dr. Amy Brandt or members of the Professional Development Steering Committee: Sandra Wright, Lisa Strahley, Robin Petrus, Cagatay Dogan, Danielle Tierno, Deena Price, Julianne Klepfer, and Robert Congdon.

Selection process will include review by the PDSC and the academic deans, who will send their recommendations to the EVP/CAO.

Thank you,
Francis L. Battisti, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer
SUNY Distinguished Service Professor
SUNY Broome Community College

Faculty Staff Assembly Spring 2019 Information Fair

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What is happening at SUNY Broome in Spring 2019? Learn more about our student-focused initiatives, support services, and opportunities at the Faculty Staff Assembly!

Come for breakfast in the Baldwin Gym, then visit information tables that will be staffed by colleagues. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what is happening on campus and how to connect students and/or how to get involved.

As an added incentive, for each table you visit, you will be entered to win prizes! The more tables that you visit, the more chances to win!

Event Details:

Baldwin Gym • Thursday, January 24, 2019

8:00 am: Breakfast

8:30 am: Information Fair – Learn about student-focused initiatives, support services and opportunities

9:30 am: Spring Semester Kick-Off Presentation

Interested in Tabling at the Spring Faculty Staff Assembly?

We are seeking colleagues to staff tables to showcase student-focused initiatives, support services and opportunities. There are a limited number of tables and requests will be assigned on a first-come-first-serve basis. Participants may be asked to share a table with another initiative, depending upon the number of responses that we receive.

The request form can be found here: www3.sunybroome.edu/forms/fsatabling

The deadline for requesting a table is Friday, January 11, 2019.



Making their mark: SUNY Broome art students beautify the Broome County Dog Shelter

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While the lawn at the side of the Broome County Dog Shelter was crusted hard with ice, eternal summertime bloomed from the fence.

SUNY Broome art students finished the colorful piece of art this semester, completing a beautification project started by Chenango Valley and Whitney Point students several months ago. Students in Professor David Zeggert's editorial illustration class were commended for their work on Dec.10, during a press conference at the dog shelter with Broome County Executive Jason Garnar.

Panels feature idyllic scenes of dogs in loving homes –jumping in a pool with children, helping a girl garden and playing ball. Interspersed were familiar landmarks: The Cider Mill Playhouse, Otsiningo Park and Lupo's. A final panel featured students wearing backpacks from all three schools involved in the project, walking down a path, each carrying a puppy.

"This is incredibly creative. You certainly incorporated what the dog shelter is about, but also local history," Garnar told students.

Both Garnar and SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm stressed the importance of partnership – and not only in the creation of murals. Without willing partners, SUNY Broome couldn't offer the exceptional programs that it does, Dr. Drumm noted.

"I'm always amazed – and not – by the tremendous talent our students display," he added.

From an academic standpoint, the mural project is an example of applied learning, which allows students to apply the knowledge they learn in the classroom out in the real world, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti reflected.

"Our students had to work with a client – in this case, the county – to come up with an approved design, work within design specifications and deliver the product on time. So in a very real way, projects such as these prepare our students for future success in their careers," Dr. Battisti said.

Professor Zeggert's students ended up painting the bulk of the project, at 110 feet. They had to integrate the previously painted panels into the design and use a limited color palette, Professor Zeggert explained. The Broome County Department of Public Works brought the fence panels to the basement of the Calice Advanced Manufacturing Center, where students spent weeks working on the project, along with Broome County Legislator Cindy O'Brien, who helped out with the paint job.

Participating students include John Asare, Chyenne Barclay-Fiasco, Anthony Cooper, Kelsey Crance, Alexander Harding, Mia Hause, Kareemah Johnson, Heather Kaczynski, Brittany Lloyd, D'Lynn Molyneaux, Bailey Roma, Emily Rowe, Frank Sassano and Owen Wentz.

Kareemah Johnson's panel had a personal touch: It featured her 12-year-old daughter in a chef's hat, carrying a cake with the words "adoption day" with the family's husky at her feet.

"We're really big on animals and we love our dog. She's very spoiled," Johnson said. "I'm hoping this

(mural) brings people in. We really wanted to incorporate the importance of adoption.”



A panel from the mural SUNY Broome students painted on the Broome County Dog Shelter fence.



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SUNY Broome students hold dogs during a press conference at the Broome County Dog Shelter.



Broome County Executive Jason Garnar speaks during a press conference at the Broome County Dog Shelter.



SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm speaks during a press conference at the Broome County Dog Shelter.



SUNY Broome Executive Vice President Francis Battisti speaks during a press conference at the Broome County Dog Shelter.



Professor David Zeggert speaks during a press conference at the Broome County Dog Shelter





Dining Hall to hold customer appreciation event on Dec. 13

December 10, 2018

Categories: Uncategorized

American Dining Creations is celebrating the end of the semester and thanking their loyal customers with a Customer Appreciation Event! From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13, they'll be handing out free tacos at the Global Eatery in the main café. Visitors to the café can enjoy one free hard or soft shell taco, no purchase necessary!

From 3 to 7 p.m., they'll be offering a variety of great features and goodies based upon what our resident students love. They'll have a custom Ice Cream Sundae station, Hot Cocoa Bar, Steak & Shrimp dinner, house made egg rolls, and much more!



Baseball to hold first meeting on Dec. 13

December 10, 2018

Categories: Uncategorized

Baseball will be holding their first meeting of the year this upcoming Thursday, Dec. 13, at 4 p.m. in the SUNY Broome Ice Center. Anyone interested in playing for the SUNY Broome baseball team should attend the meeting.

Student-Athletes must have a physical on file before participating in an intercollegiate sport, including tryouts and practices. All student-athletes must have their physical exam submitted to and approved by the SUNY Broome Student Health Services and all paperwork submitted to the Athletic Office to be eligible to participate. All necessary forms can be found on the athletic website under the Student Athletes tab.

Please contact coach Conor Grogan at 607-778-5003 with any questions.



