

Senator Sam is Happy to Be Here



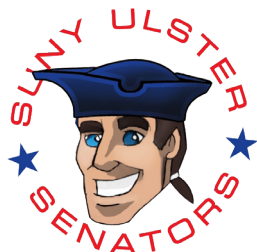
Senator Sam has been accepted at SUNY Ulster and is spreading happiness wherever he goes in his debut video for the SUNY-wide Mascot Madness competition. Featuring the Pharrell Williams song "Happy," the flash mob style video shows our newest freshman spontaneously dancing through campus with students, faculty and staff.

In the video, Senator Sam makes appearances in the Admissions Office, Senate Gymnasium, TRIO Office, Registrar's Office, Quimby Theater, Patrik Math Center, Center for Entrepreneurial Students, Campus Book Store, library, cafeteria, nursing lab, student clubs and classrooms. Senator Sam also visited College President Donald Katt and is seen with a Public Safety officer but we're assuming his adventures on campus didn't get him into any trouble because he leaves with a smile on his face.

The video has been entered into SUNY's Mascot Madness competition, which begins March 11. If selected by SUNY as one of the mascots in the bracket-style competition, we'll need your online votes. Stay tuned for more information on how to get involved in the fun. To see the video, view http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06Y_NIKOzDs&feature=youtu.be

Directed by Theater Coordinator Stephen Balantzian, the video was produced by Lucia Pecore, Assistant Director of Admissions, and Deb Waller-Frederick, Coordinator of Campus Life. It was filmed by Kenny Drao, Videographer & Technical Services, and edited by Ethan Burwell, SGO President, and Courtney Sheeley, SGO Vice President, with assistance by Christine LaBoy, SGO secretary. Dustin Hopping, and the Business Club graciously shared their idea for the video. Deb Kaufmann and Mary Tarcza worked their "magic" by creating a beautiful backstory for Senator Sam.

Playing the roles of mascot were Stephanie Mallia, Student Aide; James DeArce, Student Trustee; Danielle Moruzzi, SGO Treasurer; and Karen Robinson, Director of Career Services, Student Development.



STUDENT QUESTION: What are your favorite special events and activities to attend on campus?



Autum M. Washburn, 18
Kingston

"Music Monday because it's nice to hear good music in the café. I like the variety and involvement."



Isabella Friedman, 19
New Paltz

"I like the BBQs because the food is free, there's music playing, and it gives us a chance to be outside and mingle. It's a more relaxed event and doesn't necessarily promote anything, so it is definitely a favorite."



David Dennisur, 21
Kingston

"I like the dodge ball tournaments that are held in the gym. They normally take place at the end of each year. It is definitely fun to watch other people getting abused by receiving a fully pumped dodge ball in the face."



Jeffrey Gomez, 18
Ellenville

"I like when the college hosts bingo games in the cafeteria. It's a fun way to forget the stress from my school day. I never win though."



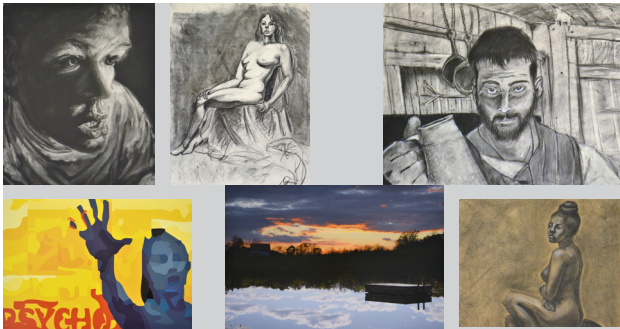
Victoria Soechting, 19
Kingston

"My favorite school event is the play that the Theater Department produces every semester. I like them because it gives students the opportunity to work with each other in a creative environment."



Nadia Khan, 18
New Paltz

"Music Monday is my favorite event that happens on Monday. I enjoy listening to music while I either ate lunch or do homework."



Student Art Featured in Albany Exhibition

Artwork by six SUNY Ulster students has been selected to be exhibited in the Spring 2014 SUNY Student Art Exhibition at The Plaza Gallery at SUNY Plaza in Albany. The students selected are: **Basia Coulter** of Willow; **Elizabeth Panzer**, Accord; **David Kahen**, Wheatley Heights; **Jennifer Hoffman**, Newburgh; **Gloria Rumble**, Saugerties; and **Aglaia Kilb**, Phoenicia.

The exhibit runs through May 16. SUNY Chancellor **Nancy Zimpher** will attend the opening reception of the exhibit on April 22 at the gallery. The exhibit is open Mondays to Fridays during office hours.



Books Donated During 50th Anniversary Drive

More than 870 books will be distributed to Ulster County families through donations from SUNY Ulster students, faculty and staff who participated in a book drive on campus for the college's 50th anniversary.

As part of the drive, "Honoring Our Community: SUNY Ulster Promotes Reading!", the college collected donations of new and gently used books in the cafeteria Oct. 22-23. The books are being distributed through The Lisa Libraries to children whose families are served by social service agencies. In addition, The Lisa Libraries contributed an additional 1,000 books to the effort.



Summer Registration Now

As the snow begins to melt, think summer. Registration is underway for online and on-campus classes in two convenient sessions: May 22-July 3 and July 7-Aug. 18. It's easy to register now. Call 1.800.724.0833, extension 5075 or 845.687.5075. Email: reginfo@sunyulster.edu. For a list of class offerings, see: http://www.sunyulster.edu/academics/special_sessions/summer_sessions

Upcoming Events:

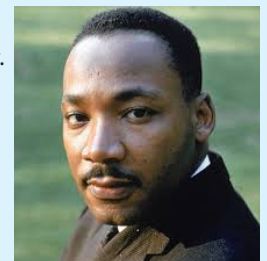
Women's Heritage Month - March 4, 12 p.m., College Lounge, featuring guest speaker and professional story teller Phoenix Kawamoto, director of the Greater New Paltz Partnership, a program focused on substance abuse prevention and education.

Celtic Celebration - March 14, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Student Life Center. Wear your green for this cultural celebration featuring traditional fare and bagpipe music.

Digital Surveillance, What It Means for You? - March 26, 12 p.m., Student Life Center, the second part of the Navigating Your Digital Life series sponsored by the Library and SGO.

Black History Month

- Rescheduled presentation by The Rev. Childs of the Point of Praise Church, April 2, 12 p.m., College Lounge.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.