



Dec. 4, 2013

December Photos



In this issue's [photo gallery](#), a pianist faculty member plays the work of an alumnus protege, middle school students get an early glimpse of college life and campus hearts and dollars reach out to a toy drive, food pantry, typhoon victims and others in need. If you would like to submit photos of timely activities for future issues, email pictures with a brief caption to proffice@oswego.edu.

Student to present at international conference

Spencer Saraf, a senior majoring in chemistry, has received a travel award from the National Science Foundation to present the surprising results of her research on eyesight to an international audience of scientists next month. [Read more >](#)

Agreement begins exchanges with Indian college

A new, long-in-the-works agreement with highly regarded St. Xavier's College in Kolkata, India, will open paths for student, faculty and staff exchanges for semester-abroad and visiting-scholar programs, collaborative research, cross-cultural art opportunities and professional development. [Read more >](#)

Beijing university signs accord with Oswego

The college and a well-known communications university in Beijing last month signed an agreement that could send as many as 20 Chinese students a year to Oswego to complete their undergraduate degrees in broadcasting and mass communications, journalism and public relations. [Read more >](#)



December graduates looking to future paths

About 530 students are eligible to participate in December Commencement at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, then take steps forward that include jobs and graduate school -- with some expecting a new bonus. [Read more >](#)

People in Action



In this issue, read about publications, presentations and honors of faculty and students in art, curriculum and instruction, English and physics at home and abroad. [Read more >](#)

Calendar Highlights

Wednesday, Dec. 4

- [College-Community Orchestra Concert](#)

Dec. 4 and 5

- [Blood drive](#)

Park Hall 2.0 offers new learning possibilities

As Park Hall begins to fill back up nearing the end of a two-year, \$17.5 million modernization, the School of Education looks forward to new opportunities for collaborative teaching and learning -- from a more visible Center for Urban Schools to innovative partnerships with the sciences. [Read more >](#)

Actor to reprise 'A Christmas Carol' 40 years on

Actor and Oswego alumnus Carl Whidden will present "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens -- performing all of the characters himself -- at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Hewitt Union ballroom. [Read more >](#)

Spotlight



Meet Luis Escoboza, a junior aiming at law school who says his drive comes from his father, a former teacher — in this issue's [Spotlight](#).

Announcements

- [Festa to speak at December commencement](#)
- [Lake-effect researchers to hold event today](#)
- [Severe-weather expert to speak Friday](#)
- [Newly named fellows get assessment training](#)
- [Guest trumpeter to appear with college ensembles](#)
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Thursday, Dec. 5

- [Jazz concert](#)

Friday, Dec. 6

- [Meteorologist talk](#)
- [Art exhibit reception](#)
- [Concert: SUNY Oswego Wind Ensemble](#)
- [Theatre performance: Carl Widden's 'A Christmas Carol'](#)

Saturday, Dec. 7

- [African Student Organization Pan African dinner](#)
- [Men's Ice Hockey, Oswego vs. Plattsburgh](#)

Friday, Dec. 13

- [College Council meeting](#)
- [Commencement Eve dessert reception](#)

Saturday, Dec. 14

- [December Commencement](#)

Jan. 3 and 4

- [Men's Ice Hockey Tournament](#)

Jan. 6 to 24

- [Winter Session](#)

Monday, Jan. 20

- [Martin Luther King Day](#)

Monday, Jan. 27

- [Spring classes begin](#)

For details, see [SUNY Oswego Events](#).



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