Music students visit BC Center

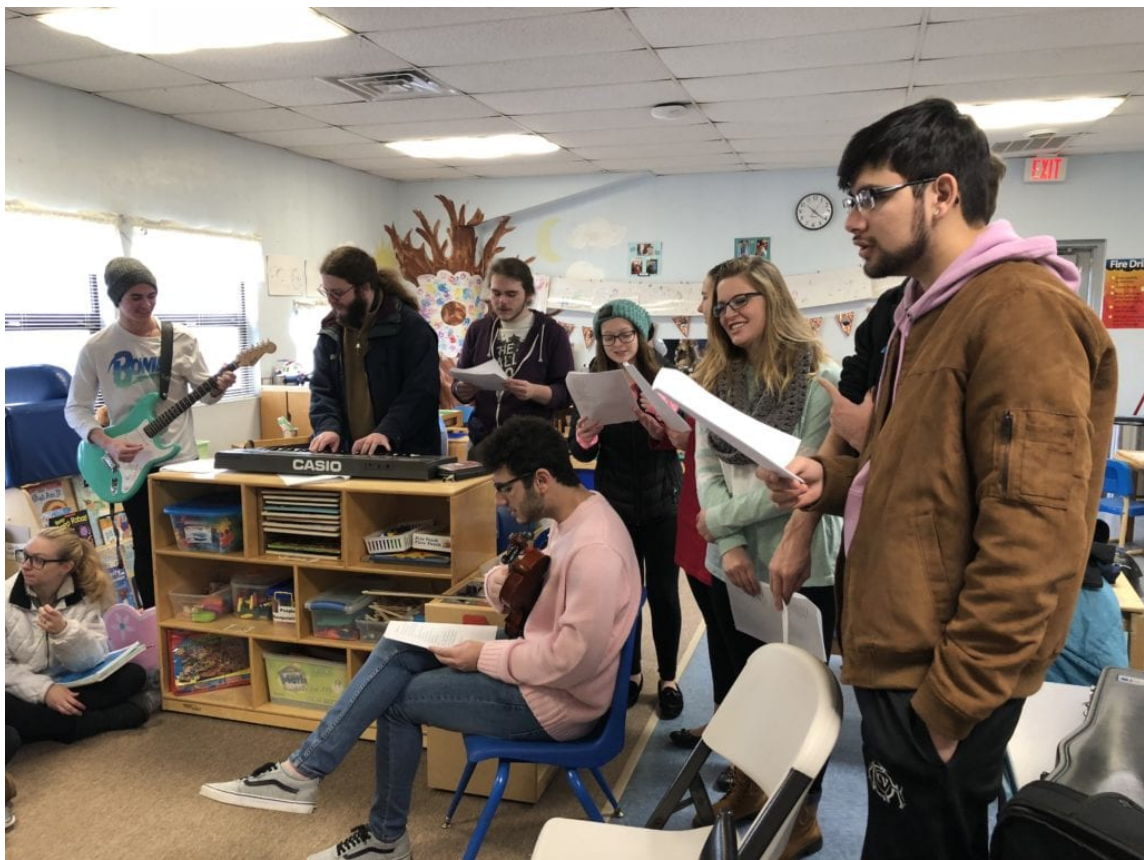
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Students in the Music Program visited the BC Center on Dec. 10 for an instrument presentation and caroling. The students presented their instruments by talking about how they work and then played a short piece so the children could hear them. “Baby Shark” and the theme from *Pirates of the Caribbean* were a hit!

The visit concluded with caroling together. It was a blast!





Scheduled ITS upgrades

December 10, 2018

Categories: Uncategorized



Our campus telephone systems will be disabled at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 18 for a required hardware upgrade. Service is planned to be enabled by 8 a.m. NEC engineers will be on campus during the remainder of the day to help us address any remediation needs.

As part of this upgrade, several new phones have been purchased for replacement. Campus safety and security is aware and will advise Broome Emergency Services. Please use your cell phone during this time for emergencies.

On Dec. 27 (curtailment), ITS staff will be performing upgrades to our campus firewall systems. All Internet/network access will experience intermittent outages. This will not effect access to Gmail or MyCollege from off-campus. Please plan accordingly if you are on campus.

Thank you for your understanding. Please call x5011 with any questions.

The Employee Wellness Committee presents indoor walking paths

December 10, 2018

Categories: FOCUS on Wellness



WALES BUILDING

Path starts from the front of the Administrative Suite.

From Admin Suite – go down the ramp;

Proceed down the hall to Continuing Education to the stairs;

Ascend the stairs to the second floor;

Proceed down the hall to the stairs;

Descend the stairs to the first floor returning to the Admin Suite door.

Do this route 14 times = 1 mile!

BUSINESS AND CALICE BUILDINGS

Start route by going up the connector from Business into Calice;

Turn left at 108 Men's Room;

Proceed down the hall to the staircase;

Ascend the stairs and turn right;

Proceed down the hall to the Connector into the Business Building;

Walk down the hall to the stairs;

Descend stairs to the 1st floor;

Walk down the hall to the left into the Connector.

Do this route 7 times – 1 mile!

Need to report a Student of Concern?

December 9, 2018

Categories: Uncategorized



SUNY Broome has a dedicated group of staff and faculty that are available to assist students in distress. This multi-disciplinary team reviews the information about the student in distress and takes appropriate action to best ensure the student's well-being, the community's safety, and the student's success here at SUNY Broome. If you, or someone you know, is in crisis please notify the Student of Concern committee by contacting the Dean of Students.

Reportable incidents include sexual misconduct, student conduct violations, as well as other types of student crises.

The new Dean of Students site includes an updated flowchart for the reporting process, updated Title IX information, as well as a Campus Climate Survey.

For more information or to report an incident, you may go to the Dean of Students web page at <http://www2.sunybroome.edu/dos/>.

You may also use the following links to report incidents:

Student of Concern Reporting Form:

https://publicdocs.maxient.com/reportingform.php?SUNYBroome&layout_id=5

Report of Misconduct Incident Reporting Form:

<https://publicdocs.maxient.com/incidentreport.php?SUNYBroome>

Title IX Violation (Sexual Misconduct or Interpersonal Violence) Reporting Form:

https://publicdocs.maxient.com/reportingform.php?SUNYBroome&layout_id=1

The Dean of Students can be contacted directly at:

Office of the Dean of Students
SUNY Broome Community College
Division of Student and Economic Development
Location: Old Science Building, Room 227
Phone: (607) 778-5681
Email: dos@sunybroome.edu

Nominate students for the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

December 9, 2018

Categories: Uncategorized



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/Ek2DlgbFo1zenQA3>) 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.

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

December 9, 2018

Categories: Uncategorized



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.

Want to start a business? Check out the Entrepreneurship Colloquium on Dec. 12

December 9, 2018

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SUNY Broome is hosting its first Entrepreneurial Colloquium from 12 to 2 p.m. Dec. 12, 2018, in Decker Health Sciences Building Room 201.

Local entrepreneurs will present on the innovative thoughts, actions and behaviors reflective of a successful entrepreneurial mindset. Speakers will also give first-hand insight into what is required during the planning and implementation phases of business start-ups.

Please join us in Decker Hall, Room 201, to learn more about what it takes to become a successful entrepreneur! Please RSVP prior to Dec. 11 by emailing rusnakdm1@sunybroome.edu.

