



# BINNEKILL

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## Students earn awards for excellence

They each traveled thousands of miles to relocate to Schenectady; one from an island in Southeast Asia and the other from the opposite coast of this country. The thousands of miles it took for them to get to SUNY SCCC isn't all this year's recipients of the prestigious SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence have in common – they have both flourished at the College. They will be recognized during a ceremony in April in Albany. The Chancellor's Awards recognize students who have best demonstrated academic excellence with accomplishments in leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts and campus involvement.

### Meet our recipients

**Giovanni Lontoc** – Culinary Arts major, from San Pablo City, in Laguna, Philippines, 3.98 GPA, husband and father of two young children, who in addition to attending SUNY SCCC full time, also ran “Bellaenzo,” a small catering business, hiring fellow students in the Culinary Arts program. Giovanni is no stranger to competition as the Captain of the New York State Hot Food Team, leading the team to silver and bronze medals. He has volunteered at community events, including the Air National Guard Holiday Dinner, Wine and Dine for the Arts and Chefs for Success. Giovanni is now employed as a Sous Chef at Rivers Casino and Resort.



**Stephanie Brackeen** – Human Services major, moved from Phoenix, Ariz., 3.81 GPA, honoring the legacy of her father, she worked in the Veterans Office on campus and was a member of the Veterans Club, instrumental in recruiting other members. As President and Secretary of the Student Volunteer Organization, Stephanie rolled up her sleeves to serve dinner at the City Mission and create works of art with youngsters at Girls Inc. in Schenectady. She did all of this while also serving as a student ambassador during College Open Houses and New Student Orientations. Stephanie graduated in December 2016 and is now a Therapeutic Recreation Aide at Kingsway Arms Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Schenectady, a position she was offered even before graduating last semester as an intern there through the Field Instruction class.



## Register now for fall

Register for the fall semester before April 3, and be entered to win great prizes!

- VIP parking for fall
- \$250 College Store gift certificate
- \$100 Hannaford gift card
- Swiss Gear backpack
- Autographed copies of Wes Moore's book
- Pepsi soft-side insulated cooler
- SUNY SCCC hoodie
- SUNY SCCC zip up sweatshirt
- SUNY SCCC T-shirts • \$5 Lessings gift card

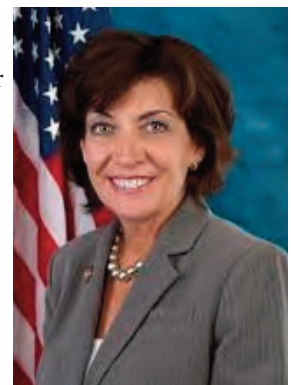


*Jimmynorys Kabongo, Math and Science, Nanoscale Science concentration*

## Keynote Speaker for Commencement

New York State Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul will be the Keynote Speaker at the College's 47th Commencement on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 2 p.m. at Proctors.

As the highest ranking female elected official in New York State, Lt. Gov. Hochul chairs the Community College Councils and is a champion for women and families across the state. She spearheaded Governor Andrew Cuomo's “Enough is Enough” campaign, which began in 2015, to combat sexual assault on college campuses.



# Food for Thought & All That Jazz

**Tuesday, April 4  
6–10 p.m.**

Join Honorary Chair Ruth Mahoney, President of KeyBank, Capital Region, for an evening of stellar food and jazz presented by students/faculty from the Culinary Arts and Music programs and a terrific silent auction.

Individual reservation for current/retired faculty and staff, alumni—\$75. For tickets, please visit [FoodforThought2017.eventbrite.com](http://FoodforThought2017.eventbrite.com).



## Students head to Texas as nationally recognized composers

Peter Fitzgerald (right) and John Carroll traded the cold air here this week for the warmth of San Antonio, Texas, as award winners in a national competition.

