

## College offers new certificate programs

This spring, there are three new academic programs available through the Divisions of Liberal Arts and Math, Science, Technology and Health.

### Community Health Worker (certificate)

Community Health Workers serve a variety of functions including advocacy, basic clinical skills, and education, and they improve healthcare outcomes because they help patients access services that they might not otherwise.

### Direct Support Professional (certificate)

Direct-care workers provide an estimated 70 to 80 percent of the paid hands-on, long-term care and personal assistance received by Americans who are elderly or living with disabilities or other chronic conditions.

### Mechatronics (certificate)

This program focuses on preparing students to assist in the design of electro-mechanical systems. Students will become proficient in developing system level troubleshooting skills, and installing, operating, maintaining, and repairing automated and robotically-controlled systems, equipment and component parts.



## Gangstagrass in Concert

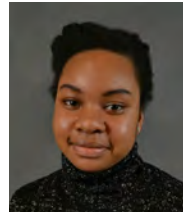
Wednesday February 20, 7:30 p.m.  
Taylor Auditorium, Begley Building  
Free, but reservations are required at:  
[www.SUNYSchenectadySchoolofMusic.eventbrite.com](http://www.SUNYSchenectadySchoolofMusic.eventbrite.com)

Hip hop and bluegrass come together with Emcees R-Son and Dolio The Sleuth trading verses  
Dan Whitener, banjo  
Landry McMeans, dobro  
Rench, guitar

“I just want to do my best to provide insight into how decisions the Board makes affect students and effectively communicate those decisions back to the student body.”

## Meet Nkeiru Ubadike, Student Trustee

Nkeiru, a Math/Science major, is the College's new Student Trustee. She serves as a voting member of the 10-member board, elected by students, for a one-year term.



Nkeiru is in the Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (C-STEP) and a member of the Women's Crew Team. Proficient in English, Gaelic, and French, after SUNY Schenectady, she plans to transfer on for her bachelor's degree and then move to France for a year before going on to earn her master's degree and Ph.D. in physics or a related science.

## Need tips on reducing student loan debt?

New this semester, Financial Literacy Counselors are on campus offering financial planning workshops. You'll see them at events throughout the semester and speaking in your classes.



Feel free to stop by the Financial Aid Office, Elston 221 to speak with Jennifer Yager and Diana Rodriguez Natalie, our new Financial Literacy Counselors.

They provide information on ways to decrease student loan debt through financial planning and make the most of your grants and scholarships throughout college.



*Dr. Steady Moono, President, with Victoria Hines and Vanessa Traver, Culinary Arts majors, during this week's Career Expo. Stop by Career Services, Elston Hall, Room 221-I for résumé advice, interview prep, and career events.*

## College welcomes new staff

**Tamieria Champaign-Weldon, Youth Development Assistant, Liberty Partnerships Program**

Previously, Tamieria was a Family Support Worker for Parsons Child and Family. She holds her B.S. in Human Services from Cazenovia College and A.A.S. in Human Services from Hudson Valley Community College.



**Ellen Donovan, Annual Giving Officer**

Previously, Ellen was the Director of Annual Giving at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. She holds her M.S. in Communications Management Science from Simmons College and B.A. in English from the University of Scranton.



**Sophia Hargraves, Director of Business Operations**

Previously, Sophia was the Budget and Operation Manager for the NYC Department of Education, Division of Family and Community Engagement. She holds her B.S. in Law and Paralegal Studies and AA.S. in Law and Paralegal Studies from New York City College of Technology, CUNY.



**Debbie Ingles, Customer Service Associate, College Store/Canal Side Convenience**

Previously, Debbie was an Early Childhood Teacher for 30 years. She holds a B.A. in Special Education from Boston University and is currently pursuing a B.S. in Business Administration from Empire State College.



**Debbie Lavigne, Dining Manager, Lessings**

Previous, Debbie managed resident dining at the University at Albany. She has worked in the food industry for more than 20 years.



**Diana Rodriguez Natalie, Financial Literacy Counselor**

Previously, Diana was an Academic Advisor at Excelsior College. She holds her M.A. in Spanish from the University at Albany and B.A. in Sociology and Economics from Union College.



