

# Vestal CALENDAR

Friday, April 26th >VHE Science Fair 6PM; Vestal Hills Elementary >VHS Junior Prom 8PM - 11PM; Riverdale

Friday, April 26th - Saturday, April 27th NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival Johnson City HS

Friday, April 26th - Sunday, April 28th VMS Musical "The Little Mermaid" 7PM; African Road Auditorium

Saturday, April 27th >Seedy Saturday: Earth Day Celebration 11AM - 1PM; VPL Gardens >AAC Inclusive Storytime 10AM - 12PM; VPL Meeting Room

> Monday, April 29th GSCA Meeting 6:30PM; Glenwood Elementary

Wednesday, May 1st - Wednesday, May 8th Summary of budget proposal available at each school building, District office, Vestal Public Library, & District website; Budget Newsletter mailed to residents

> Wednesday, May 1st >Hall of Fame Dinner 5PM; VHS Cafeteria > THE PTO Meeting 7PM; Tioga Hills Elementary

Thursday, May 2nd >VHS National Honor Society Induction 6:30PM; VHS Auditorium >Yin Yoga @VPL 6PM; Large Meeting Room >Sound Bath - Sign Up Online 7PM; VPL Large Meeting Room

> Friday, May 3rd VHE STEAM Night 6PM; Vestal Hills Elementary

Saturday, May 4th >SAT 7:45AM; Vestal High School



#### Vestal Fire Department Responses vestalfire.com

by Walt Schlundt, Public Information Officer

#### Vestal Fire this week responded to: 11 fire alarms, 1 smoke alarm, 3 instances of gas odors present, and 1 possible refuse fire

04/1612:04Connector RoadGeneral fire alarm04/1614:37King St. & Birch St.Gas odor outside04/1621:09West DriveDuct fire alarm04/1713:26West DriveGeneral fire alarm04/1719:18Bunn Hill Access Rd.Elevator lobby firealarm04/1816:37Vestal Parkway E.General fire alarm04/1901:20Vestal Parkway E.Smoke alarm04/1903:51East Access RoadCommercial fire alarm

04/19 03:51 East Access Road 0 04/20 02:12 West Drive 04/20 10:53 Connector Road 04/21 08:47 Vestal Parkway W. ammonia

04/22 11:16 Sunrise Place 04/22 14:05 Annetta Street residence

04/22 14:28 Charleston Avenue Possible refuse fire 04/22 17:03 West Access Road Fire alarm

Fire alarm

General fire alarm

Strong odor of gas or

Residential fire alarm

Odor of gas inside



## FIRE FACTS

1. Fire is a chemical reaction that releases light and heat.

2. The ancient Greeks amazingly started fire with concentrated sunlight. A parabolic mirror that focuses solar rays is still used to ignite the Olympic torch.

3. Earth is the only known planet where fire can burn. Everywhere else you don't find enough oxygen for fire to occur.

4. Fire triangle represents the three components that fires need to exist: heat, oxygen and fuel. Fire is extinguished when one of these components is missing.

5. Oxygen supply influences the color of the flame. A low oxygen fire gives off a yellow glow. A high oxygen fire burns blue.

6. Forest fires move faster uphill than downhill! The steeper the slope, the faster the fire travels.



Robert Malinovsky, 78, Binghamton, arrested for Criminal Possession of Methamphetamine, Criminal Possession of Meth with Intent to Sell, Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia, Speed in Zone and No Signal-Less than 100 feet for possessing Methamphetamine and plastic baggies during a traffic stop.

Charlene Ashley, 41, Vestal, arrested for Prostitution after an ongoing investigation.

Wenzhe Wang, 26, Vestal, arrested for Resisting Arrest, Strangulation 2nd Degree and Harassment 2nd Degree after a domestic incident during which he hit the victim in the face and head, applied pressure to the victim's neck causing difficulty in breathing and pulled away from officers who were trying to arrest him.

Alexis Vega-Feliciano, 27, Binghamton, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument 2nd Degree for altering a check in an attempt to cash it.

Rachel Rose, 20, Binghamton, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Speed in Zone and Moved from Lane Unsafely after a traffic stop.

