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## BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE SUNY Broome Student Awarded NYS Sheriff's Institute Criminal Justice Scholarship

(TOWN OF DICKINSON) On Wednesday, Broome County Sheriff Fred Akshar joined members of the SUNY Broome Community College Criminal Justice & Emergency Services Department to present the New York State Sheriffs' Institute's Criminal Justice Scholarship to SUNY Broome Student Lillianna Beckett.

The NYS Sheriffs' Institute Scholarship Program for Criminal Justice Majors provides a \$500 scholarship to one student majoring in Criminal Justice, Police Science or a similar program from each community college in New York State, and SUNY Canton, each year.

The Scholarship Program was established to help young people across New York pursue an education in criminal justice. A senior at SUNY Broome, Beckett was nominated by her professors at the SUNY Broome Criminal Justice & Emergency Services (CJES) Department and she intends to pursue a career in crime scene investigation or forensics.

"Lillianna is an extremely intelligent, thorough and detail-oriented student," said Leigh Martindale, Associate Professor and SUNY Broome's Criminal Justice and Emergency Services Department Chair. "The faculty at SUNY Broome agree that Lillianna is well suited for law enforcement and we look forward seeing her continued success after she graduates."

"Lillianna Beckett is clearly an excellent, hardworking Criminal Justice student with a bright future, and she's certainly deserving of the Sheriff's Institute Scholarship," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "I encouraged Lillianna to sign up for the next round of civil service examinations because we need more dedicated, hardworking people serving in every aspect of law enforcement."

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