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At SCC ▼ I learned about how to take in advice. I learned how to learn here. I had never been a good student, but there was something about this environment that helped me understand that I had a shot at being a good student. Once I got here, I made friends and met people who helped me put my energy in the right place and it really set me up. I want the students to know what a great place this was for me and what a great opportunity this is for them."

– Dion Flynn, former drama student





Former SCCC student Dion Flynn as President Barack Obama alongside Jimmy Fallon.

"Presidential" visit – Watch The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon lately? Then, you've probably seen Dion Flynn (center), former SCCC drama student. He and Jimmy Fallon are old friends (they met while Jimmy was going to Saint Rose and Dion was at the University at Albany). Dion auditioned and portrays President Barack Obama and other characters on The Tonight Show. He visited campus last week performing "SCCC: Ticket To Your Dream" for students. After last week's show he was on his way to Amsterdam and London for performances as President Obama. He also has a one-man show, The Only Brown Kid In The Trailer Park, and performs regulary in New York City.



## There's one for YOU

SCCC offers a variety of clubs. They are: Alliance for Students with Disabilities, American Culinary Federation, Aviation Club, A.L.A.N.A., Business and Law Club, Christian Fellowship Club, Criminal Justice Club, Education Club, Hospitality Club, Pagan Interfaith Alliance, Pride Alliance, RESTART Club, Rotaract of Schenectady, Rhythms Literary Magazine, Science Club, Slow Food Club, Spanish Club, Student Activities Board (SAB), Student Theater Ensemble, Students Veterans of America, Student Volunteer Organization, Technologies Club and Tutor Networking Club. To find out more, visit sunysccc.edu/student/clubs or Student Affairs, Elston 222. At left is Royal, SCCC's mascot.

## A message from the President

#### Dear Students,

Schenectady County Community College is truly a place of great hope. I have seen it in your faces, in your interactions with faculty and



staff. I have witnessed it as I have observed the nurturing hands of faculty and staff members as they guide you through your learning odysseys and help you overcome hurdles. What is even more heartening to me is to watch your hope evolve, step by step, into faith: faith that you can withstand challenges and thrive, faith in your own abilities and talent.

As we begin yet another semester, may I encourage you not to lose that faith. Hold on to your dream, especially when challenges come your way. And please know that you have a whole host of faculty and staff who are not only interested in your success, but are fully invested in you...and know that your success is at the heart of Schenectady County Community College.

Have a great semester.



## A warm welcome to new faculty and staff

Charles Barber joined SCCC as a PC Support Specialist in the Information Technology Division. Prior to this, he was a part-time Academic IT Aide at the Center City extension site, while also a full-time student at SCCC. He graduated in May 2015 with an A.A.S. degree in Computer Information Systems.

Lynn Bernhardt is an Allied Healthcare Program Instructor through the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) Grant. Prior to this, Lynn taught in the Allied Healthcare Program. She volunteered as a NYS EMT for 12 years and is a Life Member of Western Turnpike Rescue Squad in Guilderland. Lynn earned her R.N. from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing and National Certification as a Legal Nurse Consultant.

Michelle Bilodeau-Lanne is a part-time Academic Advisor. Michelle also works as an Adjunct Instructor at Excelsior College. Previously, Michelle interned as a Career Counselor at Skidmore College and worked as a high school English teacher. She holds an M.S.Ed. from The College of Saint Rose in College Student Services Administration, an M.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in English Literature, and a B.A. in English from Siena College.

Janee Bricourt is a participant in the Internship Program for the Development of Minority Faculty, teaching in the Division of Business, Criminal Justice and Law. Previously, she worked in the financial services industry. She facilitates financial education curriculum for organizations and works as a project manager and consultant to assist small businesses. Janee holds an M.B.A from Regis University and a B.A. from Adelphi University.

Megan DeMeo joined SCCC as a Payroll Audit Clerk. Prior to this, she worked for the City of Schenectady at the Schenectady Police Department where she managed federal and local grants that were awarded to the department. She attended Northeastern University for Accounting and Finance Management and SCCC for Business Administration.











