



BINNEKILL

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SCCC celebrates 45th anniversary

In September 1969, SCCC first opened its doors to students and the College has been going strong *ever since*.

Fun Facts

Academic programs 1969 – Eight 2014 – 49

Faculty

1969 – 39 full-time faculty

2014 – 69 full-time faculty

Students

Fall 1969 – 653 full-time and 632 part-time

Fall 2013 – 2,729 full-time and 3,843 part-time

College Budget

1969 – \$1,310,871

2014/2015 budget – \$30,670,731

Tuition

1969 – \$400

2014-2015 – \$3,456/year or \$1,728/semester

(NYS residents)



Looking back – Thousands of students have taken classes with Toby Strianese, Professor in the School of Hotel, Culinary Arts and Tourism, since he first began teaching at the College in 1974. He is shown with former President Gabe Basil (left) and former Department Chair Matteo Casola (middle). Toby has been teaching at SCCC the longest of all of our full-time faculty members. We asked him to list a couple of

the many changes he’s seen in his 40 years at SCCC.

“We had one building, Elston Hall, the former Van Curler Hotel, with a rose garden where the cafeteria and Elston Student Center are today,” he said. “There was also a 10-week quarter system under the cooperative education model (students in every discipline had to work in their major for 10 weeks and earn academic credit).”

See more photos celebrating SCCC’s history on page 8 and in future Binnekills.



Good sports - The College recently received a Sportsmanship Award from the National Junior College Athletic Association REGION III in recognition of exhibiting dedication to the honor and integrity of intercollegiate athletics while student-athletes and staff displayed outstanding sportsmanship during competition. SCCC was one of a dozen schools (out of 25) to receive the commendation. “Year in and year out SCCC does a fantastic job of displaying good sportsmanship within Region III,” said Jeff Wiley, Director of Athletics at Jefferson Community College and NJCAA Region III Men’s Director. From left to right (front row) are: Dave Gonzalez, Athletic Director II, Cody Rule, Head Coach of the Women’s Crew Team; Women’s Crew Team Members Natalia Sagaille, Liberal Arts; Mariah Matarazzo, Human Services; Kaleigh Hoffman, Emergency Management; and Kayla Belschwinder,

Performing Arts: Music/Teacher Education Transfer; and (back row, standing) Men’s Baseball Team members Chase Crawford, Business Administration; and Nico Church, Liberal Arts.

What’s next after SCCC?

ANNUAL TRANSFER FAIR

Tuesday, Sept. 30, noon - 2:30 p.m.

Elston Hall Student Center.

Meet representatives from more than 35 private and SUNY universities.

Hosted by Career and Transfer Services.



Go Royals!
Find out
about SCCC
athletics:
[sunysccc.edu/
student/
athletics](http://sunysccc.edu/student/athletics)

College welcomes new faculty and staff members, announces promotions



Denise Brucker is the acting Director of TRIO. She has served as the Interim Dean of Workforce Development and most recently as the TAACCCT Grant Coordinator. She has written several successful grant proposals, partnering with public and private business. She holds an M.P.A. from Marist College and a B.S. in Sociology from SUNY Potsdam.



Odo Butler has been named Acting Assistant Dean for the Office of Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness. Previously, Odo was Research Analyst for that office, and he worked for the NYS Department of Labor's Business Serves and Research and Statics Divisions. He holds a Master's degree in History and Political Science from the College of Saint Rose, and a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University at Albany.



Bruce Danz was promoted to Senior Utility Worker. He has been with the College for eight years and previously worked for 12 years at the Schenectady County Public Library. He holds an A.O.S. degree in Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning from Hudson Valley Community College.



Cynthia Decker has been named Director of Financial Aid. Cynthia started with the College as a part-time Evening Advisor in Financial Aid, and then as a Financial Aid Advisor and TAP certifying officer. She holds a Master's degree in General/Experimental Psychology from St. John's University and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Fordham University.

