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*Josh Ross '13*

## ON THE COVER:

Josh Ross '13, Aviation Science alumnus, is shown next to the Cessna Citation CJ3, a multi-engine corporate jet he pilots as a first officer with Delta Private Jets. *See story on page 3.*

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## Dear Alumni and Friends,

This academic year brings new students, new classes, and a fresh slate of goals for the year ahead. We are eagerly anticipating the College's 50th Year Anniversary in 2019 and preparations are already underway. In my many conversations with our alumni, I am always encouraged as I listen to their fondest memories at SUNY Schenectady County Community College . . . and surely they reflect upon those times with nostalgia. I encourage all of you to join us at one of the many events we have planned for you in this academic year.

Please be on the lookout for an exciting lineup of events that will extend across the region and country. You play a large part in defining SUNY SCCC. You are what makes this place great.

Thanks for all of your contributions. I look forward to connecting with you at one of our events this year.

Sincerely,  
**Steady H. Moono, Ed.D.**  
President



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Chamber Series Concert:

*Brass Abbey*  
Wednesday, October 25, 7:30 p.m.  
Taylor Auditorium



With Halloween just around the corner, the Brass Abbey conjures up thrilling and chilling music featuring Bach's *Tocatta and Fugue in D minor* and Mussorgsky's *Night on Bald Mountain* as well as music by Paul Dukas, Victor Ewald, and Steve Winstead, featuring Allyson Keyser and Omar Williams, trumpet; Catherine Pandori, horn; Phil Pandori, trombone; and Michael Silvagnoli, tuba. Free.

### Musicians of Ma'alwyck:

*"The Ruins of Home" preview*  
Wednesday, November 1, 12 p.m.

A concert celebrating the new Ruins of Rome wallpaper recently installed in the Schuyler Mansion featuring the music of Stamitz, Bellini, Telemann and Rossini with a special potpourri of tunes from the opera Norma, set in ancient Rome, featuring violinist Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz, flutist Norman Thibodeau, and guitarist Sten Isachsen. Free.



**Chorus and Vocal Chamber Ensemble**  
Monday, December 4, 7:30 p.m. Free.

**Percussion and Jazz Ensemble**  
Wednesday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m. Free.

**Chamber Ensembles**  
Thursday, December 7, 7:30 p.m. Free.

**Guitar Ensembles**  
Tuesday, December 11, 7:30 p.m. Free.

**Jazz Combo**  
Wednesday, December 13, 7:30 p.m. Free.

**Wind Ensemble**  
Friday, December 15, 7:30 p.m. Free.  
*All concerts take place in the Carl B. Taylor Auditorium.*

## Pilots Got Their Start at SUNY SCCC

Lisa Deemer '15 brings multi-tasking to a new level. Not only is she flying a Cessna single-engine, high wing aircraft 2,500 to 8,000 feet above cities and landscapes across the country, she's also capturing images of everything she sees far below her while operating an elaborate camera system.

As an Aerial Survey Pilot, Lisa flies mostly solo. Normally a Cessna 172 Skyhawk has four seats, but in her aircraft the backseat has been replaced by cameras and equipment she uses to get very detailed pictures, a 360 degree view, of what is below. During one flight this summer, she and two other pilots in their own aircrafts were taking images of the state of Delaware for three weeks. On another, she was capturing the "City of Brotherly Love," flying over Philadelphia for four days.

Each flight requires an eye on the weather and coordination with her fellow pilots and, in many instances, busy airports that are close by. "I was flying over Philly, right over the city, and it was such a great view," she said. "But we are always in coordination with air traffic control, making sure that we're not interrupting the traffic flow of commercial planes. Plus, it depends on where the winds are coming from. A lot of things had to line

up perfectly for us to do these aerial projects, but we did it."

Flying requires constant concentration, especially when you're among the clouds.

"That's a whole new level of focus," Lisa said. "You still make decisions when you're in a cloud and you can't see anything. You use your instruments. You need to keep a good scan on everything. I'm always keeping the plane under control. There is a saying in aviation, 'Whatever you do – aviate, navigate and communicate.'"

