SUNY Ulster’s new student-run business, Community Creations, opened for business Nov. 21 during Global Entrepreneurship Week. Located in a kiosk in the Student Life Center, the boutique sells handcrafted goods created by students, faculty, staff and the community. Items sell for $10 to $25 so start your holiday shopping early while supporting SUNY Ulster students.

The grand opening featured homemade cupcakes, baked by Anything but Ordinary, Cake Creations, a student-owned baking company, to the first 25 customers. The launch of the business is the culmination of three terms of work by entrepreneurship students, who conducted market research and wrote a business plan. Then students worked in teams to build a kiosk and a Web site, worked with artisans on inventory, and developed accounting and sales procedures, legal requirements, marketing and much more.

For information in selling your small handcrafted goods into the boutique, contact Mindy Kole, kolem@sunyulster.edu, for details. Also check Community Creations out on Facebook.

SUNY Ulster Engineering Club Wins Punkin’ Chunkin’ Event

The 15th annual Punkin’ Chunkin’ event was a smashing success for SUNY Ulster’s Engineering Club, which took home first place in the pumpkin hurling competition, beating teams from Arlington High School and Dutchess Community College.

Our team of seven students bested the other teams in throwing leftover Halloween pumpkins the furthest at the Nov. 2 event at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. The students designed, built and operated a sophisticated mechanical device to hurl pumpkins at targets between 100 and 400 feet from their machine and within one of three target zones.

STUDENT QUESTION: Do you own a business or do you dream of being an entrepreneur?

Virginie Lefevre, 23
France
In the past, I thought about opening a business in real estate. I even based my college studies on that purpose. However, events in life made me rethink my future and that idea isn’t accurate anymore.

Roger Arrington, 18
Kingston
I never thought about it before. I would say no because any type of business seems like you need a lot of background knowledge and skills.

Ana Lucia Teran Stasilli, 18
Eldred
Yes, I thought about starting business that taught people how to track and survive in the forest. I got quite a lot of interest from people in the city but the cost of insurance was too high.

Kelton Compton, 20
Woodstock
I had considered attempting to start a business in the past. However I was turned away from the idea due to high start up costs, high investment risk in our shaky economy, and I had trouble searching for wholesale vendors for my product.

Brianna Hafner, 20
Cottekill
No, I never thought about it. I also wouldn’t know where to begin. I also wouldn’t want the responsibility of being a boss.

Alexa Prchaski, 18
Kingston
No, I never really thought about opening up a business. I’ve always had other career ideas. It also seems like it would be really risky and a big investment I potentially could not get back.
Carving for a Cause
Twenty students carved pumpkins in the College Lounge for a good cause before Halloween.

Chris Kroener’s creation of an upchucking spikey haired pumpkin spitting out seeds was selected as the winner by the 125 students who voted for the best pumpkin. A $50 donation will be made to the Wounded Warriors on behalf of Chris, a networking administrator major from Ellenville.

SUNY Art Show Features Seven Students
SUNY Chancellor Nancy will congratulate seven of our art and design majors on being accepted into the Fall 2013 SUNY Student Art Exhibition, now open at the Plaza Gallery at SUNY Plaza in Albany.

Each year this exhibition is put together selecting visual art student work from programs throughout the SUNY system. Chosen to represent SUNY Ulster are: John Mattern, Pine Bush; Meghan Rapp, Malden on Hudson; Katarina Harvey, Ulster Park; Keldon Polacco, Kingston; Alex Pacheco, Port Ewen; Addison Cook, Kingston; and Layla Cummings, Highland.

The reception with Chancellor Zimpher will be held on Dec. 3 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The exhibit runs through Jan. 31.

Upcoming Athletics
Support the Men’s Basketball team at upcoming home games on Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.; Dec. 7 at 1 p.m.; and Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

ECCEL Opportunities Available for Emerging Leaders
SUNY Ulster has openings for students in the fall to participate in the Eleanor Roosevelt Community College Emerging Leaders (ECCEL) program. The program prepares students to lead in all aspects of their lives – personal, academic, professional and community.

During this transformational two-year program, a total of 36 students from SUNY Ulster and three other community colleges will bring their passion and leadership potential to life. The first year focuses on leadership development through a series of three weekend retreats with students from SUNY Ulster, Dutchess, Orange and Rockland community colleges, as well as monthly on-campus activities and workshops for students on their home campus.

In the second year, students will have the opportunity to apply their leadership skills through a community service project on campus or in the community-at-large. For information in participating, contact Debra Waller-Frederick at wallerfd@sunyulster.edu

50th Did You Know
Kelder House was an original farmhouse on the apple orchard donated for the construction of SUNY Ulster. It has been transformed into the Kelder Center for Building Science and Advanced Technologies, a hands-on workspace for “green” builders, architects, energy scientists and students at all levels of study.