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BETWEEN DONORS AND STUDENTS

Broome Community College Foundation Annual Report Inside



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF *Alumni Affairs*

Hearing from current students and alumni about how the opportunities at SUNY Broome changed the course of their lives has made me a firm believer in the worth of a community college. That is why I so enjoyed putting together this issue of BROOME. The articles

within allow us to underscore the impact that donors can have on students' futures and the quality of the College.

I am proud of this issue and the stories it tells—and sad to say that is will be my last as Editor, as I am leaving SUNY Broome to return to public service in Tioga County. The past ten years as the Director of Alumni Affairs have been some of the favorite in my career. I have hosted close to 50 events, meeting hundreds of alumni all with unique and fascinating stories to share. I have witnessed the campus expand and improve with new buildings and renovations, and shared in the excitement of the BCC Foundation accepting the largest gift ever to the College. I was also there to experience our transition from a commuter-only campus to one with housing for more than 350 students.

I hope that reading the following pages will inspire you to tell your story of how the College—whether you call it State Tech, BCTI, Broome Tech, BCC or SUNY Broome—made a difference in your life. Perhaps, these stories will also encourage you to also make a difference for those following in your footsteps as a Hornet.

To all of you who made my time so enjoyable at SUNY Broome—Thank You!

Natalie M. Thompson
Director, SUNY Broome Alumni Affairs



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President's MESSAGE

Dear Hornet Alumni:

I hope this issue of our beautiful alumni magazine finds you in a happy and healthy place in

your life and that you look back to your time at Broome with as much fondness as I do on my days as a community college student. When I think about those days, it also reminds me that I worked my way through community college, paying all the expenses myself by working evenings, weekends and full-time during summers.

My parents were lower middle class; dad was a local truck driver and mom a full-timer at home with my three younger sisters. Our family wasn't eligible for aid at a time when community college tuition and fees were quite low and met its mission of making education truly accessible. My dad also couldn't afford to write a check for tuition and fees with my three sisters still in middle and high school. We were classic victims of the middle-class financial trap that so many families find themselves in when a child goes off to college. So I worked, and worked a lot, to get myself through community college. Oh, and gas was just \$.75 a gallon for my 30-mile round-trip!

Well, today it's a different story for those caught in the same middle-class/low-income trap. A few decades ago, public subsidies covered the lion's share of expenses to attend community college and the portion left to students, along with gas for the car, could be earned by a hard-working student. Today it's not! Now that students or families have to cover more than half of the cost to attend a SUNY community college, there aren't many part-time jobs out there that can cover the cost of attendance. In general, in our new economy, there isn't an abundance of part-time jobs for young folks at all or even for many older students attending college, let alone ones that pay enough to work your way through college as I did when the state was picking up 80% of the cost of attendance.

Consequently, given today's economic realities, scholarship aid has become absolutely essential to maintaining the access mission that is the soul of a community college. Every time you make a contribution to our Broome Community College Foundation, you are helping to change a life for the better. If you or a family member were helped by a scholarship or aid of any kind, then you know firsthand just what I'm referring to.

Some of you have heard me say that I very likely wouldn't be your college president, nor would my life be what it is today, if it wasn't for the scholarship aid that I received as a community college student. How could that be after what I just shared here? What I refer to in this context is "the rest of the story," for those of you who remember the great and inspiring Paul Harvey.

As I was headed toward graduation from Berkshire Community College, I was invited to an awards ceremony, not knowing much of

what to expect. But just as happens at our annual Scholarship and Awards Ceremony here at SUNY Broome put on by our fabulous Foundation, it turned out that "transfer scholarships" were awarded to top students every year in the same manner we practice at SUNY Broome. Wow! I had no idea until that night that transfer scholarships even existed. It was one of the greatest and most memorable nights of my life. I was so moved by that experience that I remember it fondly to this very day. It was a life-changing moment! I also learned that I had earned a special transfer scholarship from the university to which I was transferring - and it was a BIG one that never could have happened without my beloved community college standing behind me.

We all can be so proud that the BCC Foundation does the same thing for more than a thousand students year after year, both during their time at the college and upon transfer. For those of you who have supported the Foundation, thank you for helping us to change so many lives! For those of you who haven't yet supported your foundation, I hope that my story might inspire you to help when you are in a position to do so someday. You just never know how a donation might end up changing a life quite dramatically.

"And now you know the rest of the story!"

Kevin E. Drumm, PhD
President, SUNY Broome Community College



Dr. Drumm, Debra Morello, Vice President for Student & Economic Development, and SUNY Broome students try out a selfie stick at Reunion 2015.



Maureen Wilson
President,
BCC Foundation



Cathy Williams
Executive Director,
BCC Foundation

Building a brighter future through your support.

That is our goal; to create opportunities for students and the campus community by raising the financial support that funds scholarships, faculty development and capital improvements on campus. We were very successful in our efforts this past year. This success is mainly due to your generosity. You recognize that investing in our students today ensures that our graduates will be more employable in the future and better positioned to further their education in very competitive times.

In fiscal year 2015, donors gave more than \$4.3 million to fund a variety of opportunities for students here on campus and beyond. We had a record number of individuals create endowed scholarships, which helped us support more students than ever. And this year, we have given away record numbers of scholarships and need-based grants-in-aid to deserving students. Our goal is to continue on this trajectory every year so that no student will be denied access to the high-quality public education available here at SUNY Broome.

Another highlight is that at the end of this past fiscal year, our endowment reached a record \$26 million. We have prudently invested our funds to ensure they can generate even more support well into the future. Not all gifts are large, and the many annual gifts from individuals collectively fund immediate and critical support for students. All gifts matter. Thank you!

Additionally, SUNY Broome was recently awarded the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's (CASE) 2015 Educational Fundraising Award, which recognizes U.S. institutions for overall performance and improvement in educational fundraising programs. Pushing us well over the top of the field was a man named Mr. Emil Calice, a community friend who left the College his nearly \$11 million estate. This bequest has already created more than \$300,000 in merit

and need-based awards for students. This gift creates a significant impact for our students, our campus and our community, along with every other gift we receive.

At a time when national student debt figures exceed \$1 trillion, private support is more important than ever. Our students are doing so many great things and making a difference on campus, in our community and in our world. The array of opportunities available on this once-small commuter campus is an indication of how much we have grown as an institution. Last year, the campus opened its first-ever residence hall, creating a home for 366 students who come from all over the United States and around the globe. Housing, our growing academic offerings and highly qualified faculty and staff are helping SUNY Broome excel and become a leader among the State University of New York's community college system. Private support makes all the difference! Thank you for sharing in our mission to build a brighter future for so many.

Maureen Wilson

Cathy Williams

Our Mission

The Broome Community College Foundation strives to be among the most supportive community college foundations in the State University of New York System and in the country. We shall raise and administer funds and build and maintain relationships that (1) assist needy students, (2) recognize and honor high-achieving students, (3) help faculty and staff provide the best instructional environment possible, and (4) encourage innovation and achievement on campus, especially where government funds are either unavailable or insufficient.

