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Chancellor Zimpher headlined both White House Summits on college access and completion, attended by President Obama, the First Lady, administration officials, and higher ed colleagues. Chancellor Zimpher was the only official to participate in the White House press briefing in January, and one of only a few to participate in a panel discussion in December.

- President Obama and the First Lady welcomed an Open SUNY team to “Datapalooza” in Washington, DC, where the system’s signature initiative was highlighted.
- The number of students served by Open SUNY+ has tripled in its first year, and more than 750 faculty fellows began using the Center for Online Teaching Excellence.
- Vice President Joe Biden joined Governor Cuomo in January as the governor proposed establishing a new SUNY College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security, and Cybersecurity.
- Vice President Biden and Dr. Jill Biden highlighted the role of community colleges in workforce development at Monroe Community College.
- SUNY earned national recognition from the Online Learning Consortium for the Open SUNY Institutional Readiness Program.
- Chancellor Zimpher attended the 2014 White House Science Fair, where high school students exhibited work that inspires them to excel in the STEM disciplines.
- Nearly $7 million was awarded for the 2014 SUNY High Needs Program, supporting workforce development jobs projected to grow substantially in the coming years.
- A new SUNY Smart Track™ financial literacy website includes an exclusive set of tools to assist students with planning for the costs of college and making informed decisions about which campus may be right for them.
- SUNY announced the Flexible Learning Environments Exchange (FLEXspace), a first-of-its-kind initiative that aims to inform and streamline the process of building “smart” classrooms on college campuses worldwide.

In partnership with the governor, SUNY adopted new comprehensive and uniform sexual assault policies to ensure student safety. Months earlier, SUNY was represented at a White House meeting with Vice President Biden when federal guidelines were announced.

- Governor Cuomo announced a scholarship that provides a full SUNY tuition for top-performing students who pursue and work in STEM fields in New York for five years after graduation.
- SUNY Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Alexander N. Cartwright was named a National Academy of Inventors® (NAI) Fellow, one of the highest professional distinctions accorded to academic inventors. Stony Brook University’s Iwao Ojima was also named.
SUNY convened its fourth annual Critical Issues in Higher Education Conference around the topic of collective impact.

SUNY Distinguished Professor John Wadach of Monroe Community College was named the 2014 Outstanding Community Colleges Professor of the Year, selected by the Carnegie Foundation.

To date, 43 SUNY schools have been approved for START-UP NY, establishing hundreds of tax-free areas for new or expanding businesses on more than 1,000 acres across New York. The zones will utilize more than 3 million square feet of space.

SUNY Senior Vice Chancellor Johanna Duncan-Poitier participated in a discussion at the White House to highlight SUNY’s efforts to decrease remediation.

Carlos N. Medina, SUNY’s chief diversity officer, earned the 2014 Diversity Visionary Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine, as did Kevin Antoine, diversity officer at SUNY Downstate. System Administration and three campuses—SUNY Downstate, SUNY Oneonta, and SUNY Buffalo State—received the magazine’s HEED Award in recognition of a commitment to diversity and inclusion.

State University of New York Police Commissioner Bruce McBride and Deputy Commissioner Paul Berger honored officers from throughout SUNY for heroism and professional service.

Chancellor Zimpher wrapped up 2014 visiting several campuses, hosting informal “Student Speak-Out” forums where students were encouraged to voice their concerns and ask questions about the future of SUNY.

The SUNY Technology Accelerator Fund (TAF), which accelerates the development and commercialization of innovations created by SUNY students, faculty, and staff, has generated more than $1 million.

Design Entrepreneurs NYC, a joint program of FIT and the New York City Economic Development Corp., graduated its third class.

Binghamton University broke ground on the Southern Tier High Technology Incubator, a Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) priority project that will serve emerging high-tech companies and enable more than 900 jobs.

Using $6 million in NYSUNY 2020 funding, SUNY Broome will establish the SUNY Bridge to Entrepreneurial Excellence at the Incubator, nurturing a vibrant start-up community for student-led ventures.

University at Buffalo researchers are developing a deep-sea Internet. The technological breakthrough could lead to improvements in tsunami detection, offshore oil and natural gas exploration, surveillance, pollution monitoring, and other activities.
• Stony Brook researchers are investigating Vintana, a 66–70 million-year-old groundhog-like creature found in Madagascar that can provide insight into the evolution of mammals.

