

For the Week of April 22, 2024

News and Information for SUNY Niagara Students published and distributed every Monday.

Dining Services: Dining Commons will be closing at 2:30 pm for Award's Night on Wednesday, May 1. Commons Café will be open its normal hours from 7:30 am - 6:00 pm.

SPRING 2024 GRADUATION APPLICATION DEADLINE:

The deadline to file for Spring graduation is April 28th.

If you plan to earn more than one degree and/or certificate in the spring semester, please submit a graduation application for both.

- Apply through Banner Web:
 - Click on "Student Records"
 - Click on "Apply for Graduation"
 - Select the major you are applying for. If you do not see your major listed, please contact the Enrollment Center at 716-614-6250.
 - Verify how your name should appear on your diploma.
 - Review the information you entered is correct and click "Submit Request"
 - You can view your submitted application under the Student Records tab of Banner Web at any time.
 - If your mailing address has changed, please update the Personal Information tab of Banner Web. Your diploma will be mailed to your mailing address on file.

More information on how to apply, graduation, and what's next after you've applied can be found on our website:

<https://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/registration-records/graduation/>



ARE YOU GRADUATING IN MAY?

SUNY Niagara 2024 Commencement is Saturday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Main Gym Sanborn Campus. For more detailed information on which programs of study will be represented at each ceremony, please visit: <http://niagaracc.suny.edu/commencement/>

Important Dates

May 1st Last day to order a Cap & Gown and still participate in the Commencement ceremony.

May 6th Deadline for graduating students or guests who are physically challenged and require special arrangements at the ceremony to contact Jill Faddoul, Commencement Coordinator at jmfaddoul@niagaracc.suny.edu or (716) 614-5974.

May 2nd - May 10th Students who have filed for graduation and have purchased a cap and gown can pick up their 2 (two) guest tickets at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore. (The location where you purchased your cap & gown: Sanborn or NFCI)

For up to date information: <http://niagaracc.suny.edu/commencement/>

Questions? please contact the Public Relations Office at 716-614-6225 or Email the Commencement Coordinator, Jillian Faddoul at jmfaddoul@niagaracc.suny.edu

Commencement: Is the ceremony celebrating your graduation. Diplomas are not distributed at Commencement.

Graduation: If you meet all academic requirements, you will find the status of your graduation at the top of your Degree Works evaluation. Simply log into Degree Works and look at the header information. Certified graduates will indicate an awarded degree status, along with the term of graduation. Evaluations will take place through early June, so please continue to check your status here. If you do not meet graduation requirements, you will receive a letter and a T-Wolves email denying graduation. You can expect to receive these notifications by the **middle of June**.

Diplomas: Digital Diplomas will be issued which are fast, free, and sharable. The digital diploma will be emailed to you but does not replace the paper diploma. A paper diploma will be mailed to the graduate's address on file approximately 3 weeks after the digital diplomas are issued. Graduates should expect email and text notification to claim their diploma.

Each graduate will receive **two tickets to the commencement ceremony**

What time do I have to arrive on campus on Commencement Day?

Graduates are expected to arrive by 9:00 a.m. in the Arts & Media Theatre to line up for the ceremony.

No Smoking: There will be **NO SMOKING** on campus. NCCC is a tobacco-free environment.

Parking on campus: Guests for the ceremony can park in lot 1, which is located off Saunders Settlement Road (Route 31).

Names in Program Book

NCCC makes every effort to include all degree candidates' names in the Commencement program. Those who apply for Graduation after the deadline (April 29th) are not guaranteed listing in the program.

Children Require Tickets

Room capacity is based on individuals. All guests entering the Main Gym must present a guest ticket, including babies and children, even if they will sit on adult laps or in strollers.

Call for Nominations: SUNY's Excellence Awards for full-time teaching faculty, professional staff, or librarian!

Have you been impacted by an "Excellent" full-time teaching faculty member, professional staff, or librarian at SUNY Niagara? Did this person make a difference for your educational journey?

Nominations for the following SUNY Excellence Awards are now open and will close on May 13th.

Use the links below to complete a brief nomination for someone who has made a difference for you!

