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SUNY Broome Student Awarded NYS Sheriff's Institute Criminal Justice Scholarship

(TOWN OF DICKINSON) On Wednesday, Broome County Sheriff Fred Akshar joined members of SUNY Broome Criminal Justice & Emergency Services Department to present the New York State Sheriff Institute's Criminal Justice Scholarship to SUNY Broome Student Charlie Baez-Rodriguez.

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.

Baez-Rodriguez has been a full-time Criminal Justice major at SUNY Broome since Fall 2022, and his hard work and dedication to his academics placed him on the President's List with an overall GPA of 3.9.

Baez-Rodriguez intends to pursue law enforcement after graduating from SUNY Broome, specifically as a police officer or deputy with the Sheriff's Office. He was nominated by his professors at the SUNY Broome Criminal Justice & Emergency Services (CJES) Department.

"Charlie is just an overall great student and great human being," said Leigh Martindale, Associate Professor and SUNY Broome's Criminal Justice and Emergency Services Department Chair. "In the 10 years I've been at SUNY Broome, I can honestly say that I have only had a handful of students of the academic caliber of Charlie. The faculty at SUNY Broome agree that Charlie is well suited for law enforcement and we look forward seeing his continued success after he graduates."

"Charlie Baez-Rodriguez is clearly an excellent, hardworking Criminal Justice student with a

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bright future, and he's certainly deserving of the Sheriff's Institute Scholarship," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "I encouraged Charlie 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, and I hope we will see Charlie serving and protecting his community in uniform in the very near future."

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