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	# donors	\$\$
Alumni	1322	\$187,022
Corporations/Organizations	136	\$185,684
Estates and Trusts	8	\$3,511,905
Faculty and Staff	98	\$78,148
Foundations	14	\$238,602
Friends	171	\$103,646
Total	1,749	\$4,305,007

REVENUE

Donations (private support)	\$4,305,007
Investment Income/Capital Gains	\$673,965
Other Income	\$328,007
Total Revenue	\$5,306,979

CAMPUS SUPPORT PROVIDED

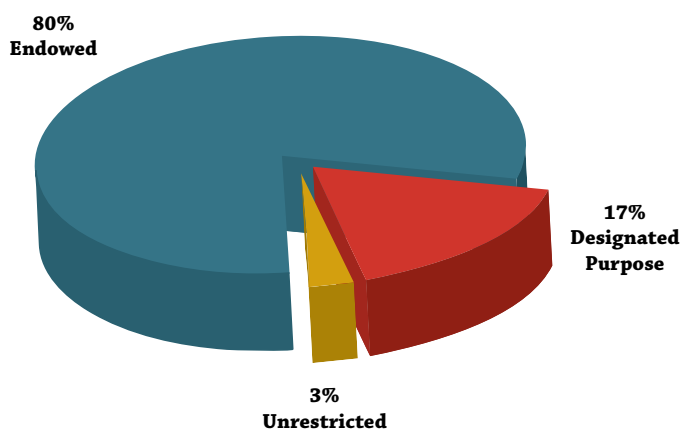
Student Awards and Scholarships	\$703,592
Faculty Development	\$17,877
Capital Projects	\$305,188
Campus Activities	\$114,832
Total Campus Support Provided	\$1,141,489
Other Expenses	\$907,892
Total Expenses	\$2,049,381

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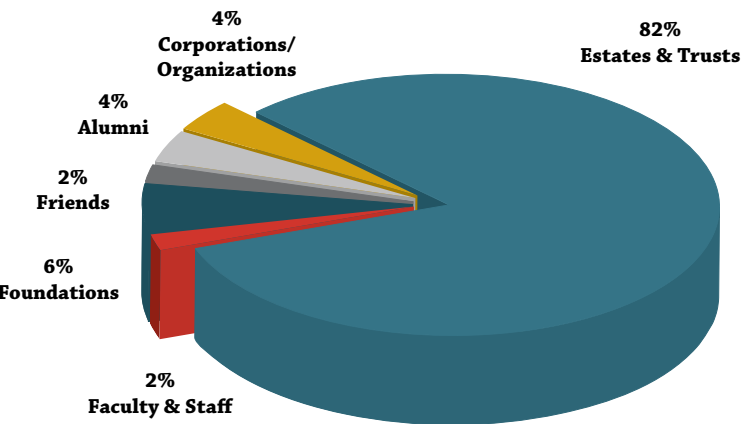
Market Value - 6/30/2014 (audited)	\$29,245,571
Increase in Net Assets	\$3,257,598
Market Value - 6/30/2015	\$32,503,169

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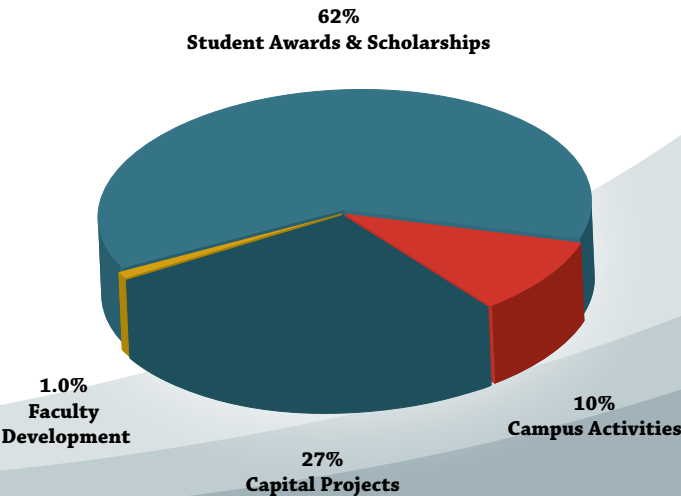
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Facing Page: Alex Bryden, American Legion Post 1645, and scholarship recipient Lindsey Stevens.
 Above: Calice family members join scholarship recipients Abeeke Richards and Shawna Stevenson at the 2015 BCC Foundation Scholarship Reception.

Scholarships Forge Links BETWEEN DONORS AND STUDENTS

The relationship between SUNY Broome students and Broome Community College Foundation donors can be seen as a sort of warp and weft, a thread of connection spun between those who believe in education and the next generation of scholars. The tapestry woven from these threads is colorful and diverse, spanning generations and disciplines, passions and careers.

“Thirty-nine years ago tonight, I was sitting roughly where you are, graduating from a community college and having no idea where a community college education would lead me,” SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm told students at the Foundation’s annual Scholarship Reception in May. “You really can go anywhere with what you accomplished here.”

Each year, the BCC Foundation awards more than \$700,000 in merit scholarships and need-based grants-in-aid to approximately 1,500 students – and the numbers are growing.

New this year are the Paul & Mary Calice and Mildred Barton Memorial Scholarships, which went to four divisional top achievers – Rebekah Kochmansk, Shelly Rusin, Carmella Seely and Taras Stets – as well as eight students in each division. The scholarships were made possible by local resident Emil Calice’s historic gift of nearly \$11 million, among the largest ever left to a community college.

Calice, a career IBM employee, died in 2014 at the age of 89 and had never attended SUNY Broome. Several of Mr. Calice’s relatives attended the award reception and stood up to be recognized.

The Calice gift will increase the amount of student and campus support to nearly \$1 million this academic year, which is the most funding in a given year that the BCC Foundation has provided to students in the College’s history.

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students, the less likely they will be saddled with a lifetime of student loans,” said Cathy Williams, Executive Director of the BCC Foundation.

“Student debt exceeds \$1 trillion dollars in this country,” Williams added. “Many students will not have the ability to pay off loans in their lifetime – which in many cases can negate much of the benefit of obtaining an education. We are committed to our mission to provide a quality and affordable public higher education for our students – that is why we are increasing our efforts to raise and distribute private scholarship support.”

If not for the generosity of donors, the Binghamton community would have one fewer nurse – and SUNY Broome would have one less advocate. During her first year at SUNY Broome, Aishia Mortenson (RN ’15) and her family paid out of pocket. And while tuition is low compared to many other institutions, the costs proved prohibitive and the path to a degree seemed uncertain.

Enter the Second Chance Scholarship, established by SUNY Broome Trustee, local businessman and entrepreneur Dr. Angelo Mastrangelo and his wife, Kathleen. Mortenson, who served on the Board of Trustees as a student member, had the opportunity to thank him for the scholarship. “If it wasn’t for the Foundation and the scholarships I received, I wouldn’t have been able to finish my degree,” said Mortenson, who graduated in May with a nursing degree.

She has received other scholarships as well, helping her with tuition, textbooks and needed supplies for her nursing courses. By meeting the donors, she also opened other doors: through one scholarship, she connected with representatives of the American Association of University Women, which led to an opportunity to attend the group’s convention in the Washington, D.C. area.

The generosity that benefited Mortenson ultimately inspired her

to give back to the SUNY Broome community. Through the Student Assembly, she helped create the Student Giving Campaign, which funds the annual Peer Student Scholarship. Throughout the year, students raise money for the scholarship through events, bake sales and this year the opportunity to hit SUNY Broome President Kevin Drumm in the face with a cream pie.

Anyone is eligible for the Peer Scholarship, and recipients are chosen by a committee made up of students and Broome Community College Foundation staff. The Peer Student Scholarship just completed its second year, and Mortenson hopes that it will continue for years to come.

The impact of scholarships isn’t just measured in textbooks and tuition. Like a stone tossed into a pool of still water, the ripples expand outward, affecting students’ lives for years to come. “When I enter the work world, I won’t have huge payments on student loans,” Mortenson said. “When I go back for my bachelor’s degree, it will be more affordable.”



American Association of University Women (AAUW) representatives and scholarship recipient Mary Isaak.

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Dr. Drumm poses with Alumni Association Scholarship recipients.

Donors give for a variety of reasons. Alex Bryden of American Legion Post 1645, located on Robinson Street in Binghamton, said his organization has been distributing three \$1,000 scholarships for as long as anyone can remember. This year’s scholarships went to Magen Kaeckmeister, Lindsey Stevens and Stephany Weed. “We do a lot with the community,” he said, “This is just one way to help.”

