

SCCC to celebrate Black History Month

Photo/text by Whitney Jackson, Paralegal major



Student Jonathan Lajas signs the "Dream Banner" created by the Multicultural Office to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 22. Throughout the month of February, a variety of activities at SCCC will celebrate contributions of notable African Americans.

The inauguration of the first black President of the United States of America has highlighted the important role African Americans have played in the shaping of the nation. At SCCC, a variety of activities will serve to recognize the contributions they have made, despite living in times of slavery, segregation, racism and discrimination.

"Black History Month provides us an opportunity to direct our focus toward this rich history that is a part of America. However, history is made every day and we see that especially with the election of the first-ever black President of the United States, Barack Obama," said Jessica Rowell, Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs/Educational Opportunity Programs. "Without the history of struggle, work and effort of African Americans who have come before President Obama, this momentous accomplishment would not have been possible."

Rowell explained Black History Month at SCCC will be recognized and celebrated through an interactive and unique workshop series focused on racism, free films covering the topics of the African Diaspora, African Americans and criminal justice, and slavery, and a live art event in the Student Commons. All events are free and open not only to students, faculty and staff, but to the public as well.

"I urge every member of the SCCC community to seek out, support and attend events both on campus and throughout the local region that highlight the experiences and contributions of African Americans," Rowell said.

Snowed In 2009

If you can't beat Mother Nature, join her

(and the Student Activities Board) for

Snowed In 2009.

Monday, Feb. 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Activity Forum.

Chili, hot cocoa, fun.

Black History Month Events

Study Circles on Racism, in partnership with Schenectady County Embraces Diversity (SCED). Be a part of the dialogue.

Orientation- Tuesday, Feb. 3, 11:30 a.m., Activity Forum

Session 1: Thurs, Feb. 5, 11:30 a.m., Elston Hall 132/134

Session 2: Tues, Feb. 10, 11:30 a.m., Elston Hall 132/134

Session 3: Thurs, Feb. 12, 11:30 a.m., Elston Hall 132/134

Tuesday, Feb. 17, Free Film Screening, *Prince Among Slaves*, 2-4 p.m., Stockade Building, Room 101. This film is the amazing true story of Abdul Rahman Ibrahim Sori, an African prince enslaved in the Americas. Winner-Best Documentary, 2007 American Black Film Festival.

Thursday, Feb. 19, Free Film Screening, *That's My Face*, 2-4 p.m., Stockade Building, Room 101. This film is a documentary of the personal and spiritual journey of director Thomas Allen Harris as he searches for his African cultural and spiritual roots in Bahia, Brazil. Both a visual masterpiece and powerful example of the African diaspora in our world.

Thursday, Feb. 26, Live Art Event with Hamilton Hill Arts Center, 11:30 a.m., Elston Hall Student Center, with visual artists, drummers, poets. Free

Thursday, Feb. 26, Free Film Screening, *Redemption*, 2-4 p.m., Stockade Building, Room 101. This true story follows Stan "Tookie" Williams, founder of the Crips L.A. street gang, through his life on the streets, his prison term and his work as a children's book author and recipient of multiple Nobel Peace Prize nominations.

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College announces new faculty/staff appointments

The College extends a warm welcome to the following new faculty and staff members.

John Morrett, a familiar face on campus, has been hired as a part-time Account Clerk in the Admissions Office. Prior to this position, John was a part-time Account Clerk in the Business Office and Student Business Office. He also has worked in the Begley Library, mailroom and Academic Services. Previous to SCCC John was the Admissions Coordinator at Glendale Nursing Home. He is retired from Schenectady County after 30 years of service.

Christine Patricca joined SCCC as Instructor in the Business and Law Department on Jan. 12, 2009, until May 31, 2009, to fill a vacancy created by a sabbatical by Professor Gerald Evans. Chris has been an Adjunct Faculty Member at SCCC since January 2000 and was a full-time faculty member for the 2002-2003 academic year. She is a member of the New York and New Jersey Bars. She worked for Johnson & Johnson as a Law Clerk from 1996 to 1998, as an Associate Attorney for Bottita and Bascelli from 1998 to 1999 and as a Staff Attorney for The Ayco Co., L.P. from 1999 to 2002. She earned her A.A. in Criminal Justice from Quinsigamond Community College, her B.A. degree in Government from Clark University and her Juris Doctorate from Seton Hall University School of Law.

