

## Two new academic programs this semester

This semester brings the debut of the new Liberal Arts: Sociology concentration (A.A. degree) and Digital Music and Beat Production certificate. We caught up with students in each of the new programs to learn a bit about them and their future plans.

Haley Oliver, Liberal Arts:  
Sociology concentration

Haley plans to transfer on for her bachelor's degree and the new concentration was the right fit. "I knew I wanted to take liberal arts and of all of the concentrations, sociology interested me the most. The subject of sociology is something I often discuss with my friends, the way that society works and the way that we can possibly change it and criticize it. That's something that is very important to me."



Riley Mahoney, Digital Music and  
Beat Production certificate

Riley has been making beats at home and working with rappers for a while now. "I wanted to take my production and post-production skills to another level," he said. "I can write a cool song, but can it be industry level? That's what this program is going to give me."



## Meet Janaie Brown, Business Administration major

Janaie is an international student from Saint Kitts and is in her second year at SUNY SCCC. She's a member of the Business Club. After graduation, she plans to transfer to Siena College to pursue her bachelor's degree in Business Administration and then attend law school to practice either business law or family law.

"I love this college. The faculty are really nice and are experts in their fields. Coming from a small island where the classes are really small, this fits me perfectly."



## Helpful resources for students



### Learning Center/Writing Lab, Elston 523

Guidance by professional and peer staff in understanding concepts in subjects such as biology, literature, physics and psychology. Individual sessions in time management, textbook reading and classroom notetaking.



### Academic Computing Lab, Elston 529, 530

Open weekdays, evenings and Saturdays when classes are in session, with lab assistants to help students, computers, printers, scanners and wi-fi access.

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### Begley Library

Computer workstations with printers, walk-in research assistance, group study spaces in the Academic Studio, quiet study spaces, wi-fi, online help from College librarians, and online magazines, newspapers and scholarly journals.



### Tutor Services, Begley 210

One-to-one weekly, one-hour free tutoring sessions for up to three subjects a week.

*Check out the back page for more campus resources and hours.*

## Welcome new faculty and staff

**Sharon Clark, Senior Machine Duplicating Operator** - Previously, Sharon worked for the Schenectady City School District as an Early Childhood Paraprofessional and for the Schenectady County Department of Social Services. She holds an A.S. in Business Administration from SUNY SCCC.



**David Clickner, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs** - Prior to SUNY SCCC, David was with Hudson Valley Community College. He holds a Ph.D. and M.S. in Literacy, both from the University at Albany, and a B.A. in English from Siena College.



**Michael Hazard, Technical Assistant, School of Hotel, Culinary Arts and Tourism** - Previously, Michael was Executive Chef at Yaddo in Saratoga Springs and Food Service Director for DAKA at RPI in Troy. He holds a B.S. in Hotel Administration from the University of Nevada at Las Vegas and an A.O.S. in Culinary Arts and an A.A.S. in Hotel Restaurant Management, both from SUNY SCCC.



**Tasia Johnson, Payroll Audit Clerk** - Tasia previously worked for the Schenectady City School District as an Information Processing Specialist II. She holds an A.S. in Business Administration from Hudson Valley Community College.



**Maura Kastberg, Account Clerk, Student Business Office** - Maura previously worked as an assistant manager in the IRA department at Trustco Bank. She holds an A.S. in Teacher Education from SUNY SCCC.



**Kimberly Kirker, Executive Secretary I, Student Affairs** - Before joining SUNY SCCC, Kimberly worked for the Schenectady County District Attorney's Office and Schenectady County Department of Social Services.



**Sabrina McGinty, Assistant Vice President of Students Affairs** - Sabrina was previously the Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs. She holds an M.S. Ed. and B.A. in Secondary Education from Potsdam College and an A.A. in Liberal Arts: Humanities and Social Sciences from SUNY SCCC.