For Angela Stephens, the James Lee Skorko Scholarship has deep meaning: it was established in memory of her husband, who died three years ago of bladder cancer. This is the second year of the scholarship, which is awarded to SUNY Broome students pursuing a degree in computer studies. Skorko, who worked for the College’s department of Information Technology Services, spent 30 years as a computer programming analyst.

The second annual Lee Skorko Charity Open Golf Tournament, held May 30 at Endwell Greens, raised funds for the scholarship. This year, the tournament raised over \$5,000, Stephens said.

When you lose someone you care about, donations can have a special meaning, Stephens said. “I feel like he’s here, really giving us his blessing,” she said. This year’s James Lee Skorko Scholarship recipients are Harold Regan and Benjamin Ross.

Other scholarships also have a memorial focus. The Steven L. Amell Entrepreneurial Spirit Scholarship, which went to Veronica Carrasquillo and Danielle Walker, remembers a highly respected businessman and friend of SUNY Broome who died of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) in 2012.

Many scholarships are tied to professional organizations or community groups. The Communications Association of the Southern Tier (CAST) scholarship, for example, was awarded

to a student in the communications field: Nathan Dean (LACM ’14). Dean, who graduated in December 2014, currently works for News Radio WEBO. “I’m appreciative, especially because of who it’s from,” he said of the scholarship. “These are people I hope to work with some day.”

For Deborah Gaul, a student in the Physical Therapy Assistant program, scholarships are allowing her to stay enrolled. A breast cancer survivor whose daughter has also survived cancer, Gaul is currently a gymnastics coach for the Boys & Girls Club of Western Broome, where she also teaches Pilates. Recently, her husband underwent a corneal transplant, and the resulting financial crunch almost put college out of reach.

Enter Judith C. Peckham – and the \$2,500 scholarship established in her name. The scholarship, established by Peckham’s husband, Eugene, in her honor, is for non-traditional students who are active in the community.

“We feel it’s important to honor that contribution early on,” Peckham said of community involvement. The College, too, is important to her, as a former longtime SUNY Broome Trustee and former BCC Foundation board chair. “Gene and I both believe in the importance of education. We felt strongly about recognizing those who are involved in the community and need financial support to continue their education.”

“This is going to pay for one of my semesters,” said Gaul, who also received the Brian and Margery Mather Scholarship for Married Students and the Alumni Association Scholarship for Tutors.

Going forward, SUNY Broome graduates can become donors themselves. Some have an early start via the SUNY Broome Student Giving Peer Scholarship, in which students raise money through fundraisers and campus events. This year’s scholarship recipient was Jill McDaniels.

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President Drumm celebrates with scholarship recipients at the 2015 BCC Foundation Scholarship Reception.

Giving can be an act of devotion to an institution that helped set the donor’s life course. “This is the 55th anniversary of my graduation from this college,” donor Brian Mather (BT ’60) announced after awarding a scholarship to Deborah Gaul.

New scholarships are established each year, many from alumni who want to give back to SUNY Broome students because they themselves were helped during their time at the College. Community friends and families, foundations, SUNY Broome faculty and staff, and corporations have also stepped forward to establish scholarships to honor the memory of loved ones.

“All in all, it is a win-win situation for everyone involved,” Williams added. “Our donors give back and feel gratified that they are able to make a difference, our students have access to private support instead of accumulating debt, and we at the school get to fulfill our mission of helping students and our community.”

For more information on how you can make a difference in the lives of SUNY Broome students, contact the BCC Foundation at (607) 778-5182 or visit our website at www.broomeccfoundation.org.

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PAUL (LA '74) & LISA (SC '74) STRATFORD SUPPORT THE NEXT GENERATION OF STEM STUDENTS

In some ways, the SUNY Broome of today bears little resemblance to the college Paul and Lisa Stratford attended in the 1970s. The Alms House with its white cupola loomed where the Student Village now stands, although there was talk in some quarters about building residence halls in the back hills. The Decker Center for Health Sciences, the Natural Science Center and even Applied Technologies were conspicuously absent, and the Tyrrell Library still had a new-building feel. Campus consisted largely of a handful of buildings that passersby could barely see from the road, remembered Lisa (nee Carmine) Stratford, who graduated in 1974 with a secretarial degree.

But despite all the changes, the most important part of the SUNY Broome experience remains the same: dedicated faculty, inspiring the next generation of engineers, nurses, artists and more. For Paul Stratford, inspiration came in the form of his organic chemistry instructor, who introduced him to biomedical engineering.

“I went here for my Liberal Arts degree,” the 1974 graduate explained during a February tour of campus. “One professor here, Anthony LoTempio – he had a significant influence on me. He got me interested in engineering.”

That encounter transformed Paul Stratford’s life. After completing his degree at SUNY Broome – then Broome Community College – he headed to Syracuse University for an engineering degree and, a few years later, to Northeastern University for a master’s degree in environmental engineering. He then spent his 34-year career at ExxonMobil, working in New Jersey, Texas and Singapore, and then finally as site manager of the company’s extensive Baton Rouge chemical plant in Louisiana. He retired from the company in February 2015. “I tell people I’m the only forest engineer to work at ExxonMobil,” Paul Stratford said with a smile.

Among the largest chemical plants in the world, the Baton Rouge facility produces a wide range of products, from gasoline, diesel and aviation fuel to chemicals used in such everyday products as paint, adhesives, cartons, auto parts, diapers, lubricants and more. The plant is the second largest manufacturing employer in the state, providing local jobs for 3,000 employees and an additional 2,000 contractors.

Now residents of Cocoa Beach, Florida, but frequent visitors to the Southern Tier, the Stratfords have decided to give back to the school where they got their start. They recently established the Paul and Lisa Stratford STEM Scholarship, making a significant

five-year commitment of \$150,000 – with an additional match from Exxon Mobil – to endow the scholarship. It’s the largest individual gift commitment that the Broome Community College Foundation has ever seen, said the Foundation’s Executive Director, Cathy Williams.

The Stratfords plan to make their gift over 10 years; with Exxon’s match, funds will total \$300,000 – not including any earnings on the endowment. The full-tuition scholarship, focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), will support at least one student to start, and a returning student will be funded for the second year. As the endowment grows, more scholarships will be added so that many more students can be helped. Reed Grunder was the first to be awarded the Stratford Scholarship. A 2015 graduate of Chenango Valley High School, he began his studies in Engineering Science at SUNY Broome this fall.

“This gift from the Stratfords is going to have a significant impact on our students and on our STEM programs. Students will be able to attend SUNY Broome and complete an associate’s degree in Engineering Science or Engineering Technology for little or no cost, which is unusual in the current environment,” shared Cathy Williams, Executive Director of the BCC Foundation. “Additionally, SUNY Broome will be able to recruit high-performing students that may otherwise choose to attend a four year program,” added Williams.

The STEM fields are becoming increasingly important nationally, and ExxonMobil is no exception. Like many companies, Exxon is seeking engineers and has done outreach to K-12 schools in order to foster an interest in math and science. The knowledge and skill sets encompassed by STEM aren’t just important for engineers, Stratford noted. Basic math and science skills are used daily in the trades, from pipefitters and carpenters to welders. Math matters – and can give an edge to would-be employees seeking jobs in the field.

SUNY Broome President Dr. Kevin Drumm points out that the College’s STEM enrollment is increasing – a positive development when it comes to meeting national employment needs. “What you study nowadays is more important than where you study,” Dr. Drumm said.

Paul Stratford was 17 years old when he started classes at SUNY Broome. Like many young students, he wasn’t initially prepared for an academic career. “I was young and I wanted to go into the trades,” he explained. “I recieved a bachelor’s degree and then worked in construction, putting up modular homes for three years. When I started school, I knew I would have never finished my education if I went to a four-year school right away. I just wasn’t ready.” He credits that early choice – opting for a community college, and ultimately meeting professors such as LoTempio – with paving the way for his future success.

