THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

GOOD NEWS FROM ACROSS THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
In 2017, State University of New York Chancellor Kristina M. Johnson set a bold path forward for the nation’s largest comprehensive system of higher education focused on the themes of innovation and entrepreneurship, individualized education, and sustainability. These themes are all built on an expanding foundation of partnership and diversity. This past year, all 64 SUNY campuses embraced these themes in countless ways, expanding the impact and excellence of a SUNY education.

**SYSTEM SPOTLIGHTS**

SUNY celebrated its 70th anniversary, which was attended by Chancellor Johnson, Assemblywoman Patricia Fahey, SUNY historian Ken O’Brien, and members of the SUNY family.

The Ambassador Trustee Carl Spielvogel Fund, which began with a generous donation by Ambassador Spielvogel, provided grants to 11 campuses to boost education opportunities for more than 12,500 military students and their dependents across the State.

SUNY Board Chairman H. Carl McCall and University at Albany President Havidán Rodríguez participated as panelists at the SOMOS Puerto Rico Conference to discuss the rebuilding and resiliency projects in Puerto Rico since the destruction brought by Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Empire State Development and SUNY partnered with New York State to establish the Materials Engineering Technology Accelerator (META Center) on SUNY Polytechnic Institute’s Albany campus, which will further position Albany as a hub for groundbreaking research and provide capital to startups and early-stage companies across upstate.

SUNY System Administration has – for the seventh consecutive year – received the 2018 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award from *Insight Into Diversity* magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education.

Chairman McCall was awarded an honorary doctoral degree from The University of the West Indies in November for his leadership in public service.
Nearly $6 million was awarded to campuses to train clean energy workers as part of Governor Cuomo’s Climate Jobs NY, and more than $9 million is available to SUNY campuses through RFP for apprenticeships, internships, and educational programs with industry partners.

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the successful completion of the summer-long NY Stands with Puerto Rico Recovery and Rebuilding Initiative this past August, with more than 650 SUNY and CUNY students and volunteers dedicating nearly 41,000 hours to clean, restore, and rebuild homes with non-profit partners.

SUNY Board of Trustees member Stanley Litow was named winner of the 2018 Corning Award for Excellence for his years of service to IBM, New York State, and its citizens, joining a distinguished list of past winners including former governors of New York State, legislative leaders, and business executives.

Michael A. Braun, president of the SUNY Student Assembly, was sworn in as a Board member in May.

The SUNY Board of Trustees extended in-state tuition for students from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands who were displaced by Hurricanes Maria and Irma for the 2018-19 academic year.

Chancellor Johnson volunteered with the NY Stands with Puerto Rico Recovery and Rebuilding Initiative along with University at Albany President Havidán Rodríguez and met with leaders of The University of Puerto Rico central administration.

Governor Cuomo announced a $3 million investment for SUNY and the State Department of Labor to create up to 2,000 new pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship positions in advanced manufacturing and healthcare.

Students representing SUNY took home eight of the 18 cash prizes – including the $20,000 grand prize – awarded at the 9th annual New York Business Plan Competition Finals sponsored by SEFCU. Their winnings totaled nearly $60,000.

During Chancellor Johnson’s inauguration, she outlined a series of initiatives that will enable SUNY to meet major societal challenges: expanding education opportunity “staying power” by strengthening student retention programs, enhancing online learning, and expanding entrepreneurship initiatives.
Dr. Tod A. Laursen was appointed senior vice chancellor and provost of SUNY in May.

SUNY, New York State Legislators, and distinguished guests honored Dr. Arthur O. Eve, the founder of Educational Opportunity Program in April.

Governor Cuomo announced the inaugural class of Fellows at SUNY’s Hispanic Leadership Institute, charged with developing and supporting the next generation of executive-level Hispanic/LatinX leaders across the system.

Chancellor Johnson honored 249 SUNY students from across the state with the 2018 Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence.

SUNY launched a Food Insecurity Task Force of higher education leaders and students from across the system, along with experts in various fields related to health and food security to support in alignment with Governor Cuomo’s “No Student Goes Hungry Program.”

SUNY received a $2.1 million “Strong Start to Finish” grant to scale-up first year student success strategies across the system to help more students earn a college degree.

Dr. Merryl H. Tisch, who is one of the nation’s leading voice on education, was appointed to serve as Vice Chair of the SUNY Board of Trustees and has served on the Board since June 2017.

SUNY partnered with the University of California System and 11 other leading research universities to create the University Climate Change Coalition, focused on helping communities achieve climate goals and accelerate the transition to a low-carbon future.

SUNY and One Love Foundation partnered to support “Yards for Yeardley” events at 26 SUNY campuses during the month of April to raise awareness and provide education to end relationship abuse.
Through a $5 million investment, the New York State Office of Victim Services partnered with SUNY to expand the “SUNY’s Got Your Back” program, which will result in the distribution of 225,000 comfort bags, providing personal care items and victim service information to medical providers, rape crisis programs, and domestic violence shelters.

SUNY and NYSERDA created a partnership to quicken real-world solutions to New York’s energy challenges by encouraging the deployment of clean energy and energy efficiency at campuses statewide and preparing the future clean energy workforce.

Chancellor Johnson and U.S. Congressman Paul Tonko toured three manufacturing companies representing the agriculture, infrastructure, and composite industries in the Capital District Region to highlight local workforce education needs and SUNY partnerships with Upstate New York industry.

The “Stanley Litow P-TECH scholarship” was created in honor of SUNY Trustee Stanley S. Litow and will provide annual scholarships for graduating New York P-TECH students who will enroll in a bachelor’s degree program at a SUNY school.

In her first State of the University System address, Chancellor Johnson outlined her vision for the future of SUNY, highlighting four themes that are at the foundation of her chancellorship: innovation and entrepreneurship, individualized education, sustainability, and strategic partnerships.
SUNY Geneseo assistant professor of geological sciences Nicholas Warner and two undergraduate students conducted research at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory for NASA’s InSight Mars lander and to make recommendations to NASA engineers on where to place geological instruments that will explore the crust, mantle, and core of the planet.

A new lemur species was discovered in Madagascar, thanks to the efforts of a team of scientists that included SUNY Polytechnic Institute Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Adam McLain.

A SUNY Downstate startup company, Concarlo Holdings, LLC, secured over $1 million in seed funding investment for advancement of a proprietary cancer companion diagnostic test.

North Country Community College nursing professor Selina LeMay-Klippel taught in Russia during the fall semester after winning a prestigious Fulbright Scholar award.

SUNY Plattsburgh launched a new robotics team, one of only 19 such undergraduate programs in the nation.

The newly-created SUNY Cortland Institute of Applied Geospatial and Drone Technology won a $100,000 state Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant to serve as a resource for entrepreneurs and startup companies as the city of Cortland strives to become a hub for geographic information systems, technology used for digital map-making, and drones.

SUNY Morrisville was named Grand National Champion of the 2018 U.S. Open College Beer Championship, taking home the honor of the college that brews the best beers in North America.

SUNY Optometry associate clinical professor Dr. Alexandra Benavente-Perez received the 2019 Career Development Award from the American Academy of Optometry based on her potential for growth and future major extramural funding.

Fulton-Montgomery Community College has created a new degree in Computer Networking & Cybersecurity in response to future growth of employment of information security analysts.
The Veterinary Technician Student Preceptorship in Wildlife Medicine, run by Cornell’s College of Veterinary Medicine, is the first of its kind in the Northeast and gives veterinary technicians-in-training concentrated education in treating wild animals.

Yiquan Wu, professor of materials science at the Inamori School of Engineering at Alfred University, was named a SUNY Empire Innovation Professor for his ground-breaking work on optical ceramics and digital processing of photonic materials.

University at Albany completed construction of the New York State Mesonet, the nation’s most advanced early warning weather detection system, which generates critical data to help residents, communities, and businesses prepare for extreme weather events.

Cornell’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations is helping to drive progressive change in Buffalo by rehabilitating derelict and abandoned properties into sustainable housing and creating community gardens and urban green spaces on vacant lots.

Through virtual laboratories, Empire State College associate professor Donna Mahar’s project will provide high-quality professional development for primary and secondary pre- and in-service teachers and the resulting micro-credentials and digital badges.

SUNY Ulster’s 2018 Own It! Entrepreneurial Conference attracted nearly 140 business women to a day-long conference on creating and growing a business in support of regional entrepreneurship.

Six faculty members of Cornell’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences were named to the prestigious list of Highly Cited Researchers, which recognizes scientists for exceptional performance.

