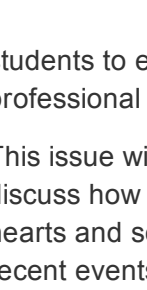


Message from the Alumni Engagement Coordinator



As the many months of winter unravel in upstate New York, we are beginning to look towards spring in anticipation of all the excitement this season brings to the SUNY Morrisville campus. In a few short months, more than 700 students will graduate and join our family of alumni. SUNY Morrisville faculty and staff are in the midst of arranging upcoming networking, mentoring and volunteering opportunities for our students to ensure they are as prepared as possible for the professional world.

This issue will shed some light into the School of Liberal Arts and discuss how its creative initiatives are making an impact on the very hearts and souls of Morrisville students. You'll also find a recap of our recent events and a glimpse at what is yet to come! (Don't forget to click on the links and photos to view articles and photo albums!)

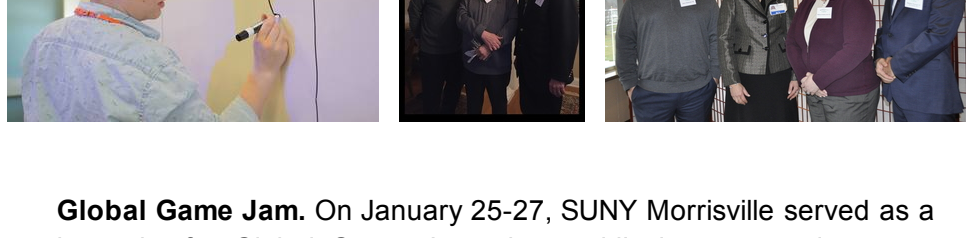
Rhiannon Da Cunha, Alumni Engagement Coordinator

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Recent Events



Global Game Jam. On January 25-27, SUNY Morrisville served as a host site for Global Game Jam, the world's largest on-site game creation event which gives teams of artists, hobbyists, programmers and gamers throughout the world a chance to brainstorm, innovate, collaborate and develop new ideas for game design over the course of 48 hours. The Enitiative Global Game Jam at SUNY Morrisville is part of the Global Game Jam, with the college serving as a host site for the past 11 years. Alumni also gathered together for a Game Jam alumni dinner, helping raise more than \$2,800 for the college's CIT programs.

Florida Reunions: On January 26 and 27, President David Rogers celebrated with SUNY Morrisville alumni at two reunion events in Tampa and Mount Dora, Florida.

Career Connect: The Career Connect Healthcare event was held on February 7 in the SUNY Morrisville Hospitality Suite and featured an alumni panel of experts discussing current trends in the industry and offering insight to Morrisville students. Panelists included: Dr. Stephen Paravati '85, Patricia King '77, Rebecca Franklin-Guild '90 and Jason Radomski '99.

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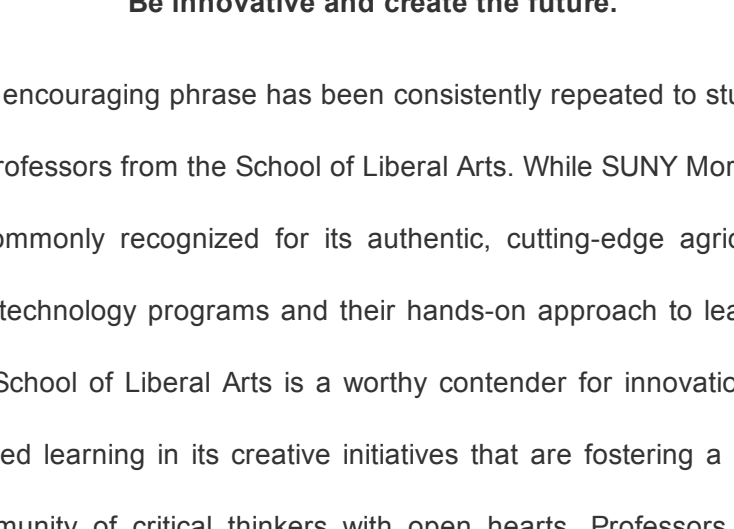


NEAC Tournament

[SUNY Morrisville men's basketball team claim regular season title, will host NEAC Tournament.](#)

[SUNY Morrisville women's basketball team make fifth straight appearance in NEAC tournament, will play SUNY Poly Tuesday!](#)

Campus Highlights



"Be innovative and create the future."

