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SUNY Sullivan is the heart of higher education and culture in the Catskills.

MISSION

SUNY Sullivan is the leader of innovative higher education and a catalyst for workforce development throughout the Sullivan Catskills and beyond. Our diverse community cultivates personal growth and professional advancement, preparing students for success in a sustainable and interconnected world.



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



This past May 14, SUNY Sullivan held its 58th commencement, welcoming students and their families and friends to the College's first on-campus commencement and pinning ceremonies in two years. We couldn't be more proud of our 211 graduates. Their hard work and determination to earn a college degree through the many challenges and uncertainties created by the COVID-19 pandemic deserves our highest recognition. We were extremely pleased to celebrate their accomplishments together as a community. Their success highlights the strength and resolve of the College's amazing faculty, staff, and community partners to continue to find innovative ways to ensure high quality, affordable educational opportunities and social support for the community.

The 2021-2022 school year marked a welcome return to in-person learning at SUNY Sullivan. Still coping with the pandemic and its many impacts, the College community forged ahead with a vibrant year of on-campus events, sports, and activities. Highlights included in-person and virtual theater productions, an Earth Day celebration for local students, and SUNY Sullivan LPP's Summer Program, which offered four weeks of career and academic support and mentoring to underserved local middle and high school students. The College's men's and women's basketball teams were both NJCAA Region XV Champions, and—two years after the pandemic abruptly ended their 2022 season—the men's team made a thrilling return to the NJCAA DII National Championship Final Four.

With the pandemic continuing to impact the community, the College was proud to continue working with SUNY, Sullivan County, and our community partners, such as Sullivan 180 and Catskill Mountkeeper to offer support services to the community, including hosting a COVID-19 testing site on campus after cases surged in early winter, enlisting new partners to support the College's Food Pantry, and offering free on-line Community Learning courses focused on a variety of mental health and wellness topics.

Throughout 2021-2022, SUNY Sullivan renewed its commitment to a sustainable campus through an ongoing \$9.8 million energy efficiency and facilities upgrade project that will bring significant cost savings to Sullivan County and cement the College's status as a model green campus in New York State.

The College also installed four dual-port electric vehicle (EV) charging stations on campus and signed on to the University Global Coalition, which promotes the incorporation of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals into the teaching, research, operations, and partnerships of higher education institutions.

Emerging from the pandemic, we recognize the importance of providing paths forward for people as they consider career and life changes.

The College worked with the county workforce development staff to create new programs including the Certified Nurse Aide (CNA), Certified First Responder (CFR), and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) courses, as new career opportunities that address the demand for frontline health care workers created by the pandemic. And, this fall, the College began offering a new two-year Construction Technology degree program in partnership with the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters (NASRCC), creating a pathway program specifically designed to help meet the growing state-wide need for a skilled labor force in construction.

The College also worked diligently with local school districts and Sullivan County to provide more access to affordable higher education opportunities. Recognizing that a college degree can open new doors to careers and lifetime earnings and is closely linked to important health and societal benefits, the county voted to create the Promise Scholarship, a new tuition-free scholarship program for Sullivan County high school graduates. And, this fall, the College launched new early college associate degree programs at Fallsburg and Eldred school districts that give students in those schools the opportunity to earn an associate degree from SUNY Sullivan in addition to a high school diploma when they graduate.

Despite the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the past year has shown that, by working together and supporting each other, the SUNY Sullivan college community has emerged stronger, more skilled, and smarter than when the pandemic began. There's a lot more to come at SUNY Sullivan. **We are #sunysullivanstrong.**

Jay Quaintance,
President, Sullivan County Community College



“Caring for people through their toughest times is one of the most incredible forms of service.”
 – Brieanna Porter, Nursing Program valedictorian and class speaker



“Look around you, so many of you are here because you understood what a college education could mean for you, your future, and your family,” Hackett told the graduates. You held on to your dream of a college degree, which is not easy in today’s world of endless challenges.”
 – Dr. Nancy Hackett, Board of Trustees Chairwoman

**SATURDAY
MAY 14TH
2022** **SUNY Sullivan's 58th
Commencement Ceremony**

The Honorable Josephine Victoria Finn, Vice Chancellor of the New York State Board of Regents, delivered the commencement address.

SUNY Sullivan held its 58th annual commencement Saturday, May 14, on campus in the Paul Gerry Fieldhouse. The Honorable Josephine Victoria Finn, Vice Chancellor of the New York State Board of Regents, delivered the commencement address. President Jay Quaintance, Board of Trustees Chairwoman Dr. Nancy Hackett, and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Marc Singer conferred 211 degrees on students from the May and August classes of 2022 and the December class of 2021. John Christian Plummer, SGI Buddhist Leader, gave the invocation and benediction, and Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther delivered welcoming remarks. Nichole Connal '21 was the class speaker.

“You join prior graduates as the embodiment of our work here at SUNY Sullivan: educated, inspired, empowered citizens who will now sustain our culture of excellence in their lives and communities,” said Quaintance. “After this ceremony, you will leave us and begin the rest of your life. Perhaps you are transferring to another school, perhaps you are starting a career; either way, I ask that you consider this: You are only as strong as those around

you. Working to improve the lives of others will reward you as well. When the opportunity arises, reach out, lift up others, be human.”

Vice Chancellor Finn, who was a teacher at Sullivan County Community College for 13 years, praised the students for their vision and for their action and told them to remember, when life gets hard, how they persevered through the pandemic to graduate Saturday.

“Reflection is good, but you could think about stuff all day long, and it doesn’t mean anything if you don’t do something,” said Finn. “I want you to remember that reflection plus action equals transformation. You’ve learned how to do that ... your action and your reflection is what got you here ... you obviously have what it takes to win.”

Connal, who was honored at the ceremony with a SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence, encouraged her fellow graduates to be proud of their accomplishments.

