



Focus on Art

Student artist Tayron Lopez (center), Liberal Arts major, will have his artwork featured in the College's new Academic Studio on the first floor of the Begley Library soon. With him is Stephen Tyson, accomplished artist and faculty member, and Siu Ng, Director of Academic Services. The **BINNEKILL** asked Tayron about his latest pieces.

What inspired your latest work?

What inspired me was mostly the words and suggestions of my art professor, Mr. Tyson. I had talked to him when tasked with the project, that I felt as though abstract was one of my weak points as an artist. He showed me images, books and magazines of all these great abstract drawings and artists. It didn't take too long after that I actually wanted to create something abstract! Seeing all these amazing drawings enticed me, so I wanted to do the same to others with my work.

Your thoughts about your work being on display?

I am completely honored to have been chosen to do this project for the school, and I'm even more pleased knowing it'll be viewable to the public! I hope that everybody enjoys my work just as much as I enjoyed making it, and that I continue to get more opportunities to spread my art and draw closer to my dream as an artist.

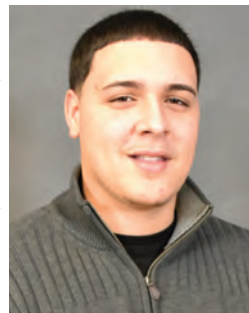
Students chosen for state academic honor

Three SCCC students have been chosen for the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society's All-New York Academic Awards based on their academics, leadership and engagement in community service. They will be recognized along with students chosen from across the state at a ceremony next month in Albany.

Congratulations to **Tristian Banchs-Ponce**, Criminal Justice major; **Shaeli Butler**, Teacher Education Transfer major; and **Tracy Sweet**, Chemical Dependency Counseling/ Human Services major.

In addition to attending SCCC with a 3.84 GPA, Tristian works full-time as a Guest Services Manager at McDonald's.

He is Treasurer of the Educational Opportunity Program Club and a Deacon at his church. He plans to transfer for his B.S. for a career in criminal justice/law.



Shaeli was the recipient of an SCCC Foundation Scholar Award and has a 3.94 GPA. She has volunteered at Villa Fusco Child Day Care and is a counselor at Camp Veritas. She plans to transfer for her B.A. and M.A. degrees in English to become a high school English teacher.



Tracy has coordinated an expressive writing group at the Rotterdam Boys and Girls Club. She has a 3.95 GPA and is a volunteer with The Emily Willey Foundation. She plans to earn her B.S. and M.S.W. and become a social worker.



"Work study gave me the opportunity to form relationships with the dedicated professionals and staff at

SCCC. As a result, I have a greater understanding and appreciation of the effort to make SCCC the inclusive and dedicated College it is known to be."

— Hayden Paneth, Science major, who works in Wellness and Support Services



The time is right

Still looking for career experience while in school? Now is the time to plan for future internships, as well as Federal Work Study positions.

For internships, contact your advisor or the division office for your program.

For work study positions, contact Dawn Jones, Career Advisor in the Career and Transfer Services Office, in the Opportunity Zone, Elston Hall second floor, jonesda@sunysccc.edu, 381-1334.

A warm welcome to new faculty and staff

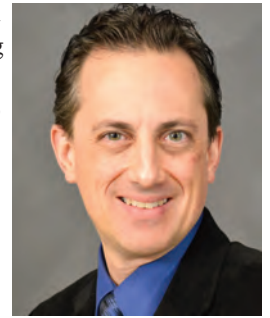
Anna Barth joined the College as an Academic Advisor. Previously, she worked in a preschool classroom for children with special needs. Anna holds a master's degree in College Student Services Administration from the College of Saint Rose and a bachelor's degree in Child Care and Development from SUNY Cobleskill.