SUNY News Paltz opened the nation’s first MakerBot Innovation Center, which will support its 3D printing program. This year, a design and printing team engineered a $20 prosthetic glow-in-the-dark hand for Joseph Gilbert, a second grader who was born with no fingers on his left hand.

• Rev: Ithaca Startup Works, a business incubator in downtown Ithaca and a collaboration of Cornell University, Ithaca College, and Tompkins Cortland Community College, opened its doors.

• NYSERDA awarded SUNY Canton $163,000 to research the efficiency of automatic-feeding wood pellet boilers.

• The National Institutes of Health (NIH) awarded a five-year $8.2 million grant to SUNY in support of a new alcohol research center led by Binghamton University.

• A University at Buffalo project to advance cloud computing research received a $400,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

• A team from the University at Buffalo is developing a “pocketsourcing” smartphone app that will sense the location and movement of people in a parking lot who are about to leave and direct users to the next spot available.

• Simply Grid, a company started by a SUNY ESF graduate and now headquartered in Brooklyn, is creating cheaper energy for vendors—as much as 50 percent savings— and a sharp reduction in carbon emissions.

• New York and IBM have partnered on a major investment at SUNY Poly that requires IBM to maintain 2,350 in-state jobs in the semiconductor field and add 750 jobs.

• The University at Buffalo is helping to accelerate the development of advanced manufacturing technologies by lending its expertise and resources to a new institute locally.

• SUNY Poly students built a golf club for a retired Army sergeant who suffered an explosion in Iraq. The students used a 3D printer to design the club after meeting with the veteran and studying professional golf swings.

Stony Brook University scientists map a key component in the DNA replication process.

University at Buffalo student Deshawn Henry built a 6-foot water lens that uses sunlight to disinfect polluted water, discovering an inexpensive method to treat water in countries where clean water is scarce.
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- UAAlbany launched a digital forensics program to teach students how to combat cybercrime.
- University at Buffalo developers built and tested interactive 3D maps that vocalize building information and directions to help visually-impaired visitors navigate public spaces like museums and college campuses.
- An animal study at the University at Buffalo could provide treatment for cocaine addiction, for which no effective medications exist.
- The SUNY Health Network of Excellence awarded $900,000 to six projects to research causes, treatments and cures for diseases and brain disorders.
- SEMATECH and SUNY Poly launched the Patterning Center of Excellence, which will support semiconductor technology node development.
- Mohawk Valley Community College launched a new business incubator and student accelerator in downtown Utica.

Two computer science students, Shivam Parikh and Matthew Gilliland, built UAAlbany’s first official mobile app.

SUNY AND THE EDUCATION PIPELINE

- The design of next-generation lithium-ion batteries is researched at the Northeast Center for Chemical Energy Storage at Binghamton University.
- The Buffalo Information Technologies Innovation and Commercialization Hub will train IT professionals, educate new IT staff through partnerships with SUNY, and develop next generation software to support research.
- Electric car manufacturer Tesla will build one of the world’s largest solar panel factories in Buffalo, boosting SUNY Poly’s impact and New York’s contribution to the U.S. solar industry.
- The SUNY Brain Network of Excellence awarded $800,000 to eight projects engaging students and faculty on seven campuses for research into causes, treatments, and cures for neurological-based diseases and disorders.
- The SUNY Materials and Advanced Manufacturing Network of Excellence awarded $710,000 in support of research partnerships.
- Chancellor Zimpher helped launch Higher Ed for Higher Standards, a national coalition of higher education leaders nationally to support the Common Core education standards.
- Alfred State is partnering with a Buffalo high school to create an advanced manufacturing early college program.
- SUNY launched the first in a series of four Centers of Innovation in Education at SUNY Cortland. The centers – also coming to SUNY New Paltz, the University at Albany, and SUNY Buffalo State College – will serve as regional hubs to support teacher education.
- Niagara County Community College received $163,000 in REDC funds to enhance culinary training and tourism.
New York State’s P-TECH program benefitted many SUNY schools, including Hudson Valley Community College, where the focus is on clean energy, semiconductor manufacturing, and advanced manufacturing.

- SUNY Oswego received a $2.9 million federal “First in the World” grant to improve completion. They will partner with Onondaga and Mohawk Valley Community Colleges on the project.
- Clinton Community College is constructing a regional advanced manufacturing institute with SUNY Plattsburgh, Clarkson University, and area manufacturers as a result of NYSUNY 2020.