[Entrepreneurship Colloquium Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

Dec. 14 Film Screening: Ethics and the Bathsheba Syndrome

December 9, 2018

Categories: Uncategorized

Join Professor I.J. Byrnes from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Dec. 14 in T-102 for “Ethics and the Bathsheba Syndrome,” a brief film screening about leadership ethics that is relevant to future employees in business, the military and every workplace in between.



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

December 9, 2018

Categories: Uncategorized

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.



Orchestra and College Choir Winter Concert on Dec. 11

December 9, 2018

Categories: Uncategorized

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.



Applied Technologies Building cleaning update

December 7, 2018

Categories: Uncategorized



We will continue our cleaning efforts in the AT basement. This will include the entire 017 suite and 019.

We will be in touch with individuals in these areas to discuss access needed for the cleaning process.

Our professional exterminator has visited this space at regular intervals and will return next week (the week of Dec. 10).

If you have any questions or concerns, call Dave Ligeikis at (607) 765-9710.

Go bowling Dec. 18 and support the Ian Wiles Scholarship

December 7, 2018

Categories: Uncategorized

PTA Club fundraiser



Please come and join the Physical Therapist Assistant Club from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 18 at Laurel Bowling Alley. This fundraiser is to raise money for the Ian Wiles Scholarship Fund.

The Ian Wiles Scholarship is given to a deserving freshman PTA student who embodies Ian's spirit. If you cannot join us, please consider making a donation to one of our PTA students or faculty members.

Support the PTA Club by eating at Blaze Pizza on Dec. 11

December 7, 2018

Categories: Uncategorized



Please join the Physical Therapist Assistant Club for their Blaze Pizza Fundraiser on Dec. 11, 2018 from 5 to 8 p.m. Click the flyer below for more details, and either bring it to the cashier or show it on your phone before paying to donate 20 percent of your meal's proceeds to the club.

[Blaze Fundraiser Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

Farewell party for Patti O'Day and Lori Lyon on Dec. 14

December 6, 2018

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Patti O'Day and Lori Lyon are retiring! Join us to say goodbye from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 14 in the Ice Center Event Room.

Music students compete at Ithaca College

December 6, 2018

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Ronnie Sullivan with his teacher Peter Sicilian

In October, five SUNY Broome voice students competed at the Chapter auditions for the National Association of Teachers of Singing, held at Ithaca College. These students competed against their peers from four-year music programs, in either classical or musical theater categories. All students were given impressive scores and comments. Ronnie Sullivan certainly made SUNY Broome proud, as he placed second in the Sophomore Men Musical Theater category.

Also attending and judging at the this event were Music Coordinator Brenda Dawe and Professor Peter Sicilian.



Marisa Kreidler, Emily Bors, Anastasia Alexopoulos and Autumn Calegari.

Pictured are Ronnie with his teacher Peter Sicilian and the other SUNY Broome students that attended:

Marisa Kreidler, Emily Bors, Anastasia Alexopoulos and Autumn Calegari.

Watch your step: Frost heave impacting campus

December 6, 2018

Categories: Uncategorized

Due to the significant amount of moisture in the ground, we can expect frost heaving to become a problem over the next month. There has already been a significant frost heave, which impacted the sidewalk to the west of the Titchener Hall main entrance. Please continue to be cautious as you walk around the campus.



Last Chance to enter basket drawing for the Faculty & Staff Campaign

December 6, 2018

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SUNY BROOME
Faculty & Staff Campaign

Last Chance
to enter the Faculty & Staff Basket
and Quilt Drawing!

There is *still time* to make your gift and get your name into the drawing for the baskets & handmade quilt!

We will announce the winners on Thursday, Dec. 13.

Stop by the Foundation office in Wales 201 or visit:
www.sunybroome.edu/fscampaign to make your gift.

And don't forget, even if you miss the drawing, you can donate to the Faculty & Staff campaign at any time and help to make a difference on our campus.

As SUNY Broome's faculty and staff, we are tasked with providing a vibrant and innovative learning experience for our students. But we can do more! By supporting the Faculty & Staff Giving Campaign, we show others that we believe in the future of SUNY Broome. So won't you join us in making your gift today?

Laura Miller
Director of Financial Aid

Edward Velez, MBA, co-
ordinator of the Business Department

Barbara Hughes
Program Manager/Student Support

Make a gift or learn more at:
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In the Gallery: Closing reception for 2018 Student Art Exhibition on Dec. 10

December 6, 2018

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Students and their artwork at the 2018 Student Art Exhibition

The community is cordially invited to a closing reception from 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, for the 2018 Student Art Exhibition, now on display in the Gallery @ SUNY Broome. The exhibit highlights classical portrait drawings, along with graphic print media and three-dimensional design work.

The focus is on work by students currently enrolled within the [Visual Communication Arts A.S.](#) courses. The exhibit runs through Tuesday, Dec. 11. The Gallery is located on the first floor of the SUNY Broome Library, and is open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday.



One of the pieces in the 2018 Student Art Exhibition

Guitar Ensemble Concert on Dec. 17

December 6, 2018

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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.



Santa's helpers: SUNY Broome turns out for the Giving of the Toys

December 6, 2018

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Santa, Stinger, Student Activities Director Jason Boring, Binghamton Police Officer Chris Marshall and SUNY Broome students with the donations to Toys for Tots following the 2018 Giving of the Toys.

Sometimes Santa needs a little help. Enter SUNY Broome students, faculty and staff, who pitched in for SUNY Broome's 22nd annual Giving of the Toys.



Counseling and Advising wheel in their donations for the 2018 Giving of the Toys

The campus holiday tradition benefits Broome County Toys for Tots, run by area police departments since 1962. The program distributes presents to more than 4,000 children and families each year.

Bicycles, a giant stuffed penguin, musical instruments from the newly-formed Rock and Metal Club, chemistry kits from the CLT Club, and several giant boxes that took several elves to lift to the stage – all foretold a wonderful Christmas for area children in need.



The SUNY Broome Choir performs during the 2018 Giving of the Toys



Stinger strikes a pose with Dean of Students Scott Schuhert in a holiday disguise



Children from BC Center donate new toys to Santa during the 2018 Giving of the Toys

As is tradition, SUNY Broome's athletics teams turned out in force to donate the tools of their trade: basketballs, armfuls of volleyballs, child-size tennis rackets and more, along with a mix of other toys.

"It really gets me in touch with the holiday spirit," said Hornets volleyball team member McKenzi Donahue.



Stinger rides a bike donated by the CLT Club

“You feel good about yourself,” nodded teammate Paige Taylor.