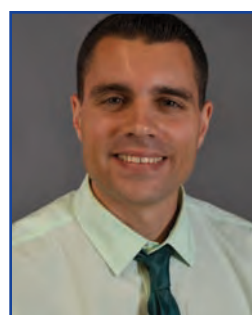


Christopher Del Vecchio is now Temporary Admissions Advisor. Previously, he served as Student Activities Advisor, a Tutor, Intern for Development and an Educational Aide for Registration.

John P. DeMatteo Jr. joined the Student Business Office as an Account Clerk. Previously, he worked for the Mohonasen Central School District and for Pitney Bowes. John holds a B.S. in Business Administration from The College of Saint Rose.



Michael DiNicola is now a Financial Aid Advisor in the Division of Student Affairs. Previously, he worked in admissions at Maria College. He is also an Adjunct at SCCC. He holds Master's degrees in College Student Services Administration and Educational Psychology from The College of Saint Rose and a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from The College of Saint Rose.



Nora Dowling is an Information Processing Specialist II in the Campus Events Office. Prior to joining SCCC, Nora was an Account Clerk with Schenectady County, a Mental Health Practice Coordinator at the Ellis Outpatient Mental Health Clinic and a Customer Service Manager at a local industrial packaging company.

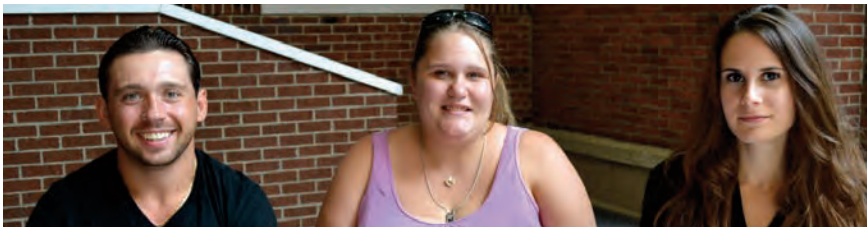


Michelle Ercoline is now a TRIO Counselor, in addition to being an Adjunct. Most recently she worked in Academic Advisement and also assisted in coordinating the First Year Seminar course. Previously, Michelle served as Coordinator in the Department of Student Activities and the Department of Community Service at Brandeis University. She holds a Master's degree in Higher Education Administration from Stony Brook University, a Bachelor's degree in Public Management from SUNY IT, and an A.S. from SCCC.



Mark Evans has been named Instructor in the School of Music. He served in the capacity of Temporary Instructor last year. Prior to this appointment, Mark was an adjunct at the College since 1990. He is the director and co-founder of the School of Music Chamber series. He also teaches music lessons in his private piano studio. Mark holds a Master's of Music from the College of Saint Rose and a Bachelor's of Music from Mannes College of Music.





Meet your SGA officers

The Student Government Association (SGA) is the voice of the students. Through SGA projects, real change and improvement can occur on campus. Each week the Senate meets to review and vote on major resolutions concerning the general welfare of students. Senate meetings are open to everyone and take place every Wednesday from noon until 1 p.m. in the Activity Forum.

President: Jesse Stewart

Major: Computer Networking Systems and Cyber Security/
Business Administration

Goals: Advocating with fellow students and other student governments to improve student services, sustainability issues, and help provide more awareness about events occurring in our community. Also, working with administration to provide more opportunities for students to express themselves and excel.

Tell us more: Being a full-time student and working two jobs, I still find time to volunteer and help others whenever possible. I was offered a non-paid position as the Associate Director of Governmental Relations for the SUNY Student Assembly.

Vice President: Breanna Archambault

Major: Human Services

Goals: To help understand the students' voices and understand what needs to be done and fixed in college life.

Tell us more: I hold two full-time jobs and attend college. I've had so many negatives in my life that I know how to take a bad situation and turn it into a positive. I lost my brother when I was 9 years old. That's one of the reasons why I push myself so hard. I live my life for him and for me.

Secretary: Dakota Starr

Major: Business Administration and Supply Chain Management

Goals: To be involved, learn and network.

Tell us more: I'm 22, love to read, I'm a mixologist, a car enthusiast and a mom.