In February, Paul and Lisa Stratford toured the new Natural Science Center with STEM Dean Dr. Kelli Ligeikis, marveling over the high-tech facilities – far different from Paul’s classes in the Mechanical Building, which dates back to the founding of the Dickinson campus in 1956. But while it may look largely

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Paul Stratford outside the Exxon-Mobil plant in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

unchanged, the building is also due for an overhaul, thanks to a \$2.8 million grant that will create an advanced manufacturing center there.

On a walk through campus, Paul and Lisa Stratford marveled at the campus’ wind turbine, which generates 4 kilowatts of electricity while training students in the rudiments of green technology. They gazed from the top floor of the Natural Science Center onto the new Student Village, still swathed with snow.

Ligeikis led them through a few laboratories, chatting along the way about the many changes – the cut spaces that allow for lab work, the refrigerator where Biology Professor Tracy Curtis’ students are keeping deer ticks for their ongoing research into Lyme disease, and whether students still tote textbooks to class. They do, Ligeikis said, although electronic textbooks are becoming increasingly popular. During the walk, Paul Stratford and Ligeikis find that they have something in common: they both kept their early engineering textbooks.

“Not everyone has to go away (to a four-year school),” Ligeikis mused about community colleges as they walked. “It’s a great place to start. I have seen so many people come through these doors and be successful in the long run.”

She then ducked into one final lab – a class still in session – and beckoned for the Stratfords to follow. Many things have changed through the years at SUNY Broome, but some scenes haven’t: students in white lab coats and protective glasses, bending over flasks and jotting down results. And in the front of the classroom, Professor Emeritus Anthony LoTempio, watching their progress with a sharp eye – as he has done for decades.

Stratford gasped with surprise and then broke out into a grin. “I was one of your students back in 1973,” he told LoTempio. “You’re the one I remember!”

LoTiempo retired 13 years ago, but still teaches part-time at SUNY Broome – as well as Binghamton University and Cornell. He chatted with his former student for a while, pointing out the features of the new lab. “We have vacuum lines! We didn’t have that before,” he said before the tour resumed. “Nice seeing you again, sir!”



The Student Connection

SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDE ERROLL MOORE (RN '16) AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SUCCESS

Adversity can make or break you – pushing you past the point of recovery, or lighting a fire that drives success. For Erroll Moore (RN '16), times “paved with solitude and hardship awakened an insatiable hunger to achieve.”

Born in America, Erroll moved at a young age to the Republic of Guyana – his parent’s homeland, a tropical country on South America’s north Atlantic coast. Having a father with a lengthy criminal history who discouraged education, he and his siblings were raised solely by their mother. “My mom sacrificed all to provide us with a sound education. She was determined to break the trend of illiteracy rampant in my father’s family,” explains Erroll.

Scoring high on entrance examinations, Erroll was accepted into Bishops High School, one of Guyana’s top senior schools in the capital city of Georgetown. He excelled and became the first male in his father’s family to graduate high school. To celebrate this achievement, his mother and pastor organized a community meal for the homeless children in Georgetown. “Our actions were small compared to the poverty that exists, but we helped quell the hunger of children who were unsure of where their next meal would come from,” Erroll remembers.

Interested in medicine and excited to further his studies, Erroll returned to America to join the U.S. Army, moving in with his maternal grandfather and step-grandmother in Queens, NY.

However, his excitement was soon dampened by the rejection from the Army due to his asthma and his step-grandmother’s insistence that he move out. On the verge of being homeless, he decided to enroll in the Medical Assistant program at CUNY’s York College program only to be told that his high school transcript from Guyana was not recognized by the school. A college advisor encouraged him to obtain his GED - which he did through the SUNY Queens Educational Opportunity Center.

Now homeless and working at a Subway restaurant, he caught a break when the restaurant owner offered her attic as housing. Still, he struggled; most of his income went to rent, tuition and transportation, leaving him little or no money for food.

With an extremely unhealthy diet he developed food poisoning, colitis and malnutrition, finding himself in and out of the hospital. His health issues interfered with his studies, motivating his instructor to intervene and contact his grandparents. While his step-grandmother refused to take Erroll back in, the basement tenants Bibi and Oswald Teekasingh allowed him to live in their apartment while he finished his exams and his clinicals. Erroll graduated from the York program with a 97% average.

The Teekasinghs were relocating from Queens to Binghamton and invited Erroll to move with them. Still wanting to pursue his education, he accepted their offer and was soon enrolled in the

nursing program at SUNY Broome - a success story in itself, as the highly competitive program has more than 1,000 applicants each year for only 90 available slots.

Being accepted into the program was one hurdle; paying for college was yet another. With the help of the Financial Aid Office, his TAP and Pell grants were processed and he began searching for available scholarships. In Fall of 2013, he applied for and was awarded a Second Chance Scholarship through the BCC Foundation. Established by Dr. Angelo and Kathleen Mastrangelo, this scholarship assists students who demonstrate the potential and the desire to continue their formal education, but are hindered due to problematic life circumstances. Erroll fit the criteria perfectly. He also is a recipient of both the Foundation’s Lisa Phillips Lynch Memorial Scholarship and the Eckler Scholarship.

Erroll is now in his second year of studies at SUNY Broome with a plan to graduate in Spring 2016. He worked this past summer as a Patient Care Assistant at Lourdes Hospital, but was anxious for the fall semester to start so he could carry on his studies and raise his GPA from a 3.9 to 4.0.

He will continue to put in about 16 hours a month at Lourdes, just enough to keep active, but not too many hours to interfere with his grades. “Receiving the scholarships are why I am able to concentrate on my studies. If I had to work full-time and try to get my degree, I wouldn’t be able to get the grades I do or even graduate on time. Being concerned about your basic needs consumes a lot of energy,” explains Erroll.

His efforts and perseverance do not go unnoticed by those around him. “In addition to his outstanding academic ability, Erroll is a remarkable and well-rounded individual,” said Assistant Professor of Biology Diane Kelly. “His attention to detail in his classwork required me to become a better teacher to keep up with him! These qualities make him particularly well suited for a career in medicine.”

Despite his struggles, Erroll recognizes and appreciates how others have contributed to his success; from his mother making sure he received a quality education, to his “adoptive” family the Teekasinghs (Oswald has since passed away, but he stills lives with Bibi) ensuring that his dream did not disappear, to the support he receives at SUNY Broome through scholarships and faculty.

He remembers his first semester when he questioned whether he could handle the program and was calmed by clinical instructor GERALYN SEARS. “She believed in me,” Erroll said. In addition, Sears encouraged him to apply for the job at Lourdes and now has him lined up to teach a skills lab for freshmen.

Erroll describes passionately his experience at Broome: “Everyone here wants you to succeed – I can’t even find the words to say how supportive the College has been. This kind of environment is a strong motivator.”

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Eugene P. Koloski (CH '49) is enjoying retirement! He lives in Marcellus, New York.

1950s

Albert V. Gillow (ET '55) is retired, having worked at IBM for 34 years. He and his wife have 24 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. They reside in Berkshire, New York.

1960s

Carolyn Clark Hall (DH '62) retired after practicing dental hygiene for 42 years in Virginia, Florida and New York. She and her husband live in Pensacola, Florida; he spends his time playing duplicate bridge and she volunteers at the local USO at Pensacola Naval Base, Sacred Heart Cancer Center and is a mentor for a child in 5th grade.