Associate Professor of Chemistry Jacqueline Bennett of SUNY Oneonta patented a process for making imines, a class of chemical compounds frequently used in the pharmaceutical, agrichemical, fine chemical, plastics manufacturing, and household product industries.

FIT and Stony Brook University’s College of Engineering and Applied Sciences awarded seed grants to three faculty inter-institutional teams for collaborative research to explore the convergence of design and engineering.

A massive new fiber analysis project is underway in the Division of Engineering Programs at SUNY New Paltz, with the potential to transform the way farmers and manufacturers do business in New York State.
Stony Brook University and Stony Brook Medicine celebrated a momentous milestone with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Medical and Research Translation (MART) building and Stony Brook University Cancer Center, built to investigate, discover, and drive innovations in cancer treatment.

A grant from the National Institutes of Health’s National Library of Medicine allowed for assistant professor Daniel Schlegel to work with SUNY Oswego students on an artificial intelligence project to solve the automated interpretation of guidelines for medical treatment of diseases.

Maritime College’s Dr. Chris Clott, ABS Chair of Marine Transportation and Logistics, and Dr. Richard Burke, ABS Chair of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, co-founded the New York Maritime Innovation Center (NYMIC) – an incubator to foster technology development in the maritime industry through innovation that brings together maritime, technology, and finance.

Mohawk Valley Community College’s thINCubator provides aspiring entrepreneurs in a six-county region with the tools, connections, and knowledge to succeed, and it is the only community college designated as a NYS regional Innovation Hotspot.

Niagara County Community College Winery Operations alum, Zack Klug, and co-owner of Liten Buffel Winery was named “Best Local Winery” for 2018 by the Buffalo Spree Magazine.

A student team from Corning Community College won top honors in the NYS Department of Health’s Aging Innovation Challenge, along with Syracuse University, for an invention – called the GripM8 – that assists people who have mobility issues.

Groundbreaking studies in Kenya, led by associate professor Elisabeth Hildebrand of Stony Brook University, found that early pastoralists lived without major inequalities and hierarchies, contradicting long-standing narratives about early civilizations and helping shed new light on the origins of mankind.

Students from FIT and MIT developed clothing concepts using advanced functional materials that incorporate 3D printing or advanced knitting technologies.

SUNY Morrisville announced the pursuit of a master’s degree in agribusiness, which will prepare graduates to make agribusiness decisions that improve society by refining agricultural efficiency and increasing agricultural productivity throughout the food chain.
The College of Environmental Science and Forestry faculty and staff published more than 200 peer-reviewed journal articles and abstracts, had three patents issued with nine pending, disclosed three new technologies, have and were awarded more than $15 million in new funding for research.

At SUNY Old Westbury, four computer science students and professor Frank Sanacory built a miniature version of a super computer that will be used to help compute calculations.

The newly established Career Services Office at Clinton Community College hosted its first Career Expo, an event that connected students with local and regional businesses in a format that promoted professional development and career exploration for students.

SUNY Broome welcomed Chancellor Johnson to campus to celebrate the opening of the Paul and Mary Calice and Mildred Barton Advanced Manufacturing Center, a $12.7 million renovation project housing classrooms and laboratories with the latest technology to prepare students for jobs in advanced manufacturing, clean energy, and other growth sectors.

Dr. Nicholas Quintyne, a professor of cell biology at SUNY Fredonia, had his work featured on an episode of “Grey’s Anatomy.”

SUNY Orange’s Innovation Grand Street proposal will renovate three iconic buildings adjacent to the college’s Newburgh campus in order to spark private investment, create jobs, rejuvenate the greater Newburgh community, and connect the college’s curriculum to real-world experiences.

Schenectady County Community College Criminal Justice majors began taking the “Humanities Approaches to Criminal Justice,” a humanities-intensive track with courses in writing, literature, history, and applied learning, made possible through a $96,932 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, emphasizing issues that affect the populations that students will likely encounter when they enter the field.

As part of SUNY’s initiation to partner with Cuba’s Ministry of Higher Education, a group of six SUNY Old Westbury students participated in a Study Abroad program to Cuba, which won the Chancellor’s Grant for Innovative Study Abroad Programs.

Westchester Community College’s Gateway to Entrepreneurship (G2E) Center hosted its annual GROW Conference, the region’s largest gathering of small business owners.
Finger Lakes Community College’s new kinesiology and human performance associate degree embeds coursework to prepare students for certification as a personal trainer, qualifying them to work in their field while pursuing a bachelor’s degree.

Alfred State College graduate Matthew Watson is exploring the use of bamboo in architecture for humanitarian and sustainability purposes.

In November, Finger Lakes Community College viticulture students selected fellow student Mikayla Johnson as the winner of an in-house competition among graphic design students to produce the labels for the college’s commercial wine products.

SUNY Polytechnic Institute Associate Professor of nanoengineering Dr. Woongje Sung was selected to receive $2,078,000 in total federal funding from the U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL) for advancing the “MUSiC,” or the Manufacturing of Ultra-high-voltage Silicon Carbide devices.

The first-ever Columbia-Greene Community College Corrections Officer Academy, which prepares students for careers in municipal corrections facilities, graduated its first class in June.

A new outpatient pharmacy is open for business at Upstate University Hospital, which features the delivery of prescription medications to patients at the bedside before they are discharged.

In its first year, the new Koffman Southern Tier Incubator is more than 90 percent occupied, serving over 35 startup companies that will eventually move into the community and create jobs. Key Branding Labs, founded by a Binghamton University alum, was the first graduate of the Incubator, which fosters entrepreneurship in the Southern Tier.

Columbia-Greene Community College broke ground on its new Construction Technology Building, which will house a Construction Technology certificate program, launching in the fall 2019 semester and is slated for completion in January 2019.

Catskill Creamery, Inc., a planned $9 million modern dairy processing facility, is SUNY Sullivan’s first approved business applicant to participate in the START-UP NY program – the first of its kind at a community college – which will lead to the creation of at least 56 jobs over five years.
Genesee Community College hosted its sixth Creativity Conference following the theme, “Creativity in the Entrepreneurial Zone,” introducing nine regional entrepreneurs whose presentations covered dynamic topics such as options thinking, social media, and how to become and remain a successful business owner.

At Upstate Medical University, geriatrics is being elevated to its own clinical department, joining only a handful of other academic health science institutions across the country to do so.

SUNY Potsdam’s Crane School of Music presented the world premiere of a new opera, “Mayo,” by acclaimed composer Tom Cipullo.

In a competitive applied-learning exercise, students from SUNY Canton’s management program assisted area companies by creating innovative marketing programs to increase profitability.

SUNY Cobleskill launched the new Dairy Processing Center and Carriage House Cafe & General Store on campus, supplementing the college’s incubator program, supporting experiential learning, and bringing more than 30 businesses and their products to campus.

Business student William Turano ’18 of Farmingdale State College won second place at the national Schulze Entrepreneurship Challenge’s e-Fest’s Innovation Challenge Focus on Reducing Waste, applying principles of entrepreneurship and innovation to address the growing challenges of managing materials that otherwise make it into the waste stream.

Upstate Medical University’s Upstate Cancer Center now offers a same-day surgery and radiation treatment option for women with early stage breast cancer.

SUNY Delhi opened the Center for Faculty Excellence and Innovation in Teaching and Learning to enhance opportunities for connection, scholarship, and personal growth of faculty, staff, and students, offering 120 programs and over 200 hours of programming, with over 1,300 attendees the first semester.

GOOD NEWS FROM ACROSS
INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION

We are creating new learning opportunities and clearer pathways to on-time graduation that embrace each student’s unique circumstances, priorities, and passions.

Columbia-Greene Community College’s decade-old food pantry expanded even further, through the creation of a partnership with the Salvation Army that allows the college to provide cost- and stigma-free food, toiletries, pet supplies, and other items to its students.

SUNY Cortland added three new majors—environmental geoscience, healthcare management and inclusive early childhood education—building on the college’s academic strengths and opening new career paths for students entering an ever-changing economy, culture, and world.

A new Learning Commons was opened at Niagara County Community College with an Academic Center for Excellence to provide students with learning support services that serve as a foundation for academic success, retention, and completion of educational goals.

SUNY Erie Community College’s Nursing Program was recently recognized as one of New York’s best by vocational website RegisteredNursing.org.

The Pathway to Graduation Project at Mohawk Valley Community College is designed to increase completion rates and features a Learning Commons, including instructional and life-challenges supports, as well as an iTeach Learning Lab for faculty to develop and enhance courses.