Accountability, and Advancement. Previously she worked at SUNY Empire State College and prior to that at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW). She has experience in higher education marketing, communications, strategic planning, business process development, enrollment management, student services and continuing education. Anna holds an M.A. in English Philology from the University of Warsaw, Poland, and an M.S. in Adult Education from Indiana University. Currently she's nearing completion of her doctoral degree in Adult and Higher Education Leadership.



David Wolf joined SCCC as Teaching and Learning Specialist. Prior to this, he was the lead instructional designer and project manager for an international company specializing in trade compliance training. He has more than 20 years of experience in adult education and has taught courses at a distance, in a traditional classroom, hybrid models and online. David holds a master's degree in Philosophy, Computers and System Science from Binghamton University.



Isaiah Buchanan joined SCCC as an Educational Opportunity Program Tutor with a specialization in the sciences. Prior to this, he was an Emergency Care Technician at Ellis Hospital and intern with the Joan Nicole Prince Home, a hospice home. Isaiah holds a B.S. degree in Environmental Science from Union College and plans to enroll at SUNY Upstate College of Medicine this fall to begin his medical training.



Larry Rogers joined the College as a Reference Librarian in the Begley Library. For the past six years, Larry has worked as a part-time librarian for the Watervliet Public Library. He holds an M.L.S. in Library Science and an M.A. in English literature, both from the University at Albany, in addition to an M.A. in Education from Union College.



Denise Zieske joined SCCC as Executive Director for Workforce Development. Previously, Denise was Business Partnership Coordinator at Tech Valley High School in Albany. She has more than 20 years of experience in economic development, having worked in the field at the Center for Economic Growth (CEG), Albany International Airport, National Grid and the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce (formerly the Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce). She holds a bachelor's degree in French with a minor in Business and Linguistics from Drew University and a master's degree in Business Administration from the University at Albany.



Samantha Legere joined the SCCC Foundation as Coordinator of Development, managing scholarships and grants. Previously, she worked in program development and grant facilitation at the City Mission of Schenectady. Samantha holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Sociology from SUNY Geneseo and an M.B.A. from Union Graduate College, where she is currently completing a Certificate program in Human Resource Management.



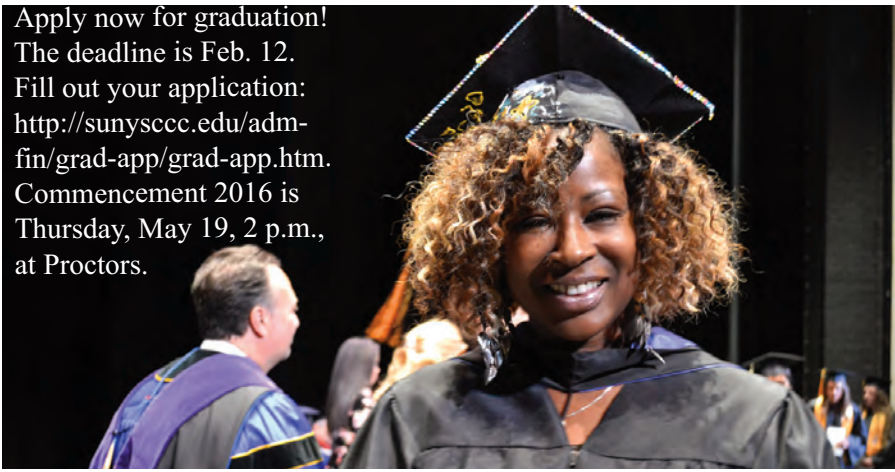
Gail Shallow joined SCCC as an Assistant to the Upstate Partnership for Healthcare Pathways (UPHP). Previously, she served as an Administrative/Surgical Coordinator for the Department of Neurosurgery at Mount Sinai Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City. Gail holds an M.S. in Business Management and Leadership and a B.B.A. in Human Resource Management from the City University of New York.



Look for more new faculty and staff in the next issue of the [BINNEKILL](#).

