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The Year Ahead



The Institute's **Action Team** is taking-on new challenges (page 2).
From left: Julianna Santamaria, Ryann Hudson, Alexandra Galus, Callan Klasek, Austen Johnson, Kristie Roth, Connor Vick, Matthew Dorazio, and Saynyenoh Warner (absent).

A New Professional Development Program: CALP

Last year about 60 SUNY Cortland faculty members, representing 22 departments and offices, used applied learning strategies. 2,642 students benefitted from those courses (not including students who studied abroad).

To encourage additional faculty members to learn about and use applied learning strategies, the *Institutional Planning and Assessment Committee* awarded the Institute a professional development grant.

The Institute combined that grant with a SUNY *Performance Improvement Grant* to create the *Community of Applied Learning Practitioners (CALP)* Program.

To apply for participation in the program, a faculty member submits a proposal to either create a new applied learning course or to convert an existing, traditionally-taught course into an applied learning course.

Guidelines for doing so were included in emails sent in August and September.

A proposal can have one or two faculty members or a faculty member and a

community partner, each of whom will receive a \$1,000 stipend for developing and teaching their new applied learning course.

The Institute's *Advisory Panel* will select four proposals.

Four faculty members will serve as mentors for the program's first year: Valerie Widdall (Childhood Ed), Greg Phelan (chair, Chemistry), Tim Davis (Adapted Physical Education), and Christopher Badurek (Geology).

Faculty and community members in the program will serve as mentors for the program's mentees in 2019-2020.

CALP joins two other applied learning initiatives: Problem-Based Learning (Beth Klein) and Common Problem Pedagogy (Bruce Mattingly).

Interested individuals are encouraged to attend an Interest Meeting on Wednesday, September 12, from 4:00-6:00 pm in the Fireplace Lounge.

Please RSVP at betsy.barylski@cortland.edu.

The Action Team's work is evolving

Departments with applied learning courses, 2017-2018

- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Childhood Education
- Communication and Media Studies
- Communications Disorders and Sciences
- Computer Applications
- Economics
- English
- Geology
- Health
- History
- Institute for Civic Engagement
- International Programs
- Mathematics
- Philosophy
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Recreation/Parks/ Leisure Studies
- Sociology
- Sport Management

Action Team interns build the Institute's capacity by working with people on- and off-campus to develop and conduct civic engagement projects.

This year, the Team is partnering with more people from a wider range of interests than last year, due to larger projects and to a new project:

- The Cortland County Homelessness project (new for fall 2018)
- The SUNY Cortland Cupboard
- Marketing (promoting civic engagement activities)
- Cortland Votes

Students from Professor Blavos' *Community Health* classes and from Professors Peterson's and Miller's *Foundations of Social Studies* classes are contributing to the Team's projects. Other groups are named below.

Cortland County Homelessness.

Business economics major Callan Klasek is coordinating the campus work on this project.

Terence Cahill (Director, College Stores) sparked interns' interest through his concern for the county's homeless.

Klasek and Cahill are exploring the possibility of inviting Andrew Lunetta, creator of the "A Tiny House for Good" Program in Syracuse, to discuss ways of modelling his program in Cortland.

Joining Cahill and Klasek are Erica Stoeckl and Austin Fehrman, Vice President and President, respectively, of the service fraternity APO.

All four are also working with Habitat for Humanity's Jean Rightmire on her Housing Repair Program.

Rightmire is part of the Cortland County Homelessness Consortium, which is led by Access to Independence's Systems Advocacy & Architectural Barrier Programs Coordinator, Aaron Baier.

The SUNY Cortland Cupboard.

Another Business Economics major, Saynyenoh Warner, is coordinating the Action Team's work on the SUNY Cortland Cupboard. She is also a member of the Cupboard's Board of Directors, which is chaired by Health Educator Lauren Scagnelli.

Warner will help promote the Cupboard to food-insecure SUNY Cortland students. She will help refine the Cupboard's operation, track inventory, and train volunteers.

James Webb (Executive Chef, ASC) and Professor Ben Wilson (Economics) are developing a related event that will show ways of cooking a variety of healthy and inexpensive meals.

Their demonstration, tentatively set for October 5th, is sponsored by the Cultural and Intellectual Climate Committee.

Marketing

A critical element in all of this work is marketing. Three Communications and Media Studies majors are coordinating this work: Matthew Dorazio, Kristie Roth, and Julianna Santamaria.

These interns promote the Team's civic engagement activities, and those of other groups, in a variety of media.

For example, Santamaria, Roth, and Dorazio are helping to promote a *Fall Retreat* for Cru, recruitment efforts by APO, and Miyela Riascos' speech, "(Para)Militarism and Displacement in Afro-Colombian Communities" on October 11 (arranged by Professor Ute Ritz-Deutch).

The Action Team's other 2018-2019 activities are through its Cortland Votes project.

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**DO GOOD;
LEARN WELL.**

Only about 50% of young people voted in the 2016 election.