“These past years have been rough for us all, in several ways. Some of us entered this school during the online period, others waited to be back in person to complete their degree, but all of us have at least one thing in common. Despite the challenges we might have faced, we are all here today.”



“With this diverse community here at SUNY Sullivan we have all walked on different paths that led us to this shared one. You all are prime examples of what defines SUNY Sullivan, and I know that you should all be proud of your accomplishments.”

– Nichole Connal '21, Class Speaker

In a separate ceremony Saturday morning, SUNY Sullivan also held its Health Sciences Pinning Ceremony for graduates of the College’s Nursing and Respiratory Care programs.

Senator Mike Martucci and Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther delivered welcoming remarks. Gunther, the first registered nurse to serve in the New York State Assembly had high praise for the Nursing and Respiratory Care graduates. “In this profession, we need you more than ever, I’m proud of each and every one of you.” – Aileen Gunther, Assemblywoman

Nursing Program valedictorian and class speaker Brieanna Porter grew up in a family of nurses, with her mother, grandmother, and sister all choosing the profession. After working at a credit union for 10 years, Porter decided, driving to work one morning that she wanted to be a nurse.

“I spent a lot of time working really hard but never really being fulfilled ... I came home and I sat down with my husband and I was like ‘yeah, I think I need to quit my job. I’m supposed to be a nurse,’” said Porter, who received her nursing pin from her mother, Delores Conklin-Duffy, at Saturday morning’s ceremony.

The recipients of the 2022 SUNY Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence are:

Nichole Connal
SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence

Daneryl Weber
Associate Professor, Liberal Arts, Sciences and Health Sciences – SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching

Jeanine Nielsen
Associate Professor, Liberal Arts, Sciences and Health Sciences – SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching

Brent Wilson
Head Men’s Basketball Coach and Assistant Director of Athletics – SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service

Robert Psarudakis
Registration Database Specialist – SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Classified Service





Promise Scholarship

NEW tuition-free scholarship promises a bright future for eligible Sullivan County high school grads!

"It's a promise to our hardworking seniors that they can begin forging their professional lives right here in Sullivan County. And, it holds the promise of retaining our young people into adulthood, into leadership, into volunteerism, into raising the next generation with the hope we gave them. It's the promise of a future." – Robert A. Doherty, Sullivan County Legislature Chairman

To encourage college enrollment after high school and improve the personal and community and economic well-being of Sullivan County residents, the Sullivan County Legislature voted on April 21 to approve funding for a new tuition-free scholarship program at SUNY Sullivan. The Sullivan Promise Scholarship will cover the cost of tuition and fees to Sullivan County 2022 high school graduates for one year of full-time study in a degree program at SUNY Sullivan.

"While everyone knows that a college degree can open new doors to careers and lifetime earnings, it is also closely linked to important health and societal benefits. We applaud the County Legislature in making college more affordable and accessible and investing in the well-being of Sullivan County's young people!"

– Jay Quaintance
SUNY Sullivan President

"Keeping our young talent in their home county has long been a fervent hope of parents, teachers and community leaders," said Sullivan County Manager Joshua A. Potosek. "This scholarship program will make that goal far easier to achieve and will benefit the College and the County as well. I'm proud we can make this valuable offer to our high-schoolers and their families,

and I appreciate the Legislature's unanimous support in making this a reality."

The Sullivan Promise Scholarship program will cover the full tuition and fees of Sullivan County residents who graduated from high school in 2022, including GED students and homeschoolers, who are admitted to SUNY Sullivan beginning in fall of 2022. Interested students must submit a financial aid application. There is a two-year residency requirement and recipients must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA while enrolled at the College. For more information on the Sullivan Promise Scholarship and eligibility, please visit sunysullivan.edu/sullivan-promise-scholarship.

In its resolution approving the Sullivan Promise Program, the Legislature stated that tuition is often a barrier that prevents students from enrolling in college; that one in ten people who have student loans continue to owe on those loans for over ten years; prolonged debt can often delay or prevent people from buying a home or starting a business; individuals who complete an associate's degree earn on average one-third more money over their lifetime than individuals with only a high school diploma; and states and counties that have established tuition free community college programs have seen substantial increases in community college enrollment and completion along with decreased student loan debt.



Student Spotlight

Nichole
Connal '22

Passion for Science & Drive for Community-building

If you stopped by any activity or event on SUNY Sullivan's campus, you had a great chance of encountering student leader Nichole Connal, an Environmental Science and Liberal Arts and Sciences: Humanities double major at the College. Whether making Thanksgiving baskets at the College's Food Pantry, transplanting garlic at a Garden Club meeting, or representing students in the Student Government Association (SGA) and as the Student Trustee on the College's board of trustees, Connal was usually close to the center of activity at SUNY Sullivan, working to help others and make her campus and community stronger.

"Since I have become a member of the SUNY Sullivan family, I have grown a strong connection to the college, staff, and students," said Connal, a Ferndale resident. "I admire this institution for allowing me the opportunity to begin to build a stronger community within it. I have met some of the hardest-working staff and students who share the same goals and drive to succeed and to better our community."

Like many first-year college students in 2020, Connal started her college career with fully online classes, but SUNY Sullivan Instructional Assistant and Community Garden Coordinator Kathryn Scullion said Connal was quick to take advantage of outdoor activities on campus.

"When I decided to hold Garden Club meetings outdoors on campus in Fall 2020, Nichole was the first student to reply to my email," said Scullion. "She attended every week during the 2020-21 school year as long as the weather permitted to help with planting and harvesting and preparing for our Seed Sale fundraiser. During the winter, she participated in snowshoeing events, and she assisted with our outdoor Earth Day event in April."

Originally from Queens, Connal said she moved up to the area in 8th grade and developed a deep appreciation for the community. "I could not imagine myself without having met the people I have throughout my years here. I am forever grateful for this loving community that accepted me,"



said Connal, stressing that her experiences as a newcomer to the region continue to inspire her work as an active student and SGA member. "I hope everyone realizes that the community that I and the other SGA members want to build is a community in which everyone feels that they are important, accepted, and loved."