The Performing Arts: Music students were both prize winners in the Seventh Annual Jack Stone Award for New Music composition contest. Organizers of the contest, open to budding composers from community colleges across the country, flew both of them to Texas to hear their compositions played by the Bel Cuore Quartet, professional musicians. They will also participate in a master class.

Peter, a trumpet player, who won first place in the competition last year, was named first runner-up this year for his piece “A Final Goodbye” and John, a guitarist, was named second runner-up for his piece “Sketch of a Figure Skater.” Both pieces were written for saxophone quartet.

In addition to the trip to Texas, both were awarded cash prizes.

## Nominations open for adjunct award

The Promotions, Policies, Nominations and Awards Committee is proud to announce a call for nominations for the SUNY Excellence in Adjunct Teaching Award.

Ballots were e-mailed to faculty, staff and students earlier this month.

Please place completed ballots in any one of the ballot boxes in the following locations (nominations will not be accepted via the internet or email).

\*Security Desks in Elston Hall, Center City and the School of Music

\*Begley Library

\*Office of the President, Elston 114

\*Duplicating Center, Elston 005

\*Division of Math, Science, Technology and Health (Elston 314)

The deadline is this Friday, March 31.



(l. to r.) Elana Weissman, Carly Brancato and McKayla Dias

## Doing good work

by *Jessie Coello, Liberal Arts: History concentration major*

The College continues to benefit the community through various events. Last week, the Alliance for Students with Disabilities hosted a cupcake benefit for the Epilepsy Foundation Northeastern New York raising more than \$1,000. Students and staff were not only treated to delicious purple cupcakes but were also given the opportunity to receive purple hair extensions and purple nails.

“It’s getting more popular every year,” said Stephen Piorkowski, the mastermind behind the fundraiser and a student in the Hotel and Restaurant Management degree program. “We have donations from local bakeries and Culinary Arts students donated their time.”

The fundraiser, which has taken place annually for the past three years, was another success. “I have a lot of friends with disabilities,” said Carly Brancato, a Liberal Arts student and a volunteer at the event. “I’m excited this is an event because it spreads awareness, and cupcakes are great!”



Ashley Denton, Liberal Arts: Drama concentration

“One of the major things I have learned being involved with the Drama department, is the idea that as artists we should be focused on making theater not just ‘doing plays.’ This means finding your own creative voice, sophisticated training and being willing to go beyond your comfort zone.

I have done theater ever since I was young and with working with Jonathan Beller (my acting professor) I have learned that there is a side to theater other than just reading lines and embodying a character. There is physics and many different styles of technique that go into being a well rounded actor.”



C.J. Garcia, Casino and Gaming Hospitality/Hospitality and Tourism Management

“I have been a student for the past two years and I have loved all of my time here. My most inspirational moment was actually during my first semester with the best teacher – Mrs. Otis. The background into her life came up and it was amazing to hear. I had no idea who she was at that point in time and had absolutely no idea what she had been through.

It made me think about where I was in life and what I really wanted to do, not only as a career path but as a human in general. Being a student at SUNY SCCC, I believe that not only the education but the personal experiences that you have shape who you can become.”

## RPI offers substantial scholarships

RPI offers the following scholarships listed below. SUNY SCCC students have received them in the past. All of the scholarships (except for the PTK scholarship) provide a minimum of \$18,000 per academic year and are renewable.

*The Award for Excellence:* For the top student transferring into a non-engineering program from two-year affiliated colleges and universities.

*The Joseph H. Smith Jr. '45 Award:* For the most outstanding student in the engineering science program at affiliated community colleges. Generally, the award is presented to the qualifying student with the highest cumulative average.

*The Garnet D. Baltimore Rensselaer Award and Scholarship for Minority Students:* Awarded to the qualifying African American, Hispanic, or Native American student with the highest combined average in mathematics and science at two- and four-year affiliated colleges.

All Phi Theta Kappa Society transfer students who are accepted and subsequently enroll at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute will receive the \$5,000 annual scholarship.