Rebecca Hearn, 43, Endwell, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Zachariah Perry, 46, Nichols, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3rd Degree, Suspended Registration, Uninspected Motor Vehicle, Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Unregistered Motor Vehicle for possessing mushrooms during a traffic stop.

Lauri Doremus-Randall, 64, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Cynthia Gilbert, 63, Harpursville, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Robert Leone, 45, homeless, arrested for Criminal Trespass 2nd Degree for entering and remaining in a residence without the owner's permission.

Curtis Commesso, 40, Bainbridge, arrested for Aggravated Harassment 2nd Degree for calling the victim and threatening physical harm.

Victoria Price, 27, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Lowe's.

#### **EDITORIAL NOTES**

We have been receiving letters and reviews of the changes to the Vestal Town Crier, we will post them here without names listed. The absence of names has a long history in American Reporting, up until the early to mid 1970's. We do so to protect our sources. WE APPRECIATE ALL STORY TIPS AS WELL EMAIL TO: News@TiersNews.com

## Binghamton University To Host Nine Commencement Ceremonies In May

Ceremonies to be held Thursday through Saturday, May 9-11 By Natalie Blando-George, Courtesy of Binghamton University, located in Vestal, NY



All ceremonies will be held on Binghamton University's Vestal campus. Image Credit: Jonathan Cohen.

Binghamton University will confer more than 5,900 degrees for bachelor's, master's and doctoral candidates when it holds nine separate Commencement ceremonies in May. Three ceremonies will be held daily from Thursday, May 9, through Saturday, May 11.

Doctoral candidates from all over the University, except those earning PharmD degrees, will have their hooding ceremony at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9. Each school and college will have its own ceremony and confer bachelor's and master's degrees to its graduates. The PharmD degrees will be conferred during that school's ceremony. The Doctoral Hooding and the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences ceremonies will take place in the Anderson Center's Osterhout Concert Theater, while all other ceremonies will be held in the University's Events Center.

"Commencement is a special day for our graduates to celebrate and reflect on all their accomplishments," said President Harvey Stenger. "I am also excited to welcome and thank their families and friends, as well as the University's faculty and staff, for all the support they've provided to the Class of 2024. My congratulations go out to all of Binghamton's graduates, and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors."

Over the three days, more than 4,200 of the degrees awarded will be baccalaureate degrees, and more than 1,300 master's students will cross the stage. Nearly 400 doctoral candidates will be hooded.

#### **Commencement Schedule**

The complete 2024 Commencement ceremonies schedule is:

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#### Thursday, May 9

- 9 a.m. School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Osterhout Concert Theater, Anderson Center
- Keynote speaker: Michelle Schwartz '76, president, Steve & Andy's Organics; member, School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Dean's Advisory Board
- Student speaker: Paul Puccio
- 12:30 p.m. Doctoral Hooding Ceremony, Osterhout Concert Theater, Anderson Center
- Keynote speaker: Krishnaswami "Hari" Srihari, dean, Thomas J. Watson College of Engineering and Applied Science; distinguished professor, Systems Science and Industrial Engineering
- 4:30 p.m. Decker College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Events Center
- Student speakers: Anthony DiBartolo and Abigail Taylor (bachelor's) and Tessa Davidson (master's) Friday, May 10
   State and Thomas L Wetteen College of Engineer
- 8:30 a.m. Thomas J. Watson College of Engineering and Applied Science, Events Center
- Honorary degree recipient: Govindasamy Viswanathan, founder and chancellor, Vellore Institute of Technology
- Student speakers: Clara Rodriguez (bachelor's) and Basel Sultan (master's)
- 12:30 p.m. College of Community and Public Affairs, Events Center
- Honorary degree recipient: Retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Alexander S. Vindman '98, former director, European affairs, U.S. National Security Council; director, Institute for Informed American Leadership
- Student speakers: Alysa Cheung (undergraduate) and Sarah Marshall '21 (graduate)
- 4:30 p.m. School of Management, Events Center
- Keynote speaker: Michael F. Lane '89, head of Enterprise Wealth, BlackRock; member, U.S. Wealth Executive Committee and BlackRock Global Operating Committee
- Student speaker: Nora Monasheri '23

#### NEWS/ADVERTISING DEADLINE

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#### SUBSCRIPTION RATES

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All letters to the editor are welcomed. All letters must be signed and include the phone number of the writer, to be used for verification of authenticity, not for publication. The editor reserves the right to refuse to publish letters which contain postentially libelous or erroneous statements. Also, letters endorsing political candidates are considered advertisments and should be prepaid as is all political advertising. No letters to the editor regarding political candidates will be accepted.