SUNY Maritime College has the highest-earning alumni of any state public college in the nation, according to PayScale, Inc.

- Onondaga Community College was awarded a federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAAC-CCT) grant to deliver education and job training in Advanced Manufacturing.
  - The Buffalo State, Cortland, and New Paltz campuses are now using TeachLive labs to complement the student teaching experience with clinical training. The colleges are collaborating with others regionally to expand access to this valuable tool.
- The Lego League Tournament was held at SUNY Poly for the eighth year, giving children the opportunity to build team skills while competing with Lego robots.
- MVCC was selected into the Achieving the Dream National Reform Network, an initiative meant to identify and implement evidence-based strategies for increasing student retention, persistence, and completion.
- Stony Brook’s Health Occupations Partnership for Excellence (HOPE) Program provides faculty mentors to help prepare 11th and 12th graders for careers in the health industry.
- Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson – astrophysicist, author, and host of TV’s “Cosmos” – talked about the science behind drones during a visit with Monroe Community College students.
- Maritime College opened the Bouchard Transportation Co., Inc. Tug & Barge Simulation Center, which utilizes the latest bridge simulation technology.
- Binghamton University won a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, which challenged the nation’s research universities to develop strategies to attract and retain STEM students.
As a Purchase College student, Crystal Narain interned with the U.S. Supreme Court, Senator Schumer, and the White House, where she coordinated responses to the First Lady’s mail and researched her initiatives. Upon graduating in 2014, she was employed by the Supreme Court.

- The New York State Cradle to Career Alliance at SUNY and New York State Afterschool Network hosted a first-of-its-kind summit in Western New York, bringing together mayors and other local leaders from across the state.
- Schenectady County Community College’s Casino and Gaming Management degree program has quickly become popular with students and will be bolstered by the new casino to be built locally.
- Chairman McCall and Chancellor Zimpher were among the SUNY representatives to participate in Science Week in Buffalo, highlighting the system’s teacher preparation and STEM initiatives.

As part of STEM Experience: Science Week All Year Long, in which SUNY partners with Western NY schools, communities, and businesses to enhance STEM learning, 5th – 7th graders learned about careers in the life sciences from Chemist Mwita Phelps.

- Onondaga Community College was awarded a $2.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to train students for employment in the agribusiness food processing industry.
- A $1.2 million NSF grant will provide assistance for SUNY Geneseo students planning to teach physics or other STEM disciplines in under served high schools.

SUNY Oneonta received an NSF grant to train middle and high school science teachers for careers in high-need districts; and 20 SUNY Oneonta student volunteers taught or assisted with a series of enrichment seminars for young students.

- Covanta Niagara gave Niagara County Community College $250,000 for STEM facilities in its proposed Learning Commons.
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Jamestown Community College received a $125,500 federal grant to establish a regional 3D forensics program for students in criminal justice and public safety programs.

Onondaga Community College opened a high-tech learning center on campus, bringing academic support services under one roof and strengthening retention efforts.

Monroe Community College students assembled creative hands-on science and math kits for area child care centers.

SUNY Downstate scientists mentored Brooklyn middle school students during a summer science camp.

Dutchess Community College is partnering with the Poughkeepsie City School District and Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation in a P-TECH program to prepare academically at-risk high school students for skilled jobs.

The NSF awarded $210,000 to Finger Lakes Community College to share its model for teaching science through research with others across the country who also serve a significant Hispanic population.

The first group of students to enroll in the Finger Lakes Community College 12-week mechatronics technology program graduated in December, some with more than one job offer.

SUNY and the New York Power Authority are undertaking energy efficiency measures at 10 campuses that will save the university system $3.5 million each year and contribute to cleaner communities.

An electric vehicle charging station on the SUNY Poly Utica campus is free and open to the public, thanks to the governor’s “Charge NY” initiative.

Governor Cuomo announced that SolarCity will build a 1.2 million square-foot solar panel factory in Buffalo, on property owned by SUNY Poly.

SUNY received four of Governor Cuomo’s first BuildSmart NY awards. Karren Bee-Donohoe, executive director of the SUNY Office for Capital Facilities, was named a state leader, and projects at the University at Albany and SUNY Cortland were recognized.

Tompkins Cortland Community College is installing 10 acres of solar panels to provide 90 percent of its electricity needs.

