

Meet your new Director of Student Activities

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Jason Boring is the new Director of Student Activities at SUNY Broome. He is responsible for organizing “fun and engaging” campus events. He also plans on revamping the school’s Intramural Program.

John: What do you want to accomplish in your new position?

Jason: My number one priority is to have students go home for break and say to their friends, “Yes, SUNY Broome is cool; there are a lot of things to do.” I certainly can’t do this all myself but I think there is a great infrastructure here and lots of people that see a student need. People saw last year what becoming a 24-hour campus looks like and I think everyone really wants the students to be happy here.

Do you have any previous experience in this type of work?

I worked for TC3 (Tompkins Cortland Community College) as the Assistant Director for Student Activities. I had some great support and mentorship there, but of course it’s wonderful to be able to decide the direction of the office and create the priorities in a more autonomous way. I also worked in Res Life for many years and my favorite part of the job was always creating events for people.

What do you think you’ll bring to campus?

I hope that I’ll bring a lot of creativity. Not all my ideas are great and some are downright terrible, but I will always try to come up with something new. I hope that people see a big difference in terms of what we will be seeing. Please be on the lookout for Anti Valentines Day, livestreams of people playing the most boring video game of all time and a Hunger Banquet.

How can you make this campus a better place to live/study?

This is a complicated matter; other than being a good person, I can’t do a whole heck of a lot. What’s more important is what the students can do. I might bring a spoken word artist who can talk about the experience of minorities in America or hot air balloon rides, but if students don’t show up, I am pretty helpless. Students often forget that they vote with their feet. I have a lot of new intramural games coming to campus. I hope people will try something new and make some new friends. The best advice I have ever given to a college student is to envision the person you want to be when you leave and start to chase that person down. There are a lot of amazing opportunities here for you. Try something new!

What kinds of activities do you want to bring to campus?

This is a complicated question because I have a lot of ideas in my brain, but it's about what will fit well with this campus and what pairs well with other things people are already trying to get going here. I have a hypnotist I have been working with for many years who is wonderful and some spoken word artists that I am very excited about, but even more exciting are the things that I can work with students and departments on. Already I have gotten a great response. Just to give you a glimpse, I am very excited about a potential dance marathon on something called Oobleck. YouTube it!

Where can students find you on campus? What's the best way for them to get in contact with you?

My office is currently in the Student Center, in Room 101; I am on the move a lot though, so you are likely better emailing me at boringjw@SUNYBroome.edu. I am always up for new ideas, so feel free to tell me what you would like to see here on campus and I will do what I can.

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