Beginning this semester, Syracuse North is launching blended learning, an instructional format that offers the personal connection of the traditional classroom and the flexibility of an online setting. “You get the benefits of both worlds,” explains Bill Rava, one of the instructors who have been trained to teach blended-learning courses.

Our new Medical Reimbursement and Coding students comprise the first group to learn using the blended-learning model. Currently taking INFT 124: Computing Skills with Annette Lombard and COMM 104: Learning Communities with Jeffrey Jackson, they will switch to MATH 101 and ENGL 102 halfway through the semester. In the Winter 2018 Semester, they will continue to utilize blended learning as they begin to take courses within their major.

By the end of their fifth semester, this cohort of students will be ready to graduate with a high degree of computer proficiency that will make them very competitive in the job market. Their experience with blended learning will also require responsibility and time management.

Unlike an online course, students in blended learning courses will be able to meet with their instructor in person to ask questions and receive valuable feedback. Students are expected to complete work in advance of each course meeting, but less time on campus will provide students with more time for their families and other responsibilities.
Virtual Library Home Page Updated

Anna Dobkowski, resource-sharing and outreach coordinator of the Central New York Library Resources Council, and Syracuse North Librarian Julie Zhu check out the new and improved Virtual Library home page.

The library is pleased to announce the newly designed Bryant & Stratton Virtual Library (VL) home page. Students and faculty can connect it via Blackboard (“mybsc”) to the URL http://vl.bryantstratton.edu.

On the new Virtual Library home page, you can directly search all library research database resources through the search box; on the left side of the page, there are a few links to help with students and faculty’s most common research questions and techniques; on the right side of the page, you can find a few Quick Links to search individual library resources; below the search box, you can find the campus specific resources through the campus LibGuide websites.

Here are the step-by-step directions for accessing the VL home page and searching articles or eBooks:
1. Go to Bryant & Stratton College home page at www.bryantstratton.edu and click myBSC
2. Log on myBSC by using your myBSC ID
3. To access the VL at campus, click on “College Virtual Library – On Campus”
4. To access the VL outside campus, click on “College Virtual Library – Off Campus/Online Students”
5. To log in the VL through the off campus link, you need to use your own log-on ID. The log-on ID is the same ID to access your Bryant & Stratton College’s myBSC or email.
6. Click on the Virtual Library link to enter the Virtual Library home page. In the home page search box, you can search articles and eBooks from the library databases.
7. You can narrow or broaden your search by using the Advanced Search below the search box. Just use the limiters on the left side of your search results.

Upcoming Events

September 18-21
Attendance Matters Week

October 11
Award Ceremony

October 23
Red Cross Blood Drive

October 23
Online Session I Ends

November 1
Online Session II Begins
Welcome to Career Services! Our offices are located across from the Information Services department when you enter the building using the main entrance.

You will need Career Services for:
- seeking employment opportunities while you are enrolled at Bryant & Stratton College.
- exploring ideas for your internship that you will complete in your final semester (90 hours for all majors with the exception of Medical Assistant students who complete 160 hours).
- assistance with your resume, cover letter, interviewing tips, salary negotiation, thank you letter, portfolio, etc.
- advice on business attire and professional etiquette as well as other soft skills/technical skills that employers desire.
- career advice either through your current employer or those for which you may be interviewing.

any point after graduation—we offer lifetime advisement!

Chris Godleski
Associate Director
of Career Services

Kristine Perkins
Career Services Representative

Pictured above are faculty and staff from both Syracuse area campuses at this year's annual meeting and picnic.
Welcome to the Learning Center!

The Learning Center is your place to go if you need a peer tutor, have questions about the online bookstore, or need to make up a test that you missed. Students who require testing accommodations should also come to the Learning Center.

Last but not least, the Learning Center is a great place to get your work done. Our computers are always available for student use.

Fall 2017 hours:

Monday: 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Workshop Schedule

**TAKING TESTS:**
**HOW TO OVERCOME ANXIETY AND GET GREAT GRADES**

Monday, Sept. 18, at 5 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 12 pm

**LEARNING IN REAL LIFE:**
**OVERCOMING OBSTACLES TO SUCCESS**

Monday, Oct. 9, at 5 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 12 pm

**RESEARCH PAPERS:**
**FROM CHOOSING A TOPIC TO WRITING YOUR FINAL DRAFT**

Monday, Oct. 23, at 5 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 12 pm

**TIME MANAGEMENT:**
**STOP PROCRASTINATING AND ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS**

Monday, Nov. 6, at 5 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 12 pm

**ALL WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD IN ROOM 106**

Medical Tutoring Available

This semester, instructor Rebecca Bettinger has dedicated tutoring hours on campus every Tuesday from 12-2:00 for medical terminology, pharmacology, A&P I and A&P II. Students can contact her via email, or catch up with her in person to set up a mutually agreeable time.