**Dr. Margaret McLellan-Zabielski, Instructor, Division of Math, Science, Technology and Health** - Dr. McLellan-Zabielski previously worked as an Adjunct Faculty Member at SUNY SCCC and the College of Saint Rose, and as the Subject Area Coordinator for Bryant and Stratton Colleges in Rochester, N.Y. She holds a Ph.D. in Chemistry and a B.S. in Bioinformatics and Molecular Biology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

**Magda Sfeir-Monroe, Instructor, Division of Math, Science, Technology and Health**

Previously, Magda was a participant in the Internship Program for the Development of Minority Faculty teaching Nutrition. She is a business owner. She holds M.S. and B.S. degrees in Public Health, both from Excelsior College, and is currently working on her Doctorate in Education of the Health Professions at A.T. Still University.



**Sheri Nietfeld, Information Processing Specialist II, Student Affairs** - Sheri previously worked in the Begley Library. She holds an A.A. degree in Social Sciences, Liberal Arts from SUNY Cobleskill, and an A.A.S. degree in Professional Photography from Rochester Institute of Technology.



**Ronald Ragguci, Technical Specialist, School of Hotel, Culinary Arts and Tourism**

Previously Ron was an Adjunct Faculty Member, Nutrition Director for daycare centers in Schenectady County and Executive Chef for Marriott and Sodexo Corporations. He holds an A.A.S. in Culinary Arts from SUNY SCCC.



**Patrick Ryan, Vice President of Administration**

Most recently, Patrick served SUNY System Administration as Research Foundation Operations Manager. He has also held other leadership positions in campus and university-wide budget and in accounting and sponsored programs administration at two other campuses within the SUNY system. He holds an M.B.A. in Management from SUNY New Paltz and a B.A. in Communications from John Carroll University.



**Jill Walsh, Informational Processing Specialist, Registrar's Office** - Jill previously worked in Financial Aid, Student Services and Advisement. She holds a B.S. in Elementary Education from the College of Saint Rose and an A.S. in Teacher Education Transfer from SUNY SCCC.



**Darnell Williams, Campus Cleaner, Facilities**

Prior to joining SUNY SCCC, Darnell was involved in custodial maintenance for MVP Healthcare, Siemens PTI, the Daily Gazette and Center City.



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*New Vice President of Administration Patrick Ryan (right) with Charles Richardson who retired as Vice President of Administration this summer.*



## Join a club!

Interested in getting involved in a club or starting a new one? Great! Just pop into Elston Hall 222 and see Tinsley Hembree, Student Activities Advisor, or you can email her at [hembretl@sunysccc.edu](mailto:hembretl@sunysccc.edu).

Choose from:

- American Culinary Federation (ACF)
- Alliance for Students with Disabilities (ASD)
- Aviation Club
- ALANA (previously known as Black and Latino Student Alliance)
- Business and Law Club
- Christian Fellowship Club
- Casino Management Association Club
- Craft Brewers Club
- Criminal Justice Club
- Educational Opportunity Club
- Gospel Choir and Bible Club
- Hospitality Club
- Meeting Professionals International Club (MPI)
- Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society
- PRIDE Alliance
- RESTART Club
- RHYTHMS Literary Magazine
- Rotaract Club
- Science Club
- Slow Food Club
- Spanish Club
- Student Activities Board
- Student Veterans Of America (SVA)
- Student Volunteer Organization (SVO)
- Totally Pitchin' (A Capella Club)

## National Champ and Academic All Region Team member

Over the summer Megan Lambert got some good news. The Teacher Education Transfer major and member of the Women's Bowling Team, who won their third straight NJCAA Women's Bowling Championship last season, was recognized as a member of the Region III Academic All Region Team. Megan was chosen after earning a GPAs of above 3.50.



A 2016 graduate of Queensbury High School, she had close to a 170 bowling average this year. She's been bowling since she was five years old having been brought up in a family of bowlers with her grandfather, uncle, brother and great-grandmother guiding her through the sport.

Megan balanced her time on the team well with her studies, earning a 3.57 GPA. After graduating from SUNY SCCC, she plans to transfer on for her bachelor's degree to become an Early Intervention Specialist, working with young children.