University at Buffalo faculty and students designed a 1,400-square-foot solar-powered house for a competition run by the U.S. Department of Energy. Once built, the house will be placed in an area neighborhood.
The University at Buffalo launched RENEW—an energy research institute harnessing the expertise of more than 100 faculty members across six schools.

SUNY Oneonta Associate Professor Jacqueline Bennett patented a green chemical process.

Fashion Institute of Technology’s sustainability conference, featuring keynote speaker Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., attracted a record 500 attendees and culminated in a call for a nationwide transmission grid to produce cheap green energy.

Solar panels were installed on SUNY Canton’s Halford Hall, enabling the facility to create its own hot water and a photovoltaic array that follows the sun to maximize energy collection.

SUNY Orange retained its bronze rating from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE).

The U.S. Department of Energy awarded a new five-year, $3.2 billion contract to Stony Brook University to continue managing and operating Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Governor Cuomo launched the NY Energy Manager (NYEM) at SUNY Poly in Albany. It will provide public facilities with real-time data on their energy use.

The U.S. Department of Energy awarded a $10 million grant to support the Center for Mesoscale Transport Properties (m2m), which will create higher performing, longer life, and safer energy storage systems such as batteries.

SUNY Cortland completed a $3 million solar energy project.

A team of students from Onondaga Community College and SUNY ESF designed a home that uses just $2 in energy per month, earning them first place in the U.S. Department of Energy’s Challenge Home Student Design Competition.

SUNY ESF received a NYSERDA grant to study the use of flue gas to dry wood chips, improving their efficiency as a heat source.
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- SUNY Cortland’s newest residence hall is the first college housing structure in New York to secure platinum Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.
- Binghamton University broke ground on its new University’s Smart Energy Research and Development Facility, an NYSUNY 2020 project.
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- SUNY Upstate celebrated its first donor kidney transplant chain, where a donated kidney is transplanted into a recipient who had a donor willing to give a kidney, but was not a match. The transplant chain keeps going until all of the donated organs are successfully matched.
- The University at Buffalo’s new School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences is the largest medical education building under construction in the nation.
- SUNY Downstate reached 12,000 people through its health screening programs in 2014.
- Farmingdale nursing students participated in Heart Screen New York, training hundreds of potential life-saving heroes about the dangers of sudden cardiac arrest.
- Upstate University Hospital was selected as one of eight hospitals to be part of the state Ebola Preparedness Plan.
- All of the nursing graduates at Jefferson Community College (JCC), Cayuga Community College, and SUNY Sullivan passed the NCLEX.
- Farmingdale State Biology professor J. Robert Coleman is working with breakthrough technology to develop new vaccines.
• Students raised $15,000 to help pay for medications for patients of SUNY Downstate’s student-run Brooklyn Free Clinic.

• Gary Nieman, associate professor of surgery and senior research scientist at Upstate Medical University, is developing a medical device that removes harmful abdominal fluid buildup caused by trauma, sepsis, or burns.

• Stony Brook received a $3.5 million pledge to establish the Kavita and Lalit Bahl Molecular Imaging Laboratory in the MART that will enable physicians and researchers to diagnose and monitor disease, and develop new treatments for cancer, neurological disorders, and other diseases.

• Upstate Medical University cut the ribbon on its new $74 million Cancer Center, which merges innovative design with advanced cancer-fighting technology. A fundraising campaign brought in more than $17 million to help fund programming and construction.

• A team of researchers from SUNY Downstate and Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute discovered a new cause of epilepsy.

• Stony Brook Children’s reconstructive surgeon Dr. Alexander Dagum and Dental Medicine’s Dr. Leon Klemperer spearheaded a one-year, 10-surgery effort to transform the life of an African girl with a rare facial deformity.

SUNY AND THE WORLD

• Governor Cuomo announced that Japan’s new energy and industrial development organization would invest in emerging technologies at SUNY Poly’s Zero Energy Nano Building.

• Purchase College was one of 20 schools worldwide and two from the U.S. to participate in the Beijing Dance Academy’s 60th anniversary celebration.

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• SUNY Oneonta launched a new international internship program offering opportunities in 12 major cities around the world.

• Dental Hygiene students from SUNY Canton traveled to Jamaica to teach children about caring for their teeth.

• The Jerome L. Greene Foundation established a $1 million endowment at FIT to fund study abroad. The first five Greene scholars studied in Florence and Hong Kong.