Departments and offices across campus were in on the charitable action, some going for a wide selection of items and others focusing on themes specific to their area. Often on the road himself, SUNY Broome President Kevin Drumm went for a transportation theme, donating a remote control car and airplane.

The cutest gift-givers, as always, were the children from BC Center, the campus daycare center, who tentatively gave their gifts to Santa and Stinger.



The SUNY Broome volley ball team during the 2018 Giving of the Toys



Children from BC Center donate new toys to Santa during the 2018 Giving of the Toys

The event also featured an ugly sweater contest, refreshments, and performances by the SUNY Broome Choir, A Capella group and American Sign Language Club.

Morgan Osborne and Jillian Percival, Nursing students from the evening and weekend program, lugged two sacks full of goodies: games, dolls, ponies, air hockey and more.



The big man himself during the 2018 Giving of the Toys



The women's soccer team during the 2018

Giving of the Toys

“In the field, we’re going to be able to give back to the community. This gives us a chance to start early,” said Morgan, who was serious contender in the ugly sweater contest, in a confection that featured tinsel and bulbs.



President Drumm makes his donation during the 2018 Giving of the Toys



The Ugly Sweater Contest during the 2018 Giving of the Toys

“Some people are less fortunate than others,” Jillian added. “Everyone should look forward to the holidays.”



Morgan Osborne and Jillian Percival

Health for Haiti: Willing partners forge lasting change

December 6, 2018

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SUNY Broome faculty, students and community partners are gearing up for the sixth annual [Health for Haiti global service learning course](#) this Winter Term. In preparation, they are holding a blizzard of fundraisers – from pancake breakfasts to a bowling tournament, and drives to collect the over-the-counter medical supplies they need to help their partner communities in Haiti.

The college's first global service learning course is still going strong. Their work includes provides clean water, solar power, a handwashing station and bathroom facilities in rural Grande Saline, to providing computer literacy training, science education, and music and art education. They created and currently support a successful sewing school and community gardens, provide reproductive health workshops for women and girls, assist with medical and dental clinics and food distribution, socialize with orphans and more.

The 10 days students spend in Haiti are a whirlwind of humanitarian activity, supported by year-round efforts by Professors Jennifer Musa and Maureen Hankin, the program leaders.



Dr. Musa has seen a remarkable shift in the projects: Grande Saline, the rural community where the program concentrates much of its efforts, has begun to take a more active role.

“It’s really remarkable to see the changes that are happening,” she said.

Grande Saline has recently held its first computer literacy class for adults as well as children, thanks to the willingness of the community to cover the costs of expanding the program. When the water treatment system's generator failed, Health for Haiti found and funded a replacement four hours away, but the residents of Grande Saline had to arrange for a way to transport it, which they did – no small feat in rural Haiti.

Community residents also formed a water and power committee, and decided that it was time to support the future of the water filtration system that Pall Corporation installed during the 2015 Health for Haiti trip. Every family will pay a monthly membership fee, with “water scholarships” going to those who truly can't afford it. It's the only clean water in the area, and system users come from miles around.



Kevin Carr teaches a Haitian student how to use a microscope. Photo by Professor Marcia Blackburn

“The committee decided that it's time for all community members to make a financial contribution,” said Dr. Musa, who witnessed the community-led meeting during a visit in October. “They're really proud of the water system.”

Looking ahead, Health for Haiti is in the first phase of a new “water to solar” project, which will power the water filtration plant through sustainable solar energy. With funding from the Binghamton and Endwell Rotary chapters, a local contractor will build a wall around the Grande Saline water filtration plant, allowing for a new form of water distribution.

Future phases will involve the construction of a pavilion, and eventually the installation of solar panels on the pavilion roof. The pavilion will have both water and power, and the community will be able to earn revenue by renting it out for weddings and other events.

Pall Corporation is also interested in donating a second water filtration system, and Health for Haiti is considering a spot 5 kilometers away from the current site.

“It would double the amount of people we serve,” she said.

Over the summer, the community gardens in Grande Saline – which Health for Haiti established to provide schoolchildren with a nutritious lunch — were struck by a regional drought and failed. The local residents had a suggestion, which Health for Haiti has since adopted: Use the gardens to plant multiple cash crops of peppers, which can weather drought, and then use the proceeds to buy rice and beans to purchase food for the

school.

Health for Haiti is deeply dependent on partnerships to succeed – not only from the students, faculty and staff on campus, but corporate partners such as Pall, ETM Solar Works and Geodis Wilson, and local organizations such as Bridging the Digital Divide, Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus, the Endwell and Binghamton Rotary Clubs and the Church of the Holy Family.



The 2018 Health for Haiti class

For Professor Musa, it's also deeply inspiring to see the community of Grande Saline stepping up – not as aid recipients, but as willing and dedicated partners.

“We seem to be making a positive difference in terms of providing hope and empowerment in this community, so that they are an active part of these positive changes,” she said.

Dec. 13 Common Hour: A Celebration of 19th Century Music

December 6, 2018

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Join music faculty member Paul Sweeny at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, in T-101 for a performance of some of the celebrated 19th century musical pieces for guitar.

19th Century Classical Guitar performance



Annual Classroom technology needs survey

December 6, 2018

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

Do you know of a classroom or other instructional space on campus that may need multimedia equipment and/or upgrades to the current equipment? Is there a classroom you teach in which has a specific issue you encounter which can be alleviated by an upgrade or replacement?

We are collecting requests and ideas for consideration by our Multimedia Subcommittee. Please take a few moments to fill out the following form: <https://goo.gl/forms/zwauYbpbUGYKtSm1>

Dec. 13 Common Hour: Psyched Up

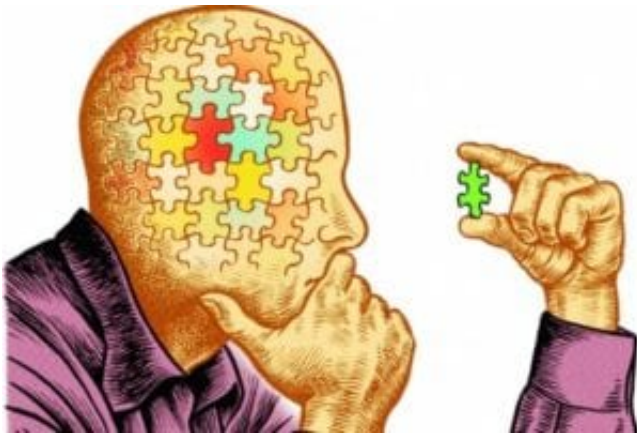
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Join Psychology Department faculty for fascinating tips and techniques that will be of use to you, your friends and family — right now!

