

William Kaplan

William Kaplan, the Kaplan Family and the Kaplan Family Foundation have long been ardent supporters of Orange County Community College, its Newburgh Extension Center and the College's future Newburgh Branch Campus.

Few, if any, have done more over the years to further SUNY Orange's mission of "reaching out to all citizens of Orange County to enrich their lives through the highest quality of education possible" than William Kaplan. Thanks to the Kaplan family, the more than 15,000 students who have passed through the doors of the Newburgh Extension Center have benefited greatly in their pursuit of education.

The College's ability to further improve access to its academic programs received a significant boost thanks to Mr. Kaplan's tireless efforts to secure local and state funding for a much-needed branch campus in Newburgh, N.Y. To show his support to local and state lawmakers, Mr. Kaplan donated \$10 million of his own money. He also made numerous visits to Albany, on behalf of the College, to lobby for support of the branch campus.

He has also funded scholarships that have enabled countless SUNY Orange students attain their dreams of earning a college education.

In addition, Mr. Kaplan is a respected and admired civic leader who, through his generosity of time and money over several decades, has helped construct or renovate countless public and private buildings in and around the City of Newburgh, N.Y. He has also philanthropically contributed to the advancement and/or creation of educational programs and facilities that have generated opportunities for untold numbers of residents in the Hudson Valley.