• SUNY’s 6th annual Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) Conference brought together more than 250 university leaders and faculty from 18 countries and 118 institutions of higher education around the globe.

SBU Distinguished Professor Dr. Patricia Chappelle Wright was awarded the 2014 Indianapolis Prize, the world’s leading award for animal conservation, which will provide electricity for Malagasy school-children and help protect a forest area that’s home to golden bamboo lemurs. Her work was also made into an IMAX documentary narrated by Morgan Freeman.
SUNY Broome is teaming up with Geodis Wilson, ETM SolarWorks, and Pall Corporation to bring clean water, computers, solar energy and other aid to Haiti as part of the second annual Health for Haiti program.

• SUNY hosted a Future Earth Forum, bringing together some of the world’s top researchers and policy makers in finance, business, re-insurance, foundations, United Nations bodies, and media around the topic of environmental sustainability.

• University at Buffalo and the University of Zimbabwe are partnering on training programs for scientists to study, reduce, and treat HIV in Zimbabwe, where 14 percent of the population lives with HIV/AIDS.

• NSF awarded $1.34 million to a UAlbany to develop a learning structure that will connect classrooms across America and internationally.

• SUNY Downstate Medical Center’s School of Public Health is participating in the Peace Corps Master’s International Program, the first of its kind in New York City.

• Six University at Buffalo medical students and two attending physicians spent Spring Break treating patients in Panama.

• University at Buffalo graduate student Michael Healy completed a summer program in India, where he was working on two projects that will employ new technologies to screen for cancer.

Participation in the Buffalo Tanzania Education Project is just one example of an experiential learning experience available to UB students. Students visited a school in Tanzania and passed out school supplies and soccer balls.

Julie Schofield, who first visited India with a SUNY Oswego class, received a Fulbright scholarship to return in 2014 and investigate how survivors of human trafficking benefit from creative arts therapy.

SUNY Ulster’s leadership in advancing intercultural learning to its students through online collaborations was recognized with a prestigious award from the Santander Universities Program.

• Morrisville State College launched OnCampus SUNY, a partnership with Cambridge Education Group of England that will bring first-year international students to campus.

• Jamestown Community College received a U.S. Department of Education grant to support comprehensive globalization.

• Morrisville State earned first place honors at the International Post-Secondary Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at the World Dairy Expo.

SUNY AND THE VIBRANT COMMUNITY

• Chancellor Zimpher and City of Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan brought the Fresh Connect Farmers’ Market back to SUNY Plaza, year round.
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- SUNY ESF and Onondaga Community College were awarded $20 million in NYSUNY 2020 funds to build science labs and classrooms along Onondaga Lake’s inner harbor.

- Morrisville State touted its culinary talents to Congress, showcasing food samples during New York Farm Day in Washington, D.C.

- The North Country’s annual Special Olympics Summer Games attracted 175 athletes from across New York to the SUNY Canton athletic center.

- SUNY Oneonta opened a Sodexo food service where ingredients produced in New York are featured in every item on the menu. It’s one of only two such facilities in the country.

- Farmingdale dental hygiene students coordinated Give Kids a Smile Day and Help Out a Marine.

- The College at Brockport unveiled its first new academic building in 40 years - a three-story, Liberal Arts Building.

- Farmingdale Construction Design students helped renovate 12 VFW posts.

- The FBI presented its 2014 Director’s Community Leadership Award to Paul Wietig, EdD, an assistant vice president at University at Buffalo, for bringing together law enforcement, public health officials, and members of the community to increase safety.

- More than 1,100 students from SUNY Oneonta and Hartwick College raised more than $50,000 during their annual Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

- When three SUNY New Paltz students found $40,000 in a couch they purchased at the local Salvation Army, they tracked down the owner to return the cash.

- First-year cadet volunteers from SUNY Maritime helped restore a retired NYFD fireboat, Fire Fighter, now docked in Greenport, Long Island.

- Members of the Herkimer College men’s and women’s basketball teams gave anti-bullying presentations to kids at Herkimer BOCES and Herkimer Elementary Schools.

- Members of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship returned to SUNY Fredonia early for a week of voluntary community service.

- SUNY is a partner in New York State’s Poetry Out Loud Contest, which is held simultaneously in states across the nation and in countries world-wide.

