

# SUNY Broome honors math and science students, awards two Paul Scholarships

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While they came from schools across Broome County, the high school seniors gathered April 28 at SUNY Broome had one factor in common: an academic knack for math and science.

SUNY Broome recently feted the recipients of the Frank G. Paul Medal of Excellence, and named the recipients of two science-based merit scholarships who will attend the College this fall.

“You’re here today because you excel in math and science – fields that are critically important to the future of our nation and the world,” SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm said.

He noted that yesterday’s engineers brought us devices such as the smartphone – a technology similar to one shown in Star Trek episodes years ago. The young scholars receiving the Frank Paul medals may go on to make similar, bring the first human beings to Mars or find technological solutions to some of the world’s most pressing problems.

“There are so many challenges math and science will help us solve in the future,” he said. “I look forward to seeing the problems you solve and the world you create.”

Frank Paul, after whom the medal is named, spent more than 40 years as an IBM engineer. He also believed in education, serving as a SUNY Broome trustee as well as president of the Broome Community College Foundation, which provides scholarships to many talented students.

Frank Paul's daughter, Rebecca Komorowski , noted the increased number of female medal recipients this year. Alongside President Drumm, she bestowed the medals on the student winners and urged them to proudly wear them at graduation.

He and his wife, Lillian, also established the Francis and Lillian Paul Scholarships for SUNY Broome's Engineering Science program. A male and a female student each receive a \$1,000 annual scholarship, and also will be eligible for a transfer scholarship of \$1,000 to complete their bachelor's degree if criteria are met.

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President Drumm also urged medal recipients to consider enrolling in [SUNY Broome's new Honors Program](#).

"You'd be perfect candidates for that," he said.

### **This year's scholarship winners**

This year's scholarship winners are Courtney Beuter of Susquehanna Valley and Rafael Osorio of Vestal, both of whom said they were honored and surprised.

"I'm so honored to accept this scholarship," said Courtney, who plans to major in biology and ultimately become a zookeeper.

**Courtney Beuter receives her award from  
President Drumm**

## **Rafael Osorio receives his award from President Drumm**

Rafael noted that he has always excelled in mathematics and is aiming for a career in mechanical engineering.

“That field interests me quite a bit and that’s what I want to do,” he said.

## **Life lessons from an engineer**

The event also featured a guest speaker: Anthony Paniccia '87, Chief Executive Officer and President of Delta Engineers, Architects, & Land Surveyors. A proud Hornet, Paniccia graduated from SUNY Broome, continued his education as an electrical engineer at Clarkson University and worked for Delta after graduation for seven years.

Then, he took a leap to the West Coast’s Silicon Valley during the dot.com boon. While there, he redesigned Stanford University’s Law School and worked with famed London architect Sir Norman Foster.

But California brought hard times, too. He dated a young woman who suddenly passed away.

“I cried for almost two years,” he said.

The experience, however, prompted him to return to school for his law degree. Seeking to reconnect with family and community, he returned to Binghamton and Delta in 2002, eventually working his way to the top of the company.

Paniccia offered some life lessons to the young scholars: Do what you love and love what you do. Maintain an attitude of gratitude. You’re only as good as the people you surround yourself with. Don’t be afraid to fail. Learn

from your mentors. Be honest, have integrity and respect others. Remember to give back. Never forget your community.

“And, above all, enjoy the ride,” he said.

### **Frank Paul medal recipients**

This year’s medal recipients are:

**Binghamton:** Michayla Paniccia, Inam Ullah

**Chenango Forks:** Marta Boot, Caleb Kellicutt

**Chenango Valley:** Olivia Trumino, Jacob Rossie

**Deposit:** Kylie Papagelos, Alexander Hess

**Greene:** Eliza Whitaker, Joseph Karl Zaengle

**Harpursville:** Danielle Goodison, Ryan McMahon

**Johnson City:** Brittany Campbell, Patrick Sweeney

**Maine-Endwell:** Dena Eidel, Paul Quinlivan

**Owego Free Academy:** Mikayla Weston, Scott Gardner

**Seton Catholic Central:** LeeAnn Marcello, Samuel Breese

**Susquehanna Valley:** Courtney Beauter, Anthony Micalizzi

**Union-Endicott:** Mary Sedlacek, Zachary Riley

**Vestal:** Allyson Hasbrouck, Rafael Osorio

**Whitney Point:** Victoria Studer, Matthew Gehm

**Windsor:** Amanda Kilbury, Matthew Beaudoin

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