Lorena Harris is the Administrator for the Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP). She is also an Adjunct Faculty Member teaching in the Division of Math, Science, Technology and Health. Lorena first joined SCCC in 2012 as the Coordinator of the Spanish Lab and was a participant in the Internship Program for the Development of Minority Faculty. Lorena holds a Ph.D. in Biological Sciences and Molecular Biology from Bowling Green State University and a B.S in Biology from the Simon Bolivar University, Venezuela.

Leonard Hayes is a participant in the Internship Program for the Development of Minority Faculty, teaching in the School of Music. Previously, he taught at the Appleton Music Academy in Appleton, Wis. Leonard holds a B.M. in Piano Performance from Lawrence University with additional studies abroad at the Conservatorium van Amsterdam, and a diploma from Interlochen Center for the Arts. Currently, Leonard is pursuing an M.M. in Performance and Literature at the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music.

Jillian Hempstead joined SCCC as a part-time Admissions Recruiter in the Admissions Office. Prior to this, she was a Garde Manger chef at restaurants in the Capital Region. Jillian holds a B.A in Anthropology and Linguistics from SUNY New Paltz.

James Hubel is a part-time weekend Maintenance Helper. He is also a fulltime Quality Assurance Analyst with CML, Inc. in Schodack, N.Y. In addition, James has attended SCCC as a Business Administration major, maintaining a 4.0 G.P.A. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

Augustine (AJ) Indovina is now the Assistant Bowling Coach. Last year, AJ was a member of the College's National Championship Bowling Team and Phi Theta Kappa honor society. He graduated in May 2015 with an A.S. degree in Business Administration and is currently pursuing his bachelor's degree in finance at Siena College.











## Meet your Student Government Association Officers

The Student Government Association (SGA) is the "voice of the students." Through SGA projects, real change and improvement can occur on campus. Senate meetings are open to everyone. Check in the SGA office (Elston 221) for the date and time of the first meeting of the semester.



President: Daniel Pierce, Emergency Management

Goals: "I want to make SGA more efficient and effective."

Daniel, who was homeschooled, also plays the drums, likes to backpack and hike and is "always interested in meeting new students."



Vice President: Shantal Plass, Business Administration

Goals: "Build school spirit and pride. Getting students, professors and staff more involved."

Shantal is an international student from Guyana who likes to listen to music and enjoys the outdoors. Her favorite quotes are: "Hakuna matata," "Don't forget to smile," and "Live, laugh and love."



Treasurer: Kathy Dunlap, Accounting Goals: "Be a consistent treasurer."

Kathy is a Navy veteran who is a color guard captain and treasurer of a local fife and drum corp. She is also a member of the American Legion Chapter 234 and Treasurer of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Chap. 158.

## Student Trustee: William Pattee, Business Administration

Goals: "Provide a strong, reliable link between the students and Board of Trustees to ultimately benefit students."

Besides economics and business, William's other passions are fashion, reading and boxing. He would eventually like to combine his business acumen with his creative side, developing his own men's wear line.

## A chance to lead with SGA

The Student Government Association is seeking 16 Senators to serve for the 2015-16 academic year. Applications are available in Student Affairs, Elston 222, and in the Student Government Office, Elston 221. Petitions of Candidacy and Statements of Intent are due by Sept. 23. Elections will be begin on Sept. 25.



Members of the Women's Crew Team, the Varsity Four, racing last year in Florida.

## Crew Team to make history as first community college racing at Head of the Charles

The SCCC Women's Crew Team found out over the weekend that they were chosen to compete in the 51st Annual Head of the Charles on the Charles River in Boston, Mass. According to race officials, this is the first time that a team from a community college has been selected to compete in the prestigious race.

The Women's Crew Team will compete in the Women's Club Four event during the regatta on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 1:38 p.m. They'll be racing against teams from all over the world, including Black Prince Boat Club out of Cambridge, United Kingdom, Princeton University, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Wisconsin.

