

Scott Schuhert: Your new Dean of Students

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When I learned Scott Schuhert was hired as SUNY Broome's Dean of Students, we exchanged emails about his new title, what it means to him and what it means to you as a SUNY Broome student.

Schuhert was originally hired as interim dean, and you may have met him at campus events such as Spring Fling and Doughnuts with the Dean. During Spring Fling, he gamely agreed to get hit in the face with a pie to benefit student scholarships.



**Dean of Students Scott Schuhert, center,
attends an event in the Student Village.**

John: What is your new position and what do you hope to accomplish?

Scott Schuhert: Hello, and thank you for inviting me to share some thoughts with you today. I serve SUNY Broome as the new Dean of Students. This is a position that oversees much of the Campus Life areas on campus. Specifically, I oversee the Office of Housing, Student Activities, Student Conduct, and Athletics. I also serve as a Deputy Title IX Coordinator where I assist students, faculty, and staff when they have needs relating sexual and/or interpersonal violence.

In time, I hope to accomplish a great many things here at SUNY Broome. First and foremost I hope to show students that I am their advocate and that my office is a safe place for students to come and get advice, no matter the issue. I also want to continue to enhance the level of student empowerment on campus. Students taking ownership for their experiences is key to the Shared Governance model already in place.

What kind of relationship do you want to develop with students?

This is a very important part of my role that I deeply value. In addition to having them see me as an advocate, I want students to see me as someone who respects them and their opinions. Students should know that although I am a campus administrator, I am also the person who will come to events, dance the Cupid Shuffle (horribly), and will take a pie in the face to help fundraise for different clubs and organizations.



Scott Schuhert takes a pie in the face during Spring Fling.

How do you want to change campus?

I hope to utilize my role to help further the awareness that there is help on campus for those in need. There are some fantastic resources available for students, such as the food pantry, and I wish more students knew they could take advantage of it.

Also, I want to increase the level and quality of bystander behavior as it relates to addressing inappropriate interpersonal behavior. If we can come together as members of the SUNY Broome community to address inappropriate behavior, either personally or by calling for help, we will all enjoy a safer and more comfortable place to live, study, and work.

Thank you again for allowing me a few moments to share my thoughts. If any student would like to talk more about these or any other topics they should contact me at DOS@sunybroome.edu or stop by my office in the Science Building, Room 108.

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