



The SCCC Hot Food Competition Team: Coach Michael Stamets, CEC, Katie Brown, Nick Gabriel, Thai Quang Do, Tayler Warner, Thomas Jennings and Coach Tom Alicandro, CEC, CHE.

Hot Food Competition Team preparing for state championship

There's no rest for the weary or the SCCC Hot Food Competition Team.

Every weekend members of the team, guided by their coaches Chef Tom Alicandro, CEC, CHE, and Chef Michael Stamets, CEC, are in the culinary labs all day, slicing and dicing and perfecting their knife cuts. They're also creating the four-course menu they'll replicate during the American Culinary Federation (ACF) Student Hot Food Team New York State Championship on Nov. 1, at Monroe College in New Rochelle, N.Y.

They will have just 80 minutes to show their stuff with knife cuts, fabricating fish and chicken and pastry skills during a relay event. Then, they will prepare a four-course menu in just 90 minutes with ACF judges, all certified executive chefs, critiquing them.

This year marks the College's eighth trip to the state competition with SCCC teams taking silver medals for the last three years. Chef Stamets, Instructor in the Division of Hotel, Culinary Arts and Tourism, also coached last year's team with Chef Alicandro. With this year's members all new to the competition world, he's looking at establishing a firm foundation with the team in November.

"This is a building year for our team," he said. "They are all very eager to learn and are so dedicated. This year they're looking to gain a lot of experience so next year, when SCCC hosts the state championships, we have a stronger team."

College earns nationwide grant to expand health care training

SCCC was one of only 13 organizations from across the country selected to receive a sizeable health careers grant. This will allow the College to begin offering an innovative Community Health Worker training initiative, the only one of its kind in the Capital Region, and expand current health care training. The Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP), Skills Training and Health Workforce Development grant, provided by the Department of Health and Human Services, totals \$200,000. The goal of the training is to have a group of Community Health Workers play a major role in assisting patients and educating them on ways to manage illnesses at home, thereby reducing the number of emergency room visits and shortening hospital stays.



Members of the Women's Crew Team with Head Coach Cody Rule (far right) and the Pandora. Left to right are: Kirsten Daley (coxswain), Kaleigh Hoffman, Julia Taylor, Mariah Matarazzo, Kayla Belschwinder, Taylor De Moree (captain) and Naj'la Lewis.

Women's Crew Team power it up for Philadelphia regatta

The Women's Crew Team has been stepping up their practices (two a days), rowing longer distances, and hitting the gym for more cardio and strength training in the last few weeks. It's all preparation for when they hit the national rowing stage next week: the Head of the Schuylkill in Philadelphia.

The SCCC team will compete against teams from all over the country in the women's novice eight (with eight rowers) and women's novice four in the Oct. 25 regatta.

This marks the fourth year SCCC has competed in the Schuylkill. Last year the team had an outstanding finish — third out of 27 teams. Head Coach Cody Rule said that he and the team aren't looking to replicate last year's impressive results. "We're just looking to make sure that we row very strongly in both races," he said. "We want people to recognize that even though SCCC is a small school, when you see SCCC on the race roster, we're going to command some respect and this is the race to show that."



Nominate faculty and staff for SUNY awards

Students, faculty and staff can nominate members of the College community for SUNY awards.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2015 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

SCCC students may nominate an eligible faculty member for the Excellence in Teaching Award. Ballots for this award are available in Begley Library, at the Security Desk in Elston Hall and on the SCCC Portal via a quick link: www.sunysccc.edu/about/awards.html. A list of eligible faculty members is available at each location.

Members of the College community are eligible to nominate a deserving SCCC employee for all awards. Ballots are available on the SCCC Portal via a quick link: www.sunysccc.edu/about/awards.html.

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

Simply fill out a ballot nomination and place it in one of the ballot boxes by Friday, Nov. 7 at 4 p.m. There will be no Internet or e-mail submission of ballots.

Ballot boxes are in the following locations: Security Desks in Elston Hall, Center City and the School of Music Building; Begley Library; Office of the President; Duplicating Room, Elston Hall; and the Math, Science, Technology and Health Division Office in the Center for Science and Technology.