If you are eligible for any of these scholarships, please contact Bernie Dunn at [dunbnv@sunysccc.edu](mailto:dunbnv@sunysccc.edu) or your advisor.

Deadline is April 14.



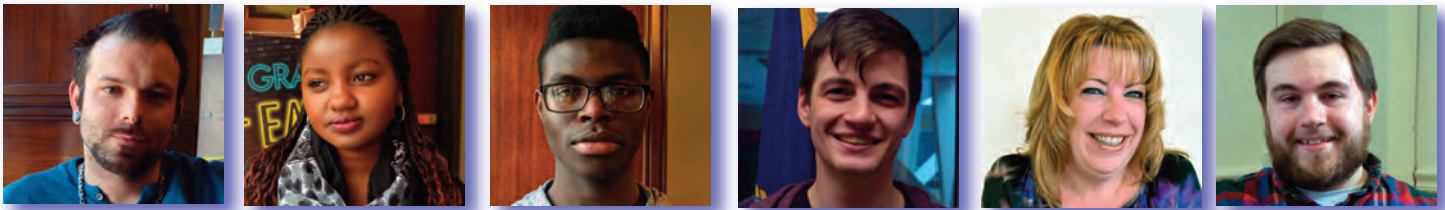
l. to r. Tinsley Hembree, Student Activities Advisor; Rob Fairchild, SGA Vice President; Tabitha Dart, Senator; and Hayden Paneth, Senator

## SGA needs YOU!

Student Government Association is still accepting applications, due this Friday, March 31, for senate seats. Campaigning will take place April 3-7 with elections the following week.

Find the application here:

[sunysccc.edu/Current-Students/Student-Life-and-Resources/Student-Government](http://sunysccc.edu/Current-Students/Student-Life-and-Resources/Student-Government), stop by the Student Activities Office, Elston, 222, or e-mail Tinsley Hembree at [hembretl@sunysccc.edu](mailto:hembretl@sunysccc.edu).



Students will speak about their experiences at the College during a Diversity Panel this week. Left to right are David Giordano, Gloria Osinde, Michael Akinwale, Larry Gingell, Mary Gauthier and Nathaniel Canfield-Lord.

*Photos by Jonathan Colón, Human Services major.*

## IDEAL Program: Transitioning to college from diverse backgrounds

Thursday, March 30, 12:30 to 1:20 p.m., Lally Mohawk Room. Free. Pizza will be served.

The IDEAL (Interactional Diversity, Engagement, And Leadership) Program has put together a Diversity Panel that will shine a light on obstacles that new and returning students faced and how they overcame them. The panelists will share their stories and the audience will have an opportunity to participate in the Q. and A. portion of the event.



## Screening of *Miss Representation*

This documentary explores the media selling the idea that girls' and women's value lies in their youth, beauty, and sexuality and not in their capacity as leaders. Free.

Thursday, April 6, 3:30 p.m., Stockade Building 101.

*Organized by the Community and Cultural Events Committee.*



*(l. to r.) Emma Boersma, Anastasia Olsen, Julia Jaster, Ashley DeCiento, Rosarie Valentino, Autumn Cronin, Juliana Struys, Rebecca Smith. Not pictured, Katelyn Zebrowski.*

## Women's Crew Home Races

Saturday, April 8 - vs. Vassar/Union

Saturday, April 15 - vs. RPI

Saturday, April 22 - vs. Albany

Races start at 9 a.m. at Riverside Park in the Stockade.

## Open Gym for Men's Basketball

Every Tuesday and

Thursday

4:30-6:30 p.m., YMCA

Coaching staff from the Men's Basketball Team will attend.



