



Crews are working on developing the sixth floor of Elston Hall into a state-of-the-art Biotechnology Facility. Shown above is a biological safety cabinet in one of the labs, marking the beginning stage of equipment being installed in the facility.

## New programs, labs in Biotechnology

SUNY SCCC is introducing two new programs that will begin in January 2017: the Biotechnology A.S. degree program and the Biological Technician A.A.S. degree program.

The College is redeveloping the sixth floor in Elston Hall with premier equipment to support hands-on learning in the new Biotech programs.

### Biotechnology A.S. degree program

This degree program, developed in response to

expanding opportunities in the biotechnology field, prepares students for transfer to a baccalaureate program in biotechnology and related fields.

### Biological Technician A.A.S. degree program

This degree program is designed to meet the rapidly growing need for trained personnel in biotechnology and related fields and provides the education and laboratory training necessary in specific areas such as biology, chemistry, microbiology, cell biology and genetics.

***“The new Biotechnology Facility will have state-of-the-art equipment throughout multiple learning spaces, including two learning laboratories, a research center, and a dedicated microscopy area. Students will have the opportunity to learn biological and biotechnology concepts using the most up-to-date equipment as well as the chance to conduct original research in conjunction with their coursework.”***

Andrew Vines, Dean  
Division of Math, Science,  
Technology, and Health

## New experimental course focuses on Afro-Latin American history

by Ian Farrington, Liberal Arts major

During Winter Session, Assistant Professor Catia Laird de Polanco will be teaching History of Afro-Latin America (HIS 295), a new, experimental course that focuses on the political, economic, social and cultural roles and experiences of the African diaspora in the Spanish, French and Portuguese Americas. We asked her about the new course.



**What sparked your interest in providing this class?**

*One of the reasons I wanted to offer the class is that I believe it's appropriate for students to have history classes that they can identify with. As someone of Hispanic and African descent, when I was a student, taking a class I could identify with really mattered to me and changed the direction of my entire career. I also felt that at this moment in U.S. history, it is critical to offer classes that allow students to realize Pan-African experiences.*

**What's your favorite part of teaching classes in Latin American culture, language and history?**

*I enjoy broadening students' understanding of the world and encouraging them to see how their personal histories intersect with the histories of nations they may have never even considered.*

**What are some of the main subjects this class will cover?**

*Among other things, we're going to study the roles of freed and enslaved Africans and African descendents in independence movements throughout Latin America and the Haitian revolution, which was actually the first Latin American nation and the first Black Republic in the world. We're going to look at how current race relations and political decisions have been shaped by national histories.*

**What do you hope students take away from this course?**

*I would like students to relate the history of the various Latin American nations that we will cover to their own lives and to understand that history is not just some abstract past experience; it's the story of people's lives.*



**About the author:** Ian Farrington, Liberal Arts major, is a student writer and photographer for the *BINNEKILL*. He is also on the Capital District YMCA Advisory Council and enjoys photography, history and law.

## New Director of Facilities

Anthony Schwartz joined SUNY SCCC earlier this month as Director of Facilities.



Tony has nearly two decades of experience in facilities management for Albany County, the Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center, the Fireman's Home in Hudson, N.Y., and most recently St. Peters Hospital.

Prior to that, he was employed as an Albany County Sheriff's Deputy. He is a veteran of the United States Navy.



*Royal Gala gratitude* – More than 300 guests attended the Royal Gala presented by the Foundation earlier this month at Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia.

This year's honorees were: Mike Sacoccio and the City Mission of Schenectady, Distinguished Community Partner; Karen Brown Johnson, Distinguished Community Volunteer; and George Goldhoff '84, Distinguished Alumnus. They are shown above with Jim Kambrich (left), anchor at WNYT TV-13 who was the master of ceremonies and Dr. Steady Moono, President.

"We deeply appreciate the support and dedication of our supporters, partners and friends," said Marcy Steiner, Vice President of Development and External Affairs.

The gala provides important resources for the funding of scholarships for current and future students.

## Nominate faculty and staff for SUNY awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2016-2017 SUNY Chancellor's Awards for:

- Excellence in Teaching
- Excellence in Librarianship
- Excellence in Faculty Service
- Excellence in Professional Service
- Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities

**Students** may nominate an eligible faculty member for the Excellence in Teaching Award. Ballots and a list of eligible faculty members are available on the portal and website at: [sunysccc.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Award](http://sunysccc.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Award).

**Members of the College community** are eligible to nominate a deserving employee for all awards. Ballots and a list of those eligible are available on the portal and website at: [sunysccc.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Award](http://sunysccc.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Award).

The nomination process is an opportunity to acknowledge, highlight, and honor service and practice that contributes significantly to advancing the education of students and the mission of the College.

Simply fill out a ballot nomination and place it in one of the ballot boxes by Friday, December 2, at 1 p.m. There will be no Internet or e-mail submission of ballots.

Ballot boxes are in the following locations:

Security Desk in Elston Hall, Center City, School of Music, Begley Library, Office of the President, Duplicating Room (Elston Hall), Math, Science, Technology and Health Division Office (Elston Hall 312).