Nominations sought for awards

Nominations from any member of the College community are now being accepted for this year's SCCC Foundation Awards for Excellence in Teaching, Excellence in Professional Service/Librarianship, Excellence in Faculty Service and Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities.

The Foundation Awards guidelines are designed to allow the recipients this year, if eligible, to be nominated as candidates for the SUNY Chancellor's Awards next year. SCCC Foundation guidelines parallel those of the Chancellor's Awards. These awards will be presented at the College's 39th Commencement at Proctors on May 16, 2009.

Criteria for selection and the names of those eligible for nomination can be found on the ballots. Please be sure to properly complete ballots. Nominating ballot forms are available in the following locations: Dean of Academic Affairs, Elston Hall, 302; Academic Departments; Student Services, Elston Hall, 222; Continuing Education Division, Stockade Building, 122; Office of the President, Elston Hall, 114; Dean of Administration, Elston Hall, 502; Begley Library and at the Security Desk, Elston Hall.

All nominations must be received in the President's Office no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 27, 2009.

Faculty/Staff Development

Adjunct Faculty Member **Noel Espina** and Associate Professor **Renato Tameta** were acknowledged in *Microbiology, A Human Perspective* (sixth edition) published by McGraw Hill after they provided feedback to the book's authors.

Faculty and staff

Share your news.
Please e-mail story ideas and
professional development news to the editor at
meaneyhl@sunysccc.edu.

Academic Department employee retires

What began as a part-time job taken as a result of a suggestion from a neighbor grew into a career at SCCC spanning over 20 years for Dawn Winkler. She retired from SCCC last month as an Information Processing Specialist II in the Humanities and Social Sciences Department.



Dawn first joined SCCC in September 1987 as a Typist in the Developmental Studies Department. In January 1991 her position was upgraded to Information Processing Specialist I (IPS) and in January 1996 she was reassigned to the Humanities and Social Sciences Department. In March 1997 her position was reclassified from IPS I to Senior Typist and in 2005 she was promoted from Senior Typist to IPS II.

Not only has Dawn worked at the College, but SCCC has served her family in their educational pursuits as well. Her son Thomas began taking classes toward his A.A.S. degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management the same year Dawn started working at SCCC and graduated in 1989. Her son Greg graduated with an A.S. degree in Nursing from Ellis Hospital in 1996 after attending SCCC and her husband Thomas earned his A.A.S. degree in Accounting in 1998. Now that she's retired Dawn said that she may begin auditing classes at SCCC.

In addition to her work at SCCC, Dawn has been an active volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America serving as District Commissioner for the Mohican District of the Schenectady County Council and as a volunteer with the Boy Scouts for several years. She was recognized for her work with the Boy Scouts when she received a Today's Woman Award in 1991 given by the YWCA of Schenectady County after being nominated for the award by former SCCC President Peter Burnham. The award recognizes a "significant contribution to others by demonstrating her leadership, promotability, creativity and initiative." Currently Dawn and her husband volunteer at St. Joseph's Church in Schenectady.

Dawn's plans for retirement include visiting friends in the southern United States, spending time with her 18-month-old granddaughter Lily, playing in a golf league and kicking up her heels in an aerobics dance class she left 15 years ago.

Oysters in Schenectady?

Check out the exhibit developed through the College's Community Archaeology Program (CAP) at the Schenectady County Public Library Main Branch during the month of February. The exhibit is titled *Oysters in the Colonial Schenectady Settlement? Marine Foodways in the Frontier Outpost* and focuses on the harvesting, transport and uses for oysters in New Netherlands. Photos and artifacts from the Robert Yates House on Union Street will be displayed.

Take a chance for unexpected rewards

by Tracy Shropshire, Criminal Justice major

When I first found out about the summer internship opportunity for students with disabilities, I wanted to learn more. I was told I would interview with a recruiter who would relay information about different federal positions. I decided this would be a great opportunity to get a chance to work in a federal government job.