Anna Miarka-Grzelak joined SCCC as Assistant Dean of Planning,

Apply now for graduation!
 The deadline is Feb. 12.
 Fill out your application:
<http://sunysccc.edu/adm-fin/grad-app/grad-app.htm>.
 Commencement 2016 is
 Thursday, May 19, 2 p.m.,
 at Proctors.



Business Administration/Accounting major Joseph Paniccia presents donations to Max Hladun of the Brave Will Foundation during Assistant Professor Donna Corbisero's Integrated Reading/Writing Class last semester. There are plans for another applied learning project this semester.

Empowerment through applied learning

For Joseph Paniccia, the applied learning project he worked on in his fall Integrated Reading and Writing Class was “inspiring.” The donations from his class were placed in a room for families of children in palliative care and extensive treatment at Albany Medical Center. “It was more than an honor to be a part of this project and it’s great to help out people who are in need,” he said.

Joseph and the other students in Assistant Professor Donna Corbisero’s class presented the donations to Matt and Tammy Hladun and their sons Max, 9, and Ben, 12 in late December. The Hladuns’ son, Will, passed away from cancer just short of his 7-month birthday in 2009. The family founded the Brave Will Foundation in his memory to be a driving force in the commitment to pediatric palliative care efforts in the Capital Region.

Earlier in the semester, the students wrote letters to individuals they knew including church members, students in other classes, members of the crew team or managers of local stores requesting items including games and non-perishable snacks. In Joseph’s case, he wrote his letter to his advisor, Professor Matt Farron who donated board games.

Assistant Professor Corbisero said that the project gave students a sense of empowerment and connection to the community. “They really felt like their words made a difference when they wrote the letters,” she said.

This semester Corbisero plans on having her students complete a similar applied learning project to benefit the Schenectady Day Nursery.



Oh, the places you’ll go! During last year’s Commencement, these grads told us where they are transferring. Where are YOU heading? Do you have questions about transferring to a four-year college or university after SCCC? Now is the time to start thinking about transfer to a senior college. Just visit Bernie Dunn, Assistant Director of the Career and Transfer Services Office, Student Affairs, Elston Hall, 221-I. ALSO: Check out the Transfer Fair with 40+ colleges on March 8, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Elston Hall Student Center.

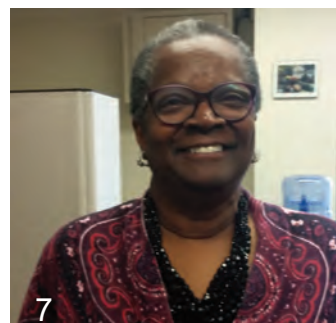
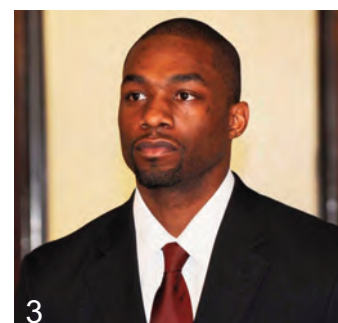
Making a connection

Hundreds of students, employers and faculty participated in this year's Hospitality, Culinary Arts and Tourism Career Expo last week. The event included networking opportunities for students and a cake decorating showcase.

(Top photo) Logan Bryda and Quamel Gresham, Culinary Arts majors, with Elyse Zima and Michelle Skinner of the Tri-City Valley Cats. *(Bottom photo)* James Buhrmaster, Valentino Federico-Maietta, Professor Rocco Verrigni and Rachel Gauthier discuss the Italy 2017 study abroad program.