Student Trustee: Christopher Suzanne

Major: Supply Chain Management

Goals: To effectively communicate to the students about their power and role in administrative functions within the SCCC community.

Tell us more: I have received a certificate to teach English as a Second Language and enjoy learning foreign languages. I lived in China for 1 1/2 years.



Smart Scholars start their college careers

Four years ago, not only did Khulwantee Singh begin her first year at Schenectady High School; she also was part of the inaugural group of students in Smart Scholars, an innovative program and partnership between SCCC and the Schenectady City School District.

While she was still in high school, Khulwantee and dozens of other students took college classes. She was a member of the first group of Smart Scholars to graduate from high school in June and go on to college.



She chose to attend SCCC this semester, coming in already having credits after taking speech, first year seminar and a science class during her summer breaks throughout high school.

She's majoring in Science and plans to transfer after SCCC to pursue a career in marine biology. "I love the ocean," she said in between classes last week. "It's astonishing that people know more about the stars than the waters right in front of them. It's just so big and so vast and stretches on for miles."

Khulwantee keeps in touch with the other Smart Scholars, a tight-knit group who started together at King Magnet Middle School in Schenectady and learned about Smart Scholars from their guidance counselor while they were in eighth grade. Some are at SCCC now or attending other local colleges and even in the Air Force.

Khulwantee reflects on getting her start with Smart Scholars this way, "My dreams were the moon and Smart Scholars has given me the rocket."

Marimba, master classes and “Magnifico” among Fall 2014 concerts

SCCC Chamber Series Concert
featuring Faculty member Allyson
Keyser, trumpet

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m.,
Taylor Auditorium. Free.

School of Music Guest Lecture
featuring Pianist Young Kim
Carnival by Robert Schumann

Wednesday Oct. 8, 11:20 a.m.,
Taylor Auditorium. Free.

The Empire Jazz Orchestra in Concert

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 8 p.m.,
Taylor Auditorium

General Admission - \$20; Non-SCCC
Students - \$6; SCCC Faculty, staff and
students with ID - free.

School of Music Master Class featuring
Pianist Gili Melamed-Lev

Wednesday Oct. 22, 12:30 p.m.,
School of Music Room 215. Free.

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.

SCCC School of Music presents *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.



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

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

Musicians of Ma'alwyck present
Magnifico: Wonderful Italian Chamber Music

Wednesday, November 5, 2014, 11:20 a.m., Taylor Auditorium.
Free.

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 Dates

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.

Fall 2014

September 15
October 20
November 17
December 15

Spring 2015

January 12
February 9
March 16
April 20
May 18

Summer 2015

June 15
July 20
August 17

New semester, new plans and aspirations

The semester is brand, spanking new — shiny and sparkly. We asked some SCCC students this question: “What are you looking forward to this year?”



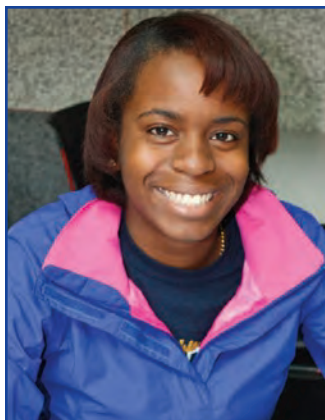
Darnell Draper
Culinary Arts

To do something today that my future self will be thankful for.



Samantha Cooke
Casino Gaming and Management

I love all the new classes and I love Kim Otis (faculty member in the program). She makes it a point to get to know every student.



Anel Merceron
Science

Expanding my knowledge on the different sciences they offer here at Schenectady.



Matthew Miller
Performing Arts: Music and Music Audio Technology

Another full semester of practicing and being able to really stand on my own two feet in the recording studio this year.



Jazz Master – Accomplished jazz trombonist Clifton Anderson was at the College last week leading a master class with students in Adjunct Nat Phipps’ Jazz Improv class. Anderson has worked with a “who’s who” of diverse musical giants from WyClef Jean to Slide Hampton and released his own recordings as a band leader/producer. From left to right are: Nat Phipps, Clifton Anderson and Performing Arts: Music majors Chris Duffy, Tim Roden and Ian Tucksmith.