In collaboration with the Compassion Coalition, Mohawk Valley Community College’s College Community Connection (C3) staff provide referrals to services such as housing, child care, health care, legal aid, and other support services for students, including a food pantry on campus.

Alfred University’s award-winning Art Force 5 program hosted a residency program in New York City, using art to teach young people the importance of embracing creativity as an alternative to conflict.

Cornell’s College of Human Ecology runs a Practicing Medicine Program, which provides an opportunity to explore careers in health and medicine by participating in health care providers’ day-to-day activities.

Through a partnership with the Food Bank of the Southern tier, Tompkins Cortland Community College expanded its on-campus food pantry to better serve students by doubling in size and adding a refrigerator and freezer to start providing a bigger variety of food items.
The ESF Career Fellowship Program provides financial support to motivated students to design and implement individualized experiences and foster professional relationships to advance their careers; in the past six years, the program has provided almost $220,000 in support to 85 students.

Jefferson Community College received a National Endowment for the Humanities Dialogues on the Experience of War Grant, totaling $95,090, to develop a class to guide veteran students and others into a deeper understanding of the issues raised by war and military service.

SUNY Empire State College hosted “Re-visioning,” an adult higher education webinar series, which focused on underrepresented adult students and the key issues, challenges, and possibilities they face.

Downstate Medical Center held the inaugural Health Disparities Symposium, supported by a $10 million NIH endowment grant Translational Program of Health Disparities Research Training (TRANSPORT), which focused on building the next generation of translational health disparities researchers.

As part of the University at Albany Advantage suite of data analytics and personalized student support initiatives, UAlbany rolled out a state-of-the-art student success management system to accelerate improvements in retention and graduation rates.

All first-time, full-time students at SUNY Adirondack now have a customized, individual degree plan created to keep them on track through an Office of Student Success initiative.

SUNY Geneseo implemented “Registration 2.0,” a second-chance, one-stop registration day that brings together representatives from advising, student accounts, financial aid, and the registrar’s office to assist students who had problems during regular registration.

The Ulster Community College Foundation at SUNY Ulster expanded its President’s Challenge Scholarship Program, awarding full-tuition scholarships to 53 at-risk eighth grade students from seven Ulster County school districts.

Hudson Valley Community College broke ground on its new Center for Advanced Manufacturing Skills (CAMS), which will allow the college to double enrollment in its Advanced Manufacturing Technology program.
SUNY Oswego and SRC, Inc.—a national research and development company—continued their partnership to deliver a customized MBA to 33 employees onsite at the Syracuse-based firm, committed to redefining the areas of defense, environment, and intelligence.

Jefferson Community College is the only community college in the nation to receive the 2018 Active Minds Healthy Campus Award in recognition of the college’s excellence in prioritizing and promoting the health and well-being of their students.

Rockland Community College is opening its state-of-the-art Hospitality and Culinary Arts Center in downtown Nyack, NY, which will serve as a hands-on learning space for RCC students as well as a dining establishment and cultural destination for the community.

Maritime College and the National Merchant Maritime Academy of Hydra, Greece signed an agreement to allow an abbreviated pathway to earn a bachelor’s degree.

Stony Brook University rose to its highest-ever ranking among U.S. colleges and universities in U.S. News & World Report, driven in part by the university’s surging four-year graduation rate, shrinking class sizes, and growing reputation scores from peers and high school counselors.

Westchester Community College received the largest federal grant in its history with $2.7 million (over five years) directed toward supporting students in their efforts to succeed academically and move on to careers and further education.

Clinton Community College opened its new Learning Commons, a renovated space featuring a variety of group and individual study spaces, tech-enabled labs, and one-stop access to resources including the Douglas Library, Tutoring Center, and Accommodative Services.

Corning Community College provides on-demand tutors in a variety of subjects for students in the Learning Commons and added academic assistance in the residence hall for athletes this year.

Success Coaches at Schenectady County Community College are working with first-generation students through a highly competitive $2.25 million Title III grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education, part of a redesign of the student learning environment and student services to expand programs for under-served students and to increase retention.
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**Finger Lakes Community College** celebrated the first graduates of a new CNA to LPN program, a partnership with Rochester Regional Health and other agencies that provides a stipend for certified nurse assistants to support their families while taking classes to become licensed practical nurses.

**Buffalo State College** received a $2.19 million, five-year Title III grant from the U.S. Department of Education, providing new resources for tutoring, coaching, and other retention initiatives to help students persist and graduate.

From the Bachelor of Science in nursing major, to the RN and BSN programs, **Alfred State College** offers a number of paths that students can take to earn their BSN.

An inaugural group of 41 students participating in the new Smart Transfer Early College High School Program (ST-ECHS) spent their summer taking courses at **Schenectady County Community College** with the opportunity to earn their associate’s degrees while still in high school through a $1 million grant from the New York State Education Department.

A leader in using Open Educational Resources (OER) in classes, **Tompkins Cortland Community College** was awarded a grant from SUNY to add an option for earning a degree entirely utilizing OER, saving students on the cost of textbooks.

The Student Support Services program (TRIO) at **Suffolk County Community College** will serve 274 students this year, providing tutoring, counseling, career, transfer and academic advisement, mentoring, informational sessions, referrals, and holiday assistance for first generation, low income and/or disabled students who have an academic need.

**SUNY Broome** held the grand-opening for The Hive, the campus’ online radio station, which gives Communication & Media Arts students the opportunity to explore commercial radio production in a professional environment.

The launch of **Columbia-Greene Community College**’s new, non-credit English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) Bridge to College Course, designed for non-native English speakers 18 or older, will offer students greater opportunities in both educational and career endeavors.
SUNY Polytechnic Institute, in partnership with SUNY Poly’s Northeast Advanced Technological Education Center (NEATEC), as well as Jefferson Community College, Mohawk Valley Community College, and Fort Drum’s Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program announced the completion of a 56-hour hands-on training program for 10 Fort Drum soldiers, and event which Chancellor Johnson attended.

The SUNY Upstate Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program, directed by Binghamton University, celebrates 20 years of preparing undergraduates to pursue and earn baccalaureate degrees in biomedical sciences.

To address the literacy needs of 21st century community college library patrons, SUNY Sullivan renovated its library spaces, as well as created a new One Stop Center in the library’s lower level in order to increase student access and success.

Niagara County Community College hosted an inaugural Student Showcase, highlighting 40 projects from students, where faculty and staff raised prize money for the winners.

Genesee Community College continues to expand its 360 Degree Learning Option, a technological teaching innovation that enables student learning by providing full flexibility to participate in classroom instruction from anywhere and on any device, while also offering the ability to review and refresh lessons or lectures at any time.

The College of Nursing at Upstate Medical University announced a major change in its Bachelor of Science program in nursing: starting in the spring 2019 semester, the program will be fully online.

The College at Brockport opened its Academic Success Center, bringing together advisement and retention, tutoring, and student accessibility services, all offices that had previously been dispersed in buildings across campus.

SUNY Canton is evolving to meet the needs of modern students through a flexible course program that offers classroom and online courses simultaneously, allowing students to seamlessly switch between face-to-face, online, synchronous, or asynchronous course delivery.

SUNY Potsdam’s Lougheed Center for Applied Learning received more than $7 million in donor funding to help connect students with internships, study abroad opportunities, and research funding.
SUNY Delhi opened a new Applied Learning & Career Center focused on individual advising and assistance, aligning career goals with academic pathways to ensure success.

Onondaga Community College was awarded a $3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to assist in serving low-income students by extending work on structured Pathway Maps; common first-year learning outcomes; a structured non-academic support system and intake processes; advising; and accelerated pathways to completion for developmental students.

Farmingdale State College received the largest clean energy grant - $790,000 - for an individual campus to provide Geothermal workforce training classes with PSEG-LI & NY GEO through the college’s Renewable Energy and Sustainability Center, and was announced on campus by Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul who was joined by Chancellor Johnson.

Hudson Valley Community College launched the Manufacturing Technology Pathways program, which was funded, in part, through a SUNY Workforce Development grant, and is an intensive boot camp that allows students to earn “stackable” credentials that will allow them to qualify for in-demand entry-level manufacturing jobs.

Onondaga Community College welcomed its first class of Weekend College students, giving students the opportunity to attend classes Friday nights and Saturday mornings while pursuing degrees in an accelerated format in Alcohol & Substance Abuse Counseling, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, and Early Childhood.

Hudson Valley Community College opened its new Albany Center for Education (ACE) in fall 2018, which serves as the college’s Albany County hub and offers credit and non-credit courses as well as programs through the Capital District Educational Opportunity Center.