*A day of art* – It was a fun-filled afternoon earlier this month when the Student Volunteer Organization (SVO) visited Girls Inc. in Schenectady for arts and crafts, games and a surprise pizza party. The SVO students enjoyed working with the youngsters on their projects and praised them for their artwork.

SVO members pictured above with the youngsters are: (middle row, l. to r.) Stephanie Brackeen, Grace Lange, Karlee Degener, Emily Aucompaugh and (back row, l. to r.) Jennifer Laura, Amal Ahmed, Taylor Bucher, Jennifer VanStrander, Spenser Interlicchio, Suzanne McLaughlin, Melissa Aucompaugh and Professor Renee Adamany, who is the Co-Advisor to the club, along with Associate Professor Mark Seth.



Andre Joseph, Business Administration major, speaks earlier this month with Reid Hislop, President and CEO of Furlocity, during a New York Biz Lab event that focused on internships.



Reid Hislop, President and CEO of Furlocity, visited Professor Matt Farron's (pictured on left) Marketing class to gain ideas from students. "As a class we definitely helped him break things down," said student Jacob Griffin (shown in the front row, right). "Not only as a marketing student, but also as a person, it's very heartwarming knowing that somebody of his caliber actually looked toward our group of students for some recommendations. It makes me feel as though my opinion actually matters."

## Students help to market company's new app

Students in Professor Matt Farron's Marketing class are in on the ground floor of a START-UP NY company's launching of a mobile app in 2017.

Reid Hislop, President and CEO of Furlocity, visited Professor Farron's class earlier this semester asking his students one question, "What would you do in order to market this to yourselves?" The "this" is an app that Furlocity expects to launch in January, to "give pet parents the opportunity to discover, learn and engage in pet friendly services based on their location."

According to the company, Furlocity.com is "the premier digital marketplace for pet owners to search, identify and book trusted pet boarding stays, doggy day care, veterinary services and pet-friendly hotels; simplifying the booking process."

What Hislop heard from students impressed him and made it into the company's marketing strategy. "They had some great ideas on how to generate additional exposure for us with Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest," Hislop said. "The Facebook idea is generally what got me the most excited. There was a suggestion about providing high quality advertising on Facebook that would generate a significant amount of interest for us."

"The Business program places an emphasis on working with the business community to provide experiences that complement our student's academic coursework and challenge them to apply what they are learning," Professor Farron said.

## Student Spotlight – Justin Reynolds assists fellow veterans on campus

by Noah Smith, Paralegal major

Justin Reynolds, a three-year United States Army Veteran, entrepreneur, student, and President of the Veterans Club at SUNY SCCC, wants fellow student veterans to know that they can find assistance with College resources, off-campus resources, and VA Benefits at the Veterans Resource Office on campus.



Reynolds first entered the military to, as he said, "Do something to make a name for myself and improve myself" and he did just that. Upon returning from the military, he enrolled at the College and earned his degree in Supply Chain Management last year. He is now pursuing a certificate in Entrepreneurship while running his own business, JR Transporting Inc.

He is also a work study student in the Veterans Resource Office and has noticed that all student veterans aren't taking advantage of the office. "Less than half of the student veterans actually use what we have to offer," he said. The Veterans Resource Office was created to provide student veterans with connections to resources and fellow student veterans. Reynolds said that the main goal of the office is to "strengthen the veteran community at SCCC."

The benefits and resources offered are for both inside and outside of the college setting. Reynolds suggests all student veterans visit the office on the second floor of Elston Hall or call (518) 381-1276.

The College has a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the New York State Division of Veterans Affairs. As a result, Mark Sollohub, Veterans Benefits Advisor, is available in the Veterans Resource Office every Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to assist veterans and their families. For example, he can assist with applications for benefits including the GI Bill, vocational rehabilitation, compensation and pension, VA healthcare, VA home loan guarantee and burial.

## College named Military Friendly

SUNY SCCC has earned the 2017 Military Friendly® School designation by Victory Media, publisher of G.I. Jobs®, STEM Jobs SM, and Military Spouse. SCCC will be showcased along with other 2017 Military Friendly®

Schools in the annual Guide to Military Friendly® Schools, special education issues of G.I. Jobs® and Military Spouse Magazine and on militaryfriendly.com.





## ‘Tis the season for concerts

Listen to our talented students in the School of Music when they perform this December. The ensembles perform in the Taylor Auditorium, Begley Building, and all concerts are free.

### Chorus Ensemble and Vocal Chamber Ensemble

Monday, December 5, 7:30 p.m.

### Jazz Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble

Wednesday, December 7, 7:30 p.m.

### Chamber Ensemble

Thursday December 8, 7:30 p.m.

### Guitar Ensemble

Monday, December 12, 7:30 p.m.

### Jazz Combo

Wednesday, December 14, 7:30 p.m.

### Wind Ensemble

Friday, December 16, 7:30 p.m.



## Student Spotlight – Aspiring pilots take flight

by Gianluca Russo, Paralegal major

Students are taking off this fall, both figuratively and literally.

