

Student from Hong Kong reflects on protests there

While James Ng practices guitar about five hours a day here, almost all of his friends back home in Hong Kong have been involved in the student-led protests there.

Students have camped out in three of Hong Kong's busiest neighborhoods for more than a month seeking the ability to participate in democratic elections.

In 1997 the former British colony was handed back to Chinese control with Beijing promising that Hong Kong would have more autonomy than other parts of China. But news reports indicate that Chinese leaders will allow only candidates approved by Beijing.

James, who moved to Schenectady in August to study Music at the College, said that if he were still in Hong Kong, he would be joining the protests.

"I think it's for the good of our future," he said. "We don't have the right to vote for the person we want to have control over our system. You say democracy in Hong Kong, but you didn't give us democracy. It's very, very brave of them to protest, and they're committed

to changing Hong Kong into a better place."

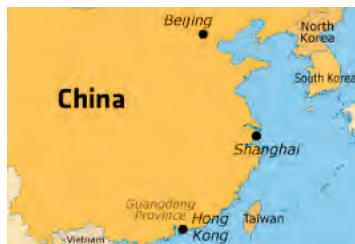
The movement also brings to the surface tensions between Hong Kong and mainland

China regarding the migration of mainlanders into Hong Kong, bringing with them businesses that displace longtime Hong Kong

shops. "We have a lot of culture," James said. "You can't close small shops like that. It's not fair."

During a break from rehearsal, James switched gears a bit to discuss his love for music, jazz in particular, something he didn't explore until he arrived in the United States. Now, he's a devotee of the genre and listens to Guthrie Govan, Benny Goodman and John Lewis.

After graduating from SCCC, he plans to transfer to another college or university in the U.S. for a bachelor's degree in music, "so I can either choose to teach, play or compose."



Introducing new Student Trustee

Taylor de Moree, a Human Services major, attended her first meeting of the SCCC Board of Trustees this week as the newly elected Student Trustee. Taylor's term is for one year and she is a voting member of the Board.



A 2013 graduate of Guilderland High School, Taylor is also Captain of the Women's Crew Team.

She plans to graduate in May and transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a bachelor's degree in Human Services. She would eventually like to become a crisis counselor for troubled youth.

"I think I will be a really good voice between the student body and the Board," she said.



Eric Anderson (left), Culinary Arts major, and Pete Ferris, Music Audio Technology major, shown above with Instructor Sten Isachsen, helped create an ad that will run in local theaters this winter.

"The Voice" and the audio expert, both students, help create ad

Here's how it happened. Eric "The Voice" Anderson was told by one of his culinary professors that he should do voice-overs. (When you hear him speak, you'll know why. Think: blockbuster movie trailer voice.)

So, the Communications Office heard about him and recruited him to do a voice over for an ad. Here's where Pete Ferris comes in. The Music Audio Technology major recorded Eric in the new studio in the School of Music and then edited a 15-second ad for the SUNY College and Career Counseling Center, with the guidance of Instructor Sten Isachsen. Look for the ad this winter in Bow Tie Cinemas in Schenectady.

College welcomes new staff

Arlene Moran joined the Foundation and Development Office as the new Executive Secretary. Most recently, she was Records Clerk at the Schenectady Police Department. Prior to that, Arlene worked in the hospitality industry for 25 years, often with SCCC Culinary Arts students and graduates. She holds a bachelor's degree in English and Anthropology from the University at Albany.



Sarah Wilson-Sparrow joined the Workforce Development Division as the new Coordinator of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grant. Most recently, she was the Project Coordinator, Regional Adult Education Network (RAEN), for the Research Foundation of SUNY in addition to serving as a Course Development Facilitator for the SUNY RF. She provided oversight of training and professional development for statewide adult educators, in addition to grant management, contract review, website content management and event planning. Prior to this, she worked at the Hamilton Fulton Montgomery BOCES as an Adult Educator, College Transition Specialist and Case Manager. Sarah holds a bachelor's degree in English Literature with a minor in History from Skidmore College. She also has her Adult Education Certification from the New York State Education Department and is a trained administrator of the National Work Readiness Credential (NWRC), the Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE), and Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC).



Faculty/staff development

Sandy Gonzalez, Director of College and High School Partnerships, returned recently from Chicago where she presided over the national conference for the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP). The conference, attended by more than 800 people, marked the end of her two-year term as president of the organization.

During the conference, Sandy was honored for the many strides NACEP has made under her leadership. During her time as president, she spoke at several events around the country on the importance of quality programming, oversaw a new three-year strategic plan and worked toward revamping the structure of the organization. In addition, Sandy presented at the conference on ways members can become more involved in NACEP, facilitated a round table discussion and moderated a panel discussion. She will continue to serve on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee in the role of Immediate Past President, a two-year term.