SUNY Cobleskill has not only partnered with 28 institutions to create 60 unique articulation agreements, providing students with a significant advantage in accessing quality graduate degree programs in their field of study, but has also built P-TECH, College-in-High School, and micro-credentialing programs.

Onondaga Community College’s Office of Economic and Workforce Development prepared two groups of students for paid apprenticeships in the manufacturing industry with intense, 10-week sessions as part of the Apprenticeship Accelerator Career Training program.
SUSTAINABILITY

We seek to become the national model in higher education in energy efficiency and innovation by reducing our carbon footprint, serving as a living laboratory for sustainability research, and engaging the future workforce in the clean energy economy.

The SUNY Morrisville Four Seasons Farm is a certified organic farm that provides students with hands-on educational experience and the campus with healthy eating options through year-round production of more than 5,700 pounds of produce from nearly 50 varieties of fruits and vegetables.

For its first Grand Challenge, SUNY Oswego chose the theme “Fresh Water for All,” and kicked off a two-year, cross-campus initiative that has sparked dozens of projects, including an interdisciplinary effort to provide water purifiers to Puerto Rico.

A collaboration between Cornell’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Environmental Defense Fund is studying progress made by Iceland’s fisheries management system to create a roadmap for sustainable development of marine resources that can withstand the ravages of climate change.

SUNY Downstate installed a 1.8 megawatt fuel cell system to provide clean energy for its University Hospital of Brooklyn that is expected to reduce the cost of electricity by nearly one half of the current rate as the 15 year contract proceeds. This is the first university-led fuel cell energy initiative to reduce power demand and air pollution in Brooklyn.

SUNY Oneonta has earned a STARS silver rating in recognition of its sustainability achievements from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE).

A new student-led campus composting effort in conjunction with the Office of Sustainability at SUNY Geneseo collects more than 1,000 pounds of compostable material from offices and residence halls every month.
University at Albany broke ground on its Emerging Technology and Entrepreneurship Complex (ETEC), a state-of-the-art technology, entrepreneurship, business, and academic facility that is expected to achieve LEED Platinum certification for its environmental features.

Westchester Community College’s Native Plant Center, the first national affiliate of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, Texas, celebrated its 20th anniversary with a gala event.

Herkimer County Community College has saved students nearly $1 million in textbook costs utilizing Open Educational Resources (OER), with more than 50 percent of courses offered and two full degree programs that can be completed without purchasing a single textbook.

The availability of OER for courses at Clinton Community College is expanding, with nearly 2000 enrollments and over $150,000 – and a lot of textbooks – saved over two years.

As part of the NY state’s Clean Climate Careers initiative, Maritime College received $460,000 to promote clean energy workforce development and training programs: $230,000 to support the creation of an Off-Shore Energy Center and another $230,000 to support the establishment of a Liquified Natural Gas Center of Excellence.

All exterior lighting has been converted to LED at Dutchess Community College.

New York City recognized FIT for its institutional commitment to sustainability, which is reflected in the college’s 50 percent reduction in energy use and 55 percent reduction in carbon emissions since 2005, amounting to a $3.1 million annual savings.

Chancellor Johnson, along with Vice Chairman of SUNY’s Board of Trustees, Dr. Merryl Tisch, and Ahmed Ibrahim (owner of Ecosystem) visited Rockland Community College to meet with Dr. Baston, RCC’s president; administration; faculty; and students to see the Ecosystem energy efficient project at RCC.

The Princeton Review ranked ESF No. 2 on its list of Green Colleges, which “share superb sustainability practices, a strong foundation in sustainability education, and a healthy quality of life for students on campus.”

The Stony Brook University Research Park is sparking the region’s economy and bolstering Long Island’s technology corridor, highlighted in part by the launch of the Institute of Gas Innovation and Technology.
Corning Community College’s 60-year-old academic and administrative buildings on CCC’s Spencer Hill campus will undergo an energy retrofit including mechanical, electrical, and metering upgrades to improve utility efficiencies and reduce the carbon footprint through a partnership with Siemens Inc.

Suffolk County Community College was recognized for its sustainability and environmental conservation work at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s 15th Annual New York State Environmental Excellence Awards Celebration for its focus and efforts on energy conservation, sustainable transportation, curriculum in sustainability, and waste reduction initiatives.

As part of Governor Cuomo’s $15 million clean energy workforce development initiative, Buffalo State College is receiving a $753,000 grant to develop clean energy certificate programs.

Purchase College’s physical education building will be the site for a combined heat and power project funded by Israel-US Binational International Research and Development Foundation, New York Power Authority, and Brenmiller of Israel, which will allow for significant energy savings by capturing and reusing exhaust heat to heat the building, hot water, and the pool.

As a civic engagement advocate for campus sustainability, student Peter York led an initiative to deter the use of single-use plastic bags at Alfred State College in favor of reusable bags.

SUNY Sullivan constructed an apiary within a dedicated bee yard, housed near its organic Hope Farm, which allows students, faculty, and staff to learn the science and art of beekeeping.

Binghamton University is in the design phase to construct a Living Building Challenge Certified environmental classroom and research facility on the grounds of Nuthatch Hollow, an environmental learning and research site owned by and adjacent to the main campus.

SUNY Potsdam’s Wagner Institute for Sustainability and Ecological Research installed aeroponic tower gardens in its greenhouse and across campus to grow fresh vegetables, greens, and herbs for campus dining year-round.

For the first time, Genesee Community College’s annual report was published online, eliminating not only the expense and environmental waste of a printed, multi-page document, but adopting an agricultural theme (PLANT. WATER. HARVEST. REPEAT.) that reflects the rural communities it serves.
The New York Power Authority (NYPA), in partnership with SUNY, has completed the installation of energy-efficient LED lighting throughout the Purchase College campus, including outdoor street lighting and in several buildings.

Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine completed a $91.5 million Class Expansion Project, designed to improve teaching facilities, increase energy efficiency, expand the preclinical class size, and create a sense of community through major teaching, clinical, and research capacities of the college.

SUNY Delhi students designed and are building tiny homes to serve the needs of community members, providing temporary shelter next to support service facilities, while other students worked on a joint project with the Delaware County Electric Cooperative to assess methods of managing power line rights of way for safety while avoiding the use of herbicides and supporting biodiversity.

A $1.6 million grant funded by the combined EPA and Department of Defense supports continued development of SUNY Cobleskill’s rotary gasifier, a fully automated and portable system to convert waste material into energy, adding advanced technology to the renewable energy sector.

Farmingdale State College partnered with NYSERDA and the Drive Electric LI Coalition to offer the annual Charge NY electric vehicle ride and drive event at FSC’s Renewable Energy & Sustainability Center, resulting in 127 test drives with 55% reporting that they would recommend an EV to friends and family.

Onondaga Community College was recognized as one of “The 10 Best Green Schools in America 2018” by The Knowledge Review and named to “The Princeton Review’s Guide to 399 Green Colleges: 2018 Edition” for using green principles in campus infrastructure, which engage students through sustainability-related curriculum.

SUNY Canton’s bachelor’s degrees in Sustainable Energy Technology and Civil and Environmental Engineering Technology prepare students to help reduce fossil fuel consumption; prevent air, water, and soil contamination; and adhere to environmental regulations.

SUNY New Paltz completed a cutting-edge solar energy and battery storage system on its campus, providing continuous solar photovoltaic power generation and supporting the college’s efforts to sustainably offset its reliance on the electrical power grid.
PARTNERSHIPS

We are bringing thought leaders, policy makers, and business together to move SUNY’s priorities forward, amplifying our work and strengthening our system for the benefit of its community and the world.

The Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce, Empire State College, and the Saratoga County Capital Resources Corp. (SCCRC) partnered to create the Saratoga County Institute of Management (SCIM), with the aim of supplying solutions to the challenges of retaining and fostering good employees.

Monroe Community College’s TRIO Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math and Science programs received funding from the U.S. Department of Education to offer career exploration opportunities to Rochester city high school students.

The University at Buffalo, Roswell Park Comprehensive Care Center, and the University of Rochester are leading a $47 million partnership, called the Empire Discovery Institute, which will take their pharmaceutical breakthroughs and move them toward clinical trials, generating new medical treatments and investments in the region’s growing life sciences sector.

SUNY Downstate partnered with Biovigil to launch a state-of-the-art hand hygiene program, which will help prevent the spread and transmission of infections.

The Thurman Thomas Family Foundation and the SUNY Erie Community College Foundation created a scholarship for three students in need per year that will cover books, full tuition, fees, and related costs upon entering the second year of their program.