*Women's Crew Team (l. to r.): Rebecca Smith, Autumn Cronin, Ashley DeCinto, Julia Jaster, Stephanie Gellatly, Elizabeth Nowicki, Kimberly Best and Angelica Velasquez*

## Women's Crew rowing into fall season

The Women's Crew Team, with Head Coach Cody Rule and Assistant Coach Maggie Fitzmaurice, has been training hard for the fall season. They'll be competing against teams from Union College, RPI, Temple University, Villanova University, Boston College and Iona College during away fall regattas. (They'll be back racing in the Capital Region and beyond this spring.) SUNY SCCC is one of only two community colleges in the country with a women's crew program (Orange Coast Community College of California is the other). **GO Royals!**

### **Women's Crew Fall Races**

Saturday, Sept. 30

Textile River Regatta in Shelton, Conn.

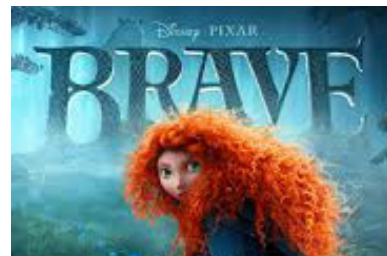
Saturday, Oct. 28

Head of the Schuylkill in Philadelphia, Penn.

## Upcoming Events



### Constitution Day events



- **Town Hall Wall Debate: Should the phrase “under God” be removed from the Pledge of Allegiance?**
- Monday, Sept. 18, all day, Begley Library, First Floor.
- Students will study different perspectives and vote on the issue. *Organized by the Begley Library, the Student Government Association, and the Community and Cultural Events Committee.*

- **Wicked Problems and Tough Choices - Deliberative Democracy in Action**
- Monday, Sept. 18, 12 – 1 p.m., Learning Commons, Begley Library. Free.
- Members of the American Association of University Women Student Club at SUNY SCCC, in conjunction with the Student Government Association, will moderate a deliberation of a current controversy surrounding a constitutional question. *Organized by the AAUW SUNY SCCC student club, the Student Government Association, and the Community and Cultural Events Committee.*

- **Film Frenzy presents Brave**
- Thursday, Sept. 28, 5 – 7:30 p.m., Stockade 101. Free.
- Bring your kids and your friends. Activities to keep children engaged and parents entertained. Popcorn and other refreshments. *Organized by the Community and Cultural Events Committee.*

- **Rushka Tcholakova presents Paycheck to Paycheck: What It Really Takes To Get By**
- Thursday, Oct. 5, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Activity Forum, Elston Hall. Free. Seating for this event is limited. Please arrive early to reserve your place.
- An interactive forum facilitated by the Senior Vice President of Community Impact at United Way of the Greater Capital Region. ALICE - asset limited, income constrained, employed - are workers who keep New York's economy running, but whose wages are not sufficient to sustain them and their families. United Way worked with a team of researchers to map out the cost of living difference and Household Survival Budget from throughout the state and will provide recommendations of what we can do to support hard working families whose incomes just aren't enough. *Organized by the Community and Cultural Events Committee.*

- **Robert Feranec presents When Climate Changes: Lessons from the Ice Age**
- Thursday, October 12, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Stockade Building 101. Free.
- Dr. Robert Feranec, Curator of Ice Age Animals and Modern Mammals at the New York State Museum, will discuss his research investigating what happened to animals when climate changed in the past, and what insights from that research might be used to understand present-day climatic effects on the modern natural world, and our projections of these effects into the future. *Organized by the Community and Cultural Events Committee.*

- **Marion Lazan, A Holocaust Survivor Remembers**
- Wednesday, October 18, 6 – 8 p.m., Stockade Building 101. Free.
- Marion Lazan, who was just a child when the Nazis came to power in Germany, narrowly escaped the Holocaust. She immigrated with her family to the United States after the war and as an adult began to write and talk about the horrors of her childhood. In her talks, she speaks about trauma and hardship, but also of the power of courage, hope, and of the will to survive. Her memoir, *Four Perfect Pebbles: A Holocaust Story*, recalls the devastating years that shaped her childhood. *Organized by the Community and Cultural Events Committee.*



### Archaeology on display

On Saturday, Sept. 23, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the 2017 Schenectady Stockade Walkabout will feature three archaeological sites excavated by the College's non-credit Community Archaeology Program:

- Visit the active dig at 48 Washington Ave.
- Share the excitement experienced over an accidental discovery at 109 Union St.
- Learn about the site at the First Reformed Church (107 Union St. - pictured at left) where the team uncovered a house foundation and midden.