The Crew Team was selected based on previous merits and results earned during other U.S. Rowing regattas (last year the Women's Varsity Four finished 11th out of 27 at the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta and placed sixth at the New York State Collegiate Rowing Championships).

Head Coach Cody Rule said that SCCC's appearance at the Head of the Charles is a culmination of many hours of hard work and dedication by those on his team, as well as past rowers. "It takes continued success to be selected to race at the Charles," he said. "We owe our success to not only those on the team now, but to all of our alumni who have helped us get here. We're honored to represent SCCC at the Charles and we're excited to test ourselves against competition both nationally and internationally."

David Gonzalez, Director of Athletics, noted the importance of SCCC's presence at the Head of the Charles. "We are very excited about being selected to participate," he said. "It is the most prestigious rowing event on the collegiate level."

Coach Rule said that the race will be live streamed through hocr.org, the website for the Head of the Charles.



Nrap about life at SCCC while eating wraps with Dr. Moono, SCCC President Sign up TODAY to attend! RSVP by calling 381-1304

Thurs., Sept. 10 (11:20 a.m.) Lally-Mohawk Room, Elston

Wed., Sept. 23 (5 p.m.) College Suites @ Washington Square

Wed., Oct. 7 (5 p.m.) Lally-Mohawk Room, Elston Hall

## Program for job seekers

The Career and Transfer Services Office invites students to "Experience Matters," a professional development and networking event open to job seekers who value the importance of retooling for the ever-changing



workforce. Keynote Speaker Barbara Lang (pictured), owner of B. Lang Consulting, will entertain and educate attendees on moving forward with a greater confidence in promoting and positioning themselves, creating a strong

first impression and an impressive follow-up. A panel discussion follows with real-life stories of self-reinvention. This free event takes place on Friday, Sept. 25, from 2 to 5 p.m. in Elston Hall. For tickets, please call 381-1334, stop by Elston Hall 221-I or e-mail jonesda@sunysccc.edu. Sponsored by Plus 50 Encore Completion Grant focusing on preparing adults age 50 and older for new and fulfilling careers in the areas of healthcare, education and social services.

## Wine and Spirit Tour

The School of Hotel, Culinary Arts and Tourism, invites members of the College community to a daylong Wine and Spirit Tour on Monday, Sept. 28, with visits to



Brookview Station Winery, Harvest Spirits, Hudson Chatham Winery, Yanni's Too and Furnace Brook Winery. \$75 per person. Tour participants

must be 21 years

or older. To make a reservation, please call the SCCC Foundation at 381-1324 or visit scccwinetour.eventbrite.com. Proceeds benefit Chefs for Success.

## Planning to transfer after SCCC?

Put this in your phone: Transfer Fair, Tuesday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Elston Hall Student Center. Reps from four-year colleges and universities will be here to talk to YOU.





Helena DeCaprio and Nicholas Neals, students in the SCCC-Community Archaeology Program during the excavation work at 12 Union St. in Schenectady. Photo credit: D. Bradt

## Dig this, CAP at Stockade Walkabout

Students and adjunct faculty members in the SCCC-Community Archaeology Program (CAP) will showcase their excavations at 12 Union St. as part of the 55th Annual Stockade Walkabout on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., visitors will see an 8-foot exposure of the stone wall along the west side of Saratoga and Schenectady Railroad right-of-way.

This "City section," in use from 1832 to 1838, was constructed in a deep trench that extended from the Erie Canal Basin (near the south end of today's Railroad Street) to Front Street. Those who cannot come to the Walkabout, may feel free to contact Louise Basa, basala@sunysccc.edu to arrange a visit.

## Board of Trustees meetings

The SCCC Board of Trustees will hold meetings this semester on Mondays, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21. Committee Board meetings are held at 4:45 p.m. The Administration and Education Committee have a combined meeting in the Lally Mohawk Room, Elston Hall. The regular board meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Lally Mohawk Room.