In addition to being an active and voting member in SGA, Connal was the student representative on the College's Student Conduct Committee, a member of the Garden Club, a student representative on the Sustainability Committee, and a volunteer at the College's Food Pantry.

Last year she was the Student Trustee on SUNY Sullivan's Board of Trustees, where she made a strong impression. "One of my favorite visits to the college was to meet Nichole," said Board of Trustees Chairwoman Dr. Nancy Hackett. "She has all of those traits that we want every single one of our students to have, and she is so focused on doing it all." As the student trustee, Connal was a voting member of the Board of Trustees and served in working group meetings.

"We were thrilled to have Nichole on the Board of Trustees. During her time at SUNY Sullivan she demonstrated her commitment to the College through participation in various activities, clubs, and meetings and established herself as a leader on campus." – Jay Quaintance, SUNY Sullivan President

Jamie Brooks, coordinator of student activities, said Connal's strong work ethic and dedication helped make many student events successful. "Nichole participated in student activities almost daily last semester," said Brooks. "She was always willing to try something new and rally her friends to events."

In the summer of 2021, Connal was accepted to participate in SUNY Sullivan's Bridges to Baccalaureate Program, an eight-week summer research program at SUNY Purchase, funded by the National Institutes of Health. Though the Bridges program was virtual in 2021 because of the COVID pandemic, Scullion said Connal and the other students in her lab group did a remarkable job studying "The Effect of Urbanization on Wildlife" using trail camera footage and other data collected on the SUNY Purchase campus.

"After the Bridges Program ended, Nichole continued to volunteer on the SUNY Sullivan campus through the rest of the summer working in the Community Garden and helping to clear, maintain, and mark the campus's Woodland Trail," Scullion said, adding that Connal has been assisting in the science labs this semester through a work-study position funded through the Bridges Program.

While taking time to research four-year colleges and her next step, Connal is working as the part-time Residence Director at the Lazarus I. Levine Residence Hall on campus, an opportunity she sees as a way to continue her strong connection with students and build community at SUNY Sullivan.

"Now more than ever, I feel connected to more of our residents which truly brings me joy," said Connal. "This position has come with many new memorable experiences and challenges that have allowed me to expand my knowledge and truly continue to grow as a person."



Nichole Connal '22

Queens, New York
Environmental Science and Liberal Arts and Sciences: Humanities double major

- SUNY Sullivan Presidential Scholarship Award Winner
- SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence
- SUNY Sullivan's Faculty Award for General Excellence
- Awarded the SUNY Sullivan Foundation Renaissance Scholarship for volunteer work on a Sullivan Renaissance community project
- Accepted into SUNY Sullivan's Bridges to Baccalaureate summer research program at SUNY Purchase

Hard Work & Resilience

Student Spotlights



Pay Off for 2022 SUNY Sullivan Grads

"SUNY Sullivan has helped me realize that it is possible to have a lot going on in life and still get a degree. The staff was phenomenal. They were eager to help students succeed and they really do want the best for their students." – Amy Brudermann

"It's also given me more of a large-scale way of thinking about the world, especially how (SUNY) Sullivan interacts with the county through things like the Food Pantry, and what institutions can do for the community." – Ryan Grodin



"I enjoyed my experiences at SUNY Sullivan a lot because it is a small college. I can interact with faculty members and students and be close with them. I appreciate the very welcoming atmosphere since I am an international student who came to the U.S. alone." – Chihiro Uchizono

Amy Brudermann | AAS, Business Administration

Monticello resident Amy Brudermann may have taken a few years to pursue a college degree, but once she did, she pursued her courses with dogged determination, earning her degree in business administration, with a 3.97 GPA, in just one and a half years, while working two-full time jobs. In addition to three full semesters of courses, Brudermann, a mother of two adult children, took additional courses during the summer and winter so that she could finish early.

"It was a long year and a half," said Brudermann, who was a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success and Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society at SUNY Sullivan. "I worked really hard and made a lot of sacrifices to be able to walk on stage and receive my degree."

"Twenty-five years ago, when I last studied, everyone used books. Now everything is online and the books are digital. That took some getting used to and there was definitely a learning curve and several panic attacks. Luckily, the instructors at SUNY Sullivan were all very patient and understanding. Several of my classmates also played a role in helping me navigate through some of the kinks I had to iron out. I am grateful for everyone."

"My hope is that I can inspire anyone who is thinking about going back to school to know that you can do anything you set your mind to. It's a small amount of time with a large reward. If I can do it, anyone can!"

Brudermann, who works as a Contract Monitor for Sullivan County Department of Social Services, said not having a college degree limited her ability to pursue civil service promotions, something her SUNY Sullivan degree will change immediately. Less than forty-eight hours after receiving her degree, Brudermann will walk into work to a new job title and a pay raise. Going forward, she plans to pursue a bachelor's degree.

Ryan Grodin | AS, Liberal Arts and Sciences

After graduating from SUNY Sullivan last May with a degree in business administration, Wurtsboro native Ryan Grodin didn't have to look far to continue his education and pursue his strong interest in science. He returned to SUNY Sullivan in the fall to pursue a degree in liberal arts and sciences. "I didn't necessarily want to jump into a four-year school," said Grodin, adding that he appreciated the freedom and flexibility that SUNY Sullivan offers, as well as the close relationships with professors.

The resumption of in-person learning last fall enabled him to get more involved on campus. In addition to the Garden Club and the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, Grodin also helped tag the College's nature trails and volunteered in the College's chemistry lab, cleaning test tubes, preparing solutions, and doing other work. He said seeking out and taking part in those experiences gave him valuable confidence and insight. "I think it's definitely increasing my autonomy and I think my confidence in what I can accomplish," Grodin said. Grodin is heading to SUNY New Paltz to study biochemistry. He's particularly interested in research, possibly with an agricultural focus.