- Purchase College established “Casa Purchase” to develop new collaborations between the campus and its surrounding communities, including internships, free English for Speakers of Other Languages courses, and a summer STEM program for high school students.
The 32nd annual CHOW Hunger Walk took place at Binghamton University, bringing together more than 800 people in the community to fight hunger.

More than 30 SUNY Poly students, faculty, and staff volunteers gathered at Delta Lake State Park in for “I Love My Park Day.” They cleaned up the beach, trails, and roadways.

SUNY Broome and Jefferson Community College opened their first residence halls.

University at Buffalo students, faculty, and staff distributed “doorhanger” kits containing safety reminders and tips on how to be a good neighbor to more than 2,500 homes.

FIT student Natalya Koval designed the dress that First Lady Michelle Obama wore at the Celebration of Design at the White House.

SUNY Downstate distributed free books to children in its Infant and Child Learning Center.

Nutritionists from the University at Buffalo partnered with the National Football League to host an event encouraging more than 100 kids to eat healthy and be physically active.

SUNY Orange partnered with Shop Rite Supermarkets to offer store employees supervisory training. Similar training provided to the Satin Fine Foods workforce led to the company’s Global Food Safety Initiative certification.

SUNY Optometry’s partnership with The Bowery Mission, one of New York City’s most respected organizations providing services to the city’s homeless, allowing them to expand to East Harlem and provide more free care.

Chancellor Zimpher visited UAlbany students working at the Pethick Archaeological Site Field School in Schoharie County.

Nearly 4,000 SUNY Plattsburgh students spent more than 382,000 hours in service to the greater Plattsburgh community.

SUNY was at the New York State Fair for the fourth consecutive year, as were several campuses. Upstate University Hospital gave away 800 bike helmets.

Fulton Montgomery Community College celebrated its 50-year anniversary.

Economic activity related to the New York Jets training camp at SUNY Cortland topped $4.6 million in Cortland County, nearly $1 million more than in 2013.

The Arbor Day Foundation designated Jamestown Community College as a Tree Campus USA for the fifth consecutive year. JCC was the first community college in the state to earn the designation.

The Capital District Pop Warner Challengers, a group of local special needs kids, practiced with the UAlbany football team and cheerleaders.
• SUNY Cobleskill opened a new Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources; and received a $1 million commitment from Governor Cuomo toward the development of a Dairy Processing Center.

• SUNY Buffalo State had eight All-American players; men's indoor track and field won the SUNYAC championship; and the football team reached the ECAC Southwest Bowl.

• SUNY Canton golfer Zachary J. Meade captured the USCAA National Championship.

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

• Five SUNY student athletes were a part of the 2014 Major League Baseball Draft.

• ESPN's annual awards show, the ESPYs, named UAlbany lacrosse standout Lyle Thompson a finalist for Best Male College Athlete. It's the first-ever nomination of a SUNY athlete in the 21-year history of the Award.

UAlbany won nine Division I conference championships in 2014, including five NCAA Tournament appearances. The field hockey team became the first SUNY team to compete in a Division I Final Four.

• Alfred State had seven All-Americans and eight All-American team members; the volleyball team reached the USCAA championships; and women's soccer earned a bid to nationals.

• A record eight former UB players attended NFL mini-camps in 2014, and four were rostered at the start of the season. Khalil Mack was the fifth player drafted in this year's NFL draft.

• UB’s women’s soccer team advanced to a first-ever NCAA bid; men's basketball won the MAC East Division championship; and the softball team earned its first MAC title.

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The College at Brockport men's basketball team advanced to the Division III NCAA Tournament. The college had All-Americans in basketball, track and field, and wrestling.

• SUNY Cobleskill’s women’s cross country and softball teams won North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) championships.

• The SUNY Cortland football defeated Ithaca College in the annual Cortaca Jug rivalry game in front of nearly 9,000 fans. The game received national attention on ESPN's Sportscenter.

• Columbia-Greene Community College athletes garnered two NJCAA awards for academic achievement, while four were named to the Academic All-Region Team, Region III.

• The Clinton Community College men's basketball team had the most successful season in team history. The college also had three NJCAA Academic All-Americans and three All-Academic Team members.
Corning Community College’s softball team included several standout players who led the team to 30-5 record, and the volleyball team enjoyed one of its most successful seasons yet.

SUNY Delhi women’s outdoor track and field team won the national championship; and the college’s athletic teams finished third among NJCAA non-scholarship programs.