I was very nervous and excited at the same time. While going through the interview it was a little nerve-racking. If you are yourself though and keep relaxed it's nothing to sweat. The recruiter will simply explain to you that you may have a chance to work a federal summer position, mainly out of the Washington, D.C., area. The most important thing during your interview is to be honest and relaxed.

Time flew by and I started wondering if I would get a call. One day I received a phone call from the local Veterans Hospital in Albany wondering if I wanted to work as a summer police dispatcher. I was so excited and surprised I got a call out of 1,000 interviews. I took the offer since it was local and it fit my major, Criminal Justice.

During my program I have learned a lot about my field of interest and where I can go from here. This experience has broadened my eyes and made me realize that there are a lot of opportunities out there for you. By taking the chance you could have a life experience you may never have gotten if you do not try. From this internship I have gained connections and it may even become permanent for me. This could be you!

Do not allow yourself to miss opportunities like these, they could make a big difference in your life. Visit the Career and Employment Services Office, Elston Hall 223, to find out more about this summer program and other opportunities that will broaden your experience and skills in the field you are studying.

YOU TOO can apply for a Federal Internship.

Here's what you need to know:

Application deadline-Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009. Pick up applications in the Career and Employment Services Office, Elston Hall 223, and register online at <https://wrp.gov/registerstudent>.

Federal Internship Interviews will be held on Friday, Feb. 13. (There is a limited interview schedule. Completed applications receive first choice of interview time slots.)

For more information, see Bob Frederick, Coordinator of Career and Employment Services, Elston Hall, 223, 381-1365.

Pride Alliance sets meetings

The Pride Alliance will be meeting every other Thursday this semester in Elston Hall 409. The Pride Alliance is a dynamic club representing the interests of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered students and their allies. It is an inclusive organization open to all students.

Rhythms hosts writing contest

Rhythms, the College literary club, is hosting a collegewide writing contest open to all majors. Winners will receive prizes and recognition for their work. The theme of the contest is appropriately titled "college." All forms of writing will be accepted, including short stories, plays, poems, songs and essays.

Write about your motives and hopes for attending college. Describe an incident or situation you've encountered at college. Write a fictional story about someone at college.

Deadline for submission is Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009. Pieces will be judged on content, originality, creativity and quality of writing. Submission boxes are located inside the Begley Library, the Learning Center (Elston 523) or in the Elston Hall Lobby. Submissions can also be e-mailed to scccrhythms@gmail.com. Entries should be labeled "College Writing Contest." Feel free to e-mail the club with any questions at scccrhythms@gmail.com.

BINNEKILL Publication Schedule Spring 2009

| Deadline (9 a.m.) | Publication Date |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Wednesday, February 4 | Monday, February 16 |
| Wednesday, February 18 | Monday, March 2 |
| Wednesday, March 4 | Monday, March 23 |
| Wednesday, March 25 | Monday, April 6 |
| Wednesday, April 8 | Monday, April 20 |
| Wednesday, April 22 | Monday, May 11 |

Please e-mail submissions to the Editor at meaneyhl@sunysccc.edu.

Tips for student success

- ✓ Plan two hours of study time outside of class for every one hour spent in class.
- ✓ Find a place to study on campus and at home where you can concentrate.
- ✓ Go to every class. 90% of life is just showing up.
- ✓ Participate in class.
- ✓ Get the phone number of at least one person in each of your classes.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, February 3

Last Day for Drop/50% Refund

Women's Basketball vs. SUNY Delhi, 5 p.m., Away

Wednesday, February 4

Men's and Women's Bowling vs. Adirondack CC, 3 p.m., Away

SCCC Chamber Series Concert, Hyperion String Quartet, 7:30 p.m., Taylor Auditorium. Free.