Keep calm and participate in shared governance

A note from... Alicia Richardson, Academic Senate Chair, RaeEllen Doyle, Vice Chair, and Babette Faehmel, Secretary.

As your Campus Governance Leaders, we would like to invite any faculty/staff who are not voting members of the Academic Senate to attend our monthly Senate meetings to stay up-to-date on campus activities.

If you would like to be on the e-mail distribution list for the Senate, please email Alicia Richardson at Richaram@sunysccc.edu. Our next meeting is on Oct. 24.

Professor Horowitz retires

During her years at SCCC, Professor Lenore Horowitz was deeply involved in technological changes both in the classroom and in the industry. She retired this summer after 20 years teaching computer science at the College.



Lenore joined SCCC in 1994 and began teaching computer science and information systems courses in a traditional classroom environment. Beginning with COBOL and later visual basic, Java and C++, Lenore taught courses in programming languages, as well as systems analysis and design, database management, computer organization, computer applications, information technology and web design and development. The traditional classroom setting soon evolved into the College's first "smart classroom" equipped with multiple computer stations for students and a multi-media teacher's station. Lenore was at the forefront of teaching in what has now become the standard classroom on campus. "It has changed tremendously over the years," Lenore said. "We always taught computer classes, but didn't have the computerized classrooms, and most students didn't have access to computers off campus. After our first 'smart classroom' on campus, that began to change."

With the development of electronic classrooms on campus, faculty moved from using transparencies for lessons to PowerPoint and then the Internet and the cloud. "There were a lot of big changes for faculty because it was a different way of getting information to students and communicating with them," she said.

Lenore was also among those faculty members who were the first to begin using ANGEL, the College's learning management system, a completely new way of sharing information with students. But the most pivotal moment for her was when she began teaching courses online. "That was the biggest change in my teaching, jumping into online learning." At the same time she began teaching online, Lenore's focus also shifted to "active student learning." She explains it this way, "It's not a lecturing classroom; the students are engaged. I expect them to prepare ahead of time and then we spend the time in the classroom practicing."

Lenore served as a campus leader during her two decades at the College. She was President of the Faculty Association, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, Faculty Student Association and Faculty Association Contract Committee, and the Leader of the Open SUNY Provost's Advisory Multi-Campus Framework Subcommittee. She was also a member of numerous committees on campus including the Information Systems Council, Faculty Bylaws Committee and Readmissions Committee. She was always ready to share information with colleagues, presenting workshops about online teaching, hybrid course development, and the open educational resource platform she developed that offered free college courses.

Lenore holds a Ph.D. in Information Science from the University at Albany; an M.S. in Computer Engineering from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell; and a B.S. in Mathematics and Statistics from SUNY Buffalo.

She reflects on her time teaching at SCCC this way, "Technology is a very logically-based discipline and sometimes that can be difficult for students to understand. But when they knew they got it and I knew they would make it through the program, it was wonderful." Lenore also had this to say about her colleagues, "The faculty at SCCC put education on a pedestal where it belongs. They are very hard working, diligent people."



Mozzan Hassan, Criminal Justice major, and Javar Tillman, Nutrition major, chat with Kaylynn Iglesias, Senior Assistant Director of Transfer Admissions for Utica College, during the Transfer Fair earlier this month in the Elston Hall Student Center.

Where to after SCCC?

Are you heading off to another college or university to pursue your bachelor's degree after SCCC? The Career and Transfer Services Office, Elston Hall 222, is an excellent resource to get you there.

Upcoming events in the Elston Hall Student Center:

Monday, October 20, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saint Rose Admissions Advisor

Thursday, October 23, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Siena Admissions Advisor



Paul Turner, Professional Writing Consultant (left) and Olivia Spicer, Human Services major/Peer Writing Consultant (right), speak with Margaret Gladwin, Criminal Justice major, about her writing assignment.

Learning Center and Writing Lab are here for you

In addition to study and computer areas, the Learning Center in 523 Elston Hall provides academic assistance to students who need extra help with reading, study skills, and walk-in tutoring in a limited number of subjects. Assistance is available through individualized sessions by professional and peer tutors, computer assisted instruction, study groups in content areas, and workshops. The Writing Lab, also in Elston 523, offers consultations on written assignments including research papers. For more information, contact Siu Ng, Director of Academic Services, at 381-1249, or ngst@sunysccc.edu.

Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookies

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

It's October, which means we can officially add pumpkin to just about anything. It's also that much closer to Thanksgiving, and these little treats are sure to become family favorites.

Makes 3 dozen cookies

Ingredients

- 1 cup butter, room temperature
- 1 cup fresh pumpkin (*see recipe below*)
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 4 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 2 cups chocolate chips

How to Make

1. Preheat oven to 350°
2. Line baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.
3. In bowl of stand mixer beat the butter and pumpkin together until evenly combined, 2-3 minutes.
4. Add both sugars and beat another minute.
5. Add eggs, vanilla, baking soda, pumpkin pie spice and salt.
6. Beat until smooth.
7. Turn mixer to low and add in flour.
8. Finally stir in chocolate chips.
9. Drop by rounded tablespoon onto lined baking sheet and pop into the freezer until almost frozen and bake for 9-15 minutes until centers are just set and edges are golden.
10. Allow to cool for 3-4 minutes on baking sheet and then transfer to wire rack to continue cooling.

Notes: Store airtight for up to 3 days

Pumpkin Puree from a Whole Pumpkin (homegrown or otherwise).

1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees
2. Cut the pumpkin in half, removing the seeds and place on to a sheet tray lined with parchment paper, skin side facing up
3. Bake for 45 minutes to 2 hours, depending on the size of your pumpkin.
4. You'll know it's done when the tip of your knife will stick into the skin a little ways. Keep in mind, the skin will still be tough.
5. Remove the pumpkin from the oven and allow to cool.
6. Once it's cool enough to handle, the skin will be crispy, and will flake off. If not, that's ok. Just use a big spoon to scrape it off.
7. Run the chunks of cooked pumpkin through your food processor or blender.

*Alternately, substitute 1 cup of canned pumpkin pie filling.



Special Events

Chamber Series Concert featuring

Faculty members **Gili Melamed-Lev and Mark Evans, Piano Four Hands**

Wednesday Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m., Taylor Auditorium. Free.



Celebrating the Hotel Van Curler (90 years old) and Elston Hall (45 years old) Wednesday, Oct. 29, 5:30 p.m., Lally Mohawk Room. Free.

One building, two anniversaries. This illustrated talk by Louise Basa, Adjunct in the Community Archaeology Program, will focus on the original Hotel Van Curler structure built in 1925, its adaptation to college use as Elston Hall in 1969, and significant historic events connected to the building during the past 90 years.



An Evening of Marimba with Nachiko Maekane featuring Guest Artists from Japan and School of Music Faculty

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m., Taylor Auditorium. Free



Dr. Nicholas Mantis discusses *Bugs as Drugs: The Gut Microbiota and the Future of Personalized Medicine*

Thursday, October 30, 11:30 a.m., Stockade Building 101. Free. (See below.)

Capital Region Wind Ensemble Concert *Thinning of the Veil* Brian Patneade, tenor sax soloist

Sunday, Nov. 2, 3 p.m., Taylor Auditorium
Tickets: \$8 — adults; \$6 — non-SCCC students; SCCC students — free with ID.



Wanted: Writers/photogs

The **BINNEKILL** is SCCC's monthly newsletter, named for the body of water that once ran behind Elston Hall.

Want to write or take pics for the Binne? It's fun and a great thing for a transfer application or résumé. Please see Heather Meaney, Editor, in Stockade 120.

Fall 2014 Publication Schedule

Deadline	Published
Monday, Nov. 10	Wednesday, Nov. 19
Monday, Dec. 1	Wednesday, Dec. 10



Congratulations to all of the students who signed the Completion Day pledge recently. You've challenged yourselves to complete your degree or certificate programs at SCCC.

You can do it! Above, Chenya D'Arcangelis and Mike Hugo, both Performing Arts: Music majors, sign the pledge.

The Division of Math, Science and Technology and the Science Club present

Dr. Nicholas Mantis discussing *Bugs as Drugs: The Gut Microbiota and the Future of Personalized Medicine*

Thursday, Oct. 30, 11:30 a.m. Stockade Building 101. Free.

