

Coming to Take Classes, but Leaving with Beneficial Experience

*I am an accounting professional working in NYC and Long Island and had recently moved up from Florida. Having passed the accounting exam, I was navigating the additional education requirements for the New York license. I currently work with several \$200 million companies for audit and attest services in wholesale distribution and one in the music production industry. I also provide some tax and consulting, along with our tax department, to many of the owners and partners of these companies. My initial goal was to take some classes and quickly complete this process. I am thankful, however to the SOB staff at SUNY Old Westbury, especially to **Assistant Dean Feiner**, for assisting me to reaching my goal of licensure and providing me with beneficial experiences that I did not expect to receive. Having now satisfied the state requirements, I will not be returning next semester, but I want to point out two professors that I was particularly impressed with. **Professor Joseph Foy** was my professor for Estate and Gift Taxation. Professor Foy not only brought the material to the course well prepared manner, but he also brought a unique perspective from his time in the IRS as an agent. His practical advice for the students regarding networking and professional application of the material was a great emphasis to hear, as many, from my experience, underestimate the effectiveness of joining the workforce themselves.*

*The second Professor I want to highlight is **Professor Jeff D'Amico**, of whom I had for Partnership Taxation and Forensic Tax. Professor D'Amico brings a strong confidence and practiced knowledge to the realm of taxation. The class included conversations not only about class topics, but also ongoing business endeavors that he or I had seen. He readily brings his ongoing practice experience to the classroom and evidence of the application of what we are learning, making it not only valuable for me, but even more so invaluable for the students not yet practicing. Furthermore, the readiness to entertain scenarios and hypothetical positions was extremely enjoyable and educational, allowing me to expand my grasp of the information we were studying.*

Thank you again, and know that as I continue on my junior partner track, that I will have no hesitation to recommend SUNY Old Westbury to my colleagues and staff for their education requirements as they proceed through our industry.

Best,

Robert Sean Saxer, Non-matriculated student.

Celebrations

- Members of the SUNY Old Westbury community attended an Executive Breakfast on March 13, 2019 sponsored by the **Advancement for Commerce, Industry & Technology** (ACIT). Pictured from left to right are Dean **Raj Devasagayam**, Director of Advancement Initiatives **Rossano Rovello**, Student **Andy Sooknandan**, and Vice President for Communications & Chief Communications Officer and current ACIT President **Mike Kinane**.



Announcements

- **March 15th** is the due date for **Applications and Abstracts** for [Annual Student Research Day](#). Research Day will take place on Tuesday, April 16, 2019. **SOB** will be an active participant. All students are welcome, but they must have a faculty sponsor to approve all abstracts prior to submission. The theme is **"Research for Change."** The keynote speaker will be **Dr. Faye Ginsburg** of NYU. Visit the [Research Day website](#) for the [2019 application](#).
- **March 20th, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.** "**Conversational Protocols for Online Small Group Work.**" **Dakin Burdick (SUNY Cortland)** will share methods for conducting small group work in asynchronous and synchronous online settings. Using Zoom breakout rooms, participants will be introduced to the Bookends model, and then will use a Jigsaw discussion format to practice up to five other small group discussion protocols. [Registration is required](#). It is a **FREE SUNY Faculty Development Community of Practice Webinar**.
- **On March 29, from 9am-2pm**, the **7th Annual Comptroller's Entrepreneurial Challenge** will take place. There, students will compete by presenting business and or organizational plans to a panel of esteemed judges, including faculty from SUNY Old Westbury. This year's competition is themed **"Civic Innovation"** and includes two categories: Social Entrepreneurship and Technology.
- The **Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL)** is hosting a workshop facilitated by **Dr. Tanya Williams** on **Implicit Bias**. The workshop is open to all faculty. It is designed to further our institutional commitment to inclusion and social justice. Participants who complete the workshop will receive a certificate from CETL. The workshop will be on **Friday, March 29 from 10am to 2pm**, in NAB 1100. Lunch will be provided. Seating is limited; please fill out this [Short Registration Form](#). The event is further supported by the Teaching and Learning Resource Committee, the Chief Diversity Officer and the School of Arts and Sciences. If you have any questions, please contact **Cristina Notaro** at 516-628-5607, or at notaroc@oldwestbury.edu.
- The **School of Business** and the **Office of Career Planning & Development** will be holding workshops in April on how to use [InterviewStream](#), a free video interviewing platform where students can practice interviewing using a MAC, PC, Android or IOS device. Students may select from over 7,000 questions, record, review their interviews, and even share them with others. The workshops are open to all students. No registration required. Below are the dates and times:
Monday, April 1, 2019 – 2:40 – 3:40 p.m. - NAB 1100
Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. - NAB 1100
- **On April 2, "Your Finances, Your Future"** will take place from **9:00am to 4:00pm** in **Student Union, Multipurpose Rooms**. Presented by the **Financial Literacy at Old Westbury (FLOW)**. The fair will offer news and advice for students, faculty and staff to support them in making sound financial decisions, understanding the impact those decisions can have on their lives, and recognizing the different financial choices available to them depending on their own individual needs. Topics and workshops scheduled to date include **Building Credit/Credit Cards, Identity Theft/Taxes, Budgeting/Banking, Insurance/Investing/Loans, Retirement Planning & Pension Info, and Financial Planning**. Questions? Call 516-876-3191 or come to the **Business Office**, Campus Center Room H-310. Read more at ["Your Finances, Your Future."](#)
- **April 12, from 11:30am to 3pm**, is the **TLRC Mini-Conference**, themed **"Little Things, Big Impact."** Submit your Lightning Talk proposal(s) – a title and brief description – to [TLCR](#) by **Tuesday March 19**.

School of Business Engagement, Innovation, & Impact Forum

- On Friday, April 5, **Prof. Marissa Hoffman** will present **Fraud at the top - When Leadership fails**.
- On Friday, May 3, **Prof. Jason Zhu** will present **Teaching Data Analytics with Excel**

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