Dutchess Community College women’s softball team won the Region XV championship and cross country runner Meghan Kiernan recorded the best performance in school history.

Empire State College alumna Erin Hamlin ’11 made U.S. Olympic history by winning a bronze medal at the Winter Olympics. Ashley Caldwell ’14 placed 10th at Sochi and is a national champion in freestyle skiing, women’s aerials.

The SUNY ESF men’s cross-country team won the U.S. Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) national championship for the fourth year in a row. The women’s soccer team finished a program-best 13-2; and women’s timber sports team took first place in the East Coast Lumberjack Roundup while the men’s team finished second.

Farmingdale’s women’s soccer team won the Skyline Conference championship for the eighth straight season.

At FIT, the women’s tennis and volleyball teams were NJCAA Region XV champions.

At Finger Lakes Community College, Sean Pebbles was a runner-up for the javelin throw at the NJCAA Track and Field championships; and the woodsmen men’s team won their 20th title at the Northeast Collegiate Woodsmen Conclave.

At SUNY Fredonia, the women’s lacrosse team won its first NCAA game; divers participated in the NCAA meet for the ninth straight year; and women’s basketball player Becky Hebert became the program’s all-time leading scorer.

At FMCC, the women’s basketball team was runner-up at the NJCAA Region III finals and the baseball team made regionals for the first time in 20 years. Both coaches were named Mountain Valley Conference Coach of the Year.

Genesee Community College’s women’s soccer and volleyball teams won regional titles, and women’s volleyball also won the District L title, qualifying for the national tournament.

After receiving an at-large bid to the team’s first NCAA Tournament since 2006, the SUNY Geneseo Men’s Hockey team advanced to the national semifinals for the first time (cover photo).

The Herkimer Community College track and field team captured eight individual national championships; cross country won its first individual national championship in 18 years; and three women’s soccer players were All-Americans.

The Hudson Valley Community football team finished with an 8-2 overall record, their best season since 1996; and freshman outfielder Eric Mueller earned the 2014 NJCAA Baseball Marucci Elite Hitters Award.
Three Jamestown Community College teams -- women’s soccer, women’s swimming and diving, and women’s basketball -- were recognized as NJCAA All-Academic teams.

Jefferson Community College’s Jasmine Canady was named NJCAA Region III, Division III All-American and Athlete of the Year. She is only the second player in college history to eclipse 1,000 points.

The Maritime College men’s swim team captured its 7th consecutive Skyline Conference championship and the volleyball team became the first-ever women’s team at the college to qualify for a postseason tournament.

The Monroe Community College women’s lacrosse team went undefeated en route to the NJCAA title; eight teams won Region III championships; and 13 students were All-Americans.

Morrisville State athletes reached several firsts: the football team claimed the ECAC Division III title; men’s basketball won the NEAC conference and advanced to the NCAA Elite 8; and the men’s soccer team earned a conference title and an NCAA round two appearance.

The MVCC women’s cross country team won its 11th NJCAA Division III championship, with three runners named as All-Americans.

At Nassau Community College, four teams won their regional championships: men’s basketball, men’s lacrosse, football, and women’s soccer.

Niagara County Community College baseball standout Chris Beer earned a number of accolades; women’s basketball won a record 25 games; and the wrestling program brought home its 19th Region III championship.

The SUNY Oneonta softball and men’s soccer teams were SUNYAC champions and both advanced to the NCAA tournament. The women’s cross country team also qualified for the tournament.

All 15 Onondaga Community College teams advanced to postseason play, resulting in two conference titles, three regional titles, and one national championship.

At SUNY Orange, the women’s volleyball team captured the Mid-Hudson Conference championship; the baseball team finished second in the NJCAA Division II, Region XV tournament, and the women’s basketball team posted a 17-8 record.

The Oswego State men’s ice hockey team captured its 3rd SUNYAC title in the past five years. Matt Wagenhauser of the men’s track and field team became the school’s first All-American and set six separate school records; and women’s lacrosse player Nikki Greco ranked 8th nationally.
The SUNY Plattsburgh women’s basketball team finished 23-6, with the highest single-season and SUNYAC win total in program history. The men’s basketball team earned an at-large bid to the NCAA DIII tournament; and the women’s hockey team netted the program’s third championship.