SUNY Oswego’s Agricultural Testing and Analysis Labs at the Port of Oswego and the college’s Shineman Center for Science, Engineering, and Innovation utilized 12 trained student chemists to test and analyze grain shipments, helping meet the needs of one of the Port of Oswego Authority’s largest customers, Perdue AgriBusiness, while receiving on-the-job business experience.

Fulton-Montgomery Community College hosted TEDxFMCC speakers on its campus to discuss community leadership.

Through the Criminal Justice and Employment Initiative, legal experts from Cornell’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations are helping people with criminal records return to the workforce.
Geneseo Community Engagement (GCE) portal, which forges relationships between local residents and businesses and members of the campus community, is a new effort to connect campus resources at SUNY Geneseo with the requests and needs of the community and vice versa.

SUNY Adirondack’s Culinary Arts Center moved to Glens Falls in a location that features instructional space and Seasoned, the student-run restaurant, as part of a downtown economic revitalization and $1.1 million investment from Empire State Development.

Cayuga Community College forged a stronger partnership with the City of Auburn and enhanced its presence in downtown Auburn with a joint project to renovate Falcon Park into the first outdoor athletic complex in the history of the college.

University at Albany created early admissions pathway programs in the health sciences, deepening partnerships with Albany Medical College, SUNY Upstate Medical University, SUNY Downstate College of Medicine, and the UAlbany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

SUNY Oneonta received a three-year grant from the United States Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture to facilitate a collaboration with the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America to address the shortage of Family and Consumer Sciences educators nationwide.

Herkimer County Community College and SUNY Cobleskill entered into a partnership agreement to offer a bachelor’s in Business Administration degree on the Herkimer campus, designed especially for working adult learners.

SUNY Morrisville held its inaugural Agricultural Summit, drawing innovators and leaders from throughout the agriculture industry, as the event focused on future goals and needs in agricultural education, as well as workforce development with both an academic and industry focus.

Cayuga Community College’s Media and Telecommunications Department partnered with a local newspaper to televise seven candidate forums in local elections to help inform the public during the political season.

SUNY Orange biology students work with the Orange County Department of Health to monitor local mosquito traps in order to detect and track the presence of mosquito-borne viruses such as West Nile and Zika.

SUNY Ulster was selected as one of the newest community college partners in IBM’s New Collar Jobs Initiative, which will provide students with apprenticeship opportunities leading to new, well-paying jobs.
Jefferson Community College, Lewis County, Jefferson-Lewis Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County formed a partnership to build an education center to increase educational and workforce training opportunities in Lewis County.

Maritime College and the nation’s State Maritime Academies secured $300 million in the FY 2018 federal budget to begin recapitalization of the SMA’s aging training fleet. Maritime College is slated to receive the first new National Security Multi-Mission Vessel to replace Empire State VI.

With middle skilled jobs growing in New York, President Michael Baston launched the Middle Skills Academy at Rockland Community College and met with healthcare leaders, students, and staff to discuss employers’ needs so RCC can structure courses to provide effective training.

SUNY Broome partnered with Broome-Tioga Workforce, Broome-Tioga BOCES, the New York State Department of Labor, the Community Foundation for South Central New York, and local employers on the Warehouse Opportunity Program, which provided both training and jobs for individuals with disadvantaged backgrounds, and received recognition for Best Collaborative Effort from the Continuing Education Association of New York.

Individuals from Corning CC, Jamestown CC, Mohawk Valley CC, Monroe CC, Onondaga CC, Rockland CC, Suffolk CC, Sullivan CC, Tompkins Cortland CC, and Westchester CC joined for the SUNY Guided Pathways Institute held at Rockland Community College to discuss the theme of mapping out a tailored program to help students successfully complete their course of study and position themselves for further academic and career progression.

Jefferson Community College and Fort Drum Child and Youth Program (CYP) entered an agreement for CYP employees to earn college credit toward a credential in early childhood education.

FIT became the second SUNY institution to launch degree programs at SUNY Korea in Songdo, with the first cohorts of Fashion Business Management and Fashion Design students joining Stony Brook University students on the campus, located outside of Seoul.

Clinton Community College, in partnership with SUNY Canton, became the new home of the Plattsburgh location of the North Country Small Business Development Center.
Herkimer County Community College and the Little Falls Police Department have partnered to offer a Pre-Employment Police Basic Training certificate program, open to civilians and sworn police officers.

University at Buffalo School of Law students traveled to Puerto Rico to offer hands-on legal assistance to residents of the island devastated by Hurricane Maria, providing direct access to justice for those in urgent need of post-disaster solutions.

ESF received $1.3 million to partner with New York State Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation to manage the watercraft inspection and boat steward program, which will help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species through voluntary watercraft inspections and educational outreach programs.

SUNY Orange collaborated with Orange County, the City of Port Jervis, and a local building owner to transform a portion of a vacant commercial building into an education center that has opened access to the college’s credit and non-credit programming to residents of western Orange County, and nearby areas of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

With the goal of providing a seamless pathway from high school to college, SUNY Sullivan and the Sullivan BOCES formed a partnership that provides classroom space on campus for BOCES public safety students who will transfer into the criminal justice degree program.

Southern rock band Molly Hatchet stopped at Finger Lakes Community College in August to lay tracks for a new album and shared lunch and tales of the music business with students and alumni.

Jamestown Community College and St. Bonaventure University launched JCC+SBU, an initiative enhancing admission and academic advisement opportunities.

Schenectady County Community College partnered with SUNY Polytechnic Institute so that graduates of SUNY Schenectady can transfer to the B.S. program in Nanoscale Engineering as well as take specific nanoscale courses at SUNY Poly's College of Nanoscale Sciences and College of Nanoscale Engineering and Technology Innovation.

The College at Brockport received a grant of more than $220,000 from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority to develop a training program for building operations and maintenance personnel who will use the New York Energy Manager facility operated by the New York Power Authority (NYPA) to identify opportunities for energy efficiency at their facilities.
The University at Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning’s innovative work with the City of Buffalo led to an invitation to be part of an international exhibit organized by the 2018 Venice Architecture Biennale, the premier global forum for innovation in architecture.

Schenectady County Community College launched a Certified Production Technician (CPT) program in partnership with the Center for Economic Growth, Capital Region BOCES, and The Business Council of New York State through the KeyBank Foundation’s award of a $250,000, two-year grant to the Center for Economic Growth (CEG) to “skill-up” incumbent workers who are looking to advance their careers and enhance the education of individuals who possess some manufacturing experience.

Through a partnership with local government, Tompkins Cortland Community College introduced the Lime Bikes bike-share program as a way to improve access between campus and the community.

A new program between Purchase College and Upstate Medical University will allow students to attend Purchase for their undergraduate studies, and then be guaranteed admission to Upstate for a medical degree.

With initial seed funding from a SUNY Center-Scale Proposal Planning and Development Grant, Binghamton University, with SUNY Upstate, established the Opioid Research Center for Central New York that is looking at both clinical and research aspects of the opioid epidemic.

SUNY Broome established multiple new transfer agreements with leading universities, including Bellevue University, Binghamton University’s School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences for the Pharm.D. program and the University of Limerick in Ireland, the college’s first international partnership.

Suffolk County Community College’s automotive technology program has six auto industry partnerships: GM ASEP, HONDA PACT, Toyota T-TEN, Fiat Chrysler MOPAR CAP Local, Subaru University, and the Nissan Technician Training Academy. Nissan is Suffolk’s newest partner.

SUNY Canton partnered with industry-leader Extreme Networks to provide high-speed, low-latency networking for its new $500,000 eSports Arena, which serves more than 50 students competing in five different games through the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Schenectady County Community College partnered with Trustco Bank on a new Bank Financial Security and Money Laundering Prevention certificate program.

During his first 100 days on campus, new Hudson Valley Community College President Roger A. Ramsammy visited more than 100 regional civic and business leaders.
HistoriCorps named **Alfred State College** “Partner of the Month” as a result of several restoration projects that the two have partnered on in Allegany, NY: the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area on the border of Tennessee and Kentucky; and California.

*SUNY Delhi* initiated “Design, Build, & Explore,” a partnership program between the School of Architecture and Delaware Academy, the local high school, to redesign and enhance the community playground.

SUNY and NYPA partnered together to build a solar and energy storage system in the Southern Tier that will provide clean, local power to *SUNY Delhi’s* campus and the local community.