**Tyrell Outlaw, Academic and Life Skills Aide, Liberty Partnerships Program**

Previously, Tyrell was Assistant Store Manager at Schenectady County Habitat For Humanity Restore. He is a graduate of Schenectady High School.



**Jennifer Yager, Financial Literacy Counselor**

Previously, Jennifer was Assistant Director of Graduate/Adult Admissions at The Sage Colleges. She holds her M.S. in Childhood Education from The College of Saint Rose, B.A. in Spanish from SUNY Oswego, and A.A. in Humanities from SUNY Schenectady.



# SUNY SCHENECTADY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FOUNDATION

## Employee Giving Campaign

Let's keep it 100! (With 100 percent employee participation...)

The Foundation invites you to be a part of the College's future as part of the Employee Giving Campaign supporting a new Learning Commons on campus, as well as scholarships and new programs.

### The Promise of our Common Future Capital Campaign for SUNY Schenectady

Five-Year Pledge to support the new Learning Commons. Employee donors will be recognized in the new Center for Excellence in Teaching. Both are part of one of the largest capital projects in the College's history.

### Blue & Gold Fund

Helps the Foundation provide scholarships, support faculty and staff development, enhance programs, make facility improvements and upgrades, and grow connections among alumni.

To donate, please contact Stacy McIlduff, Executive Director of Development, at [mcildusm@sunysccc.edu](mailto:mcildusm@sunysccc.edu), 518-381-1322.

## Upcoming Events *(see more on page 4)*

**Feed the Pig – How to save money while living on a budget**  
Wednesday, February 6, 11:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Lally Mohawk Room

A financial literacy workshop by Jennifer Yager, Financial Literacy Counselor, for the crafty student who plans ahead. Learn about the financial options available to you through student grants and scholarships.

*Presented by the Student Mentoring Program.*



**Women in STEM – Why mentoring matters**

Thursday, February 28, 12:30 to 1:30, p.m.

Lally Mohawk Room

Join C-STEP and the Mentoring Program for an inspiring and empowering talk about the power of women and the STEM fields by Magdia De Jesus Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biomedical Sciences at the University at Albany School of Public Health.

*Presented by the Student Mentoring Program.*



## A personal chef and future counselor, both returning adult students



When she stops to think about it, Annie Bronchetti is following in a long family tradition.

Her grandparents grew up on farms; her father was always his own boss as a contractor; and her mother operated a bed and breakfast and arts businesses.

Now, Annie, who finished her Culinary Arts degree in December, is starting Sustainable Table, a new personal chef business, providing service for her Bethlehem community and beyond. She will meet with clients, get to know their tastes and lifestyles, go shopping, and make five nights of meals for them in their home. Then, when the client comes home in the evening, they will find Annie's delicious entrees and side dishes labeled with instructions in their refrigerators.

Her focus is on organic and locally-grown produce. "I'd like to do my piece to fill that space, to connect people with local farmers and purveyors so they can integrate farm-to-table into their own lives," Annie said.

Sustainable Table will combine Annie's love for cooking with her business acumen. She started at the College in 2014 after more than three decades in accounting and finance. She already had a master's degree in Accounting and bachelor's degree in Business Economics before she started at SUNY Schenectady. "I started taking culinary classes in 2014 and after the third week I decided to matriculate into the program." Actually, the idea for Sustainable Table and even the catchy name grew out of a project she was working on in her Menu Planning class.



Since he started taking classes here during summer 2017, Barry Guild describes the experience this way: "I'm having the time of my life."

He is a Chemical Dependency Counseling major and a member of the Student Volunteer Organization, who also made the President's List, a particularly gratifying achievement. "I am getting good grades and I love the program here. I plan on maintaining the President's List status."

He admits he was apprehensive when he first enrolled at the College, but that quickly faded. "When I walked in, being one of the oldest students, I thought it might bother me," he said. "But it didn't. The younger students were speaking a language that I once spoke."