Psyched Up starts at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, in T-102.

Each session will focus on the latest psychological findings on topics such as motivation, perception, success at school and work, dealing with social situations, and lots of other hot topics.



Go global: Take the COIL course orientation workshop!

December 6, 2018

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Have you ever wondered how your class might partner with a class elsewhere in the world, without ever leaving Broome County?

Consider taking the COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) course orientation (CCO) workshop. It is an online workshop offered by SUNY COIL. Through COIL, students connect via Skype, Facebook, Blackboard and other technologies and work on projects designed by the professors. In so doing, they are simultaneously fulfilling learning objectives of the course.

Through COIL, current and former SUNY Broome faculty members from COM, CST, ENG, ANT, HIS, SOS, SPK, and ESL—Marcia Blackburn, Alice Caroompas, Lynda Carroll, Gina Eckert, Sheila Eldred, Jan McCauley, Kathleen McKenna, Nilimia Rabl and Myriam Stanton and their students—have partnered virtually with colleagues and students in Mexico, Germany, Turkey, Morocco, Egypt, Lithuania and Russia, preparing students to work with global partners when they enter the 21st century workplace.

In Spring 2019, Ellie Rivera's English class will partner with Mexico for the first time. Ellie completed the orientation earlier this year and met a colleague in Mexico whose teaching philosophy and approach meshed well with her.

SUNY Broome can nominate up to **2 faculty members** for each COIL orientation workshop. Seats often fill quickly. If you are interested, please reach out to COIL Coordinator, Kathleen McKenna @ 778-5137, or at mckennakm@sunybroome.edu. The workshops require 3-4 hours of work each week.

January CCO: January 14, 2019 – February 8, 2019. **Registration Deadline: January 7, 2019**

March CCO: March 11, 2019 – April 5, 2019. **Registration Deadline: March 4, 2019**

Questions? Please contact Kathleen McKenna at 778-5137, or at mckennakm@sunybroome.edu.

Focus on STEM: Student present microprocessor projects on Dec. 12

December 6, 2018

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Microprocessor Project Presentations

3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, in the Applied Technology Building Atrium

Come and see microprocessor class projects from SUNY Broome Engineering Science students. Projects include a claw game machine, a pinball machine, a miniature elevator, a snack food dispenser and more. Devices are built from motors, sensors, LCDs, microprocessors, and other components. Many of the designs incorporate 3D printed parts as well as components scavenged from old scanners, computers, and printers. Refreshments will be served.

Address questions to:

Robert Lofthouse

lofthouserw@sunybroome.edu

(607)778-5214

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

December 5, 2018

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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.

SANS OUCH! December 2018: Yes, You Are A Target

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We are excited to announce December's edition of the OUCH! newsletter – “Yes, You Are a Target.” We explain why you are a target, how you and your accounts have value and just as importantly what you can do to protect yourself. As always OUCH! newsletter is translated in over 20 languages. Download and share OUCH! with family, friends and co-workers.

You Are a Target: <https://www.sans.org/security-awareness-training/resources/yes-you-are-target>

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

SUNY Broome Community College's online Computer Security Awareness Training 2018/2019 (employees only): <https://sso.securingthehuman.org/suny>

Updated: Upcoming Board of Trustees meetings

December 5, 2018

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Please note the date change for the December Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

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

- December 12, 2018 (Wednesday) – Monthly meeting of the Finance and Facilities Committee, 9 a.m., Wales Administration Center Conference Room 107.
- December 13, 2018 (Thursday) – Monthly meeting of the Board, 5 p.m., Decker Health Science Building Libous Room D117.

All meeting sites are on the SUNY Broome campus and open to the press and public.

Recipe for Success: SUNY Broome's new Culinary Arts AOS degree

December 5, 2018

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We are excited to announce the final approval of our new Culinary Arts AOS degree program. Students can now apply for the Fall 2019 semester.

Our Culinary Arts degree program provides students with the opportunity to turn their passion for the kitchen into a rewarding career. Coursework includes nutrition, kitchen chemistry, hospitality law, menu merchandising and marketing, human resources and cost control and more. For more information, please visit the official website at www.sunybroome.edu/culinary.

The Culinary Arts program will be housed in the college's new Culinary and Events Center in downtown Binghamton. The facility – a complete renovation of the historic Carnegie Library — is a combination of the best of the old and new, featuring state-of-the-art classroom space, as well as garde manger and production kitchens, a fully equipped beverage lab for mixology classes, a full-dining room, a state-of-the-art lecture hall for cooking demonstrations.

NOTE: Proposed program delivery, at the Culinary and Event Center facility, is pending approval by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

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

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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.

Lunch with the Law: From high school dropout to successful attorney

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Robert Leanza Williams Jr.

Ever since his youth, [Robert Leanza Williams Jr.](#) dreamed of becoming an attorney – but that dream seemed to slip out of reach early.

The son of a hardworking single mother, he grew up on the rough streets of Miami. He remembers vividly the times when the family couldn't afford to keep the lights on, and had to cook dinner on a hibachi. His brother was shot.

There were the usual temptations, too. Do well in school, and you could end up teased. “I hated high school. I set a record for the number of days missed,” said Leanza, who dropped out.

And yet, on Dec. 5, he spoke to participants in SUNY Broome's Lunch with the Law program dressed in a sharp suit and tie – about to leave for his job as a criminal defense attorney in private practice. During a Skype session, he spoke about the setting goals – and pushing on step by step, even when those goals seem years away.



Talik Farmer, student organizer for the Lunch with the Law program

Lunch with the Law



Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Francis Battisti addresses students during the Dec. 5 Lunch with the Law program.

Organized by SUNY Broome student [Talik Farmer](#) and the college's [Men of Excellence program](#), [Lunch with the Law](#) brings together local law enforcement professionals with young men of color from SUNY Broome, Union-Endicott High School and Jennie F. Snapp Middle School. They sit down together, eat and talk, with the goal of building relationships and eliminating divisions.

“This is a great opportunity for you to get to know our law enforcement officers as people,” SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm said to students, noting that criminal justice was among the most popular college majors in the country.

The program was established by Vice President for Student Development and Chief Diversity Officer Carol Ross. She developed the idea after learning about student [Marquies Orr's project in 2017](#), Meet the Person Behind the Badge, which sought to break down divisions between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

[The first Lunch with the Law session](#) connected students with cadets from the law enforcement academy –

some of whom had never interacted with a person of color before, Dr. Ross noted.



SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm addresses students during the Dec. 5 Lunch with the Law program.

“You can’t really build a relationship with someone unless you know them,” she said, adding that the justice system consists of more than police officers. “We want you to be on the other side of the justice system, instead of the one who is sought after and chased down.”