Sabrina McGinty (left), Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs, and Chef Rocco Verrigni, Professor in the School of Hotel, Culinary Arts and Tourism, meet with Culinary Arts students Soheila Hexemer, Joyce Chowenhill, Stephen Piorkowski, Vincent Plano, Tracy Brundege and Alexander Ognan about a spring trip to Italy.

Students and faculty prepare for first trips abroad

Chef Rocco Verrigni unfurled a large map of Italy, spread it across a couple of tables in the Culinary Arts wing and started listing the cities that a group of SCCC culinarians will be visiting this spring.

As talk turned to pasta, wine and formaggio, the excitement grew about the 17-day adventure that he'll be taking with a group of Culinary Arts majors. "I hope this is just the beginning and it will turn into a semester-long program for college credit," Chef Verrigni said.

The group will spend nine days in kitchens in four different cities across Southern, Central and Northern Italy, cooking with professional chefs in the style of that particular area.

Soheila Hexemer is one of the students looking forward to becoming more fluent in the ways of Italian cooking by being immersed in an Italian kitchen. "I think it's a really great opportunity," she said. "It will be neat to know their customs and learn more about the wine."

Chef Verrigni has been communicating and meeting with officials in Italy for about a decade, discussing how the College could collaborate on a program there. The trip is now a reality with the addition of Sabrina E. McGinty, the new Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, who hit the ground running this fall, developing a Global Education program. "We are looking to develop a robust study abroad program including short-term travel, like this Culinary Tour of Italy program, as well as semester-long programs which we hope to offer our students in the near future." she said. "Giving our students these types of experiences will give them a more global viewpoint, which in turn, will make them more effective and adaptable in the workplace."

The Italy trip, which takes place from May 26-June 11, is one of two slated to happen this year. Another one is geared toward Honors students with a trip to London focusing on Shakespeare. SCCC is also in the processes of developing an exchange program with STP Bandung in Indonesia and Al Kafaat University in Lebanon for Hotel, Culinary Arts and Tourism students.

For more information on these trips or the College's Global Education Program, please contact Sabrina McGinty at 381-1378, mcgintse@sunysccc.edu.

Meet the Royals

Head down to the YMCA in downtown Schenectady this weekend for Men's and Women's Basketball games. Show some support and cheer on the Royals! **Saturday vs. Jefferson CC — women at 1 p.m.; men at 3 p.m.** and **Sunday vs. Hudson Valley CC — women at 1 p.m.; men at 3 p.m.**



Women's Basketball Team

Front row: Nia Robinson, Karleigh Huba, Shiann Coons, Taylor Cater, Angel Brown

Back row: Assistant Coach Zoe Naylor, Yolanda Austin, Taylor Piscitella, Erica Fortner, Sidney Archie, Morgan Sullivan, Christine Boyles, Head Coach Dayna Torino Newton

For individual photos, roster and schedule, visit www.sunysccc.edu/student/wbasket.html.



Men's Basketball Team

Front row: Jamel Johnson, Zy-Eir Murray, Devon Jordan, Stephon McCalmon, Chanse Watson, Terrell Mewborn

Back row: Assistant Coaches Harry Rolle and Jayme Bates, Manager Michael Williams, Stephen Bert, Tru Garland, Josh Daignault, Alex McCraith, Terrence Squire, Chris Dixon, Arkiem Williams, Assistant Coach Michael Johnson and Head Coach Mike Naylor

For individual photos, roster and schedule, visit www.sunysccc.edu/student/mbasket.html.

Team captains



Taylor Cater

Women's Team Co-Captain
Graduate of Middleburgh Central School
First Year
Guard/forward
Fire Protection Technology major



Devon Jordan

Men's Team Co-Captain
Graduate of Bowsher High School, Toledo, Ohio
First Year
Guard/forward
Business Administration major



Karleigh Huba

Women's Team Co-Captain
Graduate of Shaker High School
First Year
Guard/forward
Human Services major



Stephon McCalmon

Men's Team Co-Captain
Graduate of Belleville High School, Belleville, Illinois
First Year
Guard/forward
Liberal Arts major

December Concerts

The December concert season at SCCC kicks off with:

Classical, Baroque and Blues

Tuesday, December 2, 7:30 p.m.

Taylor Auditorium. Free.

Students from the School of Music join forces to present Claude Bolling's *Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano Trio* and Mozart's *Piano Quintet in A Major*. Bolling is considered the inventor of Crossover Music. His *Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano Trio* is written as a dialogue between the classical purity of the solo flutist and the rich variety of harmony and rhythm of a jazz piano trio. The fusion of these two styles is often humorous and edgy, and always fun.



