

# *The V. James Renda Faculty Resource Center for Academic Excellence*

*"Committed to quality programs to enhance teaching and learning at N.C.C.C."*

## SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

### Congratulations, Gail Tylec!



Congratulations to Gail Tylec in a well-deserved RETIREMENT!

The New York State Association has recently selected her as the Western Zone's Higher Education Teacher of the Year for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYS AHPERD). Gail was selected based on her commitment to provide a quality and comprehensive physical and health education program that enables students to engage in healthy and active lifestyles.

Gail has been a NCCC faculty member since 1988, serving in numerous capacities including Coordinator of the V. James Renda Faculty Resource Center for Academic Excellence; Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, Division Chair; Program Coordinator for Health and Physical Education, as a member and Chair of innumerable committees; and Vice President of Faculty Senate. She was the recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Professional Service (2007), and the 2015 Dr. Carol Jamieson Award.

She also finds time and energy in giving back to the community in various capacities and is an esteemed and valued professional beyond NCCC. Her reach extends to SUNY and statewide committees, such as applied learning and the faculty council of community colleges. She also holds memberships in several professional groups including the New York State Alliance of Health/Physical Education Recreation Dance, and the New York State Higher Education Preparatory Council.

Gail has always taken an active role as a mentor to many members in the division and campus wide. Her expertise, experience, involvement and pedagogical skills are monumental in her guidance. Gail constantly challenges faculty and staff, and undoubtedly maintains high academic standards.

(Photo from: Buffalo Niagara Partnership)

### Did You Know FRCAE has an SPSS License?

SPSS Statistics is a powerful statistical software platform. It delivers a robust set of features that lets users extract actionable insights from its data. SPSS allows for flexible data recording and performs descriptive statistics such as tabulation and correlation to more advanced analysis like exploratory factor analysis, analysis of variance, and various types of regression. It can also create a wide variety of visual effects to display your data.

**SPSS License article continued**

### With SPSS Statistics, you can:

- Analyze and better understand your data, and solve complex business and research problems through a user-friendly interface.
- More quickly understand large and complex data sets with advanced statistical procedures that help ensure high accuracy and quality decision-making.
- Use extensions, Python and R programming language code to integrate with open-source software.
- More easily select and manage your software with flexible deployment options.

"By FRCAE obtaining a license for SPSS, they are supporting faculty who want to look at their data more critically and alleviating the need for individuals to buy SPSS software. FRCAE can also help to form a community of SPSS users at NCCC who, along with OIT support, can serve as a resource to each other and other faculty interested in learning/using SPSS."

--Yvonne Szymanski, FRCAE Advisory Board member

### Zoom Meetings Training in FRCAE

**Zoom** is a cloud-based video conferencing platform that can be used for video conferencing meetings, audio conferencing, webinars, meeting recordings, and live chat. A "Zoom Meeting" simply refers to a meeting that is hosted using Zoom, and attendees (students) can join the meeting in-person, via webcam or video conferencing camera, or via phone.

- Zoom Meetings – [Trainings Reference Guide](#)
- Zoom Tools – [Training Sessions Reference Guide](#)
- Zoom Room – [Step by Step One Sheet](#)

### THE HENRIETTA G. LEWIS LIBRARY



Jean Linn, Cataloging Librarian & Archivist, has been named the next director of the Henrietta G. Lewis Library. She is located on the second floor of the Learning Commons. Contact her by email [jlinn@niagaracc.suny.edu](mailto:jlinn@niagaracc.suny.edu) or telephone 716-614-6787.

### Questions Regarding the Library:

Many students and new NCCC employees are not aware of what the Henrietta G. Lewis Library and librarians can offer them—even remotely! Through the Library databases, there is access to thousands of academic articles, books, and videos. You can search for them through the homepage:

<http://libguides.niagaracc.suny.edu/welcome>

With your NCCC login, you can access all these resources from home!

**Questions article continued**

Studies show that students who use libraries have higher GPAs than those who do not. Additionally, library users show higher retention rates. A librarian can be embedded into your course in Blackboard to guide students to academic resources for their research. (Due to limited staffing, the library may not be able to accept all requests for this service.) Virtual instruction sessions may be available. Inquire for more information.

## WHAT'S NEW IN PUBLIC RELATIONS

### **New NCCC WEBSITE LAUNCH!**



While NCCC's web presence may look different, some things have not changed. The NCCC website URL at [www.niagaracc.suny.edu](http://www.niagaracc.suny.edu), T-wolves & employee mail, Banner Web, Blackboard Learn, Degree Works, and Starfish will remain the same in display and function.

While various web placement of departments and resources may have changed, NCCC departmental services and exceptional customer service will remain the same.

### **New NCCC Podcast Featuring a Conversation with PR's Corey Wright**

Have you listened in to NCCC's podcast "Morning Thunder" yet? Episode 11 of Morning Thunder is a chat with NCCC Coordinator of Multimedia and Web Services, Corey Wright. Stay tuned for upcoming episodes posted on our NCCC webpage & social media page

<http://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/morning-thunder/>

The following episodes are also available at <http://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/morning-thunder/>:

- Episode 10 – Morning Thunder – Niagara Falls Culinary Institute
- Episode 9 – Morning Thunder – Workforce Development
- Episode 7 - Veteran Services w/ Joe Potalivo
- Episode 6 - Course Modalities: An Overview w/ Lisa Dubuc
- Episode 5 - Biotechnology & COVID-19 w/ Estelle Steiner
- Episode 4 - Animal Management & "Tiger King" w/ Aaron Cough
- Episode 3 - Prepping for Finals w/ Sandra Lynn Lytle & Amanda Saunders
- Episode 2 - Staying Safe & Well w/ Janelle Ventura
- Episode 1 - Making the Grade w/ Sabrina Faso

### **Watch the NCCC System Messages and NCCC Events Calendar for upcoming workshops**

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## SUNY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

[The Remote Teaching Clinic](#) is designed to help you temporarily deliver your face-to-face instructional materials at a distance. The free webinars in this clinic will provide you with the information and skills you need to teach anywhere.

[Check out our compilation of free and low-cost professional development offerings](#) - suitable for alternate work assignments!

### REMOTE WORK - Training Opportunities

Join us for our [Technical Webinar Series!](#)  
*Free but advance registration is required.*

### Registration is open for the Online Student Supports Certificate Program!

Designed to help online student support personnel develop the skills and strategies for effective student support and outreach. The program consists of three courses and each will be offered three times during the 2020-2021 academic year.

### Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion in Teaching and Learning Certificate (NEW)

Online Asynchronous Courses in Blackboard. Take one or two or complete three for the certificate. Registration & Course Details: [suny.edu/deicert](http://suny.edu/deicert)

**Teaching and Learning Certificate for New Faculty**  
Registration & Course Details: [suny.edu/tlnfcert](http://suny.edu/tlnfcert)

## **Office of Information Technology Department Information**

**Located in the Learning Commons, D102A (between Art Gallery and Tim Hortons)**

**Mon-Fri, 7:30am – 5:00pm**

**Main IT Phone: 716-614-6730**

**T-Wolve's Assistance Phone: 716-210-2505**

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) is a dedicated service desk for all college employees. OIT's experienced staff is responsible for supporting the following:

- Hardware issues related to assets owned by the College – OIT does not support any hardware that is not owned by the College
- Software troubleshooting and installation
- Account creation for Information System ID (e-mail, Blackboard, wireless access) and Banner
- Password resets Information System ID (e-mail, Blackboard, wireless access) and Banner INB (not Banner Web)
- Telephone related issues
- Banner programming, report and technical support requests
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