Believe it or not, it’s already time for continuing students to register for the Spring 2018 Semester. The Student Services team will be stationed in the student lounge from Monday, March 12, to Thursday, March 15. Official registration hours will be from 8:30 am to 6 pm on all four days.

In order to register for classes for the May term, students must complete their 2016 taxes and then complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. Please see Financial Aid if you have any questions or need any help with the FAFSA. Unless students are paying for their tuition with cash, the FAFSA is not optional, so make sure you get those taxes done and the application finished!

There’s another distinct advantage to registering early: only those students who register during the week of March 12 will receive a free Bryant & Stratton T-shirt. Students need to make sure they’ve been cleared by Financial Aid before proceeding. After that, they can just stop by the student lounge, where they 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.

Sometimes students plan to take the spring semester off, but this is a decision that will delay their graduation date. When the students return, they may face curriculum changes and find themselves needing to take additional classes at additional expense.

If you are considering not enrolling for the spring semester, please talk to your academic advisor as soon as possible. He or she can discuss your options and help you find a solution that works for you.

Syracuse North recently held its award ceremony to honor high-achieving students from the Fall 2017 Semester. At right are Steve Kempisty, program director for Paralegal Studies, and student Belinda Smith.
Career Services Corner: Online Applications

Many employers are requiring applicants to visit their website when applying for a position as it saves time in candidates having to complete the application upon arrival for an interview. It also allows the employer to search their database of certain key words relevant with their position to see which applicants qualify.

Some strategies when applying for online positions:
- Always proofread for spelling and grammatical errors.
- Complete all parts of the application. Make sure all information is accurate.
- Review the job description thoroughly to align your skills with the position.
- Avoid template resumes/cover letters. Originality is imperative.
- Never copy and paste your resume, cover letter, and references as it might impact formatting. Whenever possible, you can attach these documents.
- Keep your references updated regarding your activity.
- If the posting does not say, “No phone calls”, follow up with the employer to see if they received your information or have any initial questions regarding your qualifications, and inquire as to next steps.

Please stop by Career Services with any questions or clarification.

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Julie Zhu Takes On Expanded Role

Julie Zhu, longtime head librarian at Syracuse North, recently accepted the position of market librarian for the Syracuse campuses. Since January, she has divided her time between the Syracuse North and James Street campuses.

Originally from Jiangxing, China, Julie and her family moved to the U.S. in December 2000. She received a master’s degree in Library and Information Sciences from Syracuse University in 2004.

Julie began her job at Bryant & Stratton College as an Information Literacy instructor and librarian at Syracuse North campus in January 2005. She has been an online adjunct instructor for the college since 2007. The courses she has taught at the college include Information Literacy, History Practice of Information Systems, Ecology, and Computing Skills. She is one of the Virtual Library committee members who designed and created the college Virtual Library home page and are developing the Virtual Library free web resources. She received the Bryant & Stratton College Information Literacy Instruction award in 2007 and Bryant & Stratton College Librarian of the Year award in 2008. She enjoys helping people use library resources, services, and Blackboard online classes.

Julie has a passion for utilizing technologies for teaching and learning. She is enthusiastic about working with a diverse population of students and faculty. Her favorite quote is “Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.” When not working, she enjoys reading, walking, cooking, gardening, and spending time with her family.
Sue Cumoletti, Director of Syracuse Campuses, and Mike Sattler, Downtown Campus Director, recently traveled to Albany for the Association of Propriety Colleges (APC) Lobby Day. They were accompanied by Jamie Becker-Kekevian, a recent business graduate and current financial aid advisor at Syracuse North, and Kareen Bannister, a medical assisting major at the James Street campus.

The purpose of the visit was to meet with a number of elected representatives to discuss the importance of the New York State Tuition Assistance Program, or TAP. Many of our students rely on TAP to allow them to affordably attend school.

Another benefit is that, since TAP is a grant rather than a loan, it does not need to be paid back. Events such as APC Lobby Day are crucial because, when contemplating their position on an issue, legislators want to hear from as many interested parties as possible in order to understand how their support or opposition will affect their constituents. In other words, our elected representatives are more likely to continue to support TAP if they’ve met some of the students who benefit from it.
Plans Underway for Dance Team

With the new basketball program set to launch in the fall, excitement is also building for the first-ever Bryant & Stratton dance team. The team will be comprised of students from both Syracuse campuses with a passion for dance and the dedication to support their school’s team.

Students who are experienced in dance-related activities such as cheerleading or color guard should consider joining the team, but previous dance experience is not required. The experience and skill levels of the team members will help determine the choreography that is created for them.

There will be approximately two practices per week, and team members will need to attend home basketball games, and perhaps soccer games as well, for their performances. Ideally, there will be at least five members from each campus with a total roster of 20 to 30 students, allowing for a wide range of choreography and coverage for performances. There are no plans to cap the number of members.

Syracuse North’s own Hannah Macko will serve as the market club advisor for the team. Working closely with the advisors from the James Street campus, she will address club policies, new ideas, upcoming information, and more.

Paula Annesi, Syracuse and Liverpool master high school coordinator, will be in and out of all high schools within Oswego County, Cayuga County, and Onondaga County presenting workshops to educate students about the college and the dance team. As a “dance mom” herself, she has a strong connection with this team and the outside world of dance. If Hannah is not at the Liverpool campus, students can connect with Paula to inquire about our dance team.

Upcoming Events

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