



# BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Undersheriff Sammy L. Davis

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## Undersheriff Sammy L. Davis – A Lifelong Educator and Leader

As Black History Month comes to a close, the Broome County Sheriff's Office proudly recognizes our Undersheriff, Sammy L. Davis.

A 19-year veteran of the Broome County Sheriff's Office, Undersheriff Davis is a shining example of personal and professional success through dedication, hard work and utilizing education to open countless new opportunities.

Growing up the youngest of 12 children in rural Avoca, NY, Davis tragically lost his mother to cancer at age 3 and his father to cancer at age 12. Despite these early and immediate challenges, Davis focused on pursuing higher education from an early age, diverging from the path many of his family, friends and neighbors had taken.

After meeting his wife, Amira, while attending Alfred State University, Davis left school when the couple learned they were expecting their first child. While providing for his family through a series of temp jobs, including a manufacturing position with Amphenol Interconnect Products, Davis completed his degree in Criminal Justice A.A.S. at SUNY Broome, followed by a bachelor's degree from Binghamton University in Human Development in 2000.

A driving force of encouragement and inspiration while pursuing her own academic and professional development, Amira suggested Davis explore opportunities in civil service. This led Davis to begin a career in law enforcement with the Binghamton University Police before finding his home with the Broome County Sheriff's Office.

"I remember getting pulled over and given a hard time by a police officer many years ago," said Davis. "I said to myself, 'I could do a better job than this guy, and I'm going to prove it.'"

As part of the Broome County Sheriff's Office, Davis climbed the ranks to Sergeant and served for 9 years as Director of Training, overseeing the Broome County Law Enforcement Academy and helping train hundreds of new law enforcement officers and deputies for more than 40 law enforcement agencies across New York.

Davis also returned to SUNY Broome as a Criminal Justice instructor, providing real-life experiences, perspective and mentorship to students exploring opportunities in law enforcement and criminal justice.

Davis was appointed to Undersheriff in 2023, overseeing the entire Broome County Sheriff's Office staff and budget. Despite these new responsibilities, Davis still finds time to teach as owner and Master Instructor for D5 Consulting Group, a business he founded with Amira in 2019 to provide workplace safety, diversity, and a wide array of other trainings to local businesses.

In February, Davis began utilizing his own time to begin offering classes to incarcerated individuals within the Broome County Correctional Facility based on life-skills curriculum offered at SUNY Broome.

"I am incredibly fortunate to serve in my current role at the Sheriff's Office, but I knew there was more we could do," said Davis. "Oftentimes, only a small number of choices, opportunities and circumstances can mean the difference between finding yourself on the inside or outside of the Correctional Facility. The life skills we discuss in these classes are universal. They not only apply to college students. They are applicable and helpful in every facet of life. It's my goal to share this information, generate productive conversation with our incarcerated population and hopefully help them to better equip themselves with the right tools to improve their situation and learn from past mistakes."

"We are proud to celebrate Undersheriff Davis as a true trailblazer and thank him for his continued service and dedication to making our community a stronger, safer place for everyone," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "Sam is a true friend. There is no better partner to help lead this organization and help us move this community forward."

February 29th is also Undersheriff Davis' birthday, and the entire BCSO Team wishes him a very Happy Birthday.