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## Remember: We're here to help you succeed.

Here's a snapshot of just some of the resources on campus available to YOU.



Academic Computing Lab, Elston 529, with computers, printers and helpdesk support. Note: Wireless access available in locations throughout campus.



Career and Transfer Services, Elston E221-I, with career and transfer counseling, information on campus jobs and scholarships, events, workshops, internships, resume building and interviewing skills.



Tutor Services, Begley Library 210, with free, one-to-one tutoring one hour per week for up to three classes.

For a list of other Campus Resources, see last page.



Begley Library, featuring online research help from librarians 24/7, books, online collections, Individual Reference Consultations, and computers/laptops.



Learning Center/Writing Lab, Elston 523, with assistance in reading, writing, study skills, presentation design and information literacy, feedback/guidance on research papers and presentations, computers and workshops.



Wellness and Support Services, Elston 222, with ADA Transition Services, Check-In Service, Student Activities, Student Veterans Office and programs throughout the year for all students.

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"L'art pour l'art" – Artists Matthew Helms and Victoria Steinbiss, pictured above with Denise Brucker, Acting Director of TRiO, are both students in the Liberal Arts: Honors concentration and have been creating murals outside the TRiO office in Elston Hall 328. Take a stroll by TRiO and enjoy "Art for art's sake."

## Thanks Coach Andi

The College recognizes Tim Andi for his 24 years as Head Coach of the Men's Baseball Team. During his more than two decades coaching the Royals, Tim led the team to two NJCAA World Series appearances in 1999 and 2002. His career mark stands at 562-316. He had 21,



20-win seasons and was named the Region III Coach of the Year seven times and the Mountain Valley Coach of the Year 10 times.

"Tim Andi was the heart and soul of our baseball program over the past 25 years," said Dave Gonzalez, Director of Athletics. "He ran the program with dignity and class. He will be sorely missed at SCCC."

Taking over the team as Head Coach is Bill Creighton. "We are very excited to have Coach Creighton take over our program," Gonzalez said. "His coaching experience with Capital City Baseball and Upstate Premier Baseball made him the obvious choice to take over our program. We feel confident that he can maintain the great success Coach Andi had over all these years."

### **Fall 2015 Publication Schedule**

Deadline	Published
Monday, Oct. 5	Wednesday, Oct. 14
Monday, Nov. 9	Wednesday, Nov. 18
Monday, Nov. 30	Wednesday, Dec. 9



Ask them – SCCC Leaders/Ambassadors are wearing blue "Ask Me" buttons. They're here for you to ask questions you might have about the College. Look for them in the Elston Hall lobby, in the hallways or in Student Affairs, Elston 222. Also, if you would like to join the program or get more information, please contact Dr. Ellen Wertlieb, Director of Wellness and Support Services, in Student Affairs or via email at wertliec@sunysccc.edu.

Top photo: Zachery Granger, Aviation Science, and Stephanie Brackeen, Human Services. Bottom photo: Deborah Dobbins, Paralegal; Stephen Piorkowski, Culinary Arts; and Grahame Bissell, Science.

## New problem gambling course

New this fall, the Division of Liberal Arts is offering a 60-hour, four-credit problem gambling course to provide students with the educational component for the New York State Problem Gambling Specialist Designation (CASAC-G).

SCCC is one of only four colleges in New York state to offer such a course. The course is geared toward individuals who already have their New York State Certified Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC) and CASAC-T and want to gain the Problem Gambling Curriculum-Treatment track essential for problem gambling certification.

This course is offered to students in both the Chemical Dependency Counseling A.A.S. 63-credit degree and the Chemical Dependency Counseling 31-credit certificate programs.

## 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.

## New faculty and staff (Continued from page 2.)

Karen Lancto joined SCCC as a Senior Bookkeeper in the Administrative Division. Prior to this, she was a Senior Account Clerk for the Schalmont Central School District. She holds an A.A.S. in Accounting from Sage/JCA.