For more information on the Walkabout, visit <http://historicstockade.com>.



Ava Wing '14



Tami Papagiannopoulos '09



Jacob James '14



Philip Allen '10

## Music alumni return to campus for special performance

On Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m., songs of love will fill the Taylor Auditorium in a performance of Brahms's *New Love Song Waltzes* for vocal quartet and piano four hands. The concert features the Lev-Evans Duo (series director Mark Evans and Gili Melamed-Lev) with four singers who graduated from the SUNY SCCC School of Music and went on to study at eminent music conservatories: Ava Wing, soprano; Tami Papagiannopoulos, mezzo-soprano; Jacob James, tenor; and Philip Allen, baritone. The performance is free.

Soprano **Ava Wing '14** is currently an opera singer and private teacher in the Tri-State Region. She is a graduate of the Purchase College Conservatory of Music where she earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance. She was a graduate assistant at the University of Maryland and is an alumna of the Daniel Ferro Vocal Program in Greve in Chianti, Italy.

**Tami Papagiannopoulos '09** earned her Master's in Vocal Performance in 2014 from New England Conservatory. She performed

the role of Miles in Britten's *Turn of the Screw* in two productions, with NEC's Opera Studio and with Opera Brittenica. Tami has spent the last two years performing with the Boston-based choral ensemble Oriana Consort.

**Jacob James '14** finished his Bachelor's of Music at Crane in 2016 with high honors, and has since continued to sing both as a freelancer, and as a cantor and section leader with the choir at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany, N.Y. He currently plans to enroll in graduate school to continue his musical studies next fall.

**Philip Allen '10** earned an A.S. in Percussion Performance from SUNY SCCC and a B.M. in Vocal Performance from the New England Conservatory of Music. Philip has performed with several chamber and experimental groups in New York City including the Schola Dominicana, Groupmuse, NYC Composers Circle, Blank Space and others. He has recently returned to the area to continue exploring possibilities in the Capital Region.

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## Students and faculty around the globe this summer



**Teaching in China** - Dr. Syeda Munaim, Professor in the Division of Math, Science, Technology and Health, taught Applied Plant Physiology (Biotechnology) for four weeks at Jinling Institute of Technology in Nanjing, China. She was invited to teach the course through SUNY Cobleskill's International Studies Division. She joined faculty from other SUNY institutions and colleges from throughout the world. She has been invited to return to China again next summer to teach a similar course.



**Cooking in Italy** - A group of students and professors spent 17 days in May/June studying in Italy in partnership with the Marco Polo Institute for Mediterranean Culture and Tourism. Although the trip had its inaugural launch in 2015, this was the first time it was part of a credit-bearing course. Students had hands-on cooking classes with native chefs and instructors and visited food and wine producers in Nettuno, Lazio; Parma, Emilia-Romagna; Ferrara, Emilia; and Asti, Piemonte. They are shown during a day of cooking with Chef Gino Minacapilli (center) at AFP Colline Astigiane in Agliano di Terme in Piedmont.

## Campus Resources

### Academic Advisement

Elston 222/381-1277

Monday, 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., Wed., Thurs. 8:30 am-10 pm

Tuesday 8:30 am-9 pm

Friday 8:30 am-4 pm

Saturday 9 am-1 pm

### Accounting/CIS Tutor Lab

Elston 330/381-1041

Check lab for hours.

### 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

### Athletics

Elston 222/381-1356

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 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-Thurs. 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

### College Store

Elston 109/381-1332

Monday-Wednesday 8 am-6 pm

Thursday 8 am-4 pm

Friday 8 am-2 pm

### Educational Opportunity

#### Programs/Access

Elston 222/381-1279

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

### Financial Aid

Elston 221/381-1352

Monday, 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

### 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

### Library (Begley)/381-1235

Mon.-Thurs. 7:45 am – 9 pm

Friday 7:45 am – 4:30 pm

Saturday 11 am – 4:45 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

### SCCC Integrated Montessori

Preschool Gateway 124/381-1455,  
381-1295 (Call for program info.)

Monday-Friday 8 am- 4 pm

### Registrar's Office Elston 212/215

381-1348, 381-1349/ext. 1148

Mon., Tues., Wed. 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

Check office for hours.

### 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

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