The gut microbiota consists of more than 1 trillion bacteria that inhabit the human gastrointestinal tract. While these occupants of the gut have long been known to be beneficial to human health, it is only in the past several years that we have come to appreciate the possible links between the microbiota and a myriad of nutritional, developmental, and behavioral disorders, including obesity, autism, heart disease and food allergies.



Dr. Mantis is a Research Scientist in the Division of Infectious Diseases, at the Wadsworth Center - New York State Department of Health, and Chair of the Department of Biomedical Sciences at the University at Albany.

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First Admissions Director reflects on College's early years

Through a little detective work, Dave Sampson, Director of Admissions, tracked down Dr. G. Peter Lederer, the College's *first* admissions director. The public relations office has been using the photo of Dr. Lederer from 1969 (right) for years, and the BINNEKILL recently had the chance to ask him some questions as SCCC celebrates its 45th anniversary.

Q. When did you work at SCCC?

A. 1968-1969 — not quite a year

Q. Are you a native of the Capital Region?

A. No, my hometown is in the Southern Tier, in Big Flats, N.Y., near Corning. I did live in the Capital Region at the time I was appointed, because I was Assistant to the Provost at SUNY System Administration in Albany.

Q. What were your duties and responsibilities as SCCC's first Director of Admissions?

A. My main responsibility was to recruit the first class. My four inaugural colleagues and I started from scratch. There were no admissions policies or criteria or academic programs or budget. Starting out with an idea and creating a new college was challenging, rewarding, and enjoyable. I recall speaking at all the Schenectady area high schools, establishing close-working ties with guidance counselors, interviewing all applicants, making admissions decisions, counseling incoming students, setting up the admissions office, establishing admissions policies, budgets, writing and creating promotional material, working with our small team to assess local educational needs and generally promote the College. I brought insights to my job that helped me communicate with prospective and admitted students, because, like them, I started a new college as a student. I was in the first graduating class at Corning Community College...I assured the Schenectady students that they would participate in a valuable, unforgettable experience in founding a new College.



(Left) September 1969— Some of the first applicants to SCCC stand outside Elston Hall with the first Director of Admissions Dr. G. Peter Lederer. (Above) Dr. Lederer today.

Q. Where did you go after SCCC?

A. I left SCCC to pursue other interests, to return to my hometown area, and my next position was Director of College Relations at Elmira College. Today, I am leading the statewide New York Presidents For Climate Action Initiative...an important climate adaptation and resilience initiative, which will advance both resilient campuses and communities throughout New York.

Q. What are your impressions of SCCC now?

A. Although I have not kept up in detail with the progress of SCCC, from what I can tell, it has lived up to, and in fact, it has exceeded, its promise from those heady days 45 years ago, when four of us first entered the Van Curler, faced with the responsibility of launching a new college and setting a high bar for excellence in all that SCCC does.

If you were on a desert island without your phone...

How attached are you to your phone? We asked some students, "How long could you be without your phone?" and this is what they told us.



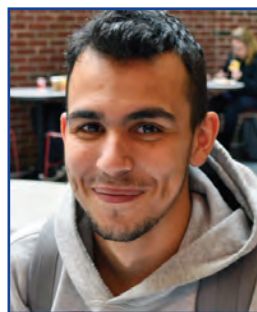
Abdul Rafiqi
Science

I can leave it aside. It's not a big deal. It's not a necessity for me. I could do without it for a month.



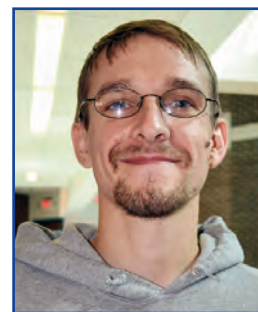
Kenya Finn
Liberal Arts

I lost my phone once for a month! So I think I could do without my phone for longer than a month at least.



Jordan Concepcion

Probably a few days. I haven't been without my phone for three days, max.



Matt Lathrop
Culinary Arts

Probably indefinitely... It's hard to stay in touch with people you don't see every day. But it's important to get away from it too.



Carolyn Moshier
Culinary Arts

Not very long. I live with my phone — it's attached to me. I'd be lost if it was missing.

Campus Resources

Academic Advisement

Elston 222/ext. 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/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

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-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/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-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/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.)