"With 'biochem,' there's a lot of interesting stuff ... maybe making safer sprays for crops or working on insect mitigation via biochemistry, I don't want to be so abstract that my work doesn't necessarily help anybody. Making it apply to something in society would be super cool."

Chihiro Uchizono | AAS, Hospitality and Tourism Management

While her passion for travel and learning about other cultures lead Chihiro Uchizono to SUNY Sullivan's Hospitality and Tourism Management Program, her commitment to pursuing her degree may have redefined what it means to study remotely. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Uchizono, who grew up in Osaka, Japan, had to return home, and studied remotely there for the first two semesters of her coursework at SUNY Sullivan.

"The first semester right after COVID-19 was the most difficult year for me because there is a 13-hour time gap between Japan and the U.S ... so I had to wake up 2 or 3 am in the morning to attend zoom class. I had to go work after that, so it was very tough to manage my time schedule."

When in-person classes resumed last fall, Uchizono made the most of her time on campus, becoming Student Government Association Treasurer and an active participant in Garden Club, Performing Arts Club, and Art Club.

After a road trip tour of the East Coast with friends, Uchizono said her next step is to find an internship and get some job experience in the travel industry. "I am really interested to travel more and get to know more about other cultures," said Uchizono. "I am looking a job related to traveling. I am really hoping that I can find a flight attendant job."

Sustainability

SUNY Sullivan Renews Longstanding Commitment to Sustainability with a **\$9.8 Energy Efficiency Project million**



Financed through New York Power Authority, the project includes replacing boilers, geothermal heat pumps, and other HVAC infrastructure and installing energy-efficient windows and lighting



A longtime leader in sustainability and energy cost savings among New York Higher Education Institutions, SUNY Sullivan is renewing its commitment to sustainability.

A \$9.8 million energy efficiency and facilities upgrade project will bring significant cost savings to Sullivan County and cement the College's status as a model green campus in New York State.

The energy efficiency project – which includes replacing the campus's failing 22-year-old boilers and 130 geothermal heat pumps, as well as installing high-efficiency windows, LED lighting, and other energy-saving upgrades to campus facilities – is being financed and implemented by the New York Power Authority (NYPA), which will be reimbursed by Sullivan County with matching funding from New York State through SUNY's Office for Capital Facilities Community College Capital Program.

When complete, the project will result in significant energy and cost savings for Sullivan County, reducing annual greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 400 metric tons and strengthening SUNY Sullivan's leadership in environmental sustainability and social responsibility in the Catskills and across higher education.

The comprehensive upgrades are expected to generate \$176,000 in annual energy and maintenance cost-savings. The project also advances the goals laid out in the BuildSmart2025 program, which calls for 11 trillion British thermal units (BTU) of on-site energy savings in buildings owned by New York State.

The energy efficiency improvements also directly support the goals of New York State's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, which calls for greenhouse gas emissions from buildings to be reduced by 40 percent by the year 2030.

"Thanks to visionary leadership and the support of Sullivan County, SUNY Sullivan has been at the forefront of the sustainability movement for more than 20 years," said SUNY Sullivan President Jay Quaintance. "While cutting edge at the time, the infrastructure has aged and much of the geothermal system and boilers were reaching the end of the designed function life. This project truly brings these systems into the 21st century with improved efficiency, better controls, and further establishes SUNY Sullivan as a leader in sustainability and reliance on renewable energy. Thank you to Rich Butler and Larry Reeger on the college team, the New York State Power Authority, and to the Sullivan County Legislature, Josh Potosek, and Heather Brown and the State of New York for this investment in a greener future for SUNY Sullivan."

"This was made possible through an innovative use of our American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies along with partnerships with NYPA, the College, and SUNY," Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek. "As a result, we've fielded calls from other municipalities interested in duplicating our success. I'm proud to be part of a team that aims to lead the State in smart, cost-effective green energy initiatives. We're rightfully recognized as one of the 'greenest' counties in New York, and this latest effort will help ensure we remain so."

"I am thrilled that Sullivan County and SUNY Sullivan are able to bring this energy efficiency project to fruition," said Sullivan County Sustainability Coordinator and Deputy Commissioner of Planning Heather Brown.

"Not only does this investment address several critical facility upgrades, but it also seizes an amazing opportunity to build upon the ongoing sustainability movement at the college's campus. SUNY Sullivan already boasted one of the lowest energy usage intensity ratings across New York State higher education institutions, and this project solidifies its status as a leader in the fast-growing clean energy industry."

"SUNY Sullivan's commitment to sustainability is a strong energy efficiency example for other institutions to emulate,"

– Justin E. Driscoll, NYPA Interim President and CEO

"The comprehensive package of energy-efficient upgrades SUNY Sullivan has implemented will help dramatically shrink the school's carbon footprint. The SUNY Sullivan improvements will generate \$176,000 in annual energy and maintenance cost-savings and simultaneously help safeguard the school's critical infrastructure."

SUNY Sullivan became one of SUNY's first geothermal campuses in 2001 when the College installed its 500-ton geothermal heating and cooling system, which produces an estimated 85 percent of the campus's heating and cooling needs. In 2015, the College entered into a power purchase agreement with Sullivan Solar Garden, LLC to install a nine-acre, 2.15 MW solar farm on campus that now provides an estimated 75 percent of the College's electricity, making SUNY Sullivan a model of sustainability



Numbers Upon Completion:

400

metric tons annual greenhouse gas emissions reduced

\$176,000

generated in annual energy and maintenance cost-savings

11

trillion British thermal units (BTU) of on-site energy savings

40%

greenhouse gas emissions from buildings reduced by the year 2030

Other energy efficiency improvements being implemented by NYPA, as recommended by the NYSERDA audit, include:

Upgrading the 20-year-old HVAC control system and variable frequency drives

Replacing original classroom windows with high-efficiency windows

Replacing the College's 52-year-old domestic electric resistance water heater with heat pump water heaters

Upgrading the Culinary Arts classroom kitchen exhaust system with demand-based variable speed controls

Replacing all energy recovery ventilators (ERVs)

Replacing all fluorescent luminaries with LED equivalents

and energy cost savings among New York Higher Education Institutions.