- SUNY Poly’s baseball and softball teams made it to the finals of their respective tournaments, and the men’s cross country team won its second-straight NEAC Championship.
- At SUNY Potsdam, women hockey’s Jordan Ott was named Rookie of the Year; lacrosse goalie Ryan Duffy was SUNYAC player of the year; and men’s swimmer Tyler Zapisek won a SUNYAC championship.

The Purchase men’s soccer team won the Skyline Conference championship in a 2-1 in double overtime win that earned them a seed in the NCAA tournament.

- SBU’s women’s lacrosse team won the America East and advanced two rounds in the NCAA tournament. Olivia Burne of the women’s cross country and track and field programs was named America East Woman of the Year.
- The Suffolk County Community College men’s soccer team won their second NJCAA Division III title. The women’s cross country team, led by All-American Leana Wiebelt, finished 8th nationally.
- The Tompkins Cortland Community College men’s basketball team won the Mid-State Athletic Conference championship; the men’s and women’s soccer teams made the NJCAA Region III playoffs.
- SUNY Ulster’s women’s volleyball team secured the Mid-Hudson Conference title and Region XV playoff appearances with an undefeated conference record. The team’s head coach and three players earned All-Star honors.

• In the 2015 U.S. News rankings, 14 SUNY campuses were named Top Universities and Colleges in the North Region and four ranked among the best nationwide.

• Five SUNY schools made the Top 104 Smartest Schools in America list produced by Business Insider: Binghamton University (#12), SUNY Geneseo (#20), Stony Brook University (#28), SUNY ESF (#66), and the University at Buffalo (#78).

• 37 SUNY campuses were recognized as “military friendly” by G.I. Jobs Magazine.

• SUNY Delhi was #1 on the U.S. News “Best Online Bachelor’s Program” rankings, while six additional SUNY schools were also ranked for their online offerings, including: Stony Brook, Oswego, SUNYIT, Canton, Oneonta, and UB.

The New York Knicks used their first pick in the NBA draft to acquire SUNY Sullivan alum and the college’s all-time leading scorer, Cleanthony Early.
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- SUNY Delhi was also ranked number one in the nation among colleges and universities that offer online Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs, by CollegeChoice.com.
- 20 SUNY campuses were named to the 2014 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.
- Kiplinger’s ranked SUNY Oneonta 2nd and University at Buffalo 3rd on its list of 10 public colleges across the country with the lowest debt for students at graduation.
- Binghamton University was ranked 10th in the Princeton Review’s ranking of the best value in public colleges nationally. Also included were: UB, ESF, Geneseo, Oswego, Purchase College, and SBU.
- Stony Brook University was rated as the Top Value in the northeastern U.S., by bestvalueschools.com.

The American Institute of Physics ranks SUNY Geneseo first nationally for awarding bachelor’s degrees in physics. Additionally, Kiplinger’s named SUNY Geneseo the top rated “Best College Value Under $30,000 Per Year.”

- 10 SUNY campuses were named among the Top 100 best values in public colleges and universities by Kiplinger’s in a number of metrics. They are: Albany, Binghamton, UB, Geneseo, New Paltz, Oneonta, Oswego, Plattsburgh, Purchase, and SBU.
- Two SUNY colleges were ranked in the top 100 of the outcome-based 2015 College Rankings Index, produced by nonprofit Educate To Career. Brockport was 29th and Cortland was 94th.
- 85 SUNY programs were named among the best graduate tracks in the nation by U.S. News.
- Ten SUNY campuses made the Princeton Review’s 2014 Guide to Green Colleges, including UAlbany, Binghamton, ESF, Fredonia, Geneseo, New Paltz, Oneonta, Oswego, Purchase College, and SBU.
- The Princeton Review’s annual college rankings came out in August. Six SUNY schools made the 2015 list of Best Colleges and 12 were among the “Best in the Northeast.”
- SUNY Geneseo was named the 2nd best “Gluten Free Accommodating College” in the country, by Udi’s, the number one gluten-free brand in America.
- FIT’s Pet Apparel Fashion & Design course was named one of the 12 most unique college courses in America by the Huffington Post.
- Farmingdale State was ranked the 5th safest campus in America by UniversityPrimetime.com.
- The American Institute of Architects selected the SUNY ESF Gateway Center as one of the nation’s top 10 sustainable architecture and ecological design projects that protect the environment.
- In a national ranking of top volunteer-producing colleges, ESF is second among small schools (less than 5,000 students) nationwide for the number of undergraduate alumni currently volunteering with the Peace Corps.