*"I can't say enough about Barbara Jones (Professor and Aviation Liaison). She goes above and beyond for her students. She has a wealth of knowledge as a pilot and a lot of insight."* – Lisa Deemer



Lisa Deemer '15 flying a Cessna 172 Skyhawk



Philadelphia – image by Lisa Deemer



At the age of 23, Josh Ross '13 made an impressive progression in his aviation career. It was a move of only a few inches, but in the world of aviation, it was a giant leap. "I built up enough flying time to become a captain, going from being in the right seat in the cockpit to the left seat, which means that you take full responsibility for the flight and the passengers," he said. "You're the one signing the paperwork."

At the time, Josh was piloting a Cessna 402 twin-engine aircraft for Cape Air, flying

routes from Cape Cod, across the Northeast and Caribbean. He's now 25 and a First Officer/Pilot for Delta Private Jets, flying the Cessna Citation CJ3, a multi-engine corporate jet.

Recently, he started his week by piloting the aircraft that seats seven in Minneapolis, Minn., heading to Panama City, Fla., followed by Savannah, Ga., and Peoria, Ill., before heading home to Broadalbin, N.Y. His typical passengers are CEOs on business trips.

Since his first flight lesson at SUNY SCCC in September 2011, Josh's passion for aviation has only become stronger. "I don't know how you could want to do anything else for a living," he said. "You're controlling this machine and you're doing the most 'unhuman' thing in the world."

His career choice comes with sacrifices as well. "I remember the Southwest pilots coming into our classes and telling us, 'It's not always going to be easy. You're going to miss birthdays and anniversaries, but as long as you know it's worth it, then you'll get through that.'"

*"Compared to every aviation program that I'm aware of, you can't beat the tuition at SUNY SCCC. This program instills the basic aviator skills needed to succeed in this industry and turn into a professional aviator."* – Josh Ross

## Another Transfer Option with New Sociology Concentration

Now, students have another choice for transfer with the addition of the Sociology Concentration that started this fall. The new concentration is part of the Liberal Arts: Humanities and Social Sciences A.A. degree program.

“The new Sociology concentration is a great choice for students who are interested in a career in human services or public policy,” said Dr. Moira Maguire, Dean of the Division of Liberal Arts. “The SUNY Transfer Pathway ensures seamless transfer to four-year SUNY schools and we also have articulation agreements with a number of private schools. Sociology is a popular choice for many college students, and

we are excited to be able to offer this option to students.”

Students take courses in English, history, sociology, psychology and the natural sciences. They also participate in service learning, a teaching/learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities. Graduates may pursue careers in a variety of fields including: social welfare; education; public health; public policy and management; research; and political science.



*Students in one of Professor Renee Adamany's sociology classes organized gift bags, containing towels, soap, socks, blankets, shower curtains and books, for residents of the Family Life Center for Women and Children, part of the City Mission of Schenectady. The students delivered them to residents during a pizza party they hosted. Service Learning is a vital part of the new Sociology Concentration. L. to R.: Grace Lange, Tabitha Dart, Gishana Kuldip, James LaRose and Angela Harrison with Denise Cokes, Senior Director of Residential Ministries at the center.*

## College Introduces New Digital Music and Beat Production Certificate



*Jason Brown, Adjunct Faculty Member, works with Tyreke Keen, a student in the new Digital Music and Beat Production certificate program, during an Audio Recording I class. Also pictured are Breanna Pierce, Jayson White and Erik Flaspohler.*

When you walk into a classroom in the School of Music, even if there's not a piano or guitar in sight, students are creating music in the new Digital Music and Beat Production certificate program that started this fall. Students are learning digital sound production

and editing, while sampling, recording and composing original music. They develop composition and beat-making skills by synthesizing original sounds and using recording techniques to blend in live instruments. Students also analyze modern beats and replicate and expand

upon techniques used by popular music producers.

“The School of Music is excited to offer this new cutting-edge program,” said Dr. William Meckley, Dean of the School of Music. “The Digital Music and Beat Production certificate is an excellent vehicle for those students who want to explore the creative and technical sides of modern digital-based music. The fact that no audition is required will also provide access to all who are interested.”

You've heard digital music, you just might not know it. From video games and cell phone sounds to advertisements, music that was composed entirely in a digital format is ubiquitous. Careers in digital audio media can include gaming and other media audio production, broadcast production and editing, digital performance, and audio/music recording.

## The Sweet Smell of Success



Lois Keefrider, Manager of Pane e Dolci, with a mouth-watering Chocolate Espresso Cake, and Chef Sue Hatalsky, Professor, with a tray of delicious Lemon Cream Tarts.