Dorothy Burgess-Goldberg (DH '64) is retired after 50 years as a dental hygienist - the last 25 in the same periodontal and implant dentistry office. She resides in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

Charles W. Randall (BT '68) started a new career in financial services in 2001 after merging his CPA firm with Davidson Fox. In 2004 he became a Certified Financial Planner. He is currently working with SEED Financial Strategies as a financial planner and investment advisor. He lives in Binghamton, New York.

1970s

Richard J. Reed (CT '70) and Kathleen M. Reed (MR '71) are both retired, from NYSDOT and Lourdes Hospital respectively, and enjoying traveling as much as possible. They reside in Binghamton, New York.

Julian A. Torino (LA '72) was married in May 2015 to Debra Kuhl in Atlanta, Georgia, where they reside.

Andrew L. Herrick (BT '73) is now retired from healthcare administration and is the owner of CPS Medical Supply, Inc. He is married to his partner of 40 years, Bob Moyer, and they split their time between Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Janice Vallese Cornell, Corrine Pompeii Mott, Ellen Shear Rose and Sharon Pratt-Massar (all DH '73) recently reunited at Windsor Golf Course. Corrine and Sharon are retired while Janice and Ellen are still practicing dental hygienists.

Gordon W. Brown (LA '78) is the President of Shandaken Theatrical Society, Inc, in Phoenicia, New York as well as director, actor and set designer for the group. He resides in Boiceville, New York.



Charlotte (Heverly) Wallace (RN '94) JOINS PRESIDENTIAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

When she worked at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center in Baltimore, pediatric nurse Charlotte Wallace noticed the rising number of children with asthma. At the time, she attributed it to air pollution. Looking back, she now sees another factor: climate change.

Wallace, who graduated from SUNY Broome in 1999 and later from the University of Maryland, had the opportunity to discuss the health impacts of climate change with no less than President Barack Obama. In April, she joined the President, U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, a range of health experts and others at Howard University Medical School for a panel discussion and widely-covered press conference. Charlotte can be seen above seated directly to the left of the President.

During the press conference, Obama sat next to Wallace and mentioned her by name. "We'll use the example of Charlotte Wallace, a pediatric nurse in Maryland for 18 years," Obama said, noting Wallace's experience in treating children with asthma. "And as a nurse and a mom, she understands that climate change is going to be making a difference."

Community public health is a passion for Wallace, who serves as the sustainability coordinator at Anne Arundel Medical Center while working on a master's degree in public health from the University of Maryland (UMD). In 2012, she was awarded the Nursing Leadership in Environmental Health Award from Maryland Hospitals for a Healthy Environment for her achievements in reducing occupational and environmental hazards. She became involved in the panel discussion through her advisor at UMD. "I was tired of seeing kids suffer from diseases that could be prevented," she said of her interest in public health.

The discussion opened with Obama stating the importance of the topic. Because climate change happens gradually, the health implications may not be immediately visible. But they exist. Wildfires – sparked by storms or worsened by drought – can send particulates into the air, exacerbating pollution and respiratory disease. Insects may expand their range and bring disease with them. Heavy rain could lead to mold, another respiratory stressor, and strong storms can prompt power outages, endangering fragile populations. A warming climate will expand and worsen the allergy season, and the danger of heat-related illnesses rises with the mercury.

A native of Binghamton and mother of two, Wallace has been a resident of Maryland since 1995 and has seen the impact firsthand. A 2013 study conducted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology showed that Maryland led the country in the number of premature deaths from air pollution. The

problem is particularly severe in Baltimore, where up to 20 percent of children have asthma – more than twice the national average of 9.4 percent. A 2011 study estimated that Maryland had 402,170 adults and 126,197 children with asthma, with the impact of the disease costing more than \$1 billion annually. Nationally, the study estimated that the U.S. has more than 19 million adults and nearly 7 million children with the disease, at a cost of more than \$53 billion. In New York State, more than 1.3 million adults and nearly 415,000 children have the disease, with an estimated cost of nearly \$3.5 billion.

"The President gets the importance of public health. He really gets the health disparity," Wallace reflected. Obama was interested in knowing what panel participants saw and experienced in their areas, as well as ways to address the public health impact. Even with health insurance, chronic diseases such as asthma have an impact on both the healthcare system and on society – in missed days of school and work, and increased use of health services. Knowing the potential contributors to public health issues can only help. "It's a really good idea to look upstream at what threw you in the river," she said.

Pedal to the Metal: MICHELLE DIGIACOMO (BUBA '13) LEADS PROJECT TO BUILD ELECTRIC RACECAR FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION



Night dwindled into the wee hours, and then inched toward dawn as a dozen engineers worked with a tangle of colorful wire. Their goal: to bring the "Green Machine" to life.

Finally, at 6 a.m. April 27, the electric engine inside the small racecar

revved up – just hours before the SUNY Bearcats MotorSports Team headed to Loudon, New Hampshire, home of the New Hampshire International Speedway and the Society of Automotive Engineers' Formula Hybrid competition.

In just eight months, a team of students from SUNY Broome and Binghamton University collaborated to design and build an open-wheel, single-seat racecar for the international competition. During the event, 27 registered teams competed on the track, proving their cars' acceleration and endurance, as well as competing in an Autocross competition. Teams hailed from universities throughout the United States, as well as India, Turkey, Canada and Australia. The SUNY Bearcats Motorsports Team ended up taking fifth place in the electric division.

At the wheel was Michelle DiGiacomo (BUBA '13), the project leader – a SUNY Broome alumna and, now, Binghamton University graduate who has been an avid Autocross racer for five years. Normally, a team takes about two to three years to prepare their first car, Michelle noted. "A lot of people said it was crazy to build a car in eight months," she said. "We did it."

Going into her senior year at BU, she was looking at how she could make a lasting difference. The SAE Hybrid project allowed her to do just that – while pursuing her interest in racing.

Class Notes

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1980s

Kevin W. Burgher (BUBA '89) is the Manager of Accounting and Human Resources for the Association for Vision Rehabilitation and Employment, Inc. in Binghamton. He resides in Johnson City, New York.

1990s

David C. Mazzini (LAAA '93) was recently named to the board of directors of the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier. He has a Master of Social Work from Syracuse University and is a financial advisor for Edward Jones.

Michael A. Garzo, Jr. (CJ '95) is a partner in the law firm of Battisti and Garzo P.C. He served in the Marine Corps prior to attending SUNY Broome and received his bachelor's from SUNY Oswego and his J.D. from Albany Law School. He lives in Vestal, New York.

F. Paul Battisti (LAAA '99) was recognized by the American Institute of Criminal Law Attorneys as a 2015 10 Best Criminal Law Attorneys for Client Satisfaction. A partner in Battisti and Garzo P.C., he has his bachelor's from Siena College and his J.D. from Thomas Jefferson School of Law. He resides in Binghamton, New York.

2000s

Bradley A. Strauff (CT '01) is a Principal Engineering Technician for NYS Department of Transportation in Syracuse. He also became a licensed land surveyor in 2013. He lives in Homer, New York.

Hashem M. Obeidallah (CT '06) is a Senior Transportation Engineer for McFarland Johnson in Binghamton. He recently received his Professional Engineering License from NYS.

Timothy D. Bailey (CT '07) recently earned is professional engineer license. He has a bachelor's of Environmental planning and management from SUNY Plattsburgh and an associate's degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Technology from SUNY Cobleskill. He is employed by Keystone Associates Architects, Engineers and Surveyors and resides in Binghamton, New York.

Reverend Louise L. Ulrich (MTRC '13) is an accredited interim minister and enjoys volunteering at the local PBS affiliate WSKG. She lives in Vestal, New York.

Thomas Mastro (ISAS '14) was recently elected President of the SUNY Student Assembly by his peers, with SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher participating in the swearing-in ceremony. While at SUNY Broome, he served as Student Assembly President and Faculty Student Association Vice President. He is attending Binghamton University majoring in Human Development.