Black History Month 2016 Events



Black Lives Matter (1)

James Baldwin's America

James Baldwin Reading and Discussion Series

Wednesday, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 11:30 a.m., Begley Library, first floor, free. Presented by Angela West-Davis, Director of EOP/Access, and Alicia Richardson, Associate Professor. *Sponsored by the New York State Council for Humanities.*

Gospel Songs and Jubilee

Friday, Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m., Taylor Auditorium, free. Emcee - Carla Page *Presented by the Student Activities Board.*

Black Lives Matter in the Media (2)

Monday, Feb. 8, 11:30 a.m., Stockade 101, free. Presented by Elaine Houston, Anchor and Reporter, WNYT TV News Channel 13

Progress is in the Wind, Keep Your Sails High (3)

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 11:30 a.m., Lally Mohawk Room, free. Presented by Jonathan P. Jones, Commissioner of Recreation, Youth and Workforce Services in Albany

The Journey of a Slave – Moses Viney (4,5)

Presented by Walter Simpkins *and*
A Tribute to Harriet Tubman
 Presented by Deacon Odell Loveless, Friendship Baptist Church, Thursday, Feb. 11, 11:30 a.m., Lally Mohawk Room, free.

Soul Food Luncheon

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 11:45 a.m.
 Van Curler Room, \$21
 Special Guest: John A. Slovacek, piano
 The School of Hotel, Culinary Arts and Tourism hosts this special luncheon with mouth-watering dishes including oven roasted “fried” chicken, deep-fried catfish, shrimp and grits, macaroni and cheese, collard greens, red beans and rice and coconut cake. For tickets, please contact Deryle McCann, Student Activities Advisor, 836-2828/mccannda@sunysccc.edu, or Oma Dwarka, 381-1218, dwarkaon@sunysccc.edu by Feb. 12. *Sponsored by the Community and Cultural Events Committee, SAB and Wellness and Support Services.*

Going in Circles - The Evolution of Soul Music (6)

Monday, Feb. 22, 11:30 a.m., Stockade 101, free. Presented by Dr. DeShawn McGarrity, Executive Director of SUNY College and Career Counseling Center

Civic Engagement – The Importance of Being Involved in the Political Process from the Early 1800s (7)

Thursday, Feb. 25, 11:30 a.m., Lally Mohawk Room, free. Presented by Marsha Mortimore, local historian and vice president of Schenectady Silhouettes.

Apply For Scholarships Starting Next Week

The SCCC Foundation offers a variety of scholarships for full-time and part-time students for Fall 2016 and Spring 2017. **Applications Open: Wednesday, Feb. 10. Deadline: Tuesday, March 8.** To apply, visit: <https://sunysccc.starsscholarshipsonline.com>. Log in using your Portal username and password.

For more information, please contact Samantha Legere, Coordinator of Development, Elston Hall, Room 120, legeresr@sunysccc.edu, 836-2801.



Upcoming Events
Musicians of Ma'alwyck
The Joy of Frets

Wednesday, Feb. 3, 11:20 a.m.
 Taylor Auditorium, free
 This preview will feature guest guitarist Joel Brown, with Sten Isachsen, Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz and guest cellist Andre O'Neil. The repertoire includes works of Vivaldi, de Fossa, Godard and Ed Flower.



Personal Protection and Situational Awareness

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 11:30 a.m.
 Stockade 101, free
 Presented by Albany Police Officer James Brooks.

Have you ever been put in a situation where you feared for your own safety? While many individuals feel that their family and friends will always be there to protect them, sadly, there may come a time when you have to take matters into your own hands. What you learn during this hour could save your life. *This is the first in a monthly Safety Seminar Series hosted by the Department of Campus Safety.*

School of Music Faculty Recital

Sunday, Feb. 28, 2 p.m.
 Taylor Auditorium, free
 An afternoon filled with performances from School of Music faculty.

Genetic Testing/Privacy

Wednesday, March 2,
 11:30 a.m., Stockade 101, free
 Presented by Ricki Lewis, Ph. D.



Ricki Lewis is a science writer with a Ph.D. in genetics. She writes textbooks and genetics news for publications including the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*, *Lancet Oncology*, *Reuters*, and most frequently, *Medscape Medical News*. Every Thursday she posts at the popular weekly DNA SCIENCE blog at Public Library of Science (<http://blogs.plos.org/dnascience/>).