As a tray of mouth-watering caramel rolls passes by, delicious feta cheese and spinach quiches, chocolate and almond croissants, lemon poppy seed muffins, breads, tarts, cookies, eclairs, raspberry Bavarian crème horns, cheesecakes, candies, and gluten-free chocolate espresso cake already line the glass cases in Pane e Dolci. The bakery on the first floor of Elston Hall, filled with sweet treats created by students and faculty in the School of Hotel, Culinary Arts and Tourism, is a big hit with members of the

College community and the public. It's open Tuesday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"The bakery has been a great opportunity for students to gain real-world experience with large-scale production emphasizing consistency in size, shape and taste," said Susan Hatalsky, Professor in the School of Hotel, Culinary Arts and Tourism.

### **Holiday Pie Sale**

Soon, Professor Hatalsky, Professor Paul Krebs and students in their baking classes will be busy making scrumptious apple, pumpkin and pecan pies, as part of their holiday pie sale. They're still taking orders until Nov. 17 via e-mail at [hatalss@sunysccc.edu](mailto:hatalss@sunysccc.edu) if you would like to impress family and friends at your holiday table with one of their desserts.

## Career and Transfer Services Still Here For You!



As an alum of SUNY SCCC, the members of the Office of Career and Transfer Services are here to help with:

- Free access to the College Central job posting system
- Access to on-campus career fairs and recruiting events
- Online resources available at [www.sunysccc.edu/cts](http://www.sunysccc.edu/cts)
- Individual career planning

Are you a business owner or recruiter? Please register your business with the office to promote your opportunities and take part in career events.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please visit the Opportunity Zone (Elston Hall, Room 221-i) Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., call (518) 836-2807 or e-mail [cts@sunysccc.edu](mailto:cts@sunysccc.edu).

## New Scholarships



**The Dr. George H. Potter Scholarship** was established by Rebecca (Becky) Smith in memory of her father, Dr. George H. Potter. A knowledgeable educator passionate about his discipline, Dr. Potter began his more than 20-year career as a Professor of Chemistry at the College in the 1970s and served as Department Chair for the Division of Math and Science. During his tenure at the College, he was joined by his wife Dorothy, who worked in the Registrar's Office, and Becky, who studied accounting, worked in the Registrar's Office and played clarinet in the Wind Ensemble. This \$1,000 annual scholarship assists a student paying tuition and living expenses in any program requiring Chemistry.

*Scholarship recipient Evan Breau, Nutrition major, with Becky Smith.*

**The Stephen Piorkowski Epilepsy Scholarship** was established by and named for Stephen Piorkowski, an inspirational student with epilepsy who advocates for and assists peers receiving accommodations to complete their degrees. The \$1,000 annual scholarship (made possible through Stephen's fundraisers), empowers students with disabilities to pursue and succeed in education. Recipients are new students whose lives or loved ones have been impacted by epilepsy.

*SCCC Foundation Board Chair Richard Kotlow and scholarship recipient Cara Olsen, Business Administration major, with Stephen Piorkowski '15 (Assistant Chef Certificate Program), '16 (A.O.S. Culinary Arts), '17 (A.A.S. Hotel and Restaurant Management), currently enrolled in Human Services.*



**The Steiner Family Scholarship** was created by Marcy Steiner in memory of her late husband Charles P. Steiner (Chuck) and his mother Ethel Harder Steiner, who never had the opportunity to attend college. Chuck, who served for 15 years as president of the now Capital Region Chamber of Commerce, struggled through high school and credited his community college mentor, Jerry Miller, with setting him on a path to success. Consistent with Chuck's wishes, this scholarship helps students in the Minority Student Mentoring Program fund expenses not covered by financial aid.

## Scholarship Recipient Making an Impact

Richard Ham, who graduated in May with his degree in Criminal Justice, felt humbled to learn he was the recipient of the inaugural Reverend Eloise Frazier Award, created in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It reminded him of his potential to make impactful change.

He is already making a difference in the world. On his path to earning a law degree as a student at Union College, Rich works part-time while continuing to volunteer in the community, despite the rigorous curriculum. He donates his time to Community Fathers, a group strengthening families by supporting fathers to be positive role models. As a mentor and facilitator, Rich hopes to influence his peers at Union College to get involved.