The student-run team consisted of about 30 mechanical engineering, electrical engineering and marketing students from both SUNY Broome and BU. Students in SUNY Broome Engineering Technologies Professor Gary DiGiacomo's (ES '82) class helped design the electric motor. Some of them, as well as students in SUNY Broome's IEEE club, headed out to New Hampshire on a field trip to watch the race along with the professor, who is Michelle's father. Her mother, also a graduate of SUNY Broome, Cheryl (DH '83) has been a huge source of support and encouragement as well.

The team had to come up with at least \$25,000 in donations to fabricate the vehicle. As project lead, Michelle -- who received an associate's degree in Business Administration from SUNY Broome, and her bachelor's in Leadership and Business Consulting at BU's School of Management -- played a crucial role in coordinating the project's engineering and business efforts.

In the end, the team raised \$25,000 in cash and approximately the equivalent in donated parts and materials. One of their main sponsors was the Peruvian government, thanks to a student who has a relative that works with that country's trade commission. Even with the contact, that sponsorship took six months to arrange and a good deal of paperwork, Michelle noted. "They're a growing economy," she said of the Peru donation. "We've been able to use the team to promote diversity and education. It's cool being the first college to work with Peru on this."

Local supporters, providing money and equipment included: BAE Systems, in collaboration with International Rectifier; Raymond Corporation; Haun Welding, in collaboration with Lincoln Electric; and The Applied Technology Manufacturing Corporation.

The team's advisors contributed a good deal of time to the project throughout the year, Michelle added. They include Professor DiGiacomo, SUNY Broome Technical Assistant Don McCarty (ET '80), BU Professor Bruce Murray, Frank Ryan, Colin Selleck and David Pavlick. SUNY Broome graduate Joby Springteen (ISAT '13) donated numerous hours welding parts of the frame and suspension, while BU's Physical Facilities Department -- especially Wayne Schneider -- donated GEM car parts.

And while Michelle handled the project's administrative and marketing components, numerous engineering students spearheaded the design and fabrication. "It was a tremendous effort, and we all dedicated thousands of man-hours to the project," Michelle said.

The project's lessons extend beyond the classroom and the racetrack. Ultimately, Michelle hopes to lead by example -- showing girls that they can become project leaders, engineers and racecar drivers. All too often, young people can doubt their abilities and aptitudes, she noted. "I really want to go into a role where I will be able to motivate people," she said. "I think about how great it's been to watch my team grow as people. It's been a great experience."



Passion and Perseverance:
HOLLY WELFEL (HSAS '06) FINDS HER CALLING

For students working toward a Human Services degree, establishing a program or agency is a shining but often distant dream. SUNY Broome alumna Holly Welfel (HSAS '06), however, defied the odds and started OASIS After School, an after-school program for teens in Endicott. Eight years after its founding, the program is still going strong -- as is Holly, now working on a master's degree in social work at Binghamton University while providing the resource building and vision work that fuel OASIS.

"Everybody has a dream, but not many people act on it," said Welfel, noting the importance of perseverance and passion. "That's why OASIS After School has grown; it's not just a room with equipment and activities in it. Those are my kids and I love them. Eventually, people will get excited and follow it as well. Once you're there, there's an overwhelming sense of family."

The teens who shoot hoops, create art and work on their homework at The Boys and Girls Club of Western Broome's Teen Center may not realize that they have a good deal in common with the organization's founder. Like many of them, Welfel grew up in a low-income household that didn't have the resources to pay for extracurricular activities. She admits that she likely made bad decisions, as many teens do, and felt that she had no one to talk to. She did learn the importance of higher education as a child, when she accompanied her mother to a SUNY Broome night class with Professor Margherita Rossi -- a figure who would later prove a significant mentor in Welfel's academic life. And while finances were tight, forgoing college was out of the question. "My mom said, 'You're going to college. It's your only ticket out of here,'" Welfel said.

She began her SUNY Broome journey in 1999, with a focus on early childhood education and an aim to become a special education teacher. But meaningful encounters with professors Rossi and Dr.

Thomas Crandell, Executive Vice President Francis Battisti and others led to her decision to switch to Human Services.

Academics didn't come easily; Welfel struggled and was hesitant to speak in class, due to a stutter and a bit of anxiety. But she stayed the course and ultimately succeeded, transferring to Binghamton University to work on her bachelor's degree in human development. She earned her bachelor's degree in 2005 -- and then transferred some of the credits back to complete her associate's degree at SUNY Broome, a process known as reverse transfer.

Today, she shares her academic struggles with OASIS' interns and volunteers, many of whom are SUNY Broome students facing their own challenges. It's important for students to realize that goals aren't easily achieved and that challenges are an integral part of their life's journey.

Professor Rossi said she was humbled that Welfel considers her a mentor. In academic settings, one common story involves a professor or teacher who affects or changes a student's life. However, professors also have students who make a difference in their lives, she noted.

"Having had a student like Holly reminds me that our encounters with students -- in and out of the classroom -- are full of possibility. We can't make a difference in every student's life. But we should be prepared, ready to seize the moment and believe that we can make

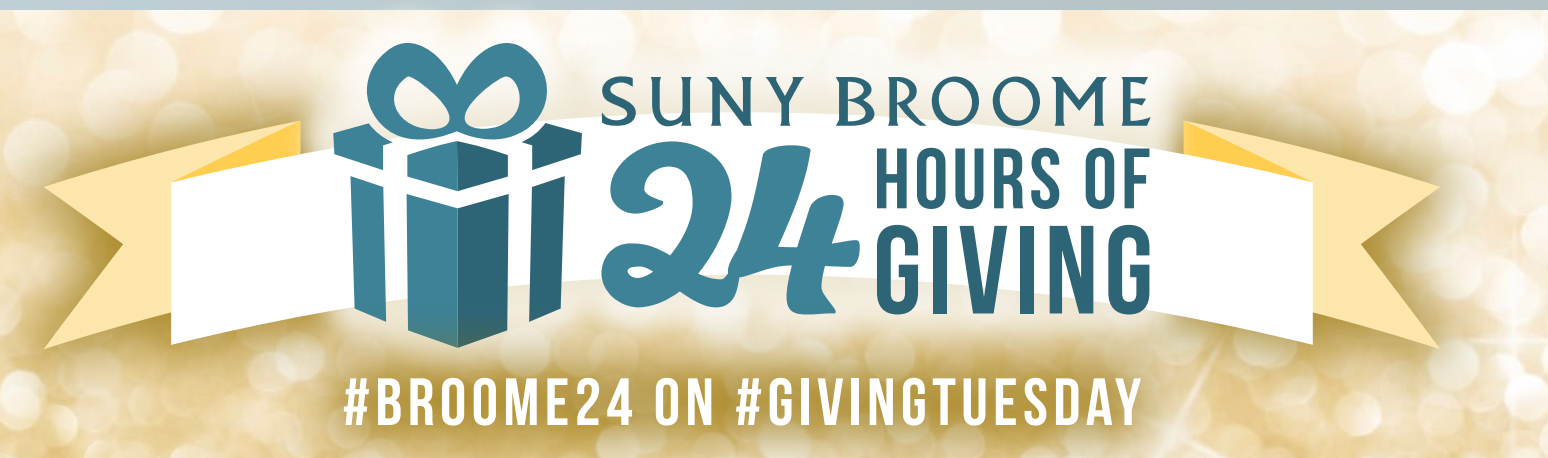
a difference in small, or more significant, ways," Rossi said. "I bring Holly and her success story to mind whenever I question why I teach and if what I do has meaning."

As OASIS continues to develop, Welfel's own role is shifting. She has less hands-on time with the teens and more with her staff and interns, as she shifts to a more administrative position as OASIS' founding director. She is also nearly two years into her work on her master's degree in social work, and will be doing an internship of her own at SUNY Broome in an effort to complete her degree.