In 2020, aware that the College's four hot water boilers, and many of its geothermal heat pumps were failing, the College commissioned a comprehensive energy audit of the campus, in cooperation with Sullivan County and with the support of the NYPA and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).

"With the support of the Sullivan County Legislatures and County Manager's office, SUNY Sullivan was able to complete a NYSERDA FlexTech energy audit, which identified and prioritized threats and opportunities to maintain the viability of the overall facilities," said SUNY Sullivan Associate Professor and Sustainability Coordinator Larry Reeger.

"The energy upgrades project will lower the amount of energy used each year, further reduce the college's carbon footprint, and reduce annual expenditures related to the cost of utilities."

– Larry Reeger, SUNY Sullivan Associate Professor and Sustainability Coordinator

The energy efficiency project addresses numerous recommendations from that audit, including replacing the four failed or failing hot water boilers with three new high efficiency condensing boilers, as well as replacing 125 failing water-to-air and eight water-to-water heat

pumps. Both projects were considered critical to day-to-day operation of the College.

Reeger said the energy project will address the reliability of the College's heating and cooling system for the next 20 to 40 years and help free up the maintenance staff to address other campus-wide projects.

An initial energy audit by Labella estimated that the project would save the College over \$134,000 annually between gas and electricity expenses and an additional \$42,000 in annual maintenance costs. While soaring energy prices may skew those estimates, SUNY Sullivan Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Rich Butler said the savings impact remains.

"We were paying about \$1 per gallon of propane, and now we're paying about \$3 per gallon, so it's good we're doing the work because we would be spending much more," said Butler, who expects savings to increase as LED lighting and high-efficient windows are installed. "I think we're saving significantly already."

While supply chain issues have disrupted some aspects of the project, Butler said that contractors have completed installation of the new high-efficiency boilers, water-to-water-heat pumps to heat and cool Gerry Field House, energy recovery ventilators (ERVs), as well as 97 percent of the water-to-air heat pumps in common areas and classrooms, and 60 percent of the new LED lighting throughout campus. Upcoming work includes installing the remaining heat pumps and rooftop heat recovery units and replacing all of the campus's original 52-year-old windows with high-efficiency windows.

NEW! SUNY Sullivan Installs Four Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations On Campus



Funded through NYSERDA Grant and in Partnership with Livingston Energy Group.

"We are excited to offer a new resource on campus. Electric Vehicles (EVs) are the future and fit with the sustainability mission of the college. Having the opportunity to charge vehicles on campus is just another way that we are moving to a greener future at SUNY Sullivan."

– Jay Quaintance, SUNY Sullivan President

As part of the College's master plan and longstanding sustainability mission, SUNY Sullivan announces the installation of four dual-port electric vehicle (EV) charging stations on campus. Funded through a New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Charge Ready NY grant and in cooperation with Livingston Energy Group, the four dual-port charging stations, each of which allows two cars to charge simultaneously, represent a substantial addition to the College's green infrastructure and commitment to supporting sustainability on campus and in the community.

SUNY Sullivan Sustainability Coordinator Larry Reeger said the College's 2019 master plan identified electric vehicle charging as a green infrastructure opportunity, and that the new stations support the SUNY Sullivan's commitment, through the University Global Coalition, to incorporate the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals into the College's teaching, research, operations, and partnerships.

"The new EV chargers will support the needs of our students and staff and are part of the College's effort to infuse sustainability into campus life."

– Larry Reeger, SUNY Sullivan Sustainability Coordinator

The Level 2 EV charging stations are located in Parking Lot 2 in front of the Paul Gerry Fieldhouse and are available to students, faculty, and staff, as well as the greater community. There is a \$0.25/kWh fee to use the stations, the revenue from which will be shared by SUNY Sullivan and Livingston, which financed 10 percent of the project.

The charging stations are operated using the Charge Port EV Charging mobile app, which is available on Android and Apple devices, and can be downloaded through Google Play, Apple's App Store, Livingston's website at www.solution.energy, or by scanning a QR code at the station. After creating a free account, electric vehicle drivers can access the location, select the station number, and start charging.



Earth Day
A Focus On Sustainability For High School & Junior High School Students

SUNY Sullivan hosted an Earth Day Celebration, welcoming local high school and junior high school students to the campus to learn more about sustainability at the College and in their community. Students from the Homestead School, Liberty and Monticello School Districts, and Sullivan County BOCES took part in presentations and tabling from local environmental and sustainable development organizations, an ecology walk on the College's Woodland Trail, a sustainability tour of Hope Farm and the geothermal, wind, and solar systems on campus, and enjoyed some time outside in the courtyard with animals from BeaverWood Farm and Buck Brook Alpacas.

The celebration was sponsored by the SUNY Sullivan Liberty Partnership Program, SUNY Sullivan's Sustainability Committee, Student Activities Office. Participants included the Basha Kill Area Association, Catskill Mountainkeeper, the National Park Service, SUNY Sullivan Admissions, Sullivan County Audubon Society, Sullivan Alliance Leading Together, Sullivan County Division of Planning, Sullivan County Public Health, SUNY Sullivan Garden Club, SUNY Sullivan Apiary, New Hope Community's Hope Farm, Friends of the Upper Delaware River, Morgan Outdoors, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and Story's Neversink Plant Co.

"In early 2022, SUNY Sullivan joined the University Global Coalition and committed to share and promote the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals with all our students, staff, and community," said SUNY Sullivan Sustainability Coordinator Larry Reeger. "We are extremely happy with how the students and local vendors interacted with each other and discussed sustainable development goals."