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching - 2024-2025 <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChancellorTeach24>

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities - 2024-2025

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChancellorScholar24>

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service - 2024-2025 <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChancellorFaculty24>

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship - 2024-2025 <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChancellorLibrarian24>

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service - 2024-2025 <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChancellorProfServ24>

Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Teaching Professorship - 2024-2025 <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChancellorProfess24>



Library Accepting Eclipse Glasses for Recycling

If you have any unused or lightly used eclipse glasses, the Henrietta G. Lewis Library is collecting to recycle so that others around the world can enjoy upcoming solar eclipses. You can drop them off at the circulation desk in the library.

Andy Aquino, Public Services Librarian

Career and Transfer Services week of 4/22 to 4/26

EMPLOYER RECRUITMENT SCHEDULE:

4/22/2024 – Seneca Casino (11:30-3:00pm) - NFCI

4/23/2024 - Maxim Health (10:00-2:00pm) - C-Building

4/24/2024 - F-Bites (11:30-3:30pm) - NFCI

4/25/2024 - Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center (10:00-2:00pm) - C-Building

4/25/2024 - CSL Plasma (10:00-12:00pm) - Learning Commons

TRANSFER SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

4/22/2024 - Niagara University (11:00-1:30pm) - NFCI

4/22/2024 - Daemen (11:00-1:00pm) - Learning Commons

4/23/2024 – Niagara University (10:30-1:00pm) - Learning Commons

4/24/2024 – Gannon University (10:00-2:00pm) - Learning Commons

4/25/2024 - St. John Fisher (10:00-2:00pm) - Learning Commons

4/26/2024 - University at Buffalo (10:00-2:00pm) - Learning Commons

Kate Murphy, Career & Transfer Services Program Administrator

Last in the series on April 24:

Where Can the Imagination Take You?

This spring, the NCCCinephiles bring you movies that celebrate the imagination in different ways. If a filmmaker can dream it, then so can you.

Saving Mr. Banks (John Lee Hancock, 2013)

Presented by Nancy Knechtel

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30-9:00PM, via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/3343424695?pwd=MmRVd3pHbG1zYUFsZjRKNzNBeVh4Zz09&omn=91704266399>

Meeting ID: 334 342 4695

Passcode: DISNEY

What goes into the creation of a classic film? Walt Disney, played by Tom Hanks, made a promise to his daughters that he would obtain the movie rights to *Mary Poppins* but needs to negotiate with the difficult author, P.J. Travers (Emma Thompson). Directed by John Lee Hancock, the film is a behind the scenes look at the creation of this classic childhood movie at the Walt Disney Studios.

For more information, contact the NCCCinephiles

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Student Life Events:

FRENCH FRY BAR
free for students bring your ID

TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD | 12-2PM | DINING COMMONS

ENJOY A CUSTOMIZABLE FRENCH FRY BAR
FEATURING POUTINE, LOADED, OR BUFFALO
CHICKEN AND MORE TOPPINGS!

FRIDAY APRIL 26TH

**FREE MONEY
GAME SHOW**

JOIN US FOR A "NAME THAT TUNE" STYLE
TRIVIA GAME COVERING MUSIC, MOVIES AND TV
SCORE THE MOST POINTS AND GET FREE MONEY!!

DINING COMMONS @6PM

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ATHLETIC NEWS:



Rodriguez earns weekly regional honor. SUNY Niagara freshman Eliel Rodriguez was named Region III Men's Golf Athlete of the Week on Wednesday. Rodriguez was the male medalist at this past weekend's Panther Invitational hosted by Tompkins-Cortland Community College at the Par-71 Elm Tree Golf Club. He carded a three-over-par 74 in his collegiate debut.



Thunderwolves remain in national rankings. The SUNY Niagara baseball squad continued to hold strong at No. 7 in this week's NJCAA Div. III rankings. The Thunderwolves currently stand at 27-7 overall and 11-1 in Region III Western Division play.
Nate Beutel, Sports Information Director

Congratulations SUNY Chancellor Award Winners for Student Excellence from SUNY Niagara Kaitlyn Goss and Brooke Wells!



Pictured above: Chancellor King, Brooke Wells, Dr. Murabito

Congratulations Student Showcase Winners:



Grand Prize Award Winner

Autumn Morgan.

Unsupervised Machine Learning: K-Means Clustering Using Genomic Data. Mentor Rebekah Keaton.

Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences / Hospitality, Baking, and Culinary Arts Division Award Winner

John Caso, Robert Caso, Caden Tag, and Augustus Chuchanis. *We're An American Band.* Mentor Joshua Wagner.

Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences / Hospitality, Baking, and Culinary Arts Division Honorable Mention

Shelby Fess. *Rediscovering Roanoke.* Mentor Matthew Clarcq.

Business and STEM Division Award Winner

Sergio Bautista Lopez. *Electricity, Magnetism, and Light.* Mentor Suman Baral.

Nursing, Physical and Allied Health Division Award Winner

Maxine Miller. *Prozac as a First Line of Defense.* Mentor Brianne Lawton-O'Brien.

People's Choice Award (Tie)

Emma Dorman. *Sugar Showpiece.* Mentor Cathy Barron.

Natasha Kovalchuk. *Urinary System: Kidneys.* Mentor Yvonne Szymanski.

First Year Student Award

Jessica Fitzpatrick. *Mental Health Benefits of Massage.* Mentor Jillian Roberts.

You can view these prize-winning posters on the 2nd floor of the Lewis Library.

The Student Showcase Planning Committee

Andy Aquino, Matthew Clarcq, Madison Ebsary, Pamela Lange, Jean Linn, Bob Morris, Paul Ratka, and Andrew Yeager



Eclipse in Retrospect and Modern View of the Universe

Thursday, April 25th
3:00 pm in E140

Emeriti Faculty Reception to follow in the Learning Commons

The presentation will offer a retrospective analysis of the eclipse event, focusing on SUNY Niagara's planning process and collaborative efforts with NASA. It will provide an overview of astronomy's evolution, modern perspectives on the universe, and recent technological advancements.

Presented by Dr. Suman Baral

*Physics Faculty Member, Business and STEM Division
Doctorate in Particle Physics, Baylor University
Masters of Science in Physics, Baylor University*

Dr. Suman Baral has taught at SUNY Niagara since August 2020. His PhD in Particle Physics was awarded the "Physics Dissertation of the Year 2018" and was published by Springer Nature as an outstanding thesis.

Currently, he is involved in a research collaboration with Baylor University in Texas, Tribhuvan University in Kathmandu, and our students here. He also co-supervises master's level theses for students from Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu. Since joining SUNY Niagara, this collaboration has published a research article titled, "Investigation of Quark Distributions in a Family of Pentaquarks Using the Thomas-Fermi Quark Model" and is currently in the process of publishing another article, "Investigation of the Existence of Decaquarks Using the Thomas-Fermi Quark Model" with one of our SUNY Niagara students as a co-collaborator.

For more information, contact Connie Gurski: cgurski@niagaracc.suny.edu · 716-614-6790

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BARNES & NOBLE NEWS:

End of Semester Bookstore Updates!

- May 1st**
 - Last day to purchase Cap & Gown
 - Day 1 of Destress Fest
- May 2nd**
 - Commencement Tickets available for pick-up (students who purchased cap & gown)
 - Day 2 of Destress Fest
- May 10th**
 - Rental Books Due
 - Last day to pick-up commencement tickets

Purchase Your Cap & Gown at Barnes & Noble by **May 1st** and enter to win a school spirit gift basket!

*Every student who purchases between 2/26 and 5/1 is automatically entered.

*Winner will be randomly selected 5/2 and notified by phone.

*May 1st is the deadline to purchase cap & gown and be eligible for 2 guest tickets for the ceremony.



2024 Graduates!

Purchase Your Cap & Gown in the Bookstore by **May 1st**!

- Cap, Gown, & Tassel Bundle is \$44.99
- Students who have purchased the cap & gown by **May 1st** will be able to pick up their 2 Guest Tickets Thursday, May 2nd - Friday, May 10th.
- Request Extra Tickets by filling out the form on niagacc.nycuny.edu/commencement; students will be notified by 5/7 if their request was fulfilled.
- Stop by Barnes & Noble or call 716-634-6640 with any questions!

REMINDER:

Check-in your **Rented Textbooks** by **Friday, May 10th**!

Store hours
NFCI: M-TH 9-3, F 9-2
Sanborn: M-TH 9-4, F 9-2

Sanborn Campus Store will be open until 4pm Friday 5/3 and 5/10!



 Barnes & Noble
COLLEGE

Sanborn campus **ONLY**:

Wednesday & Thursday, May 1st & 2nd

Stop by anytime 10-3 to enjoy!

DESTRESS FEST

Barnes & Noble Bookstore

Board Games, Play Doh, Candy, & Coloring!

Alysha Brizzell, Assistant Manager, Barnes & Noble Store #760