For Holly, the word "community" is the most important part of SUNY Broome Community College's name and the heart of its essence. Community lies at the center of all she does with OASIS and, overall, her identity as a whole.

"The people I encounter at the College have that sense of community. They're from the community and they're invested here, and I feel I'm invested here on this campus," she said. "I just get such a wonderful sense of community here and I believe in SUNY Broome."

By sharing her experiences and serving as a role model, Welfel also helps to inspire the next generation of Hornets and Human Services students: she shows that passion and perseverance can lead to both personal and career success. "She's an example of the Broome story," Vice President Battisti said.



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Stay tuned to learn more about this day and how you can make it the greatest 24 hours SUNY Broome will ever see!



Building Democracy's College: **PROFESSOR GARNAR GIVES HIS 'FINAL LECTURE'**

History Professor Doug Garnar has been dubbed the “king of civic engagement,” but he’s quick to discount any image of royalty. Rather, he views himself as a servant and a guide, supporting students and the larger community in the hard and often messy work of democracy. “I have a passion that the College is a civic laboratory on its best days,” he said April 30 during his final lecture as a full-time faculty member. Of course, he wryly admits, not every day is its best day.

Garnar, who retired this Spring, has spent 44 years educating citizens, and has had a profound impact on campus. The first SUNY Broome faculty member and the first community college faculty member to be awarded the SUNY Distinguished Service Professorship, his achievements include coordinating service-learning efforts, directing the Liberal Arts Community Internship program; founding the Older, Wiser, Learners (OWLS) program, SUNY Broome’s Ecology Club and the Sleep-Out for the Homeless event; and playing an important role in creating SUNY Broome’s Shared Governance system.

He is also heavily involved in the College’s Center for Civic Engagement, leading and reinvigorating the campus’ Civic Engagement Board, organizing public deliberations in and out of the classroom, as well as political candidate debates, community events, forums and voter registration activities.

Outside of the college, he served for many years on the Urban League Board of Directors, the Greene School Board and recently became the first community college faculty member to be elected to the Board of the nationally prominent National Issues Forum, which is affiliated with the well-known Kettering Foundation. He also spearheaded efforts to create the Neighborhood Assemblies project in the Binghamton community.

He began his lecture with snippets of his life before Broome. A native of Long Island, he was named after General Douglas MacArthur, and nicknamed Sandy for his blond hair. He was told to “study hard, read, read, read, get good grades and go to college” – a dedication that cost him the lead in the school play. He ran competitively in the 1960s while a student at SUNY Albany – including a 50-mile race with his coach in his sophomore year.

In a good race, his coach told him, you reach the finish line with nothing left in your tank. You give it your all, but wisely, so you don’t run dry early on. It’s a lesson that Garnar – once the College’s cross-country coach – has taken to heart as he continues his work on deliberative democracy post-retirement.

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*- Douglas Garnar
Retired Professor, SUNY Broome*

“He personifies the community in community college,” SUNY Broome President Kevin Drumm told the Press & Sun-Bulletin after Garnar’s final lecture. “He reminds everybody that serving the community is our mission.”

“Democracy’s College,” the title of Garnar’s last lecture, comes from the Truman Commission report on higher education, the first to use the term “community college.” The report envisioned higher education as an integral part of democracy, educating the populace for citizenship. The sentiment was influenced by the developing Cold War with the Soviet Union and the haunting images of the Holocaust, the latter of which bred questions on how a democracy could descend into such an abyss, Garnar noted.

That report spawned the creation of the five New York State Institutes of Applied Arts and Sciences – one of them in Binghamton. The newborn college was largely a technical school with a limited focus; the Liberal Arts weren’t added until 1962.

From 1947 to 1970, which saw the development of State Tech into Broome Community College, civic education was largely extracurricular. Students formulated their own constitution, held elections and created a student newspaper. The yearbook, *Citadel*, chronicled campus life and community from 1949 until its last edition in 1986. Student government was also much larger than today because of how it was composed, Garnar remembered. And every Monday at 3 p.m., founding President Cecil Tyrrell stopped all classes and brought in speakers – an intellectual exercise that brought the campus together. The civic mission wasn’t just limited to students, either; the president created a faculty group that eventually sowed the seeds of the shared governance system.

“It was through the extracurricular activities that the notion of preparing students for citizenship took root,” said Garnar, who came to SUNY Broome in 1971 after graduate studies at Binghamton University.

Like any human endeavor, the democratic experiment can be a messy one: fraught with fits and starts, heated by discussion and contention, and dependent upon a lot of work – hard work. Campus life slowly became more automatized and public participation dwindled. Simply put: civic engagement appeared to be going out of style.

From the 1970s to 2010, the College’s Shared Governance “was allowed to exist,” although only in the capacity to offer recommendations to the administration, Garnar noted. Campus civic involvement dwindled, with the last yearbook published in 1986 and, eventually, the dissolution of the student newspaper. In the 1980s, the position of faculty advisor to student government disappeared, and the student government – which once had legendary basketball Coach Dick Baldwin’s salary reduced in the name of fairness – lost direct control of its funds due to SUNY mandates.

By the 1990s, participation in student government dwindled to virtually nothing; for three election cycles, there were no contested positions except for one, whose holder was ultimately appointed by administrators. The mission of educating democracy’s citizens, however, wasn’t abandoned; instead, it went in a different direction. With the advent of General Education, a shift was underway to put civic education within the curriculum itself rather than relegate it to extracurricular activities.

“We begin to see the emergence of the concept of public work, the work of public citizens,” Garnar said. Examples of this at SUNY Broome are Bridging the Digital Divide and the Health for Haiti global

service learning course, which Garnar dubbed “public work on the grand scale.” The concept of service learning emerged about fifteen years ago. While it has provoked questions and discussion on whether volunteerism is as crucial as other kinds of public work, it succeeds in pushing students beyond their personal agendas, Garnar said.

The college also developed a new Shared Governance model. While it only has an advisory role, it gives various stakeholders on campus – students included – a voice on issues and decisions. “Democracy is always a work in progress,” Garnar said. “It is citizens who help to build this country.”

To foster citizen involvement, Garnar is heavily involved in facilitating public deliberation, a non-argumentative discussion of important issues that focuses on aspects of a problem, potential

solutions and the strengths and weaknesses of those solutions. Most recently, a deliberative discussion of Broome County’s heroin problem drew more than 500 people to the West Gym. Through the College’s Center for Civic Engagement, children as young as the second grade are

engaging in public deliberation to identify and solve problems in the local schools.

Democracy, in short, isn’t old, tired and dying, but taking new forms. “I’m hoping that we have sown seeds that will take democracy in new directions, where citizens have a much greater role in shaping the communities they want,” he said.

Near the end of his lecture, Professor Garnar offered several suggestions to promote the college’s civic mission. There’s a student effort underfoot to create a new, independent student newspaper both online and in print. The booklet of campus history – last issued on the college’s 50th anniversary – should be periodically updated and reissued. The yearbook should return as a campus chronicle. Start a Democracy Wall, in which students post a question a week and passersby are encouraged to post answers. Return a faculty member to an advisory role in student government. And look to the Student Village for other democratic possibilities, as a civic laboratory within a civic laboratory.

“The challenge is to re-invigorate passion for democracy,” he said. “Democracy is hard, hard work.”



An Officer and a Graduate: MARIE FINELLI (ISAT '15)

Campus Peace Officer Marie Finelli has a deep understanding of what it means to wear a uniform, and not just because she wears 30 pounds of gear and a Kevlar vest.

Consistent training, dedication, duty, diplomacy. The ability to make tough and even life-altering decisions, often in a matter of seconds. Protecting and deeply knowing your community, even amid tension and distrust. “We all get involved in law enforcement to make a difference,” said Finelli, who has served in SUNY Broome’s Department of Health and Safety since 2006.

