

SUNY Broome kicks off the new academic year

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Monday was SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm's second favorite day.

The first: Commencement, when SUNY Broome students proudly receive the degrees they've earned and embark on their life journey. While many attendees might wish the ceremony was a little shorter, Dr. Drumm loves every minute of it.

But the first day of class is a special day, too.

"It's exciting to see students hanging out and interacting," he said to a television reporter on a campus walkway, as students darted to their classes, stopped by a nearby information booth or, in the case of one student, strummed a tune on a guitar. "Everyone looks like they're in a great mood."



President Kevin E. Drumm on the first day of class



SUNY Broome welcomed 5,798 students on the first day of class — and possibly more, as [registration has been extended to Monday and Tuesday of this week](#). The number — currently in flux — doesn't include high school students in the Fast Forward program, and enrollment numbers are subject to change during the semester.

During the day, students dropped by campus information booths on the Quad and in front of Mechanical to pick up copies of the new student planner, free magnets and information on a variety of program services. Others had their schedules printed in the Student Center, or signed up for their classes during extended registration.

Even on day one, however, the college was familiar to many students. That's due to the college's Orientation programs, which saw more than 1,000 students over the summer.

This is the second year for the [Student Village](#), which is again full and had a lengthy wait-list for prospective residents. New this year are additional resident assistants and a residence hall faculty mentor. The college has also revitalized its Student Activities offerings, which will offer additional programming and events for the entire campus.

"It's a 24/7 campus now," President Drumm said.

Changes are in store for next year. The Mechanical Building, one of the oldest on campus, is scheduled to undergo renovations in the spring, converting it to an advanced manufacturing center, President Drumm said.

In the meantime, the week of August 31 is also [Welcome Week](#), which features a series of events for both residential and commuter students. The week will feature information booths and other help to get students on track for the semester as well as a variety of fun activities, from skating at the Ice Rink, kickball and sports to an open-air movie, a visit by incredible reptiles and rides in a tethered hot air balloon (weather permitting).

Scenes from the first day of class

Enrollment at a glance:

- Of the students enrolled, 4,227 are full-time students and 1,571 are part-time.
- According to data compiled earlier Friday, the population includes 2,118 new, first-time students, 3,278 continuing students and 341 non-matriculated students. These numbers will continue to be updated.
- Nearly 60 percent are female and 40 percent are male.
- Approximately 62 percent are from Broome County, 34 percent from another New York State County, 3 percent from out of state and another 1 percent from another country.

- Traditional, campus-only students number 4,209, while 478 students take courses both on campus and online, and 540 are online-only.
- 362 students live on campus in the Student Village.

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