Thursday, February 5

Women's Basketball vs. Adirondack CC, 5 p.m., Away

Men's Basketball vs. Adirondack CC, 7 p.m., Away

Friday, February 6

Last Day to Apply for Graduation

Men's and Women's Bowling vs. Mohawk Valley CC, 3 p.m., Away

Sunday, February 8

Women's Basketball vs. Finger Lakes CC, 1 p.m., Away

Men's Basketball vs. Finger Lakes CC, 3 p.m., Away

Men's and Women's Bowling 11th Annual SCCC Invitational, 8:15 a.m., Home

Monday, February 9

Board of Trustees Committee Meeting, 4:45 p.m., Library Conference Room

Tuesday, February 10

Last Day for 25% Refund

Men's Basketball vs. Fulton-Montgomery CC, 7 p.m., Away

Thursday, February 12

Company Conversations with KAPL-Explore career opportunities through informal conversations with company employees, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Activity Forum, Elston Hall. Advance registration is required. Contact Career and Employment Services, Elston Hall 223, 381-1365 or e-mail ces@sunysccc.edu.

Valentine's Day Celebration, Sponsored by Student Activities Board (SAB), 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Student Center, Elston Hall.

Men's and Women's Bowling vs. Herkimer County CC, 3 p.m., Away

Women's Basketball vs. Mohawk Valley CC, 5 p.m., Home

Men's Basketball vs. Mohawk Valley CC, 7 p.m., Home

Monday, February 16

Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 17

Free Film Screening, *Prince Among Slaves*, 2-4 p.m., Stockade Building, Room 101. This film is the amazing true story of Abdul Rahman Ibrahima Sori, an African prince enslaved in the Americas. Winner-Best Documentary, 2007 American Black Film Festival.

Women's Basketball vs. Herkimer County CC, 5 p.m., Away

Men's Basketball vs. Hudson Valley CC, 5 p.m., Home

Wednesday, February 18

Artist-in-Residence, Steve Swanson, Baritone Vocalist, Vocal Workshop, 1 p.m., Concert, 7:30 p.m., Taylor Auditorium. Free.

Board of Trustees approves reappointments

The SCCC Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, at 4:45 p.m. in the Library Conference Room. The Board passed the following resolutions:

- Grant-supported appointment of Karen Gilpin as Case Manager/Employment Specialist for the Bridge Program from Jan. 27, through Aug. 31, 2009
- Appointments of individuals to Educational Opportunity Program and Library Resources Advisory Committees effective until Aug. 31, 2011
- Amendment to Personnel Policies of the Board of Trustees (Administrative Staff-unrepresented) to reflect insurance waiver of coverage recently approved for members of the Faculty Association and the Chairpersons, Administrators and Directors Association
- Amendment to the 2007-2008 Operating Budget to decrease the New York State contributions from \$7,850,197 to \$7,814,887
- Granting of sabbatical leave request for the Fall 2009 semester for Anthony Sano, Professor, Music Department
- Continuing/Career Appointments effective Sept. 1, 2009, through Aug. 31, 2014

Renewals

Continuing Appointments

David Brough, Lenore Horowitz, William Meckley, Margaret Spring, Anthony Strianese, Richard Van Ness

Career Appointments

Kathleen Dowd Freese, Robert Frederick, Peter Houghton, Heather Meaney

Initial Appointments

Continuing Appointments

Dean Bennett, Tamara Calhoun, Papa Gueye, Ted Mar, Syeda Munaim

Career Appointments

Ellen Heekin

Recycle the news

Finished reading the **BINNEKILL**?
Recycle it.

Please place it in the paper recycle bin in the Commons, Elston Hall, or in your paper recycle bin at home.

You can also read the **BINNEKILL** online at www.sunysccc.edu/news/binnekil.

SCCC Emergency Closing Procedures

Classes at SCCC will be held as scheduled **UNLESS** you hear a radio/TV announcement to the contrary. When the decision to cancel or delay classes is made, due to hazardous weather or other emergency situations, the College notifies the School Closings Network.

The decision to cancel daytime classes is made by 6 a.m. The decision to cancel evening classes is made by 2 p.m. However, if the weather worsens between 2 and 4 p.m. the College will reassess conditions and cancel **EVENING** classes by 4 p.m.