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#### Saturday, May 11

- 8:30 a.m. Harpur College of Arts and Sciences 1, Events Center
- Honorary degree recipient: Yasmin Hurd '82, Ward-Coleman Chair in Translational Neuroscience and professor of psychiatry, neuroscience and pharmacological sciences, Icahn School of Medicine; director, Addiction Institute, Mount Sinai Behavioral Health System
- Student speaker: Rachel Dempsey
- 12:30 p.m. Harpur College of Arts and Sciences 2, Events Center
- Distinguished alumni speaker: Besi Brillian Muhonja, MA '03, PhD '08, associate vice president for research, economic development and innovation, and professor of interdisciplinary studies, James Madison University
- Student speaker: Awa Traore
- 4:30 p.m. Harpur College of Arts and Sciences 3, Events Center
- Honorary degree recipient: Lee Ranaldo '78, musician, artist, writer and co-founder of Sonic Youth
- Student speaker: Riya Bolander

For more information, contact the Commencement Office at commence@binghamton.edu.

All ceremonies will be available to watch live on the University's YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/ BinghamtonUniversity

# Registration for Vestal Summer Camps is Open Now!

Summer Registration Begins April 15th for Vestal Residents April 29th for Non-Residents



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#### Photos Courtesy of Maryesther WhiteBrink!

# VHS KARATE DEMO AND JV WINTER-GUARD "TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN"





























The Binghamton Regional Center for ASD and Vestal Public Library invite you to

# AAC INCLUSIVE STORYTIME VESTAL PUBLIC LIBRARY APRIL 27 10AM-12PM

Geared toward youth approximately 5+ but everyone - autistic children and children who use diverse forms of communication, friends, and siblings - is welcome!

Inclusive and engaging story reading, arts and crafts, and movement activity designed to support Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) users and model communication strategies.

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#### Page 6-Vestal Town Crier, April 26, 2024 Springtime Allergies in Pets: Understanding, Effects, and Care

As flowers bloom and temperatures rise, spring brings a burst of life and color to the world. However, for many pets, this season also ushers in a less pleasant visitor: allergies. Just like humans, dogs, cats, and other furry friends can experience allergies, and springtime allergies are among the most common. Understanding how these allergies affect pets and learning how to care for them can significantly improve their quality of life during this season.

#### Understanding Springtime Allergies in Pets

Springtime allergies in pets are often triggered by environmental allergens such as pollen, grasses, mold, and even insect bites. When these allergens come into contact with a sensitive pet, their immune system may overreact, leading to a range of symptoms. Common signs of spring allergies in pets include:

1. Itching and Scratching: Pets may excessively scratch, bite, or lick their skin, especially around the face, ears, paws, and abdomen.

2. Redness and Irritation: Allergic reactions can cause

red, inflamed skin, hot spots, and ear infections.

3. Sneezing and Respiratory Issues: Some pets may experience sneezing, coughing, watery eyes, and nasal discharge due to airborne allergens.

4. Digestive Upset: Allergies can also manifest as digestive issues such as vomiting and diarrhea in some pets.

#### Effects of Spring Allergies on Pets

The impact of spring allergies on pets can vary widely depending on the individual's sensitivity and the specific allergens present in their environment. For some pets, allergies may cause mild discomfort and irritation, while for others, they can lead to severe skin infections and respiratory distress. Prolonged exposure to allergens without proper management can also weaken the immune system and exacerbate existing health conditions.

#### Best Practices for Managing Pet Allergies in Spring

As a responsible pet owner, there are several steps you can take to help alleviate your pet's spring allergies and improve their overall well-being:



Dr. Mark Hatala Class of 1980

Induction Dinner 5 p.m., May 1, 2024 🥨 Vestal HS Cafeteria 1. Consult with a Veterinarian: If you suspect that your pet is suffering from spring allergies, schedule a visit to the veterinarian. A professional assessment can help identify the specific allergens affecting your pet and guide treatment options.