(l. to r.) Shannon Civic (seated at piano), Ron Gardner, Amanda Carr, Graham Wolfe, Ian Tucksmith, Matt Griffin, Natalie Vanslyke, Chenya D'Arcangelis, Evania Osepia, Nick Kozak, Christina Carrissimo

They will be joined by: Chris Duffy, Lisa Schweinfurth, Kira Garvie, Whitney Nightingale, Gregory Eckhart, and Emily Thayer

Percussion and Jazz Ensemble

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m., Taylor Auditorium. Free.

Chamber Ensembles

Thursday, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.,

Taylor Auditorium. Free.

Chorus and Vocal Chamber Ensemble

Monday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m.,

Taylor Auditorium. Free.

Guitar Ensembles

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m.,

Taylor Auditorium. Free.

Jazz Combo

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m.,

Taylor Auditorium. Free.

Wind Ensemble

Friday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m., Taylor Auditorium. Free.

For more information please contact the School of Music at 381-1231, extension 2 or visit sunysccc.edu/academic/music/concerts.htm.



Board of Trustees Meeting

The next Board of Trustees meeting will take place on Monday, December 15.

Meetings for the Administration Committee and the Education Committee are held at 4:45 p.m. in the Lally Mohawk Room, Elston Hall. The regular Board Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Lally Mohawk Room.

OPEN-CALL AUDITIONS
SCCC Theatre is holding auditions for its 2015 spring production...

**Georg Büchner's
WOYZECK**

December 2 & 3 @ 6:30 PM
Call Backs: December 4 @ 6:30 PM
PROCTORS HEARST EDUCATION CENTER
(located downstairs by the Proctors ticket office)

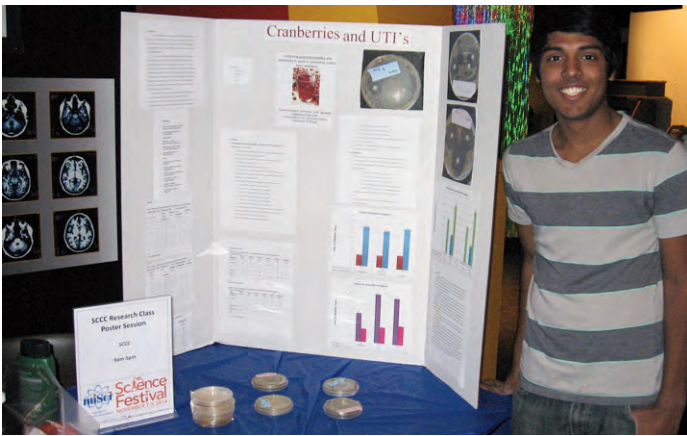
Audition packets (which include the script) are available both at the front desk of the SCCC Library and in Elston Hall, Rm 402. PLEASE READ THE PLAY PRIOR TO AUDITIONS! Come dressed for light movement and be prepared to read selections from the script. Auditions are open to all SCCC students and faculty.

Contact Jonathan Beller at bellerjs@sunysccc.edu for more information!

Remember:
SCCC is Tobacco-Free. This includes cigarettes, chewing tobacco, pipes, and electric cigarettes. We're counting on you to respect this policy.
Thanks!



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Send story ideas to news@sunysccc.edu.



Science students impress at local festival

Stephan Mahabeer (above), Science major and President of the Science Club, was one of the students who presented original research during the Museum of Innovation and Science's (miSci) Science Festival earlier this month. His work was praised by many who attended including individuals from science labs where he was encouraged to apply for internships. Also, Dr. William Meckley played the trombone with his performance recorded and played back on a wax cylinder, a technology from the 1890s to 1920s.

The Science Festival featured three days of wall-to-wall science with demos, activities, planetarium shows, and special stage shows in the festival tent with more than 45 presenters from throughout the Capital Region and beyond.



Chef brings home gold medal

Congratulations to Instructor Michael Stamets of the School of Hotel, Culinary Arts and Tourism. Chef Stamets took home the first gold medal SCCC has earned at the Societe Culinnaire Philanthropique during the 99th International Hotel, Motel and Restaurant Show at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in Manhattan. He competed in the Best Hors d'oeuvres Platter and wowed the judges with his "Southern Hors d'oeuvres for Eight" featuring pickled sweet potato, sweet pea mousse, smoked rabbit chop, shrimp and scallop mousseline, salmon mousse and roasted chicken wing. The show had more than 100 entries, with Chef Stamets competing against five other chefs from across the country. Two golds were awarded in his category. Also, Michelle Anaya-Malone, Technical Specialist, earned a Silver Medal and Nicholas Gabriel, a Hotel and Restaurant Management major, earned a Bronze Medal, both in Best Meat Presentation.