"Each student was given a SUNY Sullivan Sustainable Development Goals Passport, which depicted all 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals, as students visited the tables of the various organizations, they had the relevant goals on their passports punched. When they had at least 12 goals punched, they were entered into a raffle."

– Kathryn Scullion, SUNY Sullivan Instructional Assistant and Community Garden Coordinator

"I think the students enjoy being on the campus," said SUNY Sullivan LPP Director Valerie Brescia, who said one of LPP's goals is to get students more acclimated to the College's campus. "With more access, I think they become more curious about college."

"I think the event went very well," said LPP Assistant Coordinator for Special Educational Programs John Galdun, who said he saw students asking a lot of questions. "The students really got into the walk, the speakers, and all the facilitators at the tables."

The farm animals, tabling events, and woodland trail hike, led by Eugene Thalmann from Catskill Mountainkeeper, were well attended, Reeger said, and the SUNY Sullivan Sustainable Development Goals Passport, given out to each student who attended, was a huge hit.



"Many of the organizations who participated are helping our community to achieve one or more of the United Nations sustainability goals."

– Larry Reeger
SUNY Sullivan Sustainability Coordinator



Hope Farm Celebrates Another Bountiful Season



“Our first ginger crop was a success, and we plan to grow even more next year.”

— Megan Greene, Farm Manager

With a crop of field pea cover down on some beds and black plastic covering others to prevent erosion, Hope Farm, the three-acre organic farm on SUNY Sullivan’s campus, is ready for winter. The tranquility on the farm these days comes after a successful and productive 2021 season, in which the farm produced over 12,000 pounds of organic produce used in New Hope Community’s residences and donated to local emergency food resource providers.

Run by New Hope Community and SUNY Sullivan, Hope Farm is a three-acre organic farm on the College’s campus that provides Sullivan students and New Hope’s residents a unique hands-on opportunity to learn sustainable farming techniques. Each year the farm, which includes a high tunnel, also known as a “hoop house” greenhouse, produces thousands of pounds of fresh organic vegetables that are used in New Hope’s residential homes, by the College’s Culinary Arts Program students, and donated to community nutrition programs and food pantries to combat food insecurity.

Of the more than 12,000 pounds of organic food grown in 2021, Farm Manager Megan Greene said the majority of the produce was used in New Hope Community’s 42 supported homes, while a substantial amount, more than 2,000 pounds was donated to local food pantries, including the SUNY Sullivan Food Pantry, Federation for the Homeless, St. Peter’s Food Pantry, and Sullivan County Meals on Wheels. “Our top two crops in terms of pounds harvested were potatoes at 1,392 pounds and tomatoes at 1,000 pounds,” said Greene. “Our first ginger crop was a success, and we plan to grow even more next year.”

In addition, Greene reported that the Farm hosted a six-week nutrition class series in collaboration with

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, attended by New Hope Community’s Without Walls day program, and welcomed students from the Liberty Partnership Program (LPP) for two weeks and Sullivan County BOCES for six weeks of educational programming on the Farm this season.

Scullion had high praise for Greene, Farm Assistant Carly Pitt, and Farm Associate Anthony. “Megan, Anthony, and Carly are a remarkable and versatile team. They are farmers, educators, advocates and tour guides. They are generous with their food, their knowledge, and their time,” said Scullion. “In addition to growing, harvesting, distributing, and donating thousands of pounds of beautiful produce, they provide enriching work and programming for New Hope residents and coworkers, and they do extensive outreach with groups from the College and local community.”

While production on the farm is done for the season, Greene said Hope Farm’s team is busy working in New Hope Community’s 3000 sq. ft. heated greenhouse.

“We produce micro greens, lettuces, and herbs through the winter for distribution to New Hope Community homes and run horticultural activities with New Hope’s Without Walls and Living Arts Center Day Programs,” said Greene. “We have some kale and salad mix growing in the unheated hoop house at the College, which we will harvest likely in February or March. After that we plan to plant some peas to harvest in spring, followed by cucumbers for an early summer harvest in the hoop house.”

In addition to continued programming with Sullivan BOCES and the Liberty Partnership Program next year, Greene said she hopes to expand the Farm’s partnership with Sullivan Cornell Cooperative Extension to offer more nutrition and cooking classes and to purchase a commercial dehydrator to expand the farm’s herb production to produce teas for distribution to New Hope homes and to eventually sell at the Farm’s annual plant sale and other community events.

“We’ve already experimented with drying some ginger and lemongrass, and will be working with Without Walls groups to bag, label, and taste test the tea through the winter and spring,” said Greene, who said another major goal next season is to move towards no-till on Hope Farm to preserve the soil health and structure. “We already practice ‘low-till’ agriculture, meaning we only till each bed one or two times in the growing season. However, we’d like to work towards a system that allows us to avoid tillage all together.”



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SUNY SULLIVAN HIVES THRIVE

As a 1981 graduate of SUNY Sullivan and Economics professor, Art Riegal is the campus beekeeper and Founder of SUNY Sullivan's Apiary, the first on a SUNY campus.



The campus apiary has become a core piece of the college's commitment to sustainability and environmental education.

Setting the thermostat at 92 degrees this winter might sound extreme, but that's exactly what will happen inside five honeybee hives in SUNY Sullivan's apiary.

"Female worker bees will cluster in the center of the hive to keep the queen warm throughout the winter, at around 92 degrees," said Economics Professor and campus beekeeper Art Riegal '81. "A football-shaped cluster of honeybees will surround the middle 4-5 frames of each hive with the queen in the middle. The bees warm the cluster by vibrating their abdomen and wing muscles (disengaging their wings) using calories from consuming their honey reserves. Honeybees can heat their bodies up to 111 degrees Fahrenheit."