2. Allergen Avoidance: Minimize your pet's exposure to known allergens. Keep them indoors during peak pollen times, use air purifiers in your home, and regularly clean bedding and living areas to reduce allergen buildup.

3. Regular Grooming: Maintain a regular grooming routine for your pet, including baths with hypoallergenic shampoos recommended by your veterinarian. Keeping their fur clean can help remove allergens that may be trapped on their coat.

4. Dietary Management: In some cases, dietary changes or supplements may support your pet's immune system and reduce allergic reactions. Your veterinarian can recommend appropriate diet modifications based on your pet's needs.

5. Medication and Treatments: Your veterinarian may prescribe medications such as antihistamines, corticosteroids, or allergy shots (immunotherapy) to manage your pet's allergy symptoms. Follow their recommendations closely and administer medications as directed.

6. Monitor and Adapt: Keep a close eye on your pet's symptoms and behavior throughout the spring season. Adjust your care routine as needed based on their response to treatment and changes in allergen exposure.

7. Regular Check-ups: Schedule regular check-ups with your veterinarian to monitor your pet's overall health, address any concerns promptly, and ensure their allergy management plan remains effective.

By taking proactive steps to manage spring allergies in pets, you can help your furry companions enjoy the season to the fullest while minimizing discomfort and health risks. Remember, each pet is unique, so personalized care and attention are key to ensuring they thrive despite seasonal challenges.



May is National Stroke Awareness Month

## You're Invited: Free Interactive Stroke Awareness & Education Event for Community Members

Wednesday, May 1 • 10:00am–1:00pm UHS Vestal Lobby 4417 Vestal Parkway, Vestal, NY

# Stop by to learn more from **Did You** our stroke experts on: **Know?**

- General stroke information, including warning signs, risk factors
- How to be proactive with blood pressure checks and File of Life cards
- How to reduce your risk with nutrition – beverages and snacks
- How to be more familiar with procedure and preventative treatment options
- How to recover try out
   some rehab equipment

- 1 in 6 deaths from cardiovascular disease are due to stroke.
  - Every 40 seconds, someone in the U.S. has a stroke.
  - Nearly 1 in 4 strokes are people who have had a previous stroke.
  - Stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability.
  - Stroke reduces mobility in more than half of stroke survivors age 65 and older.

No need to register. Stop by between 10am and 1pm.

Brian Lynn Class of 1993

## The Department of Systems Science and Industrial Engineering Celebrates Successes For Spring 2024

By Chris Kocher, Courtesy of Binghamton University, located in Vestal, NY



Professor Sangwon Yoon was named the 2024 Outstanding Regional Faculty Advisor Award for the Binghamton University Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers (IISE) Student Chapter and the U.S. Northeast Region. Image Credit: Jonathan Cohen.

The spring semester at Binghamton University is nearly over, and Commencement ceremonies in May will celebrate this year's graduates. The Department of Systems Science and Industrial Engineering at the Thomas J. Watson College of Engineering and Applied Science continued to excel in education and research during the 2023-24 academic year.

#### **Research news**

Assistant Professor Ankit Bansal won a \$244,008 grant from the National Science Foundation to lead a study of how counties in West Virginia allocate their funding to mitigate the opioid crisis. The research aims to provide better guidance for policymakers.

Assistant Professor Chao "Amanda" Shi wants to make smart manufacturing and other related sectors safer by revisiting the Situation Awareness Rating Technique (SART) to measure how "present" soldiers, air crews, nuclear power plant employees and factory workers are.

The team of doctoral students — Vision (Xin) Wang, Samer Abubaker and Grace Babalola — and Assistant Professor Stephanie Tulk Jesso collaborated with United Health Services (UHS) to co-design an artificial intelligence chatbot to improve patient experience in the hospital. The team will present the work at the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) CHI conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems conference, which takes place in Honolulu, Hawaii, in May.

#### **Faculty news**

SUNY Empire Innovation Professor Carlos Gershenson has been elected president of the international Complex Systems Society. His three-year term starts at the CCS'24 conference in Exeter and London in September.