Recipe king – Beginning in October, look for a recipe in each issue of the *Binnekill* by Ryan Dunn. Ryan is a second-year Culinary Arts major, President of the Slow Food Club, member of the SCCC chapter of the American Culinary Federation and works for a local bakery.

Ask Us 24/7

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New faculty/staff (continued from page 2)



Susanna Fenlon has been named Coordinator for ADA Transition Services in the Student Affairs Division. She has been in this position temporarily for the past two years. Susanna holds a Master's degree from Sage Graduate School and a Bachelor's degree in sociology from the University at Albany.

Sue Ferris has been appointed Interim Executive Director of Development. Most recently, she worked as the Director of Development for the Little Sisters of the Poor/Our Lady of Hope Residence and she has worked in educational fundraising for more than 25 years. She holds a Master's degree in Higher Education Administration from the University of Rochester and a B.A. in English from Union College.



Sten Isachsen has been named Instructor in the School of Music after having served as an Adjunct since 1996. Sten developed the Music Audio Technology degree and the summer Audio Recording Institute. He holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music Performance from Ithaca College and an A.S. degree in Music Performance from SCCC.



Michelle Jansen joined SCCC as an Instructor in the Division of Liberal Arts. Previously, she was a Visiting Assistant Professor at Rochester Institute of Technology and an Adjunct Professor at SUNY Binghamton. Michelle holds a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from SUNY Binghamton, an M.A. in English from SUNY Brockport, a B.A. in English from the University of Rochester and an A.S. in General Studies from Monroe Community College.



Jaimee King is the Interim Associate Executive Director of the SUNY College and Career Counseling Center. Previously, she worked for Residential Life at the University at Albany. Jaimee holds a Master's Degree in Education and a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from St. John's University.



Catia Laird de Polanco has been named an Instructor in the Division of Liberal Arts after serving as a participant in the Minority Internship Program and as a temporary full-time instructor. Catia holds an M.A. in Latin American, Caribbean and U.S. Latino Studies and a B.A. in Latin American, Caribbean and U.S. Latino Studies from the University at Albany and an A.A. in Individual Studies from SCCC.



Eileen Langer-Smith has been named an Instructor in the Division of Business, Criminal Justice and Law. She has served as an Adjunct and has assisted with SCCC's grant initiatives. She previously worked in the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services as a Criminal Justice Program Manager. Eileen holds a Master's degree in Health Education from Sage Graduate School and a B.S. degree in Physical Education.



Kimberly Latour joined the Begley Library as an Information Processing Specialist I. Previously, Kimberly worked for Schenectady ARC as a Direct Support Professional. Kimberly holds a Certificate in Fire Science, an A.A.S. in Criminal Justice and an A.A.S. in Emergency Management from SCCC.



Pamela McCall is the Confidential Secretary at the new Albany Extension Site. Previously, she was the Guest Services Coordinator for the Office of the Dean of Special Programs at Skidmore College. She holds a Master's degree in Higher Education from New York University and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science/Psychology from Lafayette College.



Sabrina McGinty joined SCCC as the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs. She has experience in international programming and was most recently the Director in the Office of Cultural Enrichment and Diversity at Sage Colleges. She holds a Master's degree in Secondary English Education and a Bachelor's degree in English and Secondary Education from SUNY Potsdam. She also attended SCCC.



New faculty/staff (continued from page 6)



Richard Michaud has been named Executive Director of Human Resources. He has more than 20 years of human resource private sector experience and co-owned a business that specialized in the outsourcing of human resources that was sold to a Fortune 500 company. Rich holds a B.S. in Business Administration/Economics from SUNY Brockport.



Marirose Moran has been named Outreach Counselor for the SUNY College and Career Counseling Center. She has held various counseling positions throughout the United States and Europe as she supported her husband in his 27-year career as a military officer. She holds an M.Ed. in Counseling from the University of Maryland at College Park and a Bachelor's degree in Spanish from SUNY Oswego.



