



STUDENT AFFAIRS DIVISION

2011 – 2012 Academic Year

Shaping the Future Success

Student Affairs is integral to the mission of SCCC

The committed Student Affairs staff serves as collaborative partners in pursuit of institutional goals and objectives. With tremendous pride and dedication, these individuals pursue the institutional vision, mission, and values.

Student Affairs Vision - The Student Affairs Division creates an unparalleled experience where students embrace learning and diversity to become leaders in the service of the global community.

Student Affairs Mission - The Student Affairs Division offers opportunities for engagement, learning and discovery in a diverse environment that optimizes the college experience and prepares students to serve a global community.

Student Affairs Values - As members of an inclusive community, value is on: excellence; leadership and service; knowledge; critical thinking; respect for self and others; diversity; exploration and communication.

Visit SCCC Student Affairs at
<http://www.sunysccc.edu/student/student.htm>

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Schenectady County Community College Student Affairs Division

**Elston Hall, Room 222
phone (518) 381-1344**

The Student Affairs Division provides a diversity of programs and services focused on assisting SCCC students in successfully fulfilling their dreams and aspirations. Student Affairs fosters the principle that a student's total educational experience embraces quality instruction shared with valuable opportunities that facilitate intellectual and personal growth, fulfillment, and a sense of community. Our dedicated Student Affairs staff advances our institutional efforts to maintain a safe, positive, respectful and healthy community. The Student Affairs staff encourages students to explore the different aspects of student life while building their own personal and remarkable SCCC experience.

Martha J. Asselin
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Student Affairs Division is comprised of:
Admissions, Academic Advisement and Counseling, ADA Transition Services, Athletics, Campus Life & Safety, Career & Employment Services, Educational Opportunity Program & Multicultural Affairs, Financial Aid, Liberty Partnerships Programs, Student Activities, Student Government Association, SUNY Career and Counseling Center, Schenectady Smart Scholars Early College High School, Student Veterans, and YOU!

The SCCC Student Affairs Division at a Glance

Admissions Office

phone (518) 381-1366

The Admissions Office is a starting point for all new degree and certificate-seeking students. The Office processes applications for admission, accepts qualified applicants, and assists students in signing up for new student registration programs. Our professional staff is continually traveling, visiting high schools, human service agencies, fairs, and festivals to promote SCCC, its quality programs and dynamic campus life.

David Sampson, Director

Kathleen Dowd Freese, Associate Director

David Gonzalez, Athletic Director, Recruiter

Walter Simpkins, Admissions Recruiter

Academic Advisement & Counseling

Advisement phone (518) 381-1277

Counseling phone (518)381-1365

Academic Advisement and Counseling offers career and personal counseling, academic advising, special services and support to special populations (such as part-time students, student-athletes, international students, 24 credit hour students, transfer students). Counselors and advisors help students evaluate their educational plans, answer questions about exploring major fields, provide general information about academic policies and procedures, and refer students to appropriate resources. Services are designed to assist students in achieving academic and personal success through informed decision-making and academic planning.

Matthew Beebe, P-T Academic Advisor

Heidi Borofsky, Academic Advisor

Maureen Codd, P-T Academic Advisor

Bernice Dunn, Counselor

Mitzi Espinola, Academic Advisor

Stephen Fragale, Counselor

Michael Mastrella, Academic Advisor

Robyn Posson, Counselor

Patrick Smith, P-T Academic Advisor

Margaret Anne Williams, Counselor

ADA Transition Services Office

phone (518) 381-1345

ADA Transition Services provides a variety of resources and services for students with permanent and/or temporary disabilities. Collaborative efforts ensure programs and opportunities are accessible. Those individuals who would benefit from accommodations due to their disabilities must meet with the ADA Transition Coordinator. Accommodations are personalized for each student. Some students, for example, may perform best if they take exams in a distraction-reduced location; others might benefit if educationally relevant information about their disability is communicated to their instructors, or others may require some form of assistance during a fire drill or other times of evacuation.

Dr. Ellen Wertlieb, Coordinator

Athletics Office

phone (518) 381-1356

The Athletics Office seeks to foster an environment that will provide student athletes and the campus community with the opportunity to develop their full potential academically, athletically and physically. Through athletics, we strive to teach such lifelong skills such as discipline, teamwork, sportsmanship, self-control, cooperation, hard work, playing by the rules and respect for authority through athletic competition and recreational activity. Intercollegiate athletics is open to all students meeting the eligibility requirements of the National Junior College of Athletics Association (NJCAA), the College and the Athletics Office. SCCC has varsity teams in basketball (men and women), baseball (men), bowling (men and women) and crew (women). All are invited to cheer on the SCCC Royals at all events.