Two of those students are Aviation Science majors Brooke Battige and Wandel Perez. Both came to SUNY SCCC without any experience in the field, but they knew it was the career for them.

“Aviation Science sparked my interest right away when I started looking into it,” Brooke said. “I did not have any previous knowledge of airplanes or aviation, but I am so glad I took a chance on it. I wouldn’t change it for anything.”

The Aviation Science degree program pilot option provides students with substantial experience in actual flight training toward a Private Pilot Certificate and Instrument Rating, a Commercial Pilot Certificate and a Flight Instructor Certificate in conjunction with their degree.

Wandel added, “It was just something I really wanted to do and even though I didn’t have experience, I just knew that this is what I wanted to do.”

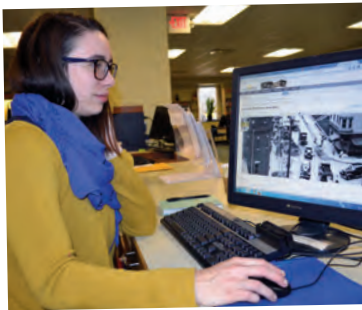
The Aviation Science program gives students flight training along with in-class time. “Sometimes it’s not permitted because of weather, but we usually try to fly twice or three times a week,” Wandel said.

Brooke explained that this program provides flying time early on. “The program at SCCC is unlike other aviation programs; you start learning how to fly in the beginning of your first semester. The Air Traffic Control degree program, which I am also in, offers hands-on learning. In my third semester I am in the tower for a lab class and controlling pilots in the Schenectady Tower.”

Both Brooke and Wandel love being part of the Aviation Science program and are excited to begin their careers after graduating from SCCC. “My favorite part of Aviation Science is getting the chance to fly. I discovered my passion for flying on my first flight lesson last year and have loved every minute of it since I started,” Brooke said. Wandel added, “Our instructors really care about our training and it’s a great program.”

## Need to do original historical research?

During “Discovering Local History Online: An Introduction to Digital Archives” Special Collections and Reference Librarian Laura Welch (pictured) will focus on how to find and use archival material online when doing historical research, with an emphasis on finding local history resources.



*Librarian Laura Welch displays a page from the Schenectady County Historical Society.*

Her discussion will take place on Monday, Dec. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Begley Library, Room 104.

Laura will demonstrate how to use three different websites that host digital copies of archival materials about local history and the history of New York State in general. The program is open to students, faculty and staff who are interested in using primary sources for historical research.



**Creative spirit** – The Rhythms Club facilitates creative writing and expression for all members of the College community.

One of the ways the club does this is by publishing an annual online magazine featuring original work by students, faculty and staff. The club is currently accepting creative work, so look for their flier with details regarding the submission process or email [rhythmsclub@sunysccc.edu](mailto:rhythmsclub@sunysccc.edu) for details.

Pictured above earlier this semester (when it was a bit warmer outside) are: (front row, l. to r.) Yesenia Coello; Katrina Kalinowski, Secretary; and Lindsay Buell and (back row, l. to r.) Kara Manning, Instructor in the Division of Liberal Arts/Co-Advisor; Noah Smith, Vice President; Gianluca Russo, President; Tess Delain, Treasurer; Brittany Moeske and Megan Cassidy, Assistant Professor in the Division of Liberal Arts/Co-Advisor.



**Italian inspiration** – Chef Gino Minacapilli (top photo) of School Agenzia Formazione Professionale Colline Astigiane traveled from Asti, Italy, to visit campus and conduct a Piemontese Food and Wine Culture Demonstration last week.

On the menu were a delicious Vitelli Tonnato (veal with tuna sauce), Agnolotti Al Plin (pinched agnolotti pasta), Brasato Al Barbera D’Asti (braised in Barbera d’Asti), Torta Di Noccioline Con Zabaglione Al Moscato D’Asti (hazelnut cake with zabaglione) during the first Italian Original Recipes Food and Wine Demo, celebrating the history and tradition of the Italian culture.

SUNY SCCC partners with the Marco Polo Institute on the Program Abroad in Italy. Students and faculty/chefs in the School of Hotel, Culinary Arts and Tourism will again be traveling to Italy in May 2017 to study at School Agenzia Formazione Professionale Colline Astigiane, as well as in schools and restaurants in regions throughout Italy.

The students who are traveling to Italy this year, those from Italy and chefs/professors from the College pictured are: (front row, l. to r.) Victoria Hines; Matthew Holton; Ivadell Brower; and Angellise Camacho and (second row, l. to r.) Giacomo Berselli, Founder and President of the Marco Polo Institute; Chef Michael Stamets, Assistant Professor; Tasha Kilmer; Zachary Smith; Chef Rocco Verrigni, Professor; Ben Vandor; Zachary Anadio; Chef Gino Minacapilli; Nicholas Chiesa; Jacob Lynch and Paul D’Avella.

**Humans of SCCC**, by Gianluca Russo, will return in December.

## 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-4:30 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