John O'Connell has been named an Instructor in the School of Hotel, Culinary Arts, and Tourism. Previously, he was Technical Assistant and an Adjunct. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics with Business Administration from the University of Albany and Associate's degree in Hotel Technology and Culinary Arts from SCCC.

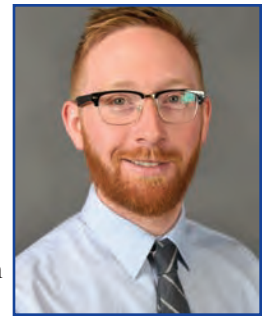


Dr. Carlos Penalzo has been named Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs. Most recently, he was the Dean of Health Sciences at Briarcliffe College. He holds a Ph.D. in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology and an M.Phil in Developmental Embryology from CUNY, a B.A. from Queens College, and an Associate's Degree from Queens Borough Community College.



Jasmine Pinn is an Outreach Career Counselor for the SUNY College and Career Counseling Center. Previously, she was a Professional Tutor for TRIO and Smart Scholars, as well as an Academic Advisor. Jasmine holds a Master's degree in Administration Criminal Justice from the University of Phoenix, a Bachelor's degree in Crime and Justice from Sage Colleges of Albany and an A.A.S. in Criminal Justice from SCCC.

Ben Placek has joined SCCC as an Instructor in the Division of Math, Science, Technology, and Health. Prior to joining the College, Ben taught at the University at Albany where he received the Adjunct of the Year Award. He earned his Ph.D. in Physics and M.S. in Physics from the University of Albany, his B.A. in Physics from Alfred University and his A.A. from Corning Community College.



Seema Rivera has been hired as the Teaching and Learning Specialist in the Division of Academic Affairs. She holds a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University at Albany, Master's degree in Adolescent Education/Chemistry from the College of Saint Rose and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Binghamton University. She is currently teaching online courses for the University at Albany.



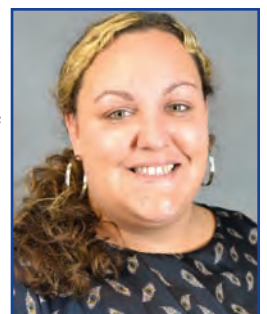
Aubrey Seppa-Hodgkins joins SCCC as the Tutor Coordinator. Previously, she worked at the University of Southern Maine as the TRIO Student Support Services Advisor. Aubrey earned her Master's degree from the University of Southern Maine, Bachelor's degree from Roger Williams University and her A.S. from Fulton Montgomery Community College.



Holly Storm joined SCCC as a Technical Assistant in the School of Hotel, Culinary Arts, and Tourism. Holly has worked for major corporations including Walt Disney, Levy Restaurants and Seasons 52. She earned her B.S. in Restaurant and Food Service Management from the Rosen School and A.O.S. in Culinary Arts and A.A.S. in Hotel and Restaurant Management from SCCC.



Chantal Volans is now an Information Processing Specialist I in the Registrar's Office. Previously, Chantal worked in the library for three years. Before joining SCCC she worked at a local moving company as an Office Assistant. She is a graduate of Schalmont High School.





Blast from the Past – (Left) 1969 - Do you recognize this part of campus? The ivy covered walls of Elston Hall and garden lead down to what is now the cafeteria area. Notice the double staircases that now lead to the President's Office and Van Curler Room area. (Right) Circa 1974, an early Office Machines class in Elston.



Seeing green – This lovely view outside the Canal Side Cafe is provided by the Faculty Student Association (FSA). The FSA campus beautification funds financed landscaping enhancements around the patio area on the State Street side of Elston Hall and entrance way to the campus. Also, Adirondack Landscaping installed fences, planted trees, shrubs, installed planters and pavers along the sidewalk on the State Street side of Elston Hall.

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, October 6	Wednesday, October 15
Monday, November 10	Wednesday, November 19
Monday, December 1	Wednesday, December 10



It's electric – This charging station in the Begley Parking Lot is just one of the ways in which SCCC is accomplishing its goals in the College's Strategic Plan to support green initiatives. The charging station is made possible in part through funding provided to National Grid from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

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.)