David Gonzalez, Athletic Director

Campus Life and Safety

phone (518) 381-1344

SCCC strives to advance the safe and intellectually challenging setting for all in an environment that continuously educates all on the College's Code of Conduct, academic integrity, student rights and responsibilities, the Critical Incident Management Plan, policies and procedures.

William Van Hoesen, Educational Assistant

Career and Employment Services

phone (518) 381-1365

Education alone does not guarantee employment. Employers seek to hire people who have invested time and energy in perfecting their skills, achieving goals, and working successfully with others. Career and Employment Services helps students navigate the world of work by establishing community partnerships that offer strategies to master talents, behaviors and knowledge. Internships, volunteer and seasonal work and professional associations are opportunities to further growth as one becomes an expert in your field of study.

Robert Frederick, Coordinator
Dawn Jones, Placement Specialist

Educational Opportunity Program and Multicultural Affairs

phone (518) 381-1279

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) assists talented students whose educational and economic circumstances present a challenge to goal achievement by opening the door to a lifetime of career options, professional advancement and personal enrichment. EOP serves students who have the potential and motivation for academic success by providing aid and academic support services. The Multicultural Affairs Office creates a welcoming, inclusive and supportive environment based on knowledge, acceptance and respect for all. We teach and foster understanding and appreciation of different ways of life shared by groups of people through intellectual discourse, leadership and social justice.

Jason Benitez, Coordinator

Financial Aid Office

phone (518) 381-1352

The primary purpose of this office is to provide financial assistance within available resources to those students who, without such assistance, would be unable to attend SCCC. The dedicated staff works with students to develop an understanding of financial aid and navigate through the application process.

Brian McGarvey, Director
Cynthia Russell, Associate Director
Mary Dornbush, Assistant for Financial Aid
Cynthia Astemborski-Decker, Advisor

Liberty Partnerships Program

phone (518) 381-1364

The Liberty Partnerships Program is founded on the belief that students will achieve academic success and lead productive lives as adults if they are provided with support, encouragement, information and effective interventions. This program is designed to offer these opportunities to students in fifth through twelfth grades in Schenectady City School District who are at-risk of dropping out of school for many reasons, including unsatisfactory academic performance, inconsistent school attendance and/or behavioral problems.

Faith Critti, Director

Student Government and Activities

phone (518) 381-1335

Student Activities complements students' academic experiences by providing services and resources that engage students in creating campus culture through social, cultural, intellectual, spiritual, athletic, recreational, artistic, political, and service opportunities. Our commitment is to provide quality advising, resource materials, leadership development and governance opportunities, and administrative support services to impact students' growth and development and enhance the success of each student organization.

Martha Asselin, Vice President/SGA Advisor
Justin Cook, Student Activities Assistant

Student Veterans Office

phone (518) 381-1336

Student Veterans Office assumes a major responsibility for helping all student Veterans adjust to the campus environment in a way that enhances and supports learning. The quality of student life is significantly affected by the availability, variety, and integrity of services and extra academic support programs on campus. Alliances are built between the classroom and campus life to provide an opportunity for student Veterans to experience the excitement and responsibility that comes from being an active member of a community of higher learning.

Matthan Bird, Student Veteran
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SUNY College and Career Counseling Center

120 Emmons Street
Schenectady, NY 12304
Phone: (518) 370-2654

The SUNY College and Career Counseling Center provides career and educational counseling services to Capital District residents 16 years or older interested in making decisions about their educational and career goals. The center is located at the Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority's Family Investment Center. The center provides referral and placement services to various educational and employment training resources in the Capital District and elsewhere in New York State. We offer technical assistance to those persons interested in applying for college admissions, securing financial aid and pursuing employment or training opportunities.

Lois Tripp, Director
Raphael Tucker, Associate Director
Plummer Bradley, Outreach Advisor



Schenectady Smart Scholars Early College High School

Schenectady High School
1445 The Plaza, Schenectady, NY 12308
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Schenectady Smart Scholar Early College High School (Schenectady SSECHS) is a mutual partnership between the State University of New York (SUNY), Schenectady County Community College (SCCC) and Schenectady High School (SHS) with the intent to establish a collaborative learning and teaching environment for about 120 ninth grade students beginning September 2010. All partners are committed to facilitating positive, transformational changes that provides for a more successful and wide reaching program for a target student population that is traditionally underrepresented in college. Students enrolled in Smart Scholars will graduate high school with a Regents Diploma and will successfully transition into college with at least 20 credit hours earned and transferred.

Faith Critti, Director
Valerie Palmieri-Smith, Lead Teacher
Joanne Wolcott, House Principal

