

# Skills honed at SUNY Broome help grad make a difference

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Haley MacLaren's SUNY Broome education came in handy on a recent Saturday afternoon when she heard a crash outside her home in Greene.

On January 31, a two-vehicle crash happened just outside her home, and one of the involved cars ended up in her driveway. MacLaren, a Medical Assisting major who graduated last year, called 911 and then grabbed rubber gloves and rushed outside to help.

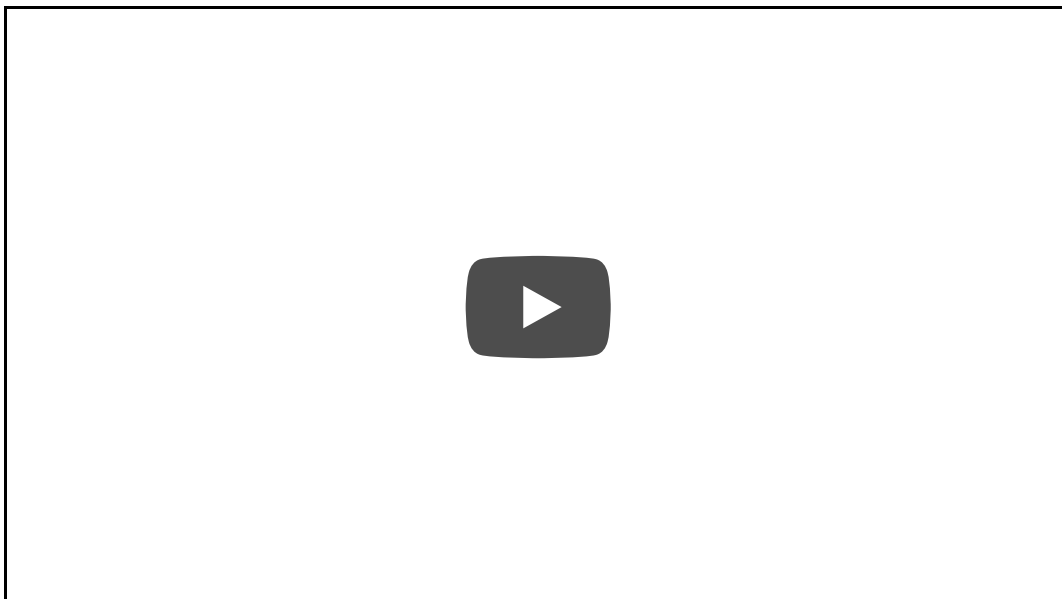
"She was bleeding somewhere on her head," she said of the injured woman, a passenger in the vehicle. "I advised her not to move because of the possibility of spinal or neck injuries."

MacLaren continued to stabilize the driver until ambulance crews arrived.

In a text message to Medical Assisting & Health Studies Chair Erin O'Hara-Leslie, MacLaren credited her experience in the campus' annual Mock Environmental Disaster Event. The annual drill provides hands-on practical experience for students in the health sciences and emergency services programs, among others.

MacLaren is currently working as a medical assistant at Broome Urology.

Good job, Haley!





Scenes from the 2014 Mock Environmental  
Disaster drill



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