Paula Lehr (not pictured) is an Account Clerk in the Student Business Office. Previously, she was an Administrative Assistant with the Office of Court Administration in Albany Paula holds a

Administration in Albany. Paula holds a bachelor's degree in English from SUNY Empire State College.

Christopher Lloyd is now a full-time Maintenance Worker in the

Administrative Division. Prior to this, Chris was part-time in the same capacity. He was also a driver for Catholic Charities and he is currently a part-time construction contractor. He holds an A.O.S. in Computer Systems Management from Bryant and Stratton College.

Dr. Moira Maguire joined the College as Dean of the Division of Liberal Arts. Previously, she was department chair and faculty senator and led advising and assessment efforts at the University of Arkansas Little Rock. She was also a tutor, lecturer, and research consultant in Ireland at National University of Ireland Maynooth. Dr. Maguire's research focuses on state provision for poor, neglected, and abused children in Ireland from the 1920s to the 1960s. She is the author of *Precarious Childhood in Postindependence Ireland*. Her work resulted

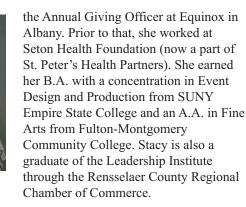
in a series of reports and written testimony to the Ryan (formerly Laffoy) Commission, the tribunal established by the Irish government to investigate the abuse and neglect of children in state care. Dr. Maguire holds a Ph.D. in History from American University, an M.A. in History from Northeastern University, and a B.A. in Political Science/History from The George Washington University.

Kara M. Manning has joined SCCC as an Instructor in the Division of Liberal Arts. Previously, she served as an Instructor in the Department of English at the University of Southern

Mississippi, where she is also a Ph.D. candidate in English Literature. Kara holds M.A. and B.A. degrees in English from St. Bonaventure University, as well as an A.A. in Humanities from Jamestown Community College. Additionally, Kara has been a NYS licensed cosmetologist since 2002.

Stacy McIlduff is the Coordinator of Development. Most recently, Stacy was







Dr. Michael Roggow joined SCCC as the Dean of the Division of Business, Criminal Justice and Law. Dr. Roggow has nearly 20 years of building academic programs at the City University of New York. Formerly the Director of the Criminal Justice Program at CUNY's Bronx Community College (BCC), he co-authored a \$3.7 million U.S. Department of Education grant designed



to retain first-year students and strengthen student graduation and transfer rates. He served as director of Coordinated Undergraduate Education at CUNY's Queensborough Community College and taught psychology at BCC and research methodology at New York University. He has been published in and been guest editor of the *Community College Journal of Research and Practice*, and *New Directions for Community Colleges* and has written for *Inside Higher Ed*. Dr. Roggow served on the board of the American Association of Community College's Council for the Study of Community Colleges. He holds M.A. and Ed.D. degrees in Higher Education Administration from New York University, a B.A. in Psychology from Ohio State University, and an A.S. in Business Administration from Corning Community College.

Tonya Stern is a full-time Maintenance Worker in the Administrative Division. Prior to her full-time appointment, Tonya worked part-time in the same capacity and she was Assistant Manager of Prestige at SCCC. She holds an A.A.S. in Human Services from SCCC.



Save the date for SCCC's Royal Gala on Nov. 12, at Glen Sanders Mansion. Gala Honorees are: Joan Dembinski '09 (Distinguished Alumnus Award), Betty Carol Barlyn

(Distinguished Community Volunteer Award), and Stewart's Shops/The Dake Family (Distinguished Community Partner Award). For more information please contact SCCC Foundation at 381-1322.

## 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

### 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 am – 9: pm Friday 8 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 221-I/836-2807 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 Tuesday 8 Wednesday 8 Thursday 8 Friday 8

8:30 am-4:30 pm 8:30 am-4:30 pm 8:30 am-4:30 pm 8:30 am-6:30 pm 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-Thursday8:30 am-7 pmFriday8:30 am-4 pmSaturday10 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**

Begley Library 210/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.)