She was one of the first two Campus Peace Officers hired when the college transitioned from Broome County Security to its own law enforcement agency and has been instrumental in the department’s growth, noted Public Safety Chief Joe O’Connor. “Her dedication to SUNY Broome as an employee and student has made her one of the most valuable members of our campus community,” O’Connor said.

But for one evening last May, Finelli wore a different uniform – one that she took 18 years to earn. With her mortarboard and tassel, she marched with over 1,200 members of SUNY Broome’s 2015 graduating class, earning her associate’s degree.

Many of SUNY Broome’s students have stories of overcoming obstacles and hardship in their pursuit of education, and they’re not shy about sharing them with Officer Finelli. She has heard some heartfelt stories of difficulty and triumph along the way – and her own is no less inspiring.

A single mother, she had her daughter when she was 15 years old and often missed days at Binghamton High School when her daughter was ill. Not to be deterred, she finished her GED and graduated on stage with her original high school class.

When she attended SUNY Broome for the first time in Fall 1997 and Spring 1998, she enjoyed the social life on campus – skipping class to hang out with “the popular kids.” She tried college again in the following fall semester at Lackawanna College in Scranton, but working remained the priority rather than school.

In 2002, she returned to SUNY Broome to earn her EMT certification – a full-time student and single parent working in night security at a local hospital. She worked as a police dispatcher in Johnson City in 2003 and 2004, ultimately resigning to attend Broome County’s Law Enforcement Academy. She served in police departments in Afton and Deposit before returning to SUNY Broome – this time as both an employee and student. “I’ve been here ever since, taking classes when I can,” said Finelli, who is also a part-time officer with the Town of New Berlin police department. “You’ve got to do it at your own pace.”

Her degree in Individual Studies in Liberal Arts combines medical studies, law enforcement and general education. One of her last classes – Professor Doug Garnar’s Community Internship class – allowed her to receive credit for her years of community service, which she documented in a portfolio. (Fun fact: she first met Professor Garnar while writing him a parking ticket. Don’t worry; they’re quite congenial today.)

In addition to an education, SUNY has given Finelli what she considers “the perfect job,” reminiscent of the 1950s-era beat cop. Rather than patrolling in a vehicle, she is on her feet all over campus – not only responding to calls, but giving students fist-bumps, high-fives and the occasional talking-to. “People know us by name and by faces. You’re more accessible,” she said. “It’s a relationship you wouldn’t normally have when you’re in a car. I’ve always enjoyed that.”

A Broome-Endicott crisis negotiator known for her ability to keep calm in tense situations, Officer Finelli also helps facilitate presentations on conflict resolution, workplace violence, safety and other topics at SUNY Broome. She is also a member of the Southern Tier Law Enforcement Memorial Association, which plans

the region’s Police Week events and remembers fallen officers, and has taught classes in mental health, contemporary police problems and officer survival at the Broome County Sheriff’s Police Academy.

Now that she has earned her associate’s degree, she is considering pursuing a bachelor’s degree in human services to aid her career. And as Finelli becomes a SUNY Broome alumna, she has passed the torch as a Hornet; her daughter is enrolled at the College this semester.

“My path was 18 years long. Life gets in the way. It doesn’t mean you can’t get it done,” Finelli said of her academic journey. Despite the twists and turns along the way, she has no regrets. “Every avenue I’ve taken has led to something better,” she said.

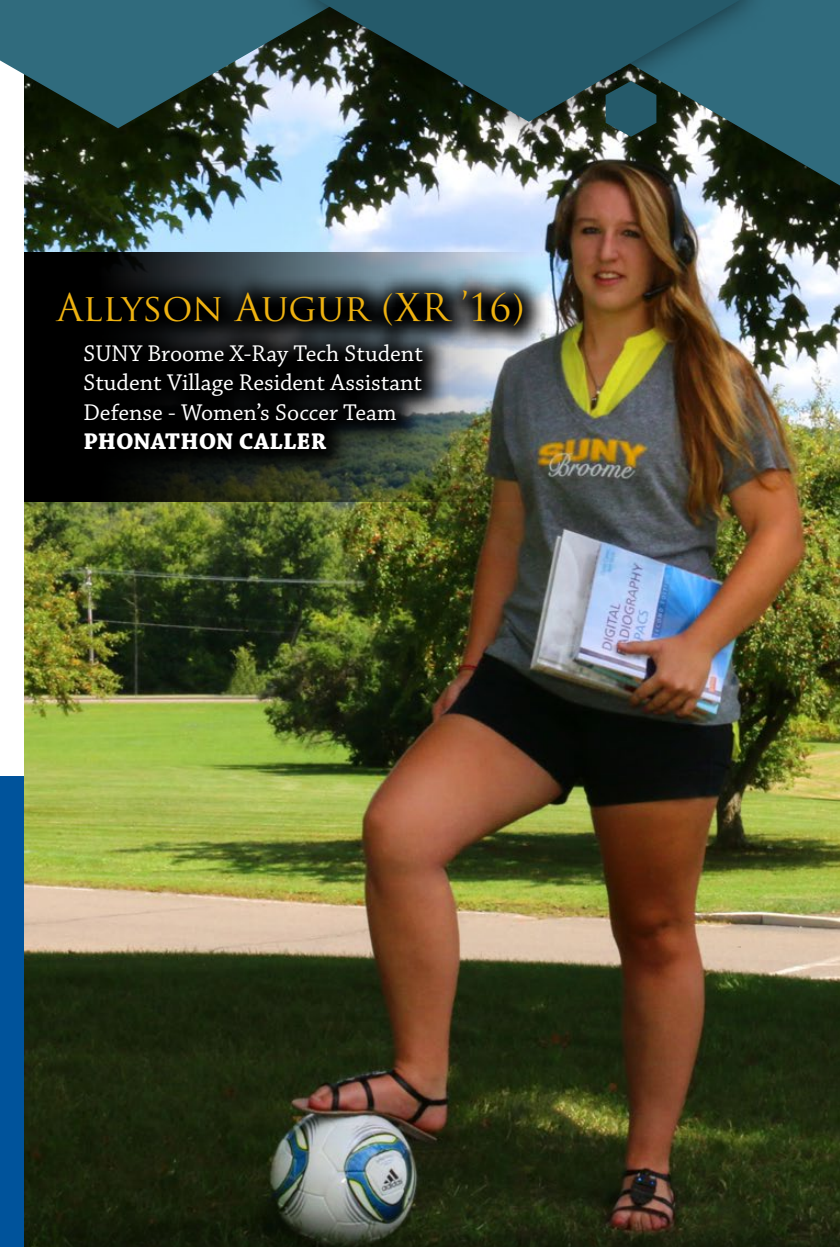


Congratulations to SUNY Broome faculty, staff and students who received the prestigious SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence this year. Those recognized for their outstanding achievements in 2015 are: Professor Rey Wojdat (LACM ’99), Chair of the Department of Hospitality Programs, who received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Faculty Service; Deborah Hibbard, Associate Counselor and adjunct instructor, and Dawn Kutz (BUAC ’90), Assistant Registrar and adjunct instructor, who both received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service; Shelly Purtell (DH ’98), and Lynda Carroll, who both received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching in the Departments of Dental Hygiene and Social Sciences respectively; and Michelle Brunschmid (ISAS ’15), Spencer Nagle (LAAS ’15) and Ashley Cable (ISAS ’15), who received the Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence.

“Faculty and staff who receive the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence have served their students, fellow faculty and staff, campus and community with the utmost distinction,” SUNY Broome President Kevin E. Drumm said during the 2015 Commencement address. “It is a great honor to be able to recognize them today.”

ALLYSON AUGUR (XR '16)

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