This encouraging phrase has been consistently repeated to students by professors from the School of Liberal Arts. While SUNY Morrisville is commonly recognized for its authentic, cutting-edge agriculture and technology programs and their hands-on approach to learning, the School of Liberal Arts is a worthy contender for innovation and applied learning in its creative initiatives that are fostering a robust community of critical thinkers with open hearts. Professors Wyatt Galuksy, Devon Branca and Aron Efimenko graciously shared their thoughts on several valuable arts programs and extracurricular activities offered at SUNY Morrisville.

The No-Prize Open-Mic Series began eight years ago and is continuously thriving. On the first Tuesday of every month, more than 50 students and faculty gather together in Spader Hall to perform poetry, songs, and many other varieties of performance art. As the title of the series promises, there are no winners; it is purely about celebrating participation. The monthly event creates a space for students to encourage one another, and to challenge and express themselves in an accepting environment. Hearts are poured out and, through the vulnerability of artistic expression, wounds are healed. It is a powerful program that is backed by a large group of supporting faculty who offer extra credit for student participation.

Branca noted the open-mic series, alongside other creative groups, such as the student-led Writers Guild and Poetry Club, are examples of "diverse natural thing happening on campus" that are forming strong bonds of students from all degree programs and all walks of life.

A similar community experience occurs in the creative writing classes offered at SUNY Morrisville, with courses in poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction increasingly popular amongst students. Galusky remarks on how personal and holistic these courses and programs are, "offering the opportunity to think about students as students, and not programs." A sentiment that is certainly beneficial for individual student enrichment.

Upcoming Events

- March 21: Alumni Reception with President Rogers, Albany [Register](#)
- April 11: Morrisville Giving Day, SUNY Morrisville
- April 11: Career Connect, SUNY Morrisville
- May 2: Alumni Mentoring Program Closing Dinner, SUNY Morrisville
- May 11: Commencement, SUNY Morrisville
- May 17: President's Recognition Dinner, SUNY Morrisville [Invitation only](#)
- June 7-9: Equine Reunion: Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence, SUNY Morrisville (Registration opens March 1)
- June 20: Norwich Community Dinner, Norwich

If you would like more information or have any questions regarding these events, please email Rhiannon Da Cunha, Alumni Engagement Coordinator, at dacunhrl@morrisville.edu.

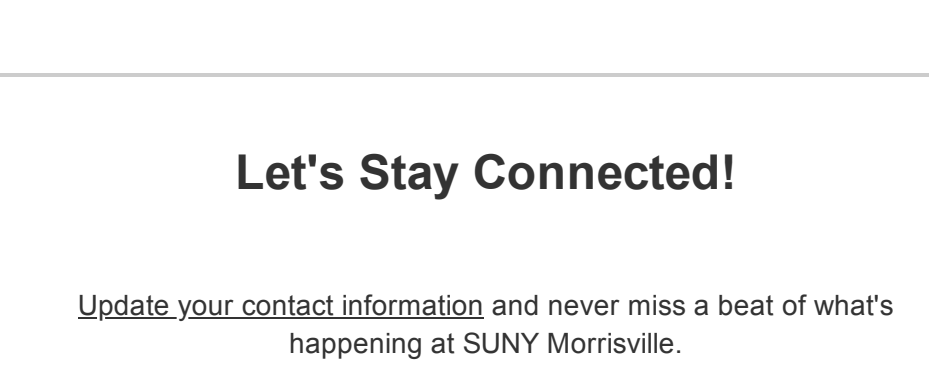
Morrisville Giving Day

Join us on April 11th as we launch our first-ever Giving Day!

For 24 hours our community of alumni, parents, friends, and students will come together to make a meaningful impact on the College.

Save the date and participate. We are seeking alumni volunteers to serve as Giving Day Ambassadors to assist with hosting events in their area, fundraising, social media outreach and more. Please contact Courtney Kerwin, Director of Annual Giving, at kerwincs@morrisville.edu for more information.

SUNY Morrisville Swag



The [Campus store](#) is celebrating SUNY Morrisville alumni and offering 10% off all online apparel purchases through March 31, 2019! Simply type ALUMNI in the promo code box when completing your order.

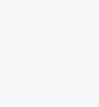
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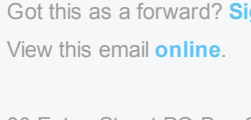
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