The Institute for Rural Vitality at *SUNY Cobleskill* increased the college’s ability to build and nurture partnerships through engaging substantial resources of SUNY Cobleskill in collaboration with regional partners to enhance community and economic vitality in rural New York, and has been recognized as a national exemplar by AASCU.

**Genesee Community College** signed an MOU with Dr. Marilyn Alcalá-Wallé, Minister of Education, Science, Culture, and Sports of Curaçao, recognizing a nearly 10-year relationship with the island nation and celebrating the successes of more than 100 students who have enrolled at GCC since 2009.

**Farmingdale State College** and Amazon Design Challenge teamed nine Amazon Design Leaders with 20 FSC students who spent three days creating a response to the competition’s goal: conceptualize a new community experience.

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**Jamestown Community College** is sponsoring Single Parents Reaching Education to Employment, an initiative made possible through the Empire State Poverty Initiative and the WNY Women’s Foundation.

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The Lake Champlain Sea Grant Program, a cooperative effort of *SUNY Plattsburgh* and the University of Vermont, received institute status and increased funding from NOAA and the National Sea Grant College Program, which will enhance research, education, and outreach to improve the Lake Champlain Basin.

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A materials science lab at **Dutchess Community College**, made possible by a NYSUNY 2020 grant, is giving engineering students hands-on experience with equipment used to test the properties of various materials, as well as serving as a resource for local businesses.
C5, a collaborative effort of Columbia-Greene Community College, Fulton-Montgomery Community College, Hudson Valley Community College, SUNY Adirondack, and SUNY Schenectady County Community College, aims to create new career pathways for Capital Region residents by identifying skill gaps, strengthening partnerships with local businesses, and developing new relationships between the colleges and workforce development entities.

Through a collaboration with Dutchess County that supports its strategic economic development goals, Dutchess Community College will launch an airframe and power plant maintenance technician program in a new hangar, classroom, and laboratory facility at Hudson Valley Regional Airport.

SUNY Potsdam and Jefferson Community College launched a joint bachelor’s degree program in early childhood/childhood education, and also expanded Potsdam’s new master’s program in management to be offered on both campuses.

Niagara County Community College and Niagara University entered into a partnership to create a seamless continuum of learning that expands programming in keeping with the workforce, economic, and entrepreneurial needs of the region.
DIVERSITY

We are growing an ecosystem of diversity and inclusion that embraces our role as an engine of social mobility that genuinely engages all members of the community and encourages increasing numbers of diverse student, faculty, innovators, and researchers to join and remain with SUNY.

A Nassau Community College student presented her research on the ecology of two river systems in Westchester County at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students.

SUNY Fredonia seeks to improve campus inclusivity through the college’s Global Perspectives and Diversity program, which requires all students to take two courses within this theme as part of their general education requirement.

Empire State College students and faculty gathered for the on-site meeting of the Women’s and Gender Studies Residency, which consisted of five studies designed specifically for this year’s theme, “Gender Roles and Identities: Evolution and Revolution.”

Cornell’s College of Human Ecology hosted an exhibit, “Women Empowered: Fashions From the Frontline,” to highlight women’s empowerment through fashion.

As part of its newly released strategic plan with a focus on diversity and inclusion, University at Albany built on its successful Conversations for Change series: campus-wide dialogues examining challenging topics such as implicit bias, immigration, free speech, and community policing.

A Teacher Opportunity Corps grant provides the School of Education at SUNY Oswego with $1.625 million over five years to increase the number of teachers from underrepresented groups entering and being retained in high-need schools across New York State.

Cayuga Community College launched its inaugural Cultural Speaker Series, celebrating local businesses, veterans, the arts, and local history with community presentations by relevant experts.

SUNY Geneseo rolled out an Equity-Minded Search Practice prerequisite that requires all search committee chairs and at least 50 percent of search committee members to complete a two-hour equity-minded training session every two years; to date, 176 employees have completed the training.

SUNY Downstate launched the first Health Disparities Equity Advocacy Leadership Pathway as a program to increase knowledge and awareness about social determinants of health disparities, with students presenting journal articles on maternal fetal mortality disparities, LGBTQ health and well-being, and gun violence advocacy.
SUNY Adirondack is opening a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Center on campus within the Student Center to further its mission of being a “diverse, equitable, and inclusive learning environment.”

Mohawk Valley Community College provides an English for Speakers of Other Languages program that focuses on improving the English skills of its participants while also developing employment skills that will benefit students professionally and socially.

SUNY Ulster launched its first annual Pridesgiving event, sponsored by the campus’ LGBTQA Association, to provide those with difficult family relationships with a ‘chosen family’ of supportive friends and allies with whom to share a holiday meal.

Through a grant from the SUNY Office of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion and in partnership with the National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum and others, SUNY Morrisville welcomed 20 fellow SUNY institutions and private colleges from around the region to participate in a Day of Dialogue conference.

Rockland Community College was named one of Campus Pride’s 2018 “Best of the Best” Top 5 LGBTQ-friendly two-year and community colleges nationwide, chosen among a select group for setting the highest standards for LGBTQ inclusion in policy, program, and practice.

Jefferson Community College debuted a peace wall, created by JCC art faculty and students, along with a local artist for its peace week celebration, to raise awareness of the power of kind, positive words and to promote peaceful actions through respect, acceptance, and inclusion.

Stony Brook University was honored for its innovative work and global and stateside impact in bringing international education to campus, receiving the prestigious 2018 Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization by NAFSA: Association of International Educators.

Westchester Community College expanded its diversity programming and now offers ongoing programs including the Crossroads Intersectionality Series, Viking Ally Safe Zone Training, and the Black and Hispanic Male Initiative.

In partnership with Anti-Defamation League, Maritime College began anti-bias training and forums for faculty, staff, and students to encourage dialogue and build a more welcoming, inclusive, and diverse campus environment.
Working in partnership, the chief diversity officer, staff members in the Division of Student Affairs, students, and other campus leaders at SUNY ESF unveiled the first college-wide Bias Incident Reporting Form in fall 2018.

Herkimer County Community College and Career Connections, a division of Arc Herkimer, were recognized at the annual Project SEARCH Conference for their collaboration to secure 100 percent job placement for their first class of young adults with disabilities.

Six student-athletes from Old Westbury were recognized by “Diverse: Issues in Higher Education” with the Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Awards for thriving in their sport, classroom, and communities.

The Diversity and Inclusion committee at Clinton Community College hosted a week of events in October, including discussions on the Underground Railroad and the Holocaust, a mindfulness and meditation session, a Krav Maga demonstration, and a West African drum music performance.

In partnership with the Human Rights Campaign and the college’s LGBTQ+ student community, Old Westbury hosted its first Lavender Graduation, a celebration that recognizes graduating students’ contributions to Old Westbury and the LGBTQ+ community.

Corning Community College appointed its first Chief Diversity Officer this year, held the fourth annual International Fashion Show, sponsored a series of events to raise awareness about Autism, and organized a mobile food pantry at the Elmira campus.

SUNY Orange has developed a Diversity and Inclusion Course, in conjunction with SUNY Ulster and SUNY Sullivan that will establish a cross-disciplinary investigation of the political, historical, and theoretical foundations for diversity and inclusion.

Buffalo State College’s Anne Frank Project held its 10th annual social justice festival—an event that gives students, faculty, staff, and community members an opportunity to use storytelling as a vehicle for community building, conflict resolution, and identity expression.

Tompkins Cortland Community College broke ground on an expanded Childcare Center that will open access to adult students who may find a lack of affordable daycare a barrier to getting their degree.

For the sixth time, Buffalo State College has been named a recipient of the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine.
Finger Lakes Community College held a three-week Summer Success Academy to provide academic preparation, outings, and mentors to students in the Educational Opportunity Program.

A first-year robotics team made up of Utica-area refugees and led by SUNY Polytechnic Institute students overcame numerous challenges to place in the top 15 at a recent First Tech Challenge (FTC) robotics competition.

SUNY New Paltz students are participating in a series of workshops, trainings, and other events as the first cohort of Stepping into Diversity, a new SUNY Performance Investment Fund grant program, designed to empower students as leaders and facilitators of conversation about identity and inclusion.

To enhance cultural awareness and strengthen the close-knit community of support at Alfred State College, students amplified cultural programming throughout the month of February with a variety of Black History Month-related events.

The Center for Social Justice and Human Understanding is located on Suffolk County Community College’s Ammerman Campus in Selden, NY and features the largest collection of Holocaust artifacts in the region.

Purchase College launched (T)HERE: A Global Festival of Arts, Culture, & Ideas, a three-day interdisciplinary festival and conference to introduce Purchase’s new global initiatives, featuring film screenings, art exhibitions, musical performances, talks, and panel discussions ranging from politics and social justice to literature and art.

