By Meg Wickman

Different students are drawn to different Bryant & Stratton majors, and The Expression recently spoke to Rebecca Mack of the graphic design program to learn what led her to that field. The answer, in a word, would be “creativity.”

“I wanted to stay with something creative,” explains Rebecca, who has a long-standing interest in photography. “I will always do something artsy. I have to.”

However, there were many twists and turns in Rebecca’s journey to college. Having graduated from Port Byron High School in 1980, a number of years went by before the time for college seemed right. Once it was, she found herself drawn to the supportive atmosphere that defines our campus. “I’ve never had a problem with any student here,” she says. “I feel like we’re a team.”

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Believe it or not, it’s already time for continuing students to register for the Fall 2016 Semester. The Student Services team will be stationed in the student lounge from Monday, July 11, to Thursday, July 14. Official registration hours will be from 8:30 am to 6 pm on all four days.

Students need to make sure you’ve been cleared by Financial Aid before proceeding. After that, you can just stop by the student lounge, where you will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. No appointment is necessary, and any advisor will be able to assist students in all academic programs.

And there’s an added bonus: students who register next week will get their very own Bryant & Stratton T-shirt!

If you know anyone who may be interested in attending this fall, please encourage them to attend the Open House/Scholarship Event Wednesday, July 13. Registration for new students begins the following week, July 20.

Need help with a writing assignment?
Try Smarthinking

One of the resources available to Bryant & Stratton students is Smarthinking, an online tutoring service. The easiest way to access it is by clicking on the eYou links button on one of your courses in Blackboard and then scrolling for the correct link.

Once you’re in Smarthinking, you’ll find information about the writing center, where you can submit a draft of an essay and have it critiqued by an online tutor. Just be sure to provide the tutor with an accurate description of the what your instructor expects from this assignment.

Smarthinking also offers both drop-in and scheduled tutoring in specific content areas. So be smart and check out Smarthinking today!

Upcoming Events for Spring Semester

July 11-14
Continuing Student Registration
July 13
Open House
ABG Ice Cream Sundae sale
July 14
ABG clothing drive ends
July 20
New Student Registration
August 13
Official Last Day
September 7
Fall Classes Begin
Student seeks to develop artistic passion

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Once enrolled in the program, Rebecca soon got to know Program Director Bill DeForest and Instructor Lee Shelton, whom she describes as people who “really know their stuff.” In one of her first courses, Introduction to Design, challenged students to define what design is and how to recognize examples of successful design. Another favorite course turned out to be typography. “I like fonts,” Rebecca says. “Fonts are fun.”

As she advanced in the program, Rebecca enjoyed several field trips to local graphic design businesses as well as the department’s annual trip to New York City. Once it was time for her to complete her internship, she selected Farm Boy Graphics in Auburn, where she’s assisted in the creation of T-shirts, signs, business cards, and banners.

Of course, Rebecca also took courses outside the graphic design department, and she identifies Kevin Bliss, Bert Jerred, and Erin Vaccaro as some of her favorite instructors.

Now that graduation is looming, Rebecca is not sure where her path will lead next. Ideally, she will find a way to combine her artistic skills with another passion, which is helping people. No matter what, she will look back at her college years as “my first step to getting back to myself,” and adds that “I would definitely do it again and recommend it to others.”

Going back to school: “My first step to getting back to myself — I would definitely do it again and recommend it to others.”

Rebecca Mack

Campus picnic features food and games

Photo essay by Anne Sorrendino

Students, from left, Dominick Rawda, Lucas Bloss and Cody Stasko, share in the food and fun at the BSC campus picnic, Tuesday, June 28th, 2016.
Students, faculty & staff take a BBQ break

Clockwise from top left: Jessica Spinali, and Instructor Regina Drumm enjoy a moment; Marie Vassallo, Gabrielle Obranovich savor a cheeseburger; Bryan Yerton runs the grille; and student Michael Robinson and his 7-year-old daughter DréLyn enjoy the picnic.
Open House July 13

Open House & Scholarship Event

Wednesday, July 13th 4-6PM

LIVERPOOL CAMPUS • 8687 Carling Rd, Liverpool, NY 13090
SYRACUSE CAMPUS • 553 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13203

Meet Admissions Staff, Program Directors, and Alumni Representing Local Employers. Scholarships Will Be Awarded • Tours • Refreshments

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Students Robert Feyh and Mark Crilley, above, had fun at the BSC campus picnic, while Dean Andrea Pallone, left, and Senior Financial Services Advisor Wanda Maxwell, shared a laugh Tuesday, June 28th, 2016.

Picnic photos cont’d

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