Recently, Rich was invited by his donors to attend a Human Rights Commission Awards Breakfast that recognized impactful individuals. The experience motivates him to persevere through any obstacles. In his eyes, scholarships serve as a source of pride and honor, and he is thankful for the support he received at SUNY SCCC.



## Retiree Remains Connected to SUNY SCCC

When Janet Robbins visits campus, she is pleased to see several familiar faces, even after 20 years of retirement.

Janet worked as a Counselor at the College for two decades and considered her peers more as family than coworkers. She missed the College community following her retirement in 1997, and wanted to give back.

For the past 22 years, Janet has donated at least twice annually. She and her late husband Neal established a music



scholarship in 2006, contributed to the School of Music building (completed in 2012), and sponsored the Janet and Cornelius Robbins Music Score Library.

The scholarship allows her to share a love of music, "to give a student a little help along the way." Janet minored in music in college, but never pursued it professionally. She explained that since she cannot contribute as much as she would like right now, she made a

commitment to the scholarship in her estate plans.

Janet enjoys knowing that her actions will impact students into the future.

She hopes that the contribution will be enough to endow her scholarship at the \$25,000 level so it will live on forever, growing the principle and generating award money from the account's interest.

Janet said that it was a natural fit to include SUNY SCCC in her estate plans. "We were thinking about what happens to your money when you

*"Setting up a bequest was easy! I just wrote a letter to add it into my estate plans, I let the College know, and that was it." -Janet Robbins*

die," she said. "Setting up a bequest to the College was easy! I just wrote a letter to add it into my will, let the SCCC Foundation know, and that was it. It doesn't affect me at all right now."

Keystone Society events (for those who have set up bequests to the College) honor members for their commitment. Last year's luncheon was held at the Stockade Inn, where dedicated supporters were thanked by Dr. Steady Moono, SUNY SCCC President, and students.

Janet sees her contributions as simply doing what's right. She and Neal had always been strong believers in philanthropy, and both enjoyed supporting students at community colleges. Her expectations of her bequest are simple: "I want it to be open-ended and flexible. Each student has a goal, and is working toward something. I want the scholarship to help them reach that goal."

For more information about the Keystone Society, legacy giving, or scholarships, please contact the Development Office at (518) 381-1324.

## Human Rights Commission Recognizes President, Faculty and Staff

Dr. Steady Moono, President of SUNY SCCC, was presented with an Individual Achievement Award by the Human Rights Commission of Schenectady County during its 34th Annual Awards Breakfast in May 2017. He was recognized for "outstanding leadership and contributions that improve the human and civil rights of Schenectady County residents."

"Dr. Moono demonstrated exemplary acts of dedication and commitment to human rights, not only in Schenectady County but also to the SUNY SCCC community," said Ang Morris, Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission of Schenectady County, shown at right with Dr. Moono. "He demonstrated exceptional leadership outside of his capacity as president."

The SUNY SCCC Food Pantry earned a group award nomination during the

breakfast for diligent service to SUNY SCCC students and the community in the areas of civil rights and for bringing awareness to the issue of food insecurity. Recognized during the breakfast, shown in the photo below, were Tiombe Farley, Academic Specialist of the TriO Program; Robyn King, Counselor IV of the Division of Student Affairs; and Alicia Richardson, Associate Professor, and Eileen Abrahams, Professor, both of the Division of Liberal Arts. They are shown with Ang Morris, second from left.

The pantry, which opened in Elston Hall in February 2017, was created through the Student Success Initiative Sub-Committee, part of the Achieving the Dream program.



## Class Notes

### 70s

**Kenneth Benson '74**, Business Administration, graduated from Siena College in 1981 with his bachelor's degree in Business Administration, and retired from the accounts receivable department of Schenectady International Inc. in 2005.

**John McLeod '78**, Electrical Technology, retired from GE Global in March 2017, after nearly 39 years.

### 80s



**Keith Buerker '80**, Hotel and Restaurant Management, earned a B.S. degree from Southern New Hampshire University and an M.S. degree from the University at Albany. He is a Faculty Member in the Agriculture and Food Management Department at SUNY Cobleskill. He is also a Certified Executive Chef, Certified Culinary Educator, and Certified Food and Beverage Executive. Chef Buerker is a member of the ACF Capital District-Central New York, and was named Chef of the Year of the Tri-Lakes Chefs Association. He has won six ACF gold, six ACF silver, and five bronze medals in national and international competitions.

