

*welcome to the next chapter*

## NCCC Theater is Back!

Written By: Brian Cunningham

NCCC Theatre returns this Fall after being on hiatus for the last year, due to Covid-19 protocols, with the performance of 4, 1 Act comedic plays. Most of the short plays pertain to the acting industry, and provide many levels of comedic satire.

When asked about the show, the Director and Professor of the "Theatre Production" class that makes up most of the student actors and crew, Jack Hunter, said, "I was asked by someone in the Administration when I was told I'd be directing to "Please do something funny. We need it after all we've gone through in the last year and a half or so". So we are doing 4 short comedies". Hunter ensures that "... For those people who are classic theatre enthusiasts, don't worry. We will make fun of Noel Coward, William Shakespeare and Samuel Beckett." These comedic shorts consist of a portion of "A Midsummer Night's Dream", a parody of the plays "Private Lives", "Hamlet" and "Checkmate."

Many of the students in the casts of the production are also involved in the show's costume design, the marketing, the lighting and sound

design, as well as in the stage management.

These are all elements of the class that correspond with the show's production. Abby Poczciwinski, a Fine Arts major here at NCCC has been working very hard to help coordinate costumes for the actors in the 4 shorts. "Designing costumes for these one-acts is super fun!" said Poczciwinski. "I've never designed costumes before, and I'm grateful for the opportunity because it's something I've always wanted to try. Contributing to design elements of a production gives me a broader perspective of all the creative work that goes into it".

Stage Manager, Amanda Sprung has been here at NCCC since before the Pandemic and has seen what Theatre was like then versus what it is like now. "I'm very excited for this semester's production. We have continued working in and out of the theatre throughout the entire pandemic so we are all extremely thrilled to finally be sharing our hard work with the rest of our school and our community. As stage manager, I have the honor of watching everyone work hard to grow and improve through

every rehearsal. I just wish everyone knew how passionate and talented everyone in our theatre program is. Even though we haven't had a public performance since before covid, we've been here the entire time working our butts off and can't wait to finally open our doors to you once again".

Students can usually be found rehearsing on Tuesday, Thursday nights and Friday afternoons. These comedic shorts are safe for younger audiences and families, and the general public is encouraged to come out and support the hard working actors and crew.



image: Brian Cunningham

## SUNY and New York State Poised to Lead Nation on Semiconductor Industry

Written by: the Spirit Staff

Albany, NY – The State University of New York issued a comprehensive vision to position New York State as the epicenter of the semiconductor industry in the "Supporting the Future of US-Based Semiconductor Manufacturing" research report. As the United States continues to see supply issues in everything from automobiles to cell phones and other electronic devices, the root cause is a severe shortage of semiconductor chips, slightly smaller than the size of an eraser. Globally the demand will increase in years and decades to come, and SUNY and the State of New York is poised to meet the demand.

During the September Board of Trustees meeting, Provost-in-Charge F. Shadi Shahedipour-Sandvik, who co-drafted the report, led a discussion on strategies including those brought forth by a group of SUNY faculty and staff across multiple campuses, for creating a domestic laboratory to fabrication ecosystem that accelerates commercialization of smaller-scale chips with higher density for data storage, and

quicker speed to production that can happen from building stronger linkages between higher education—through innovative and inclusive technology translation and talent development—and the manufacturing industry.

Dr. Shahedipour-Sandvik and the SUNY team outlined key elements needed to secure the future of the semiconductor for manufacturing in the United States—and how SUNY can meet these challenges. In particular, the training of many more educated students will be needed, particularly in New York State, for the growing semiconductor industry, and the strategy centers on providing more New Yorkers, as early as possible, with access and education in microelectronics and semiconductor manufacturing. Key elements include:

- Offering pre-college student education to start career and skills-oriented summer academies, workshops, and bootcamps to engage incoming two-year and four-year college students
- Providing students with access to design-fab test experiences at

the undergraduate level through courses and workshops that allow students to submit their own designs

- Expanding experiential learning for students in advanced manufacturing, automation, machine learning, data literacy, and data-driven industry solutions
- Expanding industry internships, fellowships, and co-ops to provide students with expanded mentoring opportunities
- Expanding initiatives in student diversity to grow enrollment in microelectronics degree programs
- Offering incumbent worker training and a Department of Defense transition assistance program support to provide reskilling and upskilling opportunities
- Enabling microelectronics career transitioning linking highly qualified students with employers
- In New York State, creating SUNY Microelectronics Workforce and Education Hubs, a system-wide approach to avoid redundant and unsustainable infrastructure

"The growth potential of the semiconductor industry is boundless, and SUNY has all the tools needed to take it to the next level for New York State—from our state-of-the-art research laboratories at SUNY, to our world class researchers spurring innovation, our strong industry partnerships, and the workforce development pipeline to meet the job demands of the industry—be it community colleges to research universities," said SUNY Chancellor Jim Malatras.

