Basketball Players Are Ready to Win

After months of planning and anticipation, the first Bryant & Stratton basketball players arrived in Syracuse in early September. Recently The Expression spoke to Kevin DiCola and Hakeem Ali, who happen to be longtime friends as well as members of the new team.

Kevin, a business major, had attended OCC, where he played basketball and was coached by Dan Frisina. One day Dan contacted him via Twitter, letting him know about the new Bryant & Stratton team. “He gave me a great opportunity here,” Kevin says. “I feel like it’s a great place for me and that’s what I needed.”

Hakeem also attended OCC, completing two semesters of coursework, but an injury interfered with his role on the basketball team. “This is a bounce-back year for me,” Hakeem says of his return to the sport.

“I’m a little older but it’s great to be looked up to as a leader,” Hakeem says, adding that he’s enjoyed getting to know his new teammates. While Kevin and Hakeem are both from Auburn, most of the players are from New York City. Along with the majority of his teammates, Kevin is living in the dorms at the James Street campus, while Hakeem plans to begin living there next semester. “It’s always good to connect to people you go to school with,” Kevin says of life as a campus resident.

The first team practice was held on September 22, and the season will officially begin on October 18 with a scrimmage at the Auburn campus of Cayuga Community College. The first game will take place on Oct. 20 at a tournament at Paul Smith College.

Kevin says they are ready to prove themselves at the college that already has successful athletic programs like soccer and track. “We don’t want to be a team that doesn’t do well,” he says. “I think
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we’ve got a great group of guys and a great coach. I think we’re all ready to get to work.”

Hakeem is also enthusiastic about his new college. “I’m already really loving it. It’s just a great environment.” In particular, he says that the supportive faculty and staff are what a student-athlete needs to succeed. “Every teacher I’ve met seems very kind, very nice.”

He grew up playing basketball and soccer, and noticed as a child that sports came more easily to him than to some of his peers. A business major and health science minor, he is hoping that basketball will be part of his life for many years to come. “I want to go the furthest I can in basketball.”

Now, however, the whole team is focused on the task at hand. With many away games scheduled this season, the players will need to utilize great time management skills as they travel.

Over the next few months, this new team will be setting records as they compete throughout the region. According to Kevin, one thing is certain: “We all love basketball. We all want to win.”

Pictured at right is Hakeem Ali playing in “one of the most significant games” of his high school career. “We were playing Fayetteville-Manlius, the #1 seed in our division, and we were the underdogs,” he recalls. “I had one of my season highs in scoring points, assists, and rebounds along with my teammate Kevin DiCola, and we came up on top by one point in an overtime thriller.”
Hello! My name is Chris Godleski and together with Kristine Perkins, we comprise the Career Services department at the Liverpool campus. Our offices are located across from the Information Services department when you enter the building using the main entrance. You will be working closely with us throughout your educational journey at the college for the following:

- resume/cover letter development;
- interviewing;
- salary negotiation;
- securing an internship (90 hours for all majors except medical assisting (160 hours));
- professional etiquette and dress;
- portfolio review; and
- job placement.

The programs with which Kristine primarily works are Medical Assisting, Medical Administrative Assisting, Medical Reimbursement & Coding, Health Services Administration, Human Resources, Paralegal and Office Management. I work with students and graduates from Accounting, Business, Graphic Design and Networking Technology.

We would like to ask that you stop by to introduce yourself so we can begin to establish a rapport, discuss your career goals, and determine how we may best be able to assist you. We look forward to meeting and working with you this semester!
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?
- This semester’s ceremony will be held on November 15.

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 Tuesdays at 12:30 pm (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.
Syracuse North Celebrates Constitution Day

On September 17, our campus commemorated Constitution Day with materials about this historic day, as well as games and prizes. At left is Librarian Julie Zhu, who worked hard to make the day a success.

Student Art Featured on Library Home Page

Last semester, Mary Pearsall, a graphic design student completing her internship, designed new icons, pictured at right, for the library home page.

Beginning this semester, Syracuse North campus is using the new online catalog’s home page for the library’s website. The new online catalog can retrieve the individual library’s print materials’ bibliographic information, as well as search the Virtual Library’s electronic resources.

The Syracuse North Library website is maintained by Syracuse North Library. Patrons can access the Syracuse North Library website on the Virtual Library’s homepage or directly access it at https://bryantstratton.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/syracusenorth. This website provides information and resources that are specific to the Syracuse North campus.
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 2018 hours:

Monday: 8:30 am to 6 pm

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 6 pm

Wednesday: 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

Thursday: 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

Friday: 10 a.m. to 3 pm

ABG Bottle and Can Drive

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.

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

Recently Katie Shepherd (left) and Jessica Farruggio displayed classroom artwork on the major glands of the endocrine system for Rebecca Bettinger’s Human Disease & Drug Pharmacology course.
Wednesday, October 31st
HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST!

Please join us for a Halloween Costume contest in the lounge on Halloween day! From 12-1 pm we will have candy, games, music, and ABG will also be selling goodies! There will also be PRIZES for the best costume so we’re encouraging everyone to dress up! We look forward to seeing everyone there!!!