## Exercise Your Self-Confidence

Presented by Atul Rai (pictured), Hospitality and Tourism major who works in the Career and Transfer Services Office, and Tinsley Hembree, Student Activities Advisor on Wednesday, April 19, 12 p.m., Stockade Building 102

*Organized by Career and Transfer Services and Student Activities Board.*

## Campus Resources

### Academic Advisement

#### Elston 222/381-1277

Monday	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Thursday	8:30 am-6:30 pm
Friday	8:30 am-4:30 pm

### Academic Computing Lab

#### Elston 529, 530/381-1213

Mon.-Thurs.	8:30 am-10 pm
Friday	8:30 am-4 pm
Saturday	9 am-3 pm

### Accounting/CIS Tutor Lab

#### Elston 330/381-1041

Monday	9:30 am-5 pm
Tues.-Thurs.	9:30 am-3:30 pm

### ADA Transition Services

#### Elston 222/381-1345

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

### Admissions

#### Stockade 120/381-1366

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

### Albany Site, 2nd Floor, 112 State

St., Albany, 871-9079, Option 1  
Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm  
Classes, Financial Aid, COMPASS Testing,  
Advisement via Skype, Computer Lab,  
Photo IDs, Lounge/Study Areas

### Athletics

#### Elston 222/381-1356

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

### Begley Library/381-1235

Mon.-Thurs.	8 am – 9 pm
Friday	8 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday	11 am – 5 pm

### Business Office, Student

#### Elston 219/381-1346, 1347

Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am-4:15 pm

### Cafeteria

#### Elston/381-1330

Mon.-Thurs.	7:30 am-8 pm
Friday	7:30 am-2 pm

### Canal Side Cafe/Convenience

#### Elston Ground Floor/381-1073

Monday-Thursday	7:30 am-7:30 pm
Friday	7:30 am-1:30 pm

### Career and Transfer Services

#### Elston 221-I/836-2807

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

### The College Store

#### Elston 109/381-1332

Monday-Wednesday	8 am-6 pm
Thursday	8 am-4 pm
Friday	8 am-2 pm

### College Central Network

SCCC's career management system  
[www.sunysccc.edu/ces](http://www.sunysccc.edu/ces)

### Educational Opportunity

#### Programs/Access

#### Elston 222/381-1279

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

### Financial Aid

#### Elston 221/381-1352

Monday	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Thursday	8:30 am-6:30 pm
Friday	8:30 am-4:30 pm

### Gateway Montessori

#### Gateway 124/381-1455, 381-1295

Monday-Friday 9 am-11:30 am  
(Call for program information.)

### Language Lab

#### Elston 520/381-1373

See lab for hours.

### Learning Center/Writing Lab

Elston 523/381-1246

Monday-Thursday	8:30 am-7 pm
Friday	8:30 am-4 pm
Saturday	10 am-3 pm

### Math Lab Elston 518/381-1435

Monday-Thursday	8:30 am-7 pm
Friday	8:30 am-4 pm
Saturday	10 am-3 pm

### Registrar's Office Elston 212/215

381-1348, 381-1349/ext. 1148

Monday	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Thursday	8:30 am-6:30 pm
Friday	8:30 am-4:30 pm

### Student Affairs,

#### Vice President

#### Elston 222/381-1344

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

### Student Government

#### Elston 220H/381-1338

By appointment or walk-in

### Testing Center

#### Elston 427/381-1293

TestingCenter@sunysccc.edu  
Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-7 pm  
Friday 8:30 am-3 pm  
Saturday 10 am-2 pm

### TRIO Student Support

#### Services Elston 328/381-1465

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

### Tutor Services

#### Begley Library 210/381-1461

Mon.-Fri. 8 am-4 pm (Coordinator)  
Tutoring available Mon.-Sat. (some  
evenings) based upon scheduling.

### Veterans Affairs

#### Elston 223/381-1284

Open daily. See office for hours.

### Wellness and Support

#### Services

Elston 222/381-1365  
Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

### Workforce Development

#### Kindl Bldg., 201 State St.

595-1101, ext. 3  
Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

### YWCA Children's Center

#### Gateway Bldg./381-1375/1389

Monday-Friday 7:30 am-5:30 pm