SUNY Board of Trustee Courtney Burke added, "This report conveys how SUNY is the driving force for developing innovative technologies, as well as a leader of offering education for specialized studies to students. The extensive collaboration between our SUNY students, faculty, and staff, with a focus on up and coming technologies, places SUNY at the front end of necessary research that has the ability to impact operations worldwide. With SUNY's commitment to educating students on new industry standards, I am confident that SUNY will play a pivotal role in the growing awareness and needed development in the semiconductor industry for decades to come."



## Hispanic Heritage Month: Interview with Professor Bridget Beilein

*Written by Brian Cunningham*

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period.

To learn more about this celebration of culture, the *Spirit* sat down with Bridget Beilein, Professor of Foreign Languages at NCCC, for a chat

**Q:** What is your name and position at NCCC?

**A:** My name is Bridget Beilein and I am a Foreign Language Professor. I also Coordinate the Foreign Language Department and I specialize in Spanish and French

**Q:** When was Hispanic Heritage Month first celebrated and acknowledged?

**A:** So I just want to make sure that I have this right. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded 1988 to cover a 30 day period Starting September 15th and ending October 15th. A reason that they chose these dates is because many of the countries in Central America begin to celebrate their independence day in September 15th and a couple more on September 16th so that was the reason behind the September movement and "Dia de Raza" which

happens to be on Indigenous peoples day is the Mid-October, so that's how long ago it started and how long it's been recognized so not a very long time, about 50 years in our country we've been observing it

**Q:** What comes to mind when you think of Hispanic Heritage?

**A:** Um, this is a really deep question. For me, I think it's probably different for so many different people, but one of the first things that comes to mind for Hispanic Heritage Month is to put at the forefront that there are 62 Million people that fall under this category so it's important that we don't put all these people under this Umbrella. So often Hispanic Heritage Month, how I refer to it as well is Latino, Chicano, LatinX just to make it more inclusive cause it's hard and not a good thing when we put so many people under the same umbrella when so many people are trying to find their identities

**Q:** Is there a difference between the words LatinX/Hispanic/Latino? If so, could you please elaborate?

**A:** So, I'm gonna do my best to break this down because it is really confusing. So Hispanic pertains to somebody that comes from Spain or speaks Spanish. Latino is somebody that is generally from Central America or Mexico. But Hispanic can also be under the umbrella of someone from Mexico so it's really complicated. So you can identify as Hispanic but it also might not be identifying

your indigenous blood from Mexico so some people struggle with this identification as well. LatinX is only 3% of the people in the United States identify with LatinX and this is a newer movement that is more inclusive, Non-Binary. So, in Spanish you only have Masculine words, or nouns and Feminine so there's no way to identify for Non-Binary people, so that's only 3%. Many will identify as Latino and actually depends on where you're from. A lot of times in the south of the United States like Texas and California they identify as Latinos or even in California or Chicago they identify as Chicanos and those are people who were born in the United States maybe to Mexican parents or Costa Rican or Nicaraguan parents and so on. And so you can see it's really confusing. Yeah, so I think as everyone is trying to find their identity it's really important that we empower that and recognize that and we can't put people in the same box. I hope I'm saying it eloquently, you know? Because it's really hard to do and it's also hard as a White Woman for me to explain this you know? So I want to do it as best I can so I can help people with knowledge and empower themselves so we can all be more aware.

**Q:** Spanish is quite the gendered language. With a recent push for agendered words, what are your opinions on the "Latin x" movement?

**A:** So this is actually a lesson that I just taught in my class after I did Definite and Indefinite articles with nouns and just describing

Gender. There was this movement a couple years ago in Argentina where all these young students were protesting abortion rights and this Conservative Journalist was interviewing this Argentinian student and she was answering all of her nouns with "e" instead of giving the identification of "o" for male and "a" for female and the Conservative Journalist got really angry and was like "This is not how Spanish is spoken" and she said "You cannot tell me how this language is spoken" and continued speaking that way and it became a really popular movement in Argentina. So much so that the President started addressing the youth this way and so people feel very passionate about this. I think the younger generation is more likely to use LatinX and Non-Binary inclusive language compared to maybe older generations because the Spanish Royal Academy actually stepped in who holds the rules of Spanish, and said "No, we're not speaking this way" and the youth in Argentina fought back and said "You can't tell us how to speak" and it's the same thing. We don't speak the same way we did 100 years ago so there's so much power in speech and so I love this movement. I think that it brought attention to an evolving language. Will it change the language? I don't know, time will tell. It will be really interesting to see. Cause in general I've seen interviews when they're asked about this either they are familiar with the movement or not familiar at all so there's usually no grey area.

