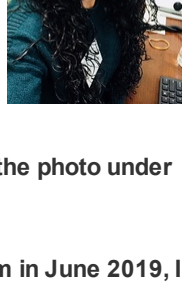


## Message from the Alumni Engagement Coordinator

We came back to work in 2019 and hit the ground running! We have many exciting events happening on campus and around the country. SUNY Morrisville kicked off the New Year hosting the statewide Industrial Hemp Roundtable Summit. Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo joined more than 80 hemp industry leaders from across the state for a day of discussion, networking and planning on how to move the hemp industry forward in New York State. To view a photo album from the event, follow the link found on the photo under “Campus Happenings” below.



In anticipation of celebrating 50 years of the Equine program in June 2019, I have had numerous discussions with some of our equine alumni to hear how the program has impacted their lives. This issue features an excerpt of my discussion with equine alum, Julie Henry '85.

As winter continues to settle in, we look forward to the students arriving back to campus and hope the snowy landscape of Morrisville provides a peaceful and calm setting, well-suited for studying.

-Rhiannon Da Cunha

*Alumni Engagement Coordinator*

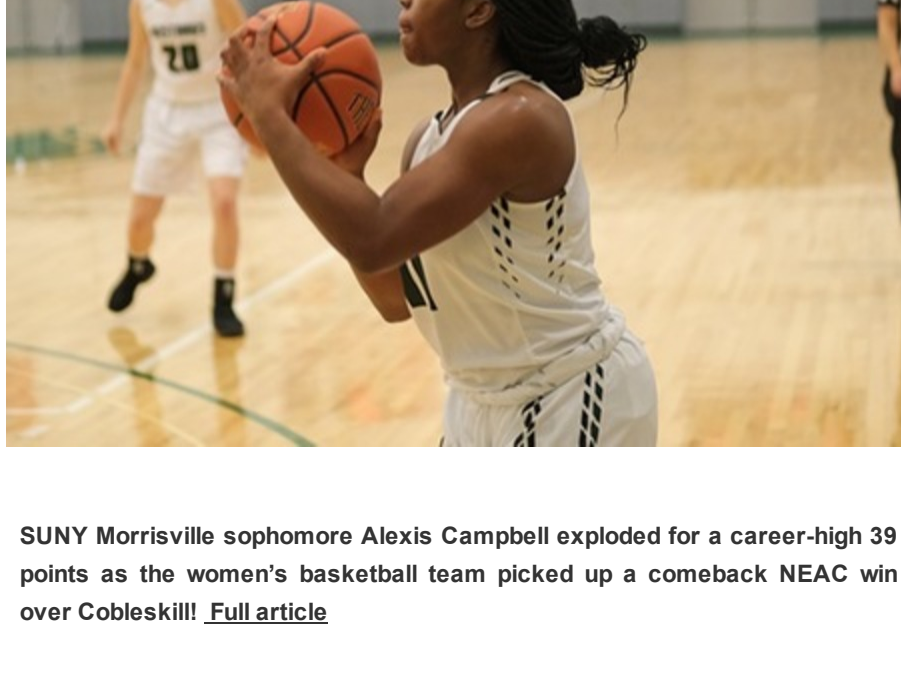
## Campus Happenings



SUNY Morrisville recently hosted the Industrial Hemp Roundtable Summit, with more than 80 hemp growers, processors, researchers and producers attending the inaugural event. Led by SUNY Morrisville professor Jennifer Gilbert Jenkins (pictured above), the summit's day-long [agenda](#) allowed invitees to review and discuss the impact and future of the ever-growing hemp industry in New York State.

SUNY Morrisville is currently leading the industrial hemp revolution after becoming the first academic institution to take part in Gov. Andrew Cuomo's 2015 Industrial Hemp Agricultural Research Pilot program. Read more about SUNY Morrisville's impact on the industry in the Momentum magazine article, [Green Acres](#).

## #GoMustangs!



SUNY Morrisville sophomore Alexis Campbell exploded for a career-high 39 points as the women's basketball team picked up a comeback NEAC win over Cobleskill! [Full article](#)

## Horse Tales



**THEN**  
Julie (Hollinger) Henry '85 studied in the Saddle Horse program at SUNY Morrisville before becoming a certified equine massage therapist. Growing up in Lancaster County, Pa., Henry learned how to ride horses and drive buggies from an early age. Hailing from a long family line of Mennonites, the riding skills passed down to

Henry helped to assist Morrisville staff member Dick Higby with establishing the Draft Horse program. Henry's driving skills also landed her a role driving the buggy in the 1984 film, *Witness* starring Harrison Ford. Henry credits the Equine program at Morrisville for teaching her the anatomy and physiology of horses, which has led to her successful career in equine massage therapy. Henry integrates physical and holistic healing methods in her therapy, and promotes health and wellness for horses amongst the Amish and Mennonite communities. When asked about her fondest memories at SUNY Morrisville, Henry recalls the days of being in the Horse Club and earning the nickname, "Blonde Bomber."

**NOW**  
"Raevyn Saunders, a junior in the college's equine science & management program, Western concentration, rode college-owned Patrashas Prince to the Yankee Reining Horse Association (YRHA) Green Reiner Circuit Championship.



Saunders, of Ithaca, gained the most points throughout the show season, beating 17 competitors for the top spot. She accumulated the most points during three YRHA shows, hosted in Hamburg, and earned a trophy saddle."

Read the full [article](#).

## Upcoming Events

- Jan 26: Global Game Jam Alumni Dinner, SUNY Morrisville [Register](#)
- Jan 26: Alumni Cocktail Reception, Mount Dora, Fla. [Register](#)
- Jan 27: Alumni Sunday Brunch, Tampa, Fla. [Register](#)
- Feb 7: Career Connect: Healthcare Industry, SUNY Morrisville [Register](#)
- April 11: A Day of Giving/Career Connect, SUNY Morrisville
- May 2: Alumni Mentoring Program Closing Dinner, SUNY Morrisville
- June 7-9: Equine Reunion: Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence, SUNY Morrisville (registration opens March 1)

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](mailto:dacunhrl@morrisville.edu).

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