In addition to students, the Dec. 5 session – in which the Georgia-based Leanza connected with the audience through video-conferencing – also drew Broome County Sheriff David Harder and Sgt. Sammy Davis, who also teaches at SUNY Broome. Leanza, it turns out, was one of Dr. Ross’ students at Florida State University.

Step by step

Although a high school dropout, Leanza enlisted in the U.S. Marines – “I really wanted to be the best,” he explained – and the military encouraged him to earn his high school diploma. He gave the Marines his best, was promoted several times and eventually selected for the officers’ program, which gave him the opportunity to attend college.



Vice President for Student Development and Chief Diversity Officer Carol Ross talks to students during the Dec. 5 Lunch with the Law program.

His path, however, took multiple detours. At Florida State, he played football and joined a fraternity, but didn’t get the grades he needed to go on to law school.

He decided to move to Atlanta and manage rap groups. Then, he followed his brother's footsteps to become a firefighter in Fort Lauderdale – a great job, “but it wasn't my dream.” He repeatedly took the Law School Admission Test, but didn't get the scores he needed.

His break came rather haphazardly. Working as a bouncer at a Miami nightclub, he chatted with some patrons who were law students, who connected him with an LSAT tutor. Eventually he passed the exam and attended St. Thomas University School of Law in Miami.

He worked his way up, becoming a prosecutor in Miami-Dade County and later establishing his own practice in criminal defense and personal injury. He knows a good deal about making mistakes and how not to make them worse – both from his law career and his own life.



Students listen to attorney Robert Leanza Williams Jr. speak via video-conferencing at the Dec. 5 Lunch with the Law event.

His early mistakes cost him in terms of scholarships and time, but he has no regrets. “I just kept taking the next step toward my goal,” he reflected. His background “gave me this crazy grit, this crazy drive.”

To keep on track, students need to focus on a dream, no matter how farfetched it may initially seem, and a viable plan B. “If you're pushing for your goal, something will happen. A break will come for you,” he said.

Spring 2019 Brochure of Academic Events is Now Available Online

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The Spring 2019 Brochure of Lectures, Film Screenings and Discussions is now available online! This brochure and the events detailed in it are sponsored by the Liberal Arts Division.

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

Don't miss information in the brochure regarding **special events** such as the annual Ethics Conference on Friday, March 15, and Convocation Day 2019, which will be held on Tuesday April 9

Attention Teaching Faculty: A hard copy of this brochure should arrive at your campus mail address shortly to make it easy to plan to invite students to participate in these events as you plan your Spring 2019 courses. **The attachment below provides the content of the brochure.**

[Spring 2019 Brochure \(PDF\)](#)

For additional hard copies of the brochure, which should become available next week, contact the Liberal Arts office at 778-5021.

Kudos to the Following Faculty and Guest Presenters for Offering Common Hour/Extra-Curricular Events:

Professor Lee Whitted

Professor Harold Trimm

Professor John Sterlacci

Professor Scott Corley

Professor Carla Michalak

Professor Doug Garnar

Professor Mark Demetros

Professor Ben Andrus

Professor Kennie Leet

Foundation Presenters Lisa Schappert and Amy Englehart

Guest Presenter Eliot Fiks

Professor Paul Sweeny

Professor I.J. Byrnes

Phi Theta Kappa Executive Board Student Leaders

Women's Discussion Group Student Leaders

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Win a pizza party for your club — and help Haiti while you're at it!

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SUNY Broome's Health for Haiti program desperately needs over-the-counter medical supplies to run our medical clinics in January 2019. If each member of your club would bring in items, we would be well stocked for our clinics. We need the following:

- Aspirin, Tylenol (Adult and Child)
- Cough/cold syrups (Adult and Child)
- Vitamins (Adult and Child)
- Multi-vitamins, Iron, C, D and Calcium (no gummy vitamins)
- Ointments Neosporin, Hydrocortisone, Antifungal
- Antacids
- Pedialyte Powder

The club that donates the most items will win a pizza party given by Dean Amy Brandt. After your club has collected the items, please count the items and drop off to Professor Maureen Hankin in Decker 217.

The Pizza contest ends Thursday, December 13, at 5 p.m.

Thank you for your support!

SUNY Broome Concert Band to perform Dec. 6

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Christmas tree



The SUNY Broome Concert Band, under the direction of Professor Karen Clark, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, at Binghamton High School. The concert features a dynamic performance of Dmitri Shostakovich's Festive Overture and a selection of lighter holiday favorites. Admission is free.

ART 116 Final evaluation and Exhibition on Dec. 17

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Join Professor David Zeggert's ART 116 students as they celebrate the completion of their Beginning Painting class from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, in the Gallery @ SUNY Broome, located in the library.

The exhibit consists of and features work created during the Fall 2018 semester. The exhibit is the result of the students' hard work and dedication to the study of picture-making, discovery and painting.

The Organizer: Talik coordinates Lunch with the Law and explores his interests

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Talik Farmer

This past year, [the Lunch with the Law program](#) has worked to bridge the divide between young men of color and members of the law enforcement community.

[The program](#) brings students from SUNY Broome, Union-Endicott High School and Jennie F. Snapp Middle School together with a variety of law enforcement figures, from police cadets still at the academy to attorneys and judges. Events are held both on the SUNY Broome campus or off, such as the kick-off event at Union-Endicott High School.

As with many large events, the logistics can be complex – but Talik Farmer makes sure it runs seamlessly.

A member of SUNY Broome's [Men of Excellence](#), Talik is the student coordinator for the Lunch with the Law program and responsible for much that goes on behind the scenes, from set-up to communicating with participants.

"I learned a lot. (Holding an event) is a lot of responsibility. If the event fails or if the event goes well, it's on you," he said.

Now in this third semester, he's currently majoring in Individual Studies in the Liberal Arts division, but originally started in Business Administration. He felt the need to expand and did so, with courses in Event Management and photography.

[Learn more about Individual Studies.](#)

[Learn more about our Business Administration program.](#)

[Learn more about our Event Management program.](#)

"I'm seeing where it takes me. So far, I'm kind of liking it," he said of his journey. "I'm looking to find my path, what I feel most comfortable with."



Talik Farmer

Photography has proved to be one of his more challenging courses, but he's deeply interested in it and considering career options. "A camera can take you a lot of difference places," he said.

But he's enjoying Event Management, too, and has honed his skills by joining his classmate in hosting a variety of happenings, from the Halloween After Party Bingo Night to the Toys for Tots Holiday Bash.