# HEY YOU!

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# NCCC Mens' and Womens' Basketball Schedules

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| <p><b>Men:</b></p> <p><b>OCTOBER</b></p> <p>Sat., Oct. 09 Wayne County Community College vs. Wayne County Community College @ Lakeland CC (Court 3) Lake City JUCO Jamboree 11:00 AM</p> <p>Terra State vs. Terra State @ Lakeland CC (Court 3) Lake City JUCO Jamboree 1:00 PM</p> <p>Western Reserve Academy vs. Western Reserve Academy @ Lakeland CC (Court 3) Lake City JUCO Jamboree 4:00 PM</p> <p>Wed., Oct. 20 Bryant &amp; Stratton College (Buffalo) Bryant &amp; Stratton College (Buffalo) 5:00 PM</p> <p>Wed., Oct. 27 D'Youville College at D'Youville College 4:00 PM</p> <p>Sat., Oct. 30 SUNY Fredonia at SUNY Fredonia 3:30 PM</p> <p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>Tue., Nov. 02 Corning Community College Corning Community College 7:00 PM</p> <p>Wed., Nov. 10 Lakeland Community College at Lakeland Community College 7:30 PM</p> | <p>Sat., Nov. 13 Howard Community College Howard Community College NCCC Tip-Off Classic 8:00 PM</p> <p>Sun., Nov. 14 Lackawanna College Lackawanna College NCCC Tip-Off Classic 4:00 PM</p> <p>Wed., Nov. 17 Bryant &amp; Stratton (OH) 7:30 PM</p> <p>Fri., Nov. 19 Atlantic Cape Community College at Atlantic Cape Community College 7:30 PM</p> <p>Sat., Nov. 20 Mercer County Community College at Mercer County Community College 2:00 PM</p> <p>Tue., Nov. 23 Lorain County Community College at Lorain County Community College 7:00 PM</p> <p><b>DECEMBER</b></p> <p>Wed., Dec. 01 Genesee Community College Genesee Community College 7:30 PM</p> <p>Fri., Dec. 03 Lakeland Community College Lakeland Community College 7:30 PM</p> <p>Sun., Dec. 05 Monroe College Monroe College 2:00 PM</p> <p>Fri., Dec. 10 WVU Potomac State College at WVU Potomac State College 7:30 PM</p> | <p>Sat., Dec. 11 Cecil College vs. Cecil College @ CCBC Essex Wellness &amp; Athletics Center 4:00 PM</p> <p>Wed., Dec. 15 Finger Lakes Community College Finger Lakes Community College 7:30 PM</p> <p>Sat., Dec. 18 Schoolcraft College Schoolcraft College Thunderwolves Classic 8:00 PM</p> <p>Sun., Dec. 19 Henry Ford College Henry Ford College Thunderwolves Classic 4:00 PM</p> <p><b>JANUARY</b></p> <p>Wed., Jan. 05 Lorain County Community College Lorain County Community College 4:00 PM</p> <p>Tue., Jan. 11 Mohawk Valley Community College Mohawk Valley Community College 2:00 PM</p> <p>Sun., Jan. 16 Hagerstown Community College at Hagerstown Community College Hagerstown, MD TBA</p> <p>Mon., Jan. 17 Allegany College of Maryland at Allegany College of Maryland 3:00 PM</p> <p>Wed., Jan. 19 Community College of Beaver County at Community College of Beaver County 7:00 PM</p> | <p>Sat., Jan. 22 Monroe Community College at Monroe Community College 3:00 PM</p> <p>Wed., Jan. 26 Jamestown Community College Jamestown Community College * 7:30 PM</p> <p>Sat., Jan. 29 Erie Community College Erie Community College * 3:00 PM</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY</b></p> <p>Wed., Feb. 02 Monroe Community College Monroe Community College * 7:30 PM</p> <p>Sat., Feb. 05 Jamestown Community College at Jamestown Community College * 3:00 PM</p> <p>Wed., Feb. 09 Erie Community College at Erie Community College 7:30 PM</p> <p>Sat., Feb. 12 Monroe Community College at Monroe Community College * 3:00 PM</p> <p>Wed., Feb. 16 Jamestown Community College Jamestown Community College * 7:30 PM</p> <p>Sat., Feb. 19 Erie Community College Erie Community College * 3:00 PM</p> |
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## Student Life Events: National Coming Out Day

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 The NCCC Student Life department has many fun, exciting and useful events planned for the Month of October, with the Breast Cancer Awareness Kickball Game and Bonfire that took place on October 7th being a prime example. National Coming Our Day, October 12th, is another.