Riegal, who teaches business courses for the Catskill Hospitality Institute at SUNY Sullivan, and Tofowa Pyle '21, a student in the College's Green Building Technology Program, recently spent several hours winterizing Sullivan's hives to help protect and keep them healthy this winter. The work included wrapping the hives in roofing paper to insulate them, placing insulation boards on top, and slightly tilting the hives to provide ventilation and prevent condensation from building up inside. "Bees can survive cold. Bees can survive wet ... Bees can't survive cold and wet," said Riegal.

SUNY Sullivan's apiary has five active hives and was established in 2017 by Riegal with support and guidance from the College's Sustainability Committee. Highlighting the College's commitment to environmental sustainability and education, the apiary serves as a growing center for apiculture education on campus, supplies honey to the College's new food pantry and the Culinary Arts Program, and provides the nearby Hope Farm and the SUNY Sullivan Community Garden with a thriving community of pollinators.

"If you have agriculture, you need pollinators," said Riegal, who has his own hives and honey business, Covered Bridge Honey LLC in Livingston Manor, and viewed creating the College's apiary as an opportunity to experiment and educate. "I wanted to experiment with different sub-species of *apis mellifera* (honeybee) as well as organic treatment methods without worrying about honey production. Eventually, I hope to have bees that are able to withstand the varroa destructor mite which is the bane of every beekeeper now."

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types of bees
are in the apiary:
Saskatraz,
Italian, and
Carniolan

Instructional Assistant and Community Garden Coordinator Kathryn Scullion said that having an apiary in close proximity to the SUNY Sullivan Community Garden and Hope Farm has practical and educational benefits.

"Pollinators are essential to the success of many of the food crops we grow in the SUNY Sullivan Community Garden



"If you have agriculture,
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- Art Riegal '81

and on Hope Farm," said Scullion, who is also a member of the College's Sustainability Committee. "At the same time, the farm and garden support pollinators of all kinds - honeybees as well as native bees, wasps, beetles, butterflies, moths, hummingbirds - by planting a wide variety of food, flowers, and herbs, and growing them without the use of pesticides. Having a healthy diversity of plants and pollinators is one of the fundamental goals of sustainable agriculture."

Pyle, who has a BA in sustainable agriculture from Sterling College in Vermont and has worked with hives before, said working with Riegal has given him new insights into beekeeping.

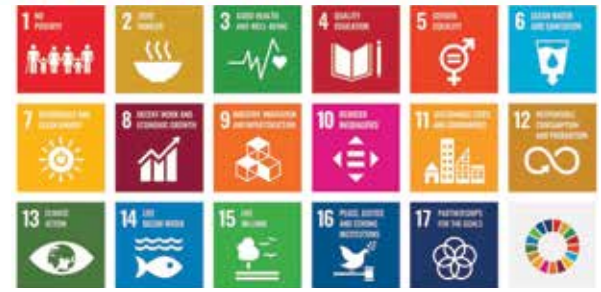
"It's really valuable to learn from someone who has so many experiences working with bees," said Pyle, who was especially interested to learn how double-folding the layer of roofing paper at the bottom of the hive, to add insulation, can encourage bees to consume their honey stores in the correct order, from the bottom up.

As part of their winterizing work, Riegal and Pyle also installed smaller access openings at the bottom of the hives, which will help keep mice out, continue to let condensation escape, and allow the bees to fly out for "cleansing flights," on warmer days. Riegal said honeybees are very hygienic and defecate outside the hive, signs of which can sometimes be seen on snow in winter. Those bathroom trips, along with eating and working to keep the hive warm, mean that overwintering honeybees are not considered hibernators.

Another fact about overwintering hives is that no drones (males) are allowed. "Males are dragged out of the hive in the fall by the female worker bees since (males) only function as mates to a queen and do nothing else but consume food stores," said Riegal, who said the queen will resume laying males again in the spring, usually in mid to late March. "By April, we have forage blooming (trees and early wildflowers) so the foraging bees can bring in pollen (protein) and nectar (carbs) to feed the new brood instead of eating more of their winter stores."

Riegal, a 1981 graduate of SUNY Sullivan, said the apiary has plans to expand the number of hives in the apiary and that discussions are underway for the College to offer non-credit courses in beekeeping and apiculture in the near future.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



SUNY Sullivan joins University Global Coalition to advance United Nations' sustainable development goals

Continuing its longstanding commitment to be a leader in environmental sustainability in the Catskills and across higher education, SUNY Sullivan proudly announced that the College has signed onto the University Global Coalition, helping to advance the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in partnership with higher education institutions around the world.

"For more than two decades, SUNY Sullivan has acted on the belief that sustainable development begins with campus operations," said SUNY Sullivan Associate Professor and Sustainability Coordinator Larry Reeger. "Infusing sustainability into student life and academics is what we already do. Joining the University Global Coalition is a natural fit."

"Sustainability is at the heart of who we are and what we do at SUNY Sullivan," said SUNY Sullivan President Jay Quaintance. "Joining the UGC allows us to further the reach of these efforts to act locally and think globally."

Founded in 2019 by an international group of university leaders, the University Global Coalition (UGC) promotes the incorporation of the UN SDGs into the teaching, research, operations, and partnerships of higher education institutions. The UGC promotes sharing resources and best practices in incorporating the SDGs to transform institutions

into global actors with holistic definitions of sustainability.

As part of the new collaboration, SUNY Sullivan recently participated in UGC's Sustainable Development Goals Action and Awareness Week by hosting a two-day interactive opportunity for students, staff, and other campus community members to learn more about the 17 SDGs and what SUNY Sullivan is doing to help meet them, as well as share their thoughts about how the College and individuals can contribute to a more sustainable world.

"The goal of this is to hear what the students think, we want to engage them where they are and to try to affect change locally."

– Larry Reeger, SUNY Sullivan Associate Professor and Sustainability Coordinator

Ryan Grodin, a liberal arts and science major from Wurtsboro, said he wanted to see the College implement more responsible consumption and production strategies.

