International student enrollment up at most Albany colleges

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About 1,769 international students enrolled at the University at Albany last year, the largest international student population at an area college, according to a report released this week.

The number of international students enrolled at University at Albany, the region's largest public university, increased by 55 percent between the 2008-09 and 2013-14 academic years. Growing international and out-of-state enrollment is one of the top priorities for UAlbany president Robert Jones and other presidents in the Albany area, as enrollment dips in K-12 schools in New York.

Three private, liberal arts colleges in the Albany, New York area saw an enrollment increase of international students between 2008-09 and 2013-14 that was more than 100 percent, according to data from the National Association of Foreign Student Advisers. Those schools are Siena College in Loudonville, Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs and Union College in Schenectady. The Albany Business Review has reported previously on how colleges and universities like Fulton-Montgomery Community College and Hudson Valley Community College plan to attract international students.

International students and students from out-of-state typically pay much higher tuition than students who are from New York.

NAFSA is an international education advocacy nonprofit based in Washington, D.C. The organization released a report earlier this week on the economic impact of international students.

International students enrolled at the 10 area colleges included the attached chart contributed about $130.8 million to the economy in 2013-14, according to the report. See the attached chart to see how international student enrollment has increased at 10 area colleges and
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