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Green bean casserole

Submitted by Ryan Dunn, Culinary Arts,
President of the Slow Food Club

This Thanksgiving, surprise your friends and family by ditching the frozen green beans and the French's onion flavored topping for a farm fresh and mouthwatering seasonal favorite: green bean casserole.



Green bean casserole Makes 15 portions

Cream of Mushroom Soup

6 oz butter

6 oz onion, finely chopped

5 baby portabella sliced

5 shiitake mushroom sliced

One pack Dry Porcini Mushrooms

2 cloves garlic, minced

4.5 oz flour

2 qts of heavy cream of half and half

1 cup hot chicken broth

¼ tsp of nutmeg

1 pound fresh green beans

2 medium onions, thinly sliced

1 tsp Salt

1 tsp Pepper

1 ½ Granulated garlic

1 cup Flour

Milk

Melt butter in a medium sauce pot

Add the 6 oz of onion, all of the mushrooms, and the garlic

Sautee until softened

Sift in flour, stirring to avoid lumps

Add cream stirring constantly

Add chicken broth a ladle at a time

Continue stirring until thick

Season with nutmeg

In a pot of boiling water, blanch green beans and then shock them in ice water. This is done to keep the vibrant green color. Make sure green beans are well drained.

Transfer mushroom soup to a casserole dish and fold in the green beans.

Combine salt, pepper, granulated garlic and flour in a bowl.

Add milk, a little at a time while stirring until you have achieved a thick batter.

Drop onions into batter.

Take onions out of batter, shake off excess batter and drop into a pot of hot oil that has about 3 inches of oil in it.

Fry until golden brown and then place on top of the casserole.



Academic Advisement

Elston 222/ext. 1277

Monday 8:30 am-6:30 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/ext. 1213

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-10 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4 pm
Saturday 9 am-3:30 pm

Accounting/CIS Tutor Lab

Elston 330/ext. 1041

Monday-Thursday 9 am-3 pm

ADA Transition Services

Elston 222/ext. 1345

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

Admissions

Stockade 120/ext. 1166

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

Albany Site

Second Floor, 112 State St., Albany

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

Services: Classes, Financial Aid, COMPASS Testing, Advisement via Skype, Computer Lab, Photo IDs, Student Lounge and Study Areas

Athletics

Elston 222/ext. 1356

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

Begley Library/ext. 1235

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 9: pm

Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Saturday 11 am – 5 pm

Closed Sundays

Business Office, Student

Elston 219/ext. 1346, 1347

Monday 8:30 am-4:15 pm

Tuesday 8:30 am-4:15 pm

Wednesday 8:30 am-4:15 pm

Thursday 8:30 am-4:15 pm

Friday 8:30 am-4:15 pm

Career and Transfer Services

Elston 222/ext. 1365

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

The College Store

Elston 109/ext. 1332

Monday-Wednesday 8 am-6 pm

Thursday 8 am-4 pm

Friday 8 am-2 pm

The Commons Elston/ext. 1330

Monday-Thursday 7:30 am-8 pm

Friday 7:30 am-2 pm

College Central Network

SCCC's career management system

www.sunysccc.edu/ces

Educational Opportunity Programs/Access

Elston 222/ext. 1279

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

Financial Aid

Elston 221/ext. 1352

Monday 8:30 am-6:30 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/ext. 1455/1295

Monday-Friday 9 am-11:30 am

(Call for program information.)

Language Lab

Elston 520/ext. 1373

See lab for hours.

Learning Center Writing Lab

Elston 523/ext. 1246

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-7 pm

Friday 8:30 am-4 pm

Saturday 10 am-3 pm

Math Lab Elston 518/ext. 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-6:30 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/ext. 1344

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

Student Government

Elston 220H/ext. 1388

By appointment or walk-in

Testing Center

Elston 427/ext.1293

TestingCenter@sunysccc.edu

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am to 7 pm

Friday 8:30 am-3 pm

TRIO Student Support

Services Elston 328/ext. 1465

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

Tutor Services

Elston 328-C/ext. 1461

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

Veterans Affairs

Elston 223/ext. 1284

Open daily. See office for hours.

Wellness and Support Services

Elston 222/ext. 1365

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

Workforce Development

Stockade 120/ext. 1315

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

YWCA Children's Center

Gateway Bldg./ext. 1375 or 1389

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

(Evening hours available depending on enrollment.)