– *The Center for Information and Research in Civic Learning and Engagement* (CIRCLE)

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Cortland Votes.

Returning to the Cortland Votes project are two Political Science majors, Ryann Hudson and Austen Johnson. Johnson’s senior capstone project is based on his Cortland Votes work.

Joining the project this semester is Alexandria Galus (Political Science and International Studies), who – along with her Cortland Votes colleagues – is developing an atmosphere of civil discourse in which opposing points of view are respected, considered, and incorporated into productive action.

Evidence of this effort’s initial success comes from the election of Hudson, Johnson, and Michael McDonough to the League of Women Voters of Cortland County’ Board of Directors.

McDonough is the 2017-2019 President of the Young Republicans.

These students’ Board membership is also evidence of their collaboration with organizations in the greater Cortland community.

For example, the Political Science Association’s President, Connor Vick, is working with the Tenney and Brindisi campaigns to create opportunities for students to learn how politics works by participating in campaign activities.

On August 28, seven students met with members of Representative Claudia Tenney’s campaign. Students learned about the campaign’s internship requirements and benefits.

Vick scheduled a similar event with the Brindisi campaign for September 10.

Action Team Intern Ryann Hudson is helping the League of Women Voters of Cortland County and the Women’s Coalition to arrange live streaming of a



Students complete surveys to determine topics for upcoming Deliberative Dialogues. Spring 2018.

Tenney/ Brindisi meeting on September 22. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. at the Elks Lodge, 9 Groton Ave.

The Action Team’s partners on campus include groups such as SGA, NYPIRG, Political Science Association, Young Republicans, and College Democrats.

Faculty and staff partners include Mark Bischoff and Amy Russell (ASAP), Beth Klein and Matt Brubaker (Sustainability), Tim Delaune (Political Science), Mary Kate Boland (Campus Activities), Chris Badurek (Geology), and Alexis Blavos (Health) – among others.

Community partners include the League of Women Voters of Cortland County and the Women’s Coalition.

Working across political divides, these young citizens develop, promote, and conduct voter education, voter registration, and get-out-the-vote activities.

Their work helps SUNY Cortland “live” its mission: *Students grow as engaged citizens with a strong social conscience fostered by outstanding teaching, scholarship and service.*

Action Team events are listed on page 4, under Coming Events.

New Civic Engagement Scholarships

Through the generosity of individuals and organizations, SUNY Cortland has long offered scholarships, including those dedicated to civic engagement.

In fall 2019, we will offer two new civic engagement scholarships.

One is the *Barbara A. Galpin '68 Greater Good Scholarship*.

Senior Gift Officer Richard Coyne '07 notes that "Ms. Galpin has volunteered in her community for many years, and she wants to reward students who have demonstrated a dedication to the greater good."

The second set of scholarships is named the ImPACt scholarships in recognition of the funder: The Institutional Planning and Assessment Committee (IPAC).

These scholarships' details will be announced in November.

Current applied learning scholarships include

- BorgWarner Morse TEC Scholarship for Community Service Volunteers
- Cathleen McDermott Lavelle '91 Scholarship for Student Leaders
- James H. and Dorothy A. Sarvay Scholarship for Community Service
- Judson H. Taylor Community Service Scholarship
- Lambda Phi Delta Service Scholarship
- SUNY Cortland Civic Engagement Scholarship
- Admissions' Civic Engagement Scholarships. (In-coming first-year students apply for these.)

Students can find scholarships at <https://www2.cortland.edu/cost-aid/scholarships/>.

Coming Events

All of these events are free and open to the public.

September 10 – *Internship Interest Meeting: The Brindisi Campaign*. 7:00 pm, Core Union's Exhibition Lounge. Part of the Political Science Association's general information meeting.

September 13 – *Sandwich Seminar: The SUNY Cortland Cupboard*. Noon-1:00. Jacobus Lounge.

September 13 – *Let's Talk About Our Immigrant Community*. Abdul Saboor. Syracuse Interfaith Works, 8:00-9:30 a.m. Cortland Community Center, 90 Central Ave. ASaboor@interfaithworkscny.org.

September 17 – *Constitution Day: Freedom of Speech on the College Campus*. 4:30-6:30 pm. Fireplace Lounge. Twenty- minute speech by Prof. Timothy Delaune, followed by a Deliberative Dialogue on that topic. Register to participate in the dialogue by emailing john.suarez@cortland.edu.

September 22 – *Live-streamed Interview* with 22nd Congressional District Representative Claudia Tenney and with candidate Anthony Brindisi. 10:00 a.m. (Tentative; details to follow.)

September 25 – *National Voter Registration Day*. A variety of up-beat activities on- and off-campus.

October 25. *Environmental Sustainability Deliberative Dialogue*. 4:30 – 6:30 pm, Park Center's Hall of Fame Room. Register to participate in the dialogue by emailing john.suarez@cortland.edu.

November 14. *Sandwich Seminar: I Learned by Doing*, conducted by the Institute for Civic Engagement's *Action Team* Interns. 12:30-1:30, Jacobus Lounge.

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