Favorite professors include Maria Montemagno in Event Management, Brian Loy in Business and Charles Petrolawicz in Business. But his deepest connection is with Educational Opportunity Program Director [Venessa Rodriguez](#) who, along with Vice President Carol Ross-Scott, initially recommended that he organize the Lunch with the Law program.

"She's my second mom at SUNY Broome," said Talik, who is part of the EOP program. "She really cares."

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

The Brooklyn native is still finalizing his plans for the future. He would like to hold an event of his own someday, once he finds the ultimate project. He is also interested in maybe opening a vegan restaurant, appreciating the appeal of healthy food.

While a lot is still under development, he knows some things for certain: He wants to pursue education beyond his Associate's degree — and he had a great start at SUNY Broome.

"I met a lot of great people," he said.

Faculty and Staff Appreciation Event on Dec. 11 and 12

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Christmas tree



The Bookstore will be having the annual 30% off Faculty and Staff Appreciation Event from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, and Wednesday, Dec. 12.

[2018 Faculty Staff Appreciation Invite \(PDF\)](#)

Want to start a business? Check out the Entrepreneurship Colloquium on Dec. 12

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SUNY Broome is hosting its first Entrepreneurial Colloquium from 12 to 2 p.m. Dec. 12, 2018, in Decker Health Sciences Building Room 201.

Local entrepreneurs will present on the innovative thoughts, actions and behaviors reflective of a successful entrepreneurial mindset. Speakers will also give first-hand insight into what is required during the planning and implementation phases of business start-ups.

Please join us in Decker Hall, Room 201, to learn more about what it takes to become a successful entrepreneur! Please RSVP prior to Dec. 11 by emailing rusnakdm1@sunybroome.edu.

[Entrepreneurship Colloquium Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

Vote: Student Assembly Special Elections run from Dec. 6 through 11

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Have your voice heard! Voting in a special election for the Vice President of Student Activities and Vice President of Administrative Affairs will be happening between Dec. 6 and 11. [For more details, a look at the candidate platforms and a link to vote, click here here.](#)

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.

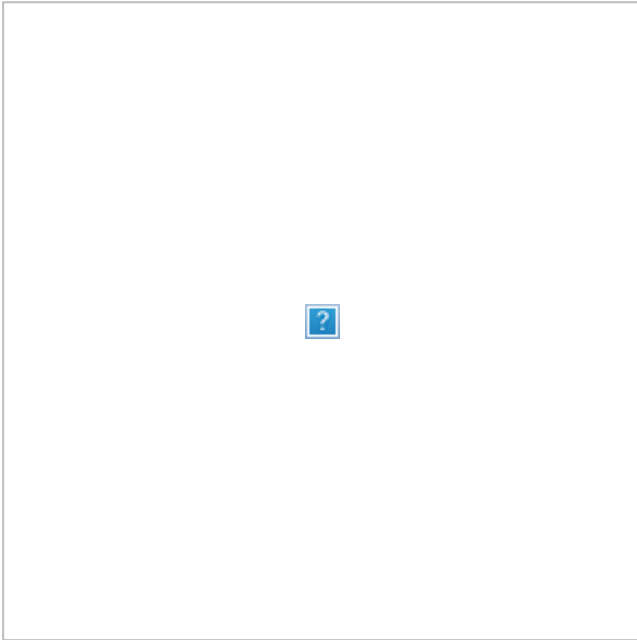


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From the Desk of Dr. Battisti: Spring 2019 Registration

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Colleagues,

As we approach the spring semester individuals across campus are working hard to facilitate new and continuing student enrollment. Admissions and MarCom are following each inquiry, tabling and hosting at a wide range of recruiting events, and developing new messaging, ads, and promotions to keep SUNY Broome on the minds of potential students. For continuing students specifically, reminder messages are constantly going out via text, email, postcards, calls, and more to encourage these students to register.

Now, we need your help. As we all know, the most impactful advocate for continuing enrollment is a student's professor. The teaching/learning relationship is a powerful bond that is built on trust and respect. With this in mind, please take a moment to ask your students if they are enrolled for next semester. Advise them that they should see their advisor and register right away, before they leave for the break. Encourage them to not procrastinate any longer because now is their best chance to get the courses they need and schedule they want. It's also the best time for them to ask questions and get help if needed.

If you know who their advisor is, please help make a connection. If they aren't sure who to talk to, admissions/enrollment can always guide them in the right direction (admissions@sunybroome.edu).

I am sure that your assistance and caring for their personal success and completion will be greatly appreciated by your students.

Thank you for all that you do for our students and our college.

Francis

Francis L. Battisti, Ph.D.

Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

SUNY Distinguished Service Professor

SUNY Broome Community College

Art and Design Instructor connects student with Southern Tier Incubator entrepreneur

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Matt and Jordan at the incubator

Part-time adjunct instructor Rich Harrington (Art and Design) has forged a relationship between SUNY Broome and the Koffman Southern Tier Incubator through his ART 106: Introduction to Three Dimensional Design course. In September, Rich first met with Matt Gill, the founder of Enhance VR, a start-up business focusing on integrative Virtual Reality applications located in the Koffman Southern Tier Incubator. The incubator is located at 120 Hawley St. in downtown Binghamton.

After a tour of the facility, the two sat down to discuss the incubator and the possibility of engaging art students from SUNY Broome. It turned out Matt was looking for a student interested in 3-D rendering and virtual reality, with some experience with software in these areas. Harrington presented his experience to his ART 106 class and found that Jordan Paugh ('20) was interested in pursuing a career in game design. Jordan had some experience with Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator, and was currently taking coding and programming courses along with the Intro to 3-D Design course taught by Harrington.

A meeting was set up and Jordan began learning the program “Blender,” an open-source 3D modeling program at the direction of Matt Gill. During the course of the past two months, Matt and Jordan have worked together weekly on developing the skills needed to move Jordan onto the next level of engagement: working on content and design. Jordan’s first project was creating a three-dimensional digital rendering of two doughnuts and a mug on a table. Learning about “heat mapping,” texture mapping, lighting etc., Jordan began learning the ins and outs of 3D rendering, using concepts he was also learning in his ART 106 course. For Jordan, some of the main takeaways were “rendering takes a while...(the tutorials were) very informative, and with each individual step I was learning something new... I would definitely be able to



render a room by myself now.”

Jordan is benefiting from Matt’s knowledge and expertise as well as having the experience of working toward common goals in a team environment — a step into the real world. Jordan will possibly be working on the creative aspects of new projects based on feedback from local educators and administrators on integrating VR within the classroom.