Eight non-tenured, diverse faculty at Binghamton University were awarded Presidential Diversity Research Grants of $5,000 to $8,000, designed to assist them in pursuing research opportunities that will meet the requirements for tenure.

Genesee Community College’s new Diversity and Inclusion Office expanded and expounded the college’s many assets related to its diversity with a new office space, staff, name, logo, and webpage.

SUNY Cobleskill expanded the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion effort across campus, initiated targeted training, and increased the engagement of its community with panel discussions, forums, listening sessions, and climate surveys.
Human Resource officers and the Chief Diversity Officer from SUNY Sullivan, SUNY Orange, and SUNY Ulster met to discuss best practices designed to recruit and retain a diverse workforce.

**Farmingdale State College** received an Inaugural Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice Award from SUNY for “an extraordinary commitment to enhancing diversity, inclusion, and social justice throughout their institution and the University.”

The new MOSAIC Multicultural Center is the home for diversity and inclusion at SUNY Delhi and supports its mission of educating and mentoring students, providing over 58 events for members of the campus community to engage in, and the center also oversees the Men of Distinction Academy Program designed to enhance the experiences and successes of men of color.

Niagara County Community College faculty attended an interactive workshop built around how assumptions made about race, gender, culture, language, learning style, and ability can affect the classroom environment.

Onondaga Community College held its first-ever student-organized “Unity Day” as a way to celebrate the diversity of the campus community through cultural food offerings, activities such as the building of a unity mosaic, cultural writing exercises, and a diversity/inclusion photo booth.

The second cohort of Think Ahead students at Dutchess Community College was welcomed to campus this fall, bringing the number of young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities enrolled in the two-year, life- and job-readiness skills program to 19.

The Center for Career Development at SUNY Plattsburgh created CDC Resources for Diversity, a website and blog that offers career resources aimed at helping students of diverse backgrounds and perspectives successfully navigate the professional world.

**SUNY Potsdam’s** Days of Reflection program has brought together more than 3,000 students and faculty, with 50 workshops and presentations on racism and equity-related issues, since 2016.
Cortland is celebrating its Sesquicentennial with a year of events and programs highlighted by a 150th birthday celebration that drew three Cortland presidents and several thousand students, alumni, faculty, staff, and community members to campus for music, fireworks, and a video presentation.

Kritika Manchanda—a student in the 2017 inaugural class of FIT’s Fashion Design MFA program—was selected as the Council of Fashion Designers of America Geoffrey Beene scholar and awarded a $25,000 scholarship.

SUNY Optometry third-year student Samuel L. Stack received the 2018 J. Pat Cummings Scholarship from Johnson & Johnson Vision in collaboration with the American Academy of Optometry Foundation.

FIT’s Jay and Patty Baker School of Business and Technology was awarded accreditation of its business programs by the Baccalaureate/Graduate Degree Board of Commissioners of the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).

The Richard M. Guon Child Care Center at Monroe Community College recently received reaccreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), achieving high scores for quality based on national standards.

State officials and members of the university community commemorated the class expansion of Cornell’s College of Veterinary Medicine with a celebratory ribbon-cutting ceremony.

State-certified peer workers in HIV, HCV, or harm reduction, who establish a degree plan at Empire State College, can earn up to 32 undergraduate college credits as a result of earning certification.

Thanks to a 5-year grant from the NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), Purchase College spearheaded the launch of the Collegiate Alliance for Student Success and Prevention (CASSAP).

The College at Brockport launched an MBA program in fall 2018.

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SUNY Adirondack’s new Business Central office and the Center for Entrepreneurship provided training, networking, and meeting space for more than 1,440 community members and students.

Summer research interns at the SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station in Cooperstown caught a 12-inch American eel more than 440 miles from the ocean in a habitat from which the species was thought to have been extirpated.

Cayuga Community College was one of only six colleges nationwide whose student-run radio station was selected to meet with Federal Communications Chairman Ajit Pai to discuss free speech and the future of radio.

Herkimer County Community College’s Upsilon Epsilon chapter was one of 12 colleges in the New York region to receive a five-star designation, the highest level awarded by Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges.

University at Buffalo launched Boldly Buffalo: The Campaign for UB, the largest fundraising campaign in university history, and the largest in the history of SUNY system, which seeks to raise $650 million to deliver transformative student experiences and empower faculty to tackle research and pursuits to improve the world.

For the third consecutive year, University at Buffalo enrolled a record-breaking freshman class and set records for undergraduate enrollment and total enrollment as well, with a freshman enrollment of 4,262, a total undergraduate enrollment of 21,607, a graduate student enrollment of 9,896, and total enrollment of 31,503.

Subaru University, a new option for Columbia-Greene Community College automotive technology students, was added just prior to the fall 2018 semester, and allows students to complete Subaru Technician training while they earn their associate’s degrees.

SUNY Orange graduate Renita Johnson, a SUNY Chancellor’s Award recipient and Phi Theta Kappa honoree, was one of 47 students nationwide who was awarded the prestigious Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, which will provide her with up to $40,000 annually for a maximum of three years to complete her bachelor’s degree in neuroscience at Brown University.

To mark Financial Literacy Awareness Month, Old Westbury held its first Financial Literacy Fair, where over 500 students, faculty, and staff participated and received news and advice to support them in making sound financial decisions.

In a field of more than 100 college teams, Old Westbury’s student team won the Sixth Annual Up to Us Campus Competition, a nationwide, non-partisan campus-based initiative that aims to mobilize young people to promote fiscal responsibility.
In a three-day span in September, Tompkins Cortland Community College celebrated the 50th anniversary of opening its doors with activities on campus that included a panel discussion with retired faculty and administrators, and then inaugurated Orinthia Montague as the college’s fourth president.

Binghamton University’s School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science opened a brand-new, $60 million state-of-the-art building, featuring a sterile compounding room, community pharmacy, and high-tech simulation lab.

The College at Brockport consolidated its Rochester operations, moving its Rochester-based graduate programs and offerings to the Rochester Educational Opportunity Center building.

At Dutchess Community College, DCC CARES (Campus Assessment, Response, Evaluation and Support) connects students to on- and off-campus resources and grant-supported emergency funds.

Buffalo State College officially opened its new $6.9-million, 10,800-square-foot Jacqueline Vito LoRusso Alumni and Visitor Center in September.

Jamestown Community College received a $90,000 federal grant to purchase training equipment for its nursing program.

With the help of a grant from the Foundation of Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital, SUNY Plattsburgh’s Speech and Hearing Center formed the Aphasia Choir, a singing group for members of the public affected by the communication disorder.

Upstate Medical University has launched a new degree program that will train behavior analysts to help people with autism and related disorders.

Students enrolled in Onondaga Community College’s nursing program won the national President’s Volunteer Service Award for their service-learning journey to Guatemala, during which they delivered valuable medical supplies and everyday items, and also shared their knowledge with local citizens when they presented at health clinics and information sessions.

The Liberty Partnerships Program, funded by a five-year grant to Jamestown Community College, works with 370 students in three city school districts.
Karen Pence, wife of Vice President Mike Pence, visited Upstate Medical University’s Golisano Children’s Hospital to highlight the importance of art and music therapy programs and the benefit they bring to patients.

Binghamton University Distinguished Professor M. Stanley Whittingham, and Stony Brook University Distinguished Professor Esther S. Takeuchi and Professor John B. Parise are the lead researchers for three of the nation’s 42 Energy Frontier Research Centers, which will help accelerate the scientific breakthroughs needed to expand clean energy research and energy security.

Upstate Medical University was named Business of the Year by Center State CEO for Community Involvement for the dozens of programs it offers to support and enrich community life and wellness, such as its breast and lung cancer screening programs for residents of Syracuse Housing Authority.

Maritime College’s off-shore sailing team completed a historic season by winning both the prestigious McMillan Cup, the nation’s oldest collegiate sailing event, and becoming national champions by winning the John F. Kennedy Memorial Trophy at the National Collegiate Large Yacht Championship.

The College at Brockport’s completion project helped 76 former students graduate; generated 893 credits worth of tuition at Brockport and 227 credits at other, mostly SUNY, institutions, for a total of $276,900 in tuition realized; and facilitated students to pay back $29,080 in past due bills and fees.

Two SUNY faculty were elected to the National Academy of Engineering, which is among the highest professional distinctions accorded to an engineer: Professor Amit Goyal, an internationally recognized materials scientist and director of the University at Buffalo’s RENEW Institute; and Professor M. Stanley Whittingham, distinguished professor of chemistry and materials science and engineering at Binghamton University.

