The Fourth Biennial SUNY Retirees Conference
Creating New Connections
Wednesday, October 21, 2015
Schenectady County Community College

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

9:30 - 10:00 a.m. - Registration and Refreshments
- Stockade Building, Lecture Hall 101

10:00 - 10:15 a.m. - Welcoming Remarks
Curtis L. Lloyd, M.B.A., Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, SUNY System Administration
Dr. Steady Moono, President, Schenectady County Community College
Stan Strauss, President, Retirees Association of Schenectady County Community College; Member, 2015 SUNY Retirees Conference Planning Committee

10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Cradle to Career
Facilitator: Jim Kalas, Ph.D., Associate Provost, Academic Affairs (Ret.), SUNY System Administration; Member, 2015 SUNY Retirees Conference Planning Committee
Presenter: Vanessa Threatte, Executive Director, New York State Cradle to Career Alliance, SUNY System Administration

11:00 - 11:45 a.m. - Retiree Health Insurance Regulations and Options: An Update
Facilitator: Stan Strauss, President, Retirees Association of Schenectady County Community College; Member, 2015 SUNY Retirees Conference Planning Committee
Presenter: Michele Howe, Member Services Unit Supervisor, New York State Department of Civil Service Employee Benefits Division

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Banquet Luncheon and Informal Networking - Van Curler Room

Note: If you have food allergies/sensitivities or are a vegetarian, please inform your server when they confirm your entrée choice at your table.

1:15 - 2:00 p.m. - Panel Discussion: Retaining and Expanding Retiree Involvement in SUNY Campus Retiree Programs and Organizations
Facilitator: Don Lackey, President, SUNY Geneseo Emeriti Association; Member, 2015 SUNY Retirees Conference Planning Committee
Panelists:
Stan Strauss, President, and Peggy King, Immediate Past President, Retirees Association of Schenectady County Community College (RASCCC)
Anne Donnelly, Facilitator, SUNY Cobleskill Retiree Network
John Farruggio, Human Resources Benefits Manager, SUNY Upstate Medical Center

2:00 - 2:15 p.m. - Open Forum on Retiree-Oriented Challenges and Best Practices - State-operated Campuses and Community College Campuses
Facilitator: Julie Petti, Director of University-wide Human Resources, SUNY System Administration; Member, 2015 SUNY Retirees Conference Planning Committee

2:15 - 3:00 p.m. - The Financial Markets and Their Potential Impact on SUNY Retirees
Facilitator: Peggy King, Immediate Past President, Retirees Association of Schenectady County Community College; Member, 2015 SUNY Retirees Conference Planning Committee
Presenter: Ryan Lambert, CPRC, Senior Financial Planner/Functional Manager, MetLife Empire Group, Latham, NY

3:15 - 4:00 p.m. - Tour, Networking
- Tour of the SCCC School of Music and performance by the SCCC Jazz Combo.
- Informal Networking (Concurrent with tour)

4:00 p.m. (approximate) - Conference Ends

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Conference Sponsoring and Supporting Organizations

The SUNY Retirees Service Corps thanks the following organizations for their generous support:

- The Retirees Association of Schenectady County Community College (Event Co-sponsor)
- Schenectady County Community College (Event Co-sponsor) (www.sunysccc.edu/)
- The State University of New York System Administration (www.suny.edu/)

Conference Planning Committee Members

Stan Strauss, President, Retirees Association of Schenectady County Community College
Peggy King, Immediate Past President, Retirees Association of Schenectady County Community College
Jim Kalas, Associate Provost (Retired), SUNY System Administration
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Julie Petti, Director, University-wide Human Resources, SUNY System Administration
Pierre Radimak, SUNY Retirees Service Corps Coordinator and SUNY Retirees Newsletter Editor

About the SUNY Retirees Service Corps (RSC)

The mission of the Retirees Service Corps, which was formed in 2008, is to promote a strong “retiree-campus-community” connection within and among SUNY campuses; create awareness about the potential value of SUNY retirees; encourage campuses to institute programs to promote social interaction among retirees; and provide opportunities for engagement in university and community service. Dr. Ram Chugh served as part-time executive director of the Retirees Service Corps since its inception through 2012. The RSC is located at SUNY System Administration in Albany and functions under the umbrella of the University-Wide Human Resources Department. The RSC office is administered by Julie Petti, the Director of University-wide Human Resources, with the assistance of program coordinator Pierre Radimak. The RSC Advisory Council provides overall direction for the work of the organization. To learn more about the SUNY Retirees Service Corps, visit www.suny.edu/retirees/.

About the SUNY Retirees Association of Schenectady County Community College

Founded in 2011 after receiving the endorsement of the SCCC Board of Trustees, the Retirees Association of Schenectady County Community College (RASCCC) is open to faculty, administration, and all staff. The association holds monthly meetings featuring guest speakers and one luncheon each semester prepared by SCCC’s Culinary Arts students. The RASCCC encourages retirees to participate in College events and volunteer. To learn more about the RASCCC, contact Stan Strauss at strauss.stan@gmail.com.

About Schenectady County Community College (SCCC)

Schenectady County Community College was officially established by the Schenectady County Board of Representatives on January 26, 1967, based in part on a study made by a citizens’ committee which showed a need for a community college in Schenectady County. In 1968, Governor Rockefeller appointed four Trustees. Following this, the Van Curler Hotel was purchased by the County and designated as the site for the College.

The building was subsequently renamed Elston Hall in honor of Charles W. Elston, a member of the College’s original Board of Trustees who served as chairperson of that board for eight years. Elston Hall houses traditional and electronic classrooms, computer, learning and language labs, science and culinary arts laboratories, the Casola Dining Room, Canal Side Café & Convenience, Van Curler Room, Lally Mohawk Room, meeting rooms, the College Store, a cafeteria and offices. To learn more about Schenectady County Community College, visit www.sunysccc.edu/.

About the SCCS School of Hotel, Culinary Arts & Tourism

The School is renowned for its culinary arts department. Students interested in a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Hospitality Management with concentrations in Hotel & Resort Management and Event Management may do so at SCCS through a partnership with SUNY Delhi. The School’s culinary arts program is accredited by the American Culinary Federation, and is the only post-secondary program in New York State with ACF Exemplary status. Exemplary Programs symbolize the highest educational standards recognized by the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation Accrediting Commission (ACFEFAC). The award is presented to programs that have proven full compliance with all ACFEFC accreditation requirements in the last visiting team report along with excellent management of the program.

About the SCCS School of Music

The School of Music at Schenectady County Community Colleges offers degree and certificate programs for career preparation in music education, performance, music production, and other fields. The School of Music features state-of-the-art facilities including the Vianna-Brignola Recording Studio, specialized rehearsal and practice spaces, and digitally-equipped classrooms. SCCS music graduates regularly transfer to many of the nation’s finest music schools and conservatories, and have succeeded in careers as educators, performers, and in the music industry. SCCS is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music.