Jordan has taken to the experience quickly: “Matt has made it pretty easy. He takes his time, explains everything, makes sure that I know everything and so far I’ve learned so much. It feels like another class I didn’t even have to pay for.” When asked about juggling college and work, it hasn’t been a problem for Jordan. Matt adds, “and that’s how we want to kind of transition this: instead of you working at Wegmans, you work for us.”

With aspirations of learning game design and eventually working in that capacity, Jordan remembers, “when I was growing up in 11th or 12th grade I was like, ‘Maybe I’ll go for engineering, maybe I’ll go for math or accounting’ and then I was just like, ‘No, I think I want to go for something a little more fun, I don’t know what yet.’” He is currently looking into transferring to Champlain College in Burlington for Game Design at the suggestion of Harrington. Champlain College was recently named one of the top 20 game design study programs in the country by the Princeton Review.

From Matt’s perspective: “I wanted a student to be able to come in that doesn’t do this normally, but maybe has an inclination to it beyond the artistry or the game dev side of things; to kind of be creative...do it at your own pace. In the future we will develop better lesson plans based on what we’re learning from your (Jordan’s) experiences.” In the future, Matt’s working to make the experience of working with Enhance VR an internship for credit, possibly with a stipend.

His plans for the future include developing VR platforms for the entertainment, education and medical industries. He wants to make a “public lab” for people who use this technology. He sees the potential of the incubator as a shared space with shared resources used by talented innovative and forward-thinking people to realize their creative vision.

Jordan continues to apply his creative skills to projects Matt gives him; next semester he hopes to apply these skills to projects directly related to Enhance VR’s program initiatives. For more information on the Koffman Southern Tier Incubator, see below:

Incubator Matt Gill



https://youtube.com/watch?v=w6_uw4-A8wM



Applied Music Recital on Friday, Dec. 7

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Applied Music students will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, in the Angelo Zuccolo Little Theatre. Students from the studios of Joe Roma, Jeanne Sperber, Robin Seletsky, Margaret Reitz, Laurence Elder, Brenda Dawe, Peter Sicilian, Randolph Messing, Gerald Grahame, April Lucas and Marisa Crabb will perform a varied program from the Baroque to the late 20th Century.



Business and Professional Studies Advising & Registration on Dec. 10

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BPS Division students: If you haven't already registered for your spring semester classes, you still have the opportunity to do so before winter break. From 1:30 to 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, you can walk in to the Business Building Room 132 and meet with an advisor or faculty member who can help with advisement and registration.



Drop off supplies for Health for Haiti!

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Please consider donating some supplies for the Health for Haiti class to take with them this winter.

Medical Assisting students are collecting donations at our food donation boxes in the following locations: Library, Learning Assistance Department, Decker 217, Business Main Floor, Wales 107, and the AT Building.

Items of need: OTC cough/cold medicine, vitamins (vitamin A, C, D, Calcium), iron, aspirin, Tylenol, antacids, antifungal ointment, triple antibiotic ointment, Benadryl, and anti-itch cream. USB flash drives, colored pencils, Pedialyte, and hand sanitizer are also needed. Used eye glasses are also appreciated!

Thank you for helping support Haiti and projects our students are involved with on their trip.

[Health For Haiti Flyer 2019 \(PDF\)](#)

Yum: Krispy Kreme sale to support Medical Assisting Club

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Stop by Titchener Hall between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, and buy some Krispy Kreme doughnuts!

Doughnuts will be \$8 per dozen or \$1 per individual doughnut. Cash only.

Proceeds to support the Medical Assisting Club.



Dec. 6: Clean Energy and Lighting in the Classroom

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The Sustainability Committee

Invites You to

Clean Energy and Lighting in the Classroom

Presented by

Associate Professor, Patricia Evans

11 a.m. -12 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, in CAM 213

What do clean energy and lighting in the classroom have in common? The ability to improve your focus and overall health. Topics include using natural light sources and LED lighting as an energy-efficient way to optimize performance. Studies show that practical solutions for changing light sources in the classroom can improve brain power, create less anxiety, and lower stress. Join us during **Common Hour** to find out what more you can do to change lighting levels and perform better.



Sign-ups open for Engineering Mock Interview event on Dec 12

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The ALCC will be hosting our annual Engineering Mock Interview event from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12. Students from all Engineering programs are invited to sign up for interview slots. **Slots are filling up fast, so be sure to sign up ASAP if interested!**

Mock interviews will last 30 minutes each, with the first 20 minutes consisting of the “interview” and the remaining 5 to 10 minutes used for interview “coaching” (providing feedback, discussing strengths, areas to improve, etc.).

Interview time slots include 1 to 1:30 p.m.; 1:40 to 2:10 p.m. and 2:20 to 2:50 p.m.

Students are encouraged to bring resumes (although not required) and dress professionally.

To sign up: Stop by the ALCC (located AT 101) or call Jeanie Kumpon (607-778-5244). Students can also sign up via the following faculty members: Robert Lofthouse, Susan Schwing, Diana LaBelle and Tom Myers.

Upcoming Webinars Hosted by Diversity Initiatives

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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

Suicide & Foreseeable Violence to Others: Recent Court

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](#)

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

December 3, 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?

The Career Closet is OPEN!

December 3, 2018

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The Applied Learning & Career Center takes great pride in announcing that our new Career Closet is officially OPEN for business!

The Career Closet, located in AT 120, provides professional clothing (at no cost) to students for interviews, job fair, internships, etc. This initiative will educate students on appropriate professional attire and ensure that all students have access to professional clothing that will help them feel confident as they pursue their career goals.

Eligibility requirements include: (1) at least 2 career coaching appointments at the ALCC, (2) a finalized resume and (3) a reason (interview, job fair, internship, etc). Contact the ALCC or visit the website <https://www2.sunybroome.edu/careercenter/career-closet/> for more information.

TODAY is the last day to register for the Holiday Reception!

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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.

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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.

Go green: Sustainability Committee to meet Monday, Dec. 3

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Join SUNY Broome's Sustainability Committee at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, in the Sustainability Sandbox, located in Calice Advanced Manufacturing Center Room 213. The meeting will include updates on campus sustainability efforts as well as student project presentations.



The Monday Poem: ‘The Subject of Retreat’ by Yona Harvey

December 2, 2018

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



The Subject of Retreat

[Yona Harvey](#)

Your black coat is a door
in the storm. The snow
we don't mention
clings to your boots & powders
& puffs. & poof. Goes.
Dust of the fallen. Right here
at home. The ache
of someone gone-missing. Walk it off
like a misspoken word.
Mound of snow. Closed door.
I could open it.

Or maybe just, you know —
brush it off.

Then what? The snow
on the other side. The sound
of what I know & your, *no*, inside it.

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](#)



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!

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.