Professor Sangwon Yoon won the 2024 Outstanding Regional Faculty Advisor Award for the Binghamton University Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers (IISE) Student Chapter and the U.S. Northeast Region. The award recognizes advisors who have demonstrated substantial contributions to the chapter by supporting officers and student activities through excellence as a teacher, advisor and mentor.

Assistant Professor Sreenath Chalil Madathil, SSIE Department Chair and SUNY Distinguished Professor Mohammad Khasawneh, and SUNY Distinguished Professor Mark Poliks were among those honored as "career champions" by Binghamton University's Fleishman Center for Career and Professional Development. Honorees are nominated by students for helping them find their purpose, identify their career goals, solidify academic or professional plans or gain employment.

#### **Student news**

Nazila Bazrafshan, PhD '24, began working as a graduate research associate at the Watson Institute for Systems Excellence (WISE) within Cooper University Healthcare in New Jersey, and she later was offered a full-time position and continued to work there as an operational ex-

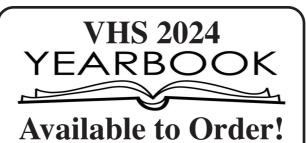
cellence specialist while continuing to pursue her doctoral degree. At the 2024 Healthcare Systems Process Improvement Conference, Team Real (Duxiao Hao and Layan Abu-Ghoush, with Assistant Professor Yu "Chelsea" Jin as advisor) received first place in the SHS/ElexSim Model Build-

sor) received first place in the SHS/FlexSim Model Building Competition — FlexSim Autodesk. Also, Fabiha Islam, Isiah Turner, Clay Battle and Mark Fuchs (with Assistant Professor Chao "Amanda" Shi as advisor) received first place in the poster competition for their work on "Cognitive and Driving Performance in Conditionally Automated Vehicle: A Study of Healthy and Concussed Individuals."

#### Alumni news

Ryon Batson '21 used the knowledge from his industrial and systems engineering degree when he co-founded Fair-Split, an artificial intelligence-powered insurance company designed to reduce tensions between workers and employers during employee transitions.

George Lourentzatos '12, MS '15, will receive a BOLD (Bearcats of the Last Decade) 10 Under 10 Award from the Binghamton University Alumni Association. He is currently the chief of strategy and operations at Union Health Center, and leverages his expertise in operational excellence and cost reduction to drive positive change. He says that Watson College and the SSIE Department prepared him not just for professional success but also nurtured lifelong relationships with classmates and professors.



Online sales of 2024's "The Den" will end on May 31! Yearbooks are \$60 each. If you have not ordered yours, here is the link to order online:

https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/vestalbears2024

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## **FUN FACTS!**

1. No number before 1,000 contains the letter A.

2. The Pope can't be an organ donor.

3. The circulatory system is more than 60,000 miles long.

4. There were active volcanoes on the moon when dinosaurs were alive.

5. Someone purchased a lock of Neil Armstrong's hair for \$3,000 in 2004.

6. A fear of long words is called Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia.

7. A woman in the U.K. once called the police when her ice cream didn't have enough sprinkles.

8. The real name for a hashtag is an octothorpe.

9. Referees for the final NFL Super Bowl game get Super Bowl rings, too.

10. Venus is the only planet to spin clockwise.

11. Google Images was created after Jennifer Lo-

pez wore the green dress at the 2000 Grammys.

12. Human teeth are the only part of the body that cannot heal themselves.

13. Competitive art used to be an Olympic sport.14. The tiny pocket in jeans was designed to store pocket watches.

15. Africa is the only continent in all four hemispheres.

16. All mammals get goosebumps.

17. Walt Disney currently holds the most Academy Awards at a lifetime total of 26.

### Page 8—Vestal Town Crier, April 26, 2024 **VHS VARSITY WINTERGUARD** Photos Courtesy of Maryesther WhiteBrink!

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Ages: 4 & 5 years - boys and girls

Location: Arnold Park, Andrews Rd.

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Cost: \$35.00 Residents - includes t-shirt \$45.00 Non-residents - includes t-shirt

CO-COACHES ARE NEEDED TO RUN THIS LEAGUE

GO TO VESTALNY.MYREC.COM TO SIGN UP! If your child is 6 years or older, they would play Little League.



7 PM-APRIL 26 & 27 / 2 PM - APRIL 28







**EXCAVATING:** Foundations, driveways, sewer lines, water lines

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