**Thomas Constantine '85**, Criminal Justice, attended Buffalo State College and enjoyed a successful 20-year career with the Niskayuna Police Department before retirement. He left his post as Director of Homeland Security/Emergency Management for Schenectady County to join the staff at Union College as Associate Director of Campus Safety. He and his wife have a daughter in Navy flight school, a daughter pursuing undergraduate studies, and a son in high school. He is New York State Police-trained in investigation of child abuse, family violence, and sex offenses.



**Robert Patnaude '86**, Criminal Justice, was promoted to Major and Troop G Commander for the New York State Police. He previously served as Captain of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation for Troop G which covers 10 counties in and around the Capital Region and includes 24 stations. Major Patnaude is a 30-year veteran of the New York State Police.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts from Excelsior College and is a graduate of the FBI Academy. Throughout his career, Major Patnaude served in the positions of Trooper, Sergeant, Investigator, Lieutenant, and Captain and has extensive experience in narcotics investigations. He served as an undercover investigator in the Capital District in the 90s, and has been a Lieutenant in the Special Investigations Unit, and a Captain in the Community Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET).

### 90s



**Eric Clifford '92**, Business Administration, celebrated the first anniversary of being sworn in as Schenectady Police Chief. After SUNY SCCC, Chief Clifford earned his bachelor's degree from Union College and a Master's of Public Administration from Marist College in 2006, examining public safety's role in economic development. He was a lieutenant with the Schenectady Police Department and served as their spokesperson before being promoted, bypassing the rank of Assistant Chief. He resides in the city of Schenectady with his wife, Jennifer, and has two sons – Andrew, a pre-med student at Sage College of Albany, and Daniel, a freshman at Union College.

**Charlie Post '93**, Music Business, is entering his third year as the Recording Engineer for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. He records concert performances for the nationally-syndicated CSO Radio Broadcast on the WFMT radio network, and records, edits and masters commercial projects under his own company, PostProductions Audio. Charlie continues to play saxophone and clarinet, having studied both instruments under Professor Brett Wery, jazz with Dr. Bill Meckley, and later saxophone with Laurence Wyman at SUNY Fredonia.

### 00s



**Neil Godbole '08**, Aviation Science, graduated with his bachelor's degree in Aviation Science Professional Pilot from SUNY Farmingdale and worked as a Flight Instructor before flying for Bankair

Charter, Republic Airways and Allegiant Air. He is now a First Officer/Pilot with FedEx. He is pictured (far right) with current Aviation Science students during a visit to the Schenectady County Airport.

### 10s



**Henny Kupferstein '13**, Human Services, is now pursuing a Ph.D. in psychology and living in San Diego, Calif. She has published research, including a book that came out last summer titled *Perfect Pitch in the Key of Autism*. Her story recently aired on NPR, she presented at the University of California San Francisco and her website is: [www.hennyk.com](http://www.hennyk.com).

**Joseph Brown '17**, Business Administration, has been putting his degree to work as he expands his company, Upstate Private Transport Service.

### 15s



**Abdul Rafiqi '15**, Science, is studying for his M.D. at St. George's University on the island of Grenada. After graduating from SUNY SCCC, Abdul transferred to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) and graduated with his bachelor's degree in Biology in May 2017.

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## Alum To Advise Students To Invest In Their Education

The last time Ed Piotrowski '91 was in a college classroom was in 2005 at age 38. He was finishing up his bachelor's degree through Nyack College, 14 years after starting it, and needed one more class. He found his way back to SUNY SCCC to take an Art Appreciation class, his last elective. Now, he'll return to campus again as a guest speaker in business courses.

Ed has been in the financial services industry since graduating with a degree in Business Administration. He is a Registered Senior Client Service Associate with UBS Financial Services, working with The Quinn Wealth Management Group in Albany, N.Y. Looking to give back to his alma mater, Ed plans to share his financial planning insights with business students. "I want to tell them that every company can benefit from professionals with business backgrounds," he said. "Whether it is in marketing, advertising, finance, economics, or accounting, you can find your own niche and make a substantial impact in the business community."



As for advice for their own savings and investment plans, Ed will discuss strategic planning including good debt and bad debt. "Student loans are good debt, that's investing in your education and that's a good thing," he explained. "They should also know that it's important to start saving early and the difference between starting to save for retirement at age 25 vs. 35."

