

# From the desk of Francis Battisti: Our new Faculty Mentor

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I am pleased to announce that Virginia Shirley, Ph.D., has joined the SUNY Broome Community College team as a Faculty Mentor. Virginia has served at SUNY Broome as an adjunct instructor since 2000 and currently teaches English.

Virginia brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the Faculty Mentor position, including a strong community college background. Her experience in academia includes benefiting from academic mentors as a student. Virginia's teaching philosophy includes mentoring with adult learners, at risk youth, and college students.

**What is a Faculty Mentor?** Faculty Mentors are an important part of the residential life experience in many colleges. They bring together living and learning, acting as a bridge to help students connect their academic life with their life outside the classroom.

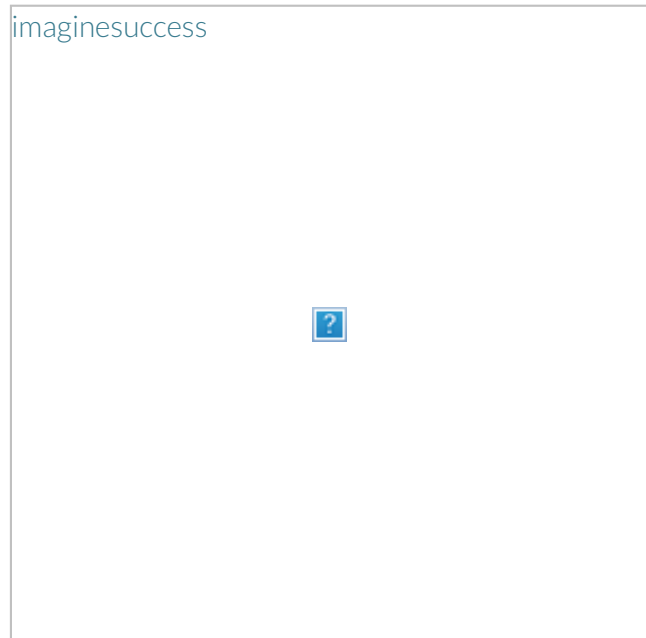
**What does a Faculty Mentor do?** Faculty Mentors work with faculty, staff, and the administration to support residential students. A major goal of the position is to promote engagement in academics that does not end in the classroom. At SUNY Broome, part the Faculty Mentor's role will be to lead community-specific academic and extracurricular activities and programs for residential students and foster faculty and student interaction.

**What will students gain from working with a Faculty Mentor?** Students will learn how to network and make use of campus support, set and reach personal goals, and successfully complete their degree. They will work with the Faculty Mentor to build unity and community between the residents and the campus community, the community at large, and their own residential community.

**How can I contact the SUNY Broome Faculty Mentor?**

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