Students will get the most out of tutoring time if they can identify specific areas where they are struggling (i.e., section 2.3, chapter 2). That way, the student has read and reviewed the required material, but can identify areas they are having difficulty with. They should also come prepared with their textbook, PowerPoint notes, etc.

“I am also willing to set up mutually agreeable times for tutoring if the dedicated timeframe on Tuesdays will not work for them,” Rebecca says.
What You Need to Know about ABG

What is ABG?

- Alpha Beta Gamma (ABG) is an International Business Honor Society for students who attend two-year colleges. It is also a service organization, with chapters required to do at least two community outreach activities every semester. (These could be donations of time, money or products.) The group holds numerous fundraisers throughout the semester to prepare for these outreach opportunities. Membership is open to eligible students from all associate degree programs at the Syracuse North campus.

Am I eligible?

- Participation in ABG meetings and events/fundraisers is open to anyone. However, in order to be eligible for ABG membership, a student must have completed 15 or more college credit hours. In addition, he or she must be of good moral character, possess recognized qualities of citizenship, and maintain a 3.0 GPA in his or her program major courses, as well as a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

How do I become a member?

- Students seeking ABG membership must pay a one-time fee of $64 (cash, check or money order payable to Alpha Beta Gamma - Mu Alpha Chapter); this includes lifetime ABG membership ($39) and the satin stole ($25), which is presented at the induction ceremony and worn at graduation. Regardless of when the fee is paid, students do not obtain ABG membership until they participate in the induction ceremony.

When are induction ceremonies held?

- Ceremonies are held twice a year, once in the winter semester (January-April) and again in the fall semester (September-December). Ceremonies are typically held during Week 11 of the semester and take place in the event rooms (112/113/115).

When is this semester’s ceremony?

- Inductions occur in the fall (September-December) and winter (January-April) semesters. There is no ceremony in the spring semester (May-August) due to traditionally low enrollment.

What are my responsibilities as a member?

- ABG member responsibilities are two-fold. First is scholarship. Inducted members must consistently maintain 3.0 cumulative GPAs. Second is participation. Inducted members are required to attend at least 50% of all weekly meetings and at least one of the fundraisers.

What if I can’t meet these requirements?

- Per national ABG standards, if inducted members fail to uphold the academic standards, they enter a one-semester probationary period. If, at the end of that semester, they are still not meeting these standards, their names are removed from the national ABG database and their membership is revoked.

Think ABG might be for you?

- You’re always welcome to sit in on an ABG meeting. The group meets Wednesdays at noon (day students) and 5 PM (evening students) in room 103. Meetings are usually about a half-hour in length. You can also email Deb Lum, ABG’s Syracuse North Advisor, at dlum@bryantstratton.edu for more information.
Thinking about Joining a Club?

Students here at Syracuse North who are considering joining a club have several to choose from:

The Medical Club

The Medical Club consists of students interested in contributing to the medical field. It gives students an opportunity to network with peers, learn about current issues in healthcare, have access to medical guest speakers and offer healthcare support to the community. If you are interested in forming a Medical Club at the Liverpool campus, contact Sherry Pearsall, Medical Program Director at: sappearsall@bryantstratton.edu.

Club Advisor: Sherry Pearsall

The Tech Club

The Tech Club seeks to provide an additional learning environment to supplement our student’s education. We will explore additional activities, technical and non-technical, which will provide students with an opportunity to further their professional and personal growth. This semester’s activities include: raspberry pi projects, app development, and volunteering at the Rescue Mission.

The Tech Club will have its first fall semester meeting on Monday September 25th at 12:00pm in room 117.

Club Advisor: David Green

Student Ambassadors

The goal of the Student Ambassadors is to be the college’s voice and support system to promote professionalism and positivity through our campus. The ambassadors are mentors/role models for new/current students. The advantages of this club include building your resume, and strengthening your leadership and communication skills. You will receive a certificate upon graduation for your portfolio.

Student Ambassadors need to attend at least four meetings, participate in one event per semester, and come to the meetings prepared for new and creative ideas.

The current meeting time is every other Thursday at noon and 5 pm in room 105. If you want to apply, see Hannah Macko and Taylor Belge for an application. No GPA is required.

Club Advisors: Hannah Macko and Taylor Belge

The Business Club

The Business Professional’s Club has a mission to provide a forum for all academic degrees, not just business. We try to teach and showcase skills that are necessary not only in a business field but skills that will benefit all students in general. You can expect to learn more about recruiting, mentoring, business trends, fundraising, networking, philanthropy, employment documents, and everything that it takes to run a small business. We are always looking for new members and all majors are invited. We hope to see some new faces this semester.

Our meetings are Mondays at noon in room 108. Please email Palma Savinelli with any questions at pdsavinelli@bryantstratton.edu.

Club Advisor: Palma Savinelli
Bobcats Pounce on Albany College of Pharmacy

The Bryant & Stratton College men’s soccer team kicked off the 2017 season with an impressive victory over the Albany College of Pharmacy Panthers 7-0.

