

SUNY'S Impact on New York's Congressional District 17

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Rockland Community College is built on a heritage of academic excellence and a vision of unlimited opportunity for all. Situated within one of New York's most diverse counties, RCC is the only public higher education institution in Rockland County. The College is now preparing to celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary (2009-10) with a series of events highlighting the themes of pluralism and diversity and commitment to environmentalism.

RCC has served as an educational resource for Rockland since 1959, offering small classes, personal attention and caring faculty. In addition to the main campus in Suffern, the College operates extension centers in Spring Valley and Haverstraw. The all-new Haverstraw Center is part of an ongoing revitalization of the waterfront village. It features eight "smart classrooms" equipped with state-of-the-art technology, a student lounge/internet café and gallery.

Rockland's convenient location in the scenic Hudson Valley, just 25 miles northwest of New York City, allows students to pursue internships with major companies and to tap into the cultural resources of the city. The College offers 42 degree and certificate programs, as well as an extensive program of continuing education and workforce training.

The majority of students at Rockland transfer to four-year colleges and universities, facilitated by specific transfer agreements with private and public colleges. Students in Rockland's nationally acclaimed honors programs in liberal arts and business regularly transfer to Ivy League and other prestigious colleges. The College's distinguished faculty includes numerous Fulbright Scholars, SUNY Chancellor's Award winners, published authors and artists. A low average class size of 22 allows faculty members to work one-on-one with students.

District Impact Summary

Human Impact

Students: 6,987

Employees: 1,091

Alumni: 30,203

Degrees Since Inception: 35,711

Economic Impact

Total All Funds Expenditures: \$63.3 million

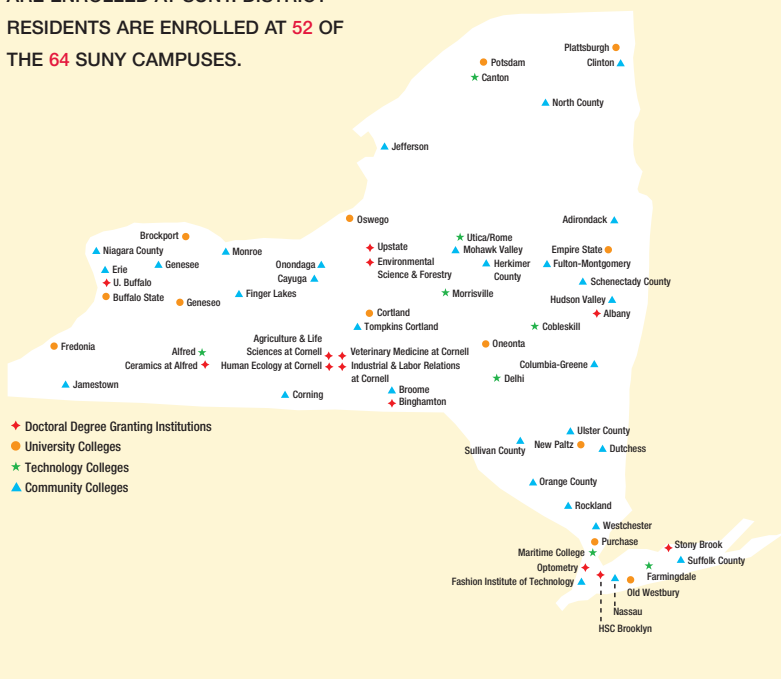
Payroll: \$32 million

Unless otherwise noted, data is based on information from the State University of New York Office of Institutional Research and Analysis for academic year 2007-2008



Rockland
Community
College

MORE THAN 9,769 DISTRICT RESIDENTS
ARE ENROLLED AT SUNY. DISTRICT
RESIDENTS ARE ENROLLED AT 52 OF
THE 64 SUNY CAMPUSES.



- A new Technology Center opened in 2006. The 100,000 sq. ft. building, the first new permanent construction on campus in over twenty years, houses student services, state-of-the-art classrooms, a lecture hall (The Ellipse), computer laboratories and offices for faculty and staff. It increased classroom capacity on campus by about 40%.
- Over 300 community and commercial groups use the campus facilities each year, including the Fieldhouse's two-acre indoor arena, sports facilities and the 500-seat Cultural Arts Theater. Over 200,000 visit the campus each year for cultural, recreational and commercial events.
- Rockland's acclaimed honors programs are rigorous academic programs for liberal arts and business students. The highly motivated students in the honors programs have transferred to such colleges as Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Amherst, Brown, Columbia, University of Pennsylvania and many other outstanding colleges.
- Rockland participates with Orange, Ulster and Sullivan Community Colleges in the Hudson Valley Educational Consortium to enable students from all four colleges to develop the skills necessary to respond to and manage local and national emergencies without leaving their home institution by offering courses on interactive video and online.



SUNY's Impact on the Mid-Hudson Region

The eight SUNY colleges located within the six counties that comprise New York's Mid-Hudson region provide key economic development resources for the area. The colleges—Purchase College, SUNY New Paltz, Dutchess Community College, Orange County Community College, Rockland Community College, Sullivan Community College, Ulster County Community College and Westchester Community College—have combined total expenditures of \$574 million per year, capital construction budgets of \$48.8 million and attract millions of dollars of research funds in the areas of design, engineering, social sciences, education, small business development, public safety, and other areas. They enroll approximately 52,010 students, employ more than 7,003 faculty and staff, and grant more than 7,000 degrees annually.

Mid-Hudson Impact Summary

Campuses: 8
Enrollment: 52,010
Alumni: 236,535
Employees: 7,003
Degrees Since Inception: 279,673
Total All Funds Expenditures: \$573 million
Payroll: \$261 million
Capital Construction: \$48.8 million
Research and Grant Activity: \$8 million
(Source: Research Foundation, SUNY, FY 2007-2008)

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SUNY Campuses in the Mid-Hudson Region Place High in National Rankings

- *U.S. News & World Report – America's Best Colleges 2006*
 - SUNY New Paltz placed #5 among Top 10 Public Universities – Master's (North).
- *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*
 - Purchase College placed #63 and SUNY New Paltz #90 among the Top 100 Best Values among public colleges and universities.
- *Princeton Review*
 - SUNY New Paltz and Purchase College are listed among "Best Northeastern Colleges."
- *American Society of Civil Engineers*
 - Rockland Community College's new 100,000 sq. ft. Technology Center was awarded Project of the Year.

Other SUNY Resources in the Mid-Hudson Region

- **Rockland Community College** houses the Small Business Development Center, which serves as a resource for small businesses and entrepreneurs by providing specific, individualized management and technical assistance, free of charge.
- **Empire State College** provides undergraduate and graduate degrees through three locations in the Hudson Valley.
 - Hartsdale
 - Nanuet
 - Newburgh
- The **Purchase College Neuberger Museum of Art** is Westchester County's premier museum of modern, contemporary and African art and is among the ten largest museums in New York State. The Neuberger presents 12-16 changing exhibitions each year, with annual attendance of 62,000 people, and provides five family events, which attract 800 people per event.
- The **Purchase College Performing Arts Center** provides 650 music, dance, and theater events annually, attracting 200,000 people. Arts and education outreach programs through The Performing Arts Center reach 20,000 local school children every year.
- The **Eugene Levy Fieldhouse** at Rockland Community College is a two-acre, multi-use facility that serves as a regional center for public and commercial events, attracting 200,000 visitors per year to show-case trade shows, graduations and sporting events.