Thanks to the generosity of the Lillian Slutzker Foundation, Onondaga Community College created the Lillian Slutzker Honors College, which provides free tuition to 15 high-achieving students each year.

Nationally renowned spine surgeon and Onondaga Community College alumnus Dr. Daryll Dykes ’83 was named a 2018 Outstanding Alumni Award winner by the American Association of Community Colleges, making him the college’s fourth honoree in the last five years.
ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

In March, for the first time in the history of FIT’s women’s swimming, the Tigers won the NJCAA Non-Scholarship National Championship in Fort Pierce, Florida.

SUNY Cortland football captain Kyle Richards, who was shot twice while stopping an attempted rape and has become an outspoken advocate for bystander intervention and sexual assault awareness, received the 2018 Orange Bowl Courage Award, becoming the first Division III athlete recognized with that national honor. Kyle also spoke at Chancellor Johnson’s inauguration, received the Biden Courage Award, and was featured on ESPN.

SUNY Geneseo won a record 13 SUNYAC team titles on its way to an 11th-place finish in the Learfield Director’s Cup, ranking as the top public institution out of 450 NCAA Division III athletic programs in the country.

Cayuga Community College’s men’s soccer won the Region III, Division B Title and advanced to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division III semifinals.

The SUNY Adirondack golf team placed 1st in Regionals and 7th in Nationals, and Mike Carpenter was named Regional Coach of the Year.

The men’s basketball team at SUNY Ulster qualified for the NJCAA Division II National Championship Tournament, and they also added a women’s basketball team.

The SUNY New Paltz women’s volleyball, field hockey, and tennis teams all won State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) championships this fall.

James Bethel finished second at the 2018 NCAA Division III wrestling championship, the highest finish ever by a SUNY Oneonta wrestler.

Mohawk Valley Community College’s men’s basketball finished with a 24-4 record and ranked in the top five nationally in the NJCAA, led by Marquis Gilbert, the conference Player of the Year and an NJCAA All-American, and their coach, Matt St. Croix, conference and region Coach of the Year.

Empire State College alumna Erin Hamlin ’11 was selected as Team USA’s flag bearer for the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympic Games.
Often-honored for community service – including Josten’s awards from the National Administrators of Division III Athletic Directors – the SUNY Oswego State Lakers’ teams supported 22 community service events or projects in the first two months of the academic year.

Diana Carey, Rockland Community College’s head athletic trainer and associate professor of exercise and human performance, received the 2018 Head Athletic Trainer of the Year in the Community College/National Junior College Athletic Association division.

Stony Brook University’s women’s lacrosse program had a historic season that featured a school-record 20-game winning streak and brought the Seawolves — ranked No. 1 in the NCAA for most of the year — its sixth straight America East title, tying a league record and breaking many more.

Westchester Community College’s Athletics Program won the Mid-Hudson Conference All Sports Award, with team achievements including the baseball team winning its fifth straight Region XV Championship and the men’s soccer and men’s golf teams winning their third straight conference championships.

SUNY Morrisville was awarded the 2017-18 North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) Athletics Direct Reports’ Cup, after being the top-ranked college with regards to good sportsmanship among conference institutions.

Herkimer County Community College’s Athletic Department was nominated for the 2019 Bellwether Award, a prestigious award recognizing outstanding and innovative programs and practices that are successfully leading community colleges.

The SUNY ESF Mighty Oaks women’s cross-country team won the U.S. Collegiate Athletic Association national championship in November.

Michele DiNicola of Corning Community College was named to three Division III softball All-American teams.
The University at Buffalo men’s and women’s basketball programs had historic seasons that took both teams to the NCAA’s March Madness tournament, with the women’s team making a run to the Sweet 16 that ended with a loss to defending national champs South Carolina, and the men picking off the No. 4 seed Arizona Wildcats in the first round.

The Clinton Cougars of Clinton Community College are proud to now be displaying their 2014 Region III Men’s Basketball Finalist banner in the Forrence Center gymnasium.

University at Albany’s men’s lacrosse was the first SUNY Division I team to be ranked No. 1 in the nation, and went on to reach the final four of the NCAA Tournament.

SUNY Orange second-year Cassidy Smith was named an NJCAA Division III All-American in volleyball this fall after ranking among the national leaders in kills per set (third), total kills (sixth), and hitting percentage (17th) as the Colts finished 18-6.

Junior basketball player Charlotte Renker of Old Westbury was named the 2018 Skyline Conference Championship Most Outstanding Player and was honored as the Conference Women’s Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Alfred State College became a full member of both NCAA Division III athletics and the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.

SUNY Schenectady’s women’s bowling won its fourth consecutive NJCAA National Championship and then competed in the USBC Four-Year School National Championships, the only community college at the national championship and the first since 2012, competing against the most successful four-year bowling programs in the country.

Connor Mergler finished his four-year swimming career at Buffalo State College as a six-time All-American, a 10-time SUNYAC Champion, two-time SUNYAC Male Swimmer of the Year and put his name on nine school records.

Dan Lapp, a golfer at Tompkins Cortland Community College, won the 2018 NJCAA Division III National Championship by nine strokes, and is the second national champion in the program’s history.
The SUNY Polytechnic Institute women’s cross country team won their first-ever North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) Championship in 2018.

Laurels from SUNY Broome’s fall 2018 semester went to the Lady Hornets: The women’s tennis team finished fourth at nationals, where they have competed every year since 2011, and the women’s volleyball team headed to nationals for the first time since 1984.

Tanisha Edge ’18, former captain of Columbia-Greene Community College’s women’s basketball team, was honored by the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame.

Besides leading the Binghamton University Bearcats in scoring and steals in 2017-18, JC Show helped the team earn a National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Team Academic Excellence Award.

Basketball player and economics major Max Pearce ’18 competed in the NCAA slam dunk contest and was the first Purchase College student to be signed by the Harlem Globetrotters after graduation.

The College at Brockport’s men’s soccer and football teams each won their respective conference title and reached the second round of the NCAA Division III tournament.

Finger Lakes Community College will add women’s lacrosse starting in fall 2019, now that turf fields for softball and a multi-purpose field for soccer, lacrosse, and baseball have been built at the main campus.

During his two years at Genesee Community College, Glenn Holmes co-captained the soccer team, helping lead the college to its first NJCAA National Championship in men’s soccer and was awarded the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence.
**SUNY Sullivan** moved from the NJCAA Division III to Division II athletic levels in men’s and women’s basketball, enabling the college to offer athletic scholarships to qualified students and providing additional playing opportunities by also fielding JV basketball teams.

**Jamestown Community College’s** women’s volleyball team placed seventh in the NJCAA national tournament for the second year in a row.

The men’s basketball team at **SUNY Plattsburgh** advanced to the Round of 16 at the NCAA Division III tournament and won its seventh SUNYAC title, and the season included a record-setting 21-game winning streak.

**Niagara County Community College** sophomore Troy Keller became the school’s fifth National Champion and set the program record for wins (90).

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Out of 27 SUNY campuses participating with the One Love Foundation, **SUNY Cobleskill** placed first in “Around the World: Yards for Yeardley,” racking up over 2.2 million yards, well above the 1 million yards tallied by most large Research I campuses across the country.

**SUNY Potsdam** honored Olympic bronze medalist and Bears hockey alumnus Chris Lee ’04, who competed with Team Canada at the 2018 Winter Olympics, with a banner in his honor in the college’s ice arena.

**Dutchess Community College’s** women’s basketball player Virginia Wheatley was selected by the SUNY Chancellor’s Office for the 2018 Scholar-Athlete Award.
Farmingdale State College captured four Skyline Conference Championships in 2018: women’s soccer, men’s golf, women’s outdoor track, and men’s outdoor track.

Jefferson Community College, member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region III Division III, is one of 22 NJCAA members and the only Region III college to be awarded the 2017-2018 Sportsmanship Award.

SUNY Delhi Athletics are in their inaugural year of NCAA Division III membership and have established a winning tradition in their new alignment at this competitive and exciting level of collegiate athletics.

Suffolk County Community College athletics was recognized by the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators as one of the most elite in the country.

Onondaga Community College’s men’s lacrosse won its 11th National Championship in 17 seasons by defeating Nassau Community College in the title game, capping off the Lazers second consecutive unbeaten season.

For the second consecutive year, Hudson Valley Community College’s Athletics Program was named the recipient of the NJCAA Region 3 Community Service Award.

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