A member of the IDEAL (Interactional Diversity, Engagement, And Leadership) Program, last semester Barry facilitated an addictions discussion with four panelists sharing their journey through recovery, an area close to his heart. He has learned about the value of self-care through the classes in his major. "I cannot provide consoling to someone else if I'm not taking care of myself," Barry explained. "I learned that in class. The compassion that my professors teach their subject matter with is unbelievable."

Barry has interned at the Bridge Center, a halfway house in Schenectady. He plans to graduate next year and transfer to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees and then do per diem counseling.

### Have YOU applied for a scholarship yet?

Apply for scholarship money for next year to help with tuition, books, and costs associated with your education.

[sunysccc.awardspring.com](http://sunysccc.awardspring.com)

Application Deadline: March 30, 2019



Totally Pitchin'



Marion Porterfield



Dr. Marshall Jones



Walter Simpkins



UMOJA African Dance



Brandon Frame



Malik Champlain



Luncheon Celebration



Dr. DeShawn McGarrity

## Black History Month Events

### **Celebrating Black History, A Road to Freedom**

Monday, February 4, 12 - 1 p.m., Lally Mohawk Room  
Presented by Marion Porterfield, Schenectady City Council, with a performance by Totally Pitchin' (Mark Evans – Advisor and Arla Wilding – Director)

### **Black History and STEM, presented by Marshall G. Jones Ph.D., P.E.**

Monday, February 11, 12 - 1 p.m., Lally Mohawk Room

**Where Do We Go From Here?** Presented by Walter Simpkins, Executive Director of Community Fathers Inc., Schenectady  
Tuesday, February 12, 12 – 1:15 p.m., Lally Mohawk Room

### **UMOJA African Dance Troupe**

Presented by Hamilton Hill Arts Center  
Thursday, February 21, 12 - 1:15 p.m., Lally Mohawk Room

### **Community Gospel Choir Concert**

Friday, February 22, 6 p.m., Taylor Auditorium

### **The Black Man Can – Define Yourself, Redefine the World**

Tuesday, February 26, 12:30-1:45 p.m., Stockade Building, 101  
An empowerment workshop by Brandon Frame, Chief Visionary Officer, and Malik Champlain, Chief Empowerment Officer, of TheBlackManCan which works to uplift, empower, educate and motivate young men of color. *Presented by the Student Mentoring Program.*

### **Black History Month Celebration**

Wednesday, February 27, 11:30 a.m., Van Curler Room  
With many African American traditions centered around a communal table, it's no wonder that dishes like fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, collard greens, fried okra, and skillet cornbread are time-cherished family recipes. Join us at the table as we honor the achievements and contributions of African Americans. The School of Hotel, Culinary Arts and Tourism hosts this special luncheon. Special Guest – John Slovacek, piano  
Tickets: \$20 per person and \$10 per student. For tickets, please contact Deryle McCann, Student Activities Advisor, 518-836-2818 or e-mail [mccannnda@sunysccc.edu](mailto:mccannnda@sunysccc.edu).

### **Going in Circles, The Evolution of Soul Music**

Presented by Dr. DeShawn McGarrity, Executive Director of SUNY College and Career Center  
Thursday, February 28, 11:45 a.m., Stockade Building, Room 101

*Events are free unless otherwise noted. Organized by Student Activities, Student Government Association, and Student Activities Board.*

## Campus Resources

### Academic Advisement

Elston 222/381-1277

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am-6:30 pm

Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

### Academic Computing Lab

Elston 529, 530/381-1213

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-10 pm

Friday 9 am-4 pm

Saturday 9 am-3 pm

### Accounting/CIS Tutor Lab

Elston 330/381-1041

Please check lab for hours.

### ADA Transition Services

Elston 222/381-1345

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

### Admissions

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am-6:30 pm

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-6 pm

Friday 7:30 am-1 pm

### Career Services

Elston 221-I/836-2807

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

### College Store

Elston 109/381-1332

Monday, Tuesday 8 am-6 pm

Wednesday, 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 221/381-1468

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

Please check 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

### 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

Monday - 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-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.-Thurs. 9 am-4 pm

Friday 9 am-3 pm

(Coordinator)

Sign up here: sunysccc.upswing.io

### 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