Student Life continues to work tirelessly to rise to their mission statement of "...be[ing] committed to student learning and building community outside the

classroom. Student Life is here to encourage and promote the well-being of the whole student by providing a wide variety of opportunities for the students of NCCC". National Coming Out Day celebration being held on the 12th from 11am-1pm in the Learning Commons here on campus, further puts further emphasis on this statement, as it shows that they are trying to reach as many students as possible.

National Coming Out Day is a

day of celebration for those who consider themselves a proud member of the LGBTQIA+ community. This allows people to embrace their identities and be able to express themselves freely in our society. It began as a march on October 11th, 1987 and was a large public display of pride for the LGBTQIA+ community, as well part of a push for Gay rights. Student Life celebrating this is wonderful, as it allows students who might otherwise feel alienated because of their identity to openly ex-

press and celebrate themselves in a safe environment. This is a separate event to Pride Month, which is allotted for the month of June. On top of all this, students can look forward to other events like Trivia Tuesday on the 12th, CAB Taco Tuesday on the 19th, A Supermarket Sweep on the same day and Pb and J Monday on the 25th. A full list of all their activities for the semester can be found outside the Student Life office, across the hall from the Upstairs Dining Commons.

## Have you applied for your 2022/23 financial aid?

**Don't wait until the 2022 payment due date and end up wondering, "How will I pay my tuition?"**

**NOW is the time to file your 2022/2023 FAFSA application.**

**Apply now online at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)**

**\*\*\*Apply as early as October 1, 2021 - use 2020 taxes**



**Check out the Spring 2022 scholarship opportunities online**

**[www.niagaracc.suny.edu/scholarships](http://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/scholarships)**

**DEADLINE TO APPLY- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15TH**

For questions contact the NCCC Scholarship Office 614-6205 located within the Enrollment Center Complex (A-105)

## How Do I Get an Enrollment Verification?

Did you know you are able to print your own enrollment verification certificates, view enrollment history, and check loan deferments through Banner Web?

- Log into Banner Web
- Click on the Student Records tab
- Choose Enrollment Verification – National Student Clearinghouse

This information is available 24/7 and is free, easy to use, and secure. The Enrollment Center provides this service to students through the National Student Clearinghouse.

Need to Order an Official Transcript?

Order your transcript ONLINE through Banner Web (under Student Records) or on the Registration & Records webpage and click the green button "Click Here to Request Official Transcripts".

Winter & Spring 2022 Current Student Registration Begins October 18th!

Registration for students currently enrolled in the Fall 2021 term AND in a degree and/or certificate program starts on Monday, October 18th. More detailed information can be found by going to NCCC's homepage, click Academics, Registration & Records, Registration, and click on Current Student Registration.

Fall 2021 Deadline to Request an S/U/W Grade or Withdraw from the College

Monday, November 29 is the last day to withdraw from a class (W grade) or request an S/U (Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory) grade. November 29 is also the last day to withdraw from the College with X grades (applies to all full-term courses). Mod courses differ in deadlines – refer to the online Student Calendar for more information.

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All forms are located on the Registration & Records Office Forms page (from the NCCC homepage click Academics, Registration & Records, Forms).

- Withdraw from a Class - To drop a course and receive a W (withdrawal) grade as a final grade, complete the electronic Drop or Withdraw from a Course form.

- Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) Grades - To elect to receive an S/U final grade in a course, students must submit the electronic S/U grade request form which will also require approvals from the course instructor and the student's advisor. Selecting the S/U option may be beneficial to students in certain circumstances; however, students should be aware of the impact on course loads in future semesters, financial aid (including Excelsior)/academic standing implications, and the transferability of S/U grades.

- Withdraw from College (All Classes) - To withdraw online from the college and receive "X" grades for ALL of your current courses, complete the electronic Withdrawal from College form. If you completed any modular courses, you will receive the grade earned and "W" grades will be applied to all other college coursework.

Mod courses differ in deadlines – refer to the online Student Calendar for more information. If you have any questions, please email [records@niagaracc.suny.edu](mailto:records@niagaracc.suny.edu) or stop in A-105.