Spring 2016 Publication Schedule

Deadline	Published
Monday, Feb. 22	Wednesday, March 9
Monday, March 28	Wednesday, April 13
Monday, April 18	Wednesday, May 4

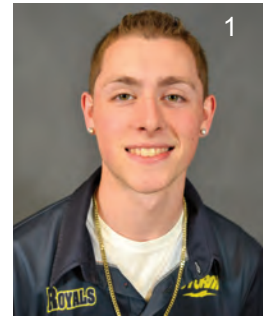
Bowling Teams ranked #1 in country

Who's number one? We're number one. Congratulations to the SCCC Men's and Women's Bowling Teams and Head Coach Ray Ross and Men's Assistant Coach Will Coons. Both teams were recently ranked number one in the country by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

Last spring the Royals won the men's and women's NJCAA national championship and they're going strong again this year. Both teams were winners of the MVCC Invitational last month. The Royals won the men's division with 10,560 total pins. They were led by Justin Carl, Criminal Justice major (1), who took the top individual honors with 2092 (261.5 average) The women totaled 10,002 pins, led by Janelle Irwin, Health Studies major (2), with a 1792 (224 average).

During the tournament, both Justin Carl and Morgan Ruggeri, Liberal Arts major (3), threw perfect 300 games. And Morgan came close again bowling a 299 during a conference match against Adirondack CC last week.

Up next for the Royals is the 22nd Annual SCCC Invitational this weekend at Boulevard Bowl in Schenectady.



Go Royals

The Royals have been tearing it up on the court this season. Cheer them on at their next home games when they go up against North Country CC.

Be there!
Saturday, Feb. 13
Women @ 1 p.m.,
Men @ 3 p.m.
YMCA, downtown Schenectady



Wanted: Writers/photographers



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

Want to write/take pics for the Binne? Please see the editor, in Stockade 120.

Academic Advisement**Elston 222/381-1277**

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, 530/381-1213**

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

Accounting/CIS Tutor Lab**Elston 330/381-1041**

Monday-Thursday 9 am-3 pm

ADA Transition Services**Elston 222/381-1345**

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

Admissions**Stockade 120/381-1166**

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

Albany Site**Second Floor, 112 State St., Albany 871-9079, Option 1**

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 222/381-1356**

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

Begley Library/381-1235

Monday-Thursday 8 am – 9: pm
 Friday 8 am – 4:30 pm
 Saturday 11 am – 5 pm
 Closed Sundays

Business Office, Student**Elston 219/381-1346, 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

Canal Side Cafe/Convenience**Elston Ground Floor/381-1073**

Monday-Thursday	10 am-6 pm
Friday	8 am-2 pm

Career and Transfer Services**Elston 221-1/836-2807**

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

The College Store**Elston 109/381-1332**

Monday-Wednesday	8 am-6 pm
Thursday	8 am-4 pm
Friday	8 am-2 pm

The Commons Elston/381-1330

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 222/381-1279**

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

Financial Aid**Elston 221/381-1352**

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 124/381-1455, 381-1295**

Monday-Friday 9 am-11:30 am
 (Call for program information.)

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

Math Lab Elston 518/381-1435

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 222/381-1344**

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

Student Government**Elston 220H/381-1388**

By appointment or walk-in

Testing Center**Elston 427/381-1293****TestingCenter@sunysccc.edu**

Monday-Thursday	8:30 am to 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**

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

Veterans Affairs**Elston 223/381-1284**

Open daily. 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./381-1375/381-1389**

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

NOTE: On President's Day, Monday, Feb. 15, classes **are in session** and Admissions, Advisement, Financial Aid, Registrar, and Student Business Office are open.

ALSO, during February, a Student Affairs Advisor is available Mon./Thurs., 5-7:30 p.m. in Elston 222 and Sat., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Elston Hall, Student Center.