Ed's journey is one of perseverance, from studying every weekend and taking classes toward his bachelor's degree while being a stay-at-home dad during the day and working evenings, to returning to SUNY SCCC years later for the art class to complete his bachelor's degree. While in that class, Ed met a young student just starting college who was frustrated that it would take her a long time to earn her degree. "I was 38 years old, finishing my bachelor's degree and I told her that it was like putting together a puzzle - sometimes you have to leave the puzzle and come back to it, but everything you've worked on is still there."

## College Inks New Transfer Agreement with NYU

This fall, SUNY SCCC signed a transfer agreement with New York University that guarantees eligible students admission to NYU's prestigious School of Professional Studies. Graduates of the SUNY SCCC Business Administration A.S. degree program with a 2.75 GPA or higher will be admitted to NYU's bachelor degree program in Leadership and Management Studies through the School of Professional Studies.

"This is certainly a game-changer and a major jump forward," said Martin Finn, SCCC Foundation Board Member and Founding Partner at Lavelle & Finn Attorneys at Law. "As a graduate of NYU myself, I know firsthand the power of an NYU degree when approaching potential employers and clients. The NYU name, and now SUNY SCCC, will definitely open doors for our students."

Professor Matthew Farron, who has taught courses in management and marketing at SUNY SCCC since 1997, believes the partnership underscores the value of the College's business program. "The business program is proud to have this articulation agreement with an esteemed university such as NYU," he said. "It is a testament to the value of our business program and most importantly to the quality of our graduates."

"SUNY SCCC has always been an excellent platform to improve one's opportunities," said Ken Counterline, a graduate of the College's Business Administration program and now a Vice President at TD Bank in Latham. "NYU just further increases those opportunities for our graduates."



*Dr. Billie Gastic, Associate Dean of the NYU School of Professional Studies Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies; Dr. Michael J. Roggow, Dean of the Division of Business, Criminal Justice, and Law at SUNY SCCC; and Dennis DiLorenzo, Harvey J. Stedman Dean of the NYU School of Professional Studies, after signing an articulation agreement between the NYU School of Professional Studies and SUNY SCCC.*



## Welcome Kevin Buhmaster

Kevin R. Buhmaster, Vice President at 1st National Bank of Scotia, joined the Board of Directors of the Foundation. Kevin worked his way up within 1st National Bank of Scotia, beginning his career as a Management Trainee in 2001. He sits on the board of the Joan Nicole Prince Home, is a member of Scotia Rotary, and is a previous board member of the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the Downtown Schenectady YMCA. Kevin holds a B.S. degree in Managerial Economics from Union College. He is a strong believer in supporting local non-profit organizations, and has hired many part-time and full-time employees who have attended SUNY SCCC.

## 50th Anniversary on The Horizon



In 2019, SUNY SCCC will celebrate its 50th Anniversary of fulfilling its mission of higher education excellence in our community and region. The 50th Anniversary Steering Committee is hard at work planning the many components of the celebration, which will kick off next fall.

With the recent approval of the Facilities Master Plan, the SCCC Foundation can begin to plan the very first brick-and-mortar Capital Campaign in the history of the College. The campaign will run through the duration of the 50th Anniversary and will seek community-wide support, including internal members of the SUNY SCCC family, alumni and corporate champions, to assist the College with these transformative capital projects.

The 50th Anniversary celebration and public phase of the Capital Campaign is slated to begin on Sept. 1, 2018, and continue through Dec. 31, 2019, with a culminating event in Spring 2020 where we will celebrate 50 years of impact on the community by inducting 50 alumni into a newly established "Alumni Hall of Fame." The physical location of the Hall of Fame on campus will be determined in the coming months.

Inductees will include 49 individuals in addition to this year's Distinguished Alumnus, Dion Flynn '17, who will be honored at the Royal Gala & Alumni Hall of Fame Induction on Nov. 10 at Glen Sanders Mansion.