The School Closings Network will notify all of the following stations:

AM

WROW-AM 590, WGY-AM 810, WOFX-AM 980

FM

WFLY-FM 92.3, WYJB-FM 95.5, JAMZ-FM 96.3, WTRY-FM 98.3, WRVE-FM 99.5, MAGIC-FM 100.9, WKKS-FM 102.3, WHRL-FM 103.1, WPYX-FM 106.5, WGNA-FM 107.7

TELEVISION

CBS 6, CAPITAL NEWS 9, WTEN Channel 10, WNYT Channel 13, WXXA FOX 23

The stations are asked to announce the following:

“Daytime/Evening classes at Schenectady County Community College are cancelled/delayed. The College is open for the conduct of other business.”

If classes are delayed, a specific start time will be announced. An announcement regarding class cancellation and delays is also provided on the College phone system, (518) 381-1200, and the College Web site.

Lose a glove, hat, book?

Check the Lost and Found at the Security Desk, Elston Hall

Read Your BINNEKILL!

Copies are located in racks near the Security Desk-Elston Hall and outside the Library-Begley Building. The newsletter is also on the Web, www.sunysccc.edu- News, Events, Calendars and Employment.

Campus Resources

Academic Advisement

Elston 223/ext. 1277

Monday-Thursday 9 am-8 pm
Friday 9 am-1 pm

Academic Computing Lab

Elston Hall, 530/ext. 1213

Summer Hours

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

Academic Services

Elston Hall, 212/ext. 1348, 1349

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

Accounting/CIS Tutor Lab

Elston 427, ext. 1041

Please see lab for hours.

ADA Transition Services

Elston 222/ext. 1345

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

Admissions

Elston Hall, 221/ext. 1366, 1367

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

Begley Library/ext. 1239

Monday-Thursday 8 am-9:30 pm
Friday 8 am-4:30 pm
Saturday 10 am-2 pm

Business Office, Student

Elston 527/ext. 1346, 1347

Monday-Friday 8:45 am-4:15 pm

Career and Employment Services

Elston 223/ext. 1365

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
(Evening hours available upon request.)

EASE online career resources

www.sunysccc.edu/ces

Career Counseling

Elston 223/ext. 1365

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
(Evenings by appointment.)

The College Store

Elston 109/ext. 1332

Mon., Tues. 8 am-6 pm
Wed., Thurs. 8 am-4 pm
Friday 8 am-2 pm

The Commons Elston/ext. 1330

Monday-Thursday 7:30 am-8 pm
Friday 7:30 am-2 pm

Computer Tutor Lab

Elston 427

See lab for hours.

Continuing Education

Stockade 120/ext. 1315, 1316

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-8 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday 8:30 am-12 pm

(when classes are in session)

When classes are not in session,
open Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Financial Aid

Elston Hall, 221/ext. 1352, 1354

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

Gateway Montessori

Gateway 124/ext. 1455/1295

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

Instructional Technology Center

Begley, ext. 1243

Monday-Thursday 8 am-9:30 pm

Friday 8 am-4:30 pm

Language Lab

Elston 520/ext. 1373

Mon., Wed. 9-11:30 am

12-2 pm

5-7:30 pm

Tuesday 9-11:30 am

12:30-2 pm

5-7 pm

Thursday 9-11:30 am

12-2 pm

5-7 pm

Friday 9:30 am-12 pm

Saturday 10 am-1 pm

Learning Center/Writing Lab

Elston 523/ext. 1246

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-7:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4 pm
Saturday 10 am-3 pm

Math Lab Elston 518/ext. 1435

Monday-Thurs. 8:30 am-7:30 pm
Friday, Saturday 9 am-2 pm

Multicultural/Educational Opportunity Programs

Elston 222/ext. 1279

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

Personal Counseling

Elston 223/ext. 1365

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
(Evenings by appointment.)

Transfer Counseling

Elston 223/ext. 1365

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
(Evenings by appointment.)

TRIO Student Support

Services Elston 328/ext. 1465

See TRIO for hours.

Tutor Services

Elston 328-C/ext. 1461

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

YWCA Children's Center

Gateway Bldg./ext. 1375 or 1389

Monday-Friday 7:30 am-5:30 pm
(Evening hours available depending
on enrollment.)