The Bobcats struck early as constant pressure allowed Ousmane Kamara (France) to score on a 20-yard blast within the first 25 minutes of the game. The remainder of the first half saw the Bobcats outshoot their opponents 15-1, but couldn't put the ball past the goalie thus, taking a 1-0 lead into halftime.

The second half was a different story as the 2016 National Champion Runners Up came out on fire as they scored 6 unanswered goals to preserve the first victory of the season. Mathieu LeRoux (France) and Milan Jakovljevic (Serbia) provided the leadership as 6 different players scored the goals.

“The first game of the season is always difficult until the players build chemistry and learn to play our demanding system,” Coach Nick Dimitrievski said.

Come out and support the Bobcats as they face Cayuga Community College at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, October 26, 2017, at CNY Family Sports Center.

Cross Country Puts in Strong Performance

On September 9, the Bobcat Cross Country team finished 6th overall at the Bruce Bridgman Invitational at Finger Lakes Community College in Canandaigua.

Team Captain Brandon Moore led the Bobcats, earning a 12th place overall individual finish. His effort resulted in a 21-position improvement over last year. JeMaul Belton finished with a time of 36:32, followed by Ashton Miller (38:58), Joe McIntyre (39:47), Raekwon Darby (40:03) and Tyler Kilmer (49:10).

The Bobcat women also put in a strong performance, led by freshman runner Nicole Holdsworth. Nicole's effort produced a time of 32:33. She was followed by Crystal Powell (40:34) and Keianah Greene (40:40).
Lady Bobcats Begin Season

September 10 saw Bryant and Stratton Lady Bobcats take on Albany College of Pharmacy Panthers at Jones Road for their 2017 home opener.

Desperate to avenge their defeat at the hands of SUNY Polytechnic, the Lady Bobcats were fired up for this afternoon’s game.

This became apparent with a lively start to the game with Bryant & Stratton dominating with possession and having many shots on the Albany goal, forcing #0 Sally Slowinski into some early action.

The Panthers worked their way into the game with some good combination play from #12 Katie Benson and #1 Erin Tersengo down the left side. This partnership forced the Australian keeper, #1 Ebony King, to make some goal saving stops.

Unfortunately, King was unable to stop an Erin Tersengo shot on the twelve-minute mark, assisted by Katie Benson making the score 0-1. Albany continued to assert themselves on the game causing Stratton’s defense some issues. However, the Bobcat’s defense stayed strong and kept the score to 0-1 until the half time break.

The women took the field and the whistle blew to start the second half. Almost immediately Panther’s #12 Katie Benson opened her scoring account and doubled Albany’s lead after just 14 seconds with an unassisted strike from outside of the 18-yard box finding the net making it 0-2.

After an even 30 minutes, Bryant and Stratton finally got a well-deserved goal on the 74-minute mark, scored by the impressive #13 Krystal Taylor, assisted by #15 Portia Davis. The goal resulted from a great drive in to the box by Davis, her shot was saved and pushed in to the path of Taylor who had a tap in just outside of the 6-yard box making the game 1-2.

Now back in the game Stratton began to push for a second to level up the tie. The Panthers soaked up the Stratton pressure, fought back and managed to add another goal in the 82nd minute. #12 Benson made it two for the afternoon with another unassisted goal. The game was now 1-3. With only 8 minutes left, the Bobcats had to push numbers up field to try and score a late goal and give the fans a nail biting finish.

Unfortunately, with numbers pushed forward the defense were left exposed and it was #12 Benson who exploited the gaps in the back line and ran half of the field to convert and secure her hat-trick with just 5 minutes left in the match. A spirited final five minutes from the Bobcats was not enough to change the score and the game ended 1-4.

This brings Stratton to 0-2 on the year. Their next game is away at SUNY Canton on the 19th of September. Their next home game is on the 24th against William Smith College at Jones Road.
Alpha Beta Gamma (ABG) is collecting bottles and cans on an ongoing basis to raise money for its various community service endeavors. If you’ve got extra bottles and cans, please consider contributing in one – or more – of the following ways:

In class? When you finish a beverage, simply deposit your empty container in the marked box in the classroom.

Out and about? ABG has accounts at the following bottle redemption centers:

**Teddy Bear Bottle and Can**
(4531 State Route 31, Clay, 13041)

**Plank Road Bottle Return**
(8097 Brewerton Rd, Cicero, 13039)

*If donating cans and bottles at either of these locations, please make sure to indicate that the proceeds go to Bryant & Stratton Alpha Beta Gamma (ABG).*

If you normally return your bottles at retailers like Wal-Mart or Wegmans, consider donating your redemption receipts, or the proceeds from them, to ABG.

**New Student Orientation** was held just before the start of the Fall 2017 term. At right is a welcoming sign. Below, students gather in the events room.