Front row: Brett Wery, Alicia Perez Osur, Dr. William Meckley, David Regan White, Lynn Trudell '81 and '13, Nora Carnevale '94, Donna Corbisiero and Alicia Richardson

Back row: Rob Fairchild '17, Stacy McIlduff, Dr. David Brough '81, Paula Ohlhous '87, Donna Tessitore '92, Ray Legere, Dr. Steady Moono, Angelicia Morris, Sarah Wilson-Sparrow, Jamison Flora, Richard G. Kotlow, Marcy Steiner and Christopher Dzikowski '11.  
(Not pictured: Renee Bradley, Jamie Hungerschafer, Dr. Peggy King, Dr. Moira Maguire, Christine Mallozzi, and Dr. Michael Roggow)

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017, GLEN SANDERS MANSION



**Dion Flynn '17 | Distinguished Alumnus**  
**MVP Health Care® | Distinguished Community Partner**  
**Paula Marshman | Distinguished Community Volunteer**

Join us on **Friday, November 10, 2017**, for the Royal Gala & Alumni Hall of Fame Induction. Each year the Gala attracts more than 300 prominent business and community leaders as well as faculty, staff and alumni to Glen Sanders Mansion for an elegant dinner to honor friends of SUNY SCCC who have demonstrated commitment to our mission, vision and values.

For more information or to register, please visit [www.sunysccc.edu/alumni-give](http://www.sunysccc.edu/alumni-give) or call the Foundation at (518) 381-1322.

## Transformational Generosity – Giving That Shapes Futures



Lynn Manning, MVP Health Care Vice President for Human Resources and Chair of the SCCC Foundation's Scholarship Committee, congratulates Christina Fazio, Culinary Arts major, and Janaie Brown, Business Administration major, during Honors Convocation. They both received the Cornelia A. Bregman Memorial Scholarship.



MVP Health Care employees helped repurpose a house on Brandywine Avenue in Schenectady owned by SEAT (Social Enterprise and Training) Center. The house is a training space for SEAT and other not-for-profit community organizations. MVP volunteers worked with SEAT staff and students to clean up the property, inside and out.

MVP Health Care® in Schenectady has been a strong supporter of SUNY SCCC. During their nearly 25-year partnership with the College, MVP has awarded \$45,000 to the College, including support for the new Minority Student Mentoring Program. We recently asked Lynn Manning, Vice President for Human Resources, to reflect on MVP's commitment to SUNY SCCC and other community institutions. MVP will be honored with the Distinguished Community Partner Award at the SCCC Foundation's Royal Gala & Alumni Hall of Fame Induction on Nov. 10, 2017.

### Q. How does giving to SUNY SCCC fit in with MVP's mission?

A. MVP's mission of improving health and providing peace of mind, and our vision of creating healthy communities, parallels the College's mission of transforming students and our community through innovative, inclusive, and collaborative education programs.

Our organizations are actively engaged in making Schenectady a better place to live, learn, and grow. As our area has drawn new and exciting businesses, ventures, and people in recent years, SUNY SCCC and MVP Health Care provide a crucial infrastructure of education and health care to anchor our community's success.

### Q. Can you describe some of the other partnerships that MVP has in the community?

A. One exciting way MVP Health Care creates partnerships throughout the community is by encouraging our employees to get directly involved in community service, giving them time to do volunteer work on company time.

I recently took advantage of "volunteer time off" and went with some coworkers to a Schenectady Inner City Ministry summer lunch site. Our team read books to the children there, and then gave them the books to take home.

MVP Health Care supports a variety of local organizations that are creating a healthier community, including the Girls Inc. Mind+Body program, which addresses girls' holistic health through physical activity, nutrition, positive body image, and stress management. MVP also supports SEAT (Social Enterprise and Training) Center, which provides educational and workforce experiences for young adults to promote their economic independence. Specifically, MVP provides funding to ensure the students get the nutrition they need to excel in the program.

### Q. You have met some of our students who are scholarship recipients. What kind of impact do you think MVP's generosity has had on their lives?

A. As part of SCCC's Foundation Board, I chaired the Scholarship Committee this

past year. With fellow Board members, faculty, and staff, I had the privilege to review every scholarship application, and the stories of the individuals behind each one. So many truly remarkable people are working toward achieving their education. It was eye-opening to see how even a modest scholarship award can make the difference between someone needing to leave school and being able to continue toward a certificate or degree.

These students' stories are inspiring and humbling—and they've stuck with me: "the straight A student" who needed to cover college costs, as well as the daily expenses needed to get to class and also care for her children; an older student training in a new field after a long career that ended when he was disabled; and the young woman who was pursuing her education independently after her family told her that "girls don't need higher education."

MVP Health Care is pleased to support SUNY SCCC, these students, and so many more like them who are fiercely committed to achieving their dreams.



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