"I think (the College) should work toward implementing reusable eating utensils and plates and ditch the to-go boxes," said Grodin. "Overall, I think the school is a good steward of the 17 SDGs. Prior to signing on, Sullivan helped me to be more mindful about the concerns/goals that need to be addressed in

order to positively impact the world. Now, with the 17 goals I think it will help the school put 'words' to the actions they are already taking."

By joining UGC, SUNY Sullivan agrees to work toward increasing student understanding of the most pressing challenges facing the world today as articulated Sustainable Development Goals and inspire students to play an active role in driving change and finding new solutions. In addition to supporting other UGC goals, SUNY Sullivan also agrees to continue its longstanding efforts to recognize the impact that College's operations have on important sustainable development issues and act responsibly to address them and serve as an example to others.

SUNY Sullivan's commitment to environmental sustainability and social responsibility is central to the College's mission and informs all aspects of our curriculum, campus operations, and community engagement. Through innovative Green Building Technology and Environmental Science degree programs, energy-saving campus infrastructure, and unique community partnerships, SUNY Sullivan has become a leader in environmental sustainability in the Catskills and across higher education.



About Sustainability at SUNY Sullivan

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Theater Arts

SUNY Sullivan Theater Program is sensitive to the fact that representation is not enough if the stories of marginalized individuals are not represented in a thoughtful and authentic way. As a college in a county whose largest healthcare employer serves people with disabilities,

The SUNY Sullivan Theater Arts Program proudly presented:

Blackdamp

By Bradley Diuguids



Directed by SUNY Sullivan Adjunct Professor Nick López and assistant directed by Brianna Worden.
The performance space: SUNY Sullivan's Seelig Theater, while simultaneously streaming live on YouTube.

Blackdamp is Bradley Diuguid's eye-opening new play about a single mother struggling to make ends meet, raise her autistic son and protect her child from the secrets of his past. Set in a depressed Appalachian mining town, Blackdamp invites audiences to recognize similar economic hardships in their own communities and develop a greater understanding of poverty's impact on autistic individuals.

Assistant director, Brianna Worden, is a founding member of New Visions Inclusive Performing Arts Company, an emerging theater company composed of theater artists that have been a part of SUNY Sullivan's Theater Program.

Blackdamp is one of several plays in SUNY Sullivan's 2021-22 theater season to investigate the circumstances of the historically marginalized disability community and attempt to foreground people whose stories have been largely overlooked.



SUNY Sullivan hopes to partner with regional organizations to provide an array of educational opportunities to demonstrate that art by and about people with disabilities is enriched and enhanced by the extraordinary circumstances of their lives.

The SUNY Sullivan Theater Program presented virtual performances for:

Rosemary with Ginger

By Edward Allan Baker



Directed by Willahna Burdick and Brianna Worden.
Virtual Performance Space: BroadwayOnDemand.

The Disability Community is a historically marginalized community, and SUNY Sullivan is located in a county whose largest employer is the healthcare industry that serves people with disabilities. We wanted to bring a heightened awareness of who's absent from the room or whose story is not being told.

Other productions for the SUNY Sullivan Theater Program 2021-22 season included:

The Vagina Monologues
By Eve Ensler, coordinated by Jessica López-Barkl, Payton Powell (Theater Arts alumni), and Janine Grim Bukovinsky (Theater Arts alumni).

Next to Normal
Book/lyrics by Brian Yorkey, music by Tom Kitt, directed by Nick López, music directed by Leon Hilfstein and Brandon Sparkman, featuring Jessica López-Barkl and Billy Steeves (Theater Arts alumni and Equity Actor). This play deals with bipolar disorder and opened on World Bipolar Day.

Thank You / I'm Sorry*
by Brianna Worden and Janna Walter. Music composed by Brandon Sparkman. Directed by Jessica López-Barkl. This play is the first play about Neurofibromatosis, and a world premiere opening during Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month.

**World Premiere.*

Athletics Spotlight

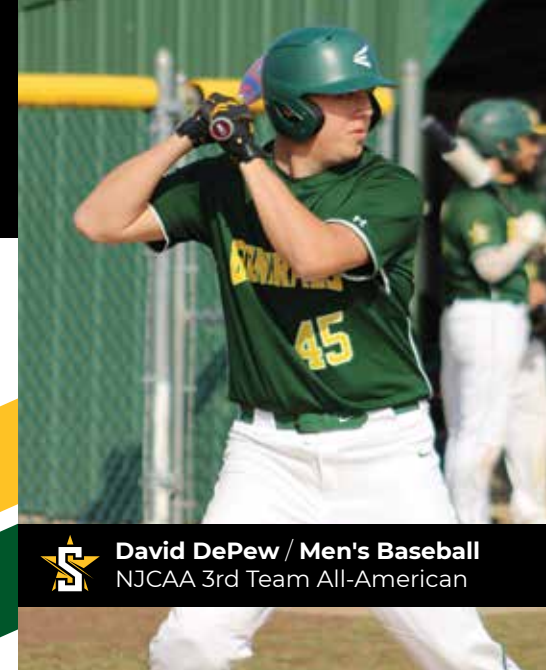
Congratulations to our seven SUNY Sullivan student-athletes named to the NJCAA 2021-22 Academic Teams of the Year!

"We are thrilled that seven SUNY Sullivan student-athletes have been awarded this incredible honor for 2021-22."

– Chris DePew, SUNY Sullivan Director of Athletics & Recreation and Dean of Student Development Services



- **Matthew Tierney, Men's Track & Field** 2nd Team All-American
- **Owen Sager, Men's Golf** 2nd Team All-American
- **Daniel Hemmer, Men's Golf** 2nd Team All-American
- **Anisa Perry, Women's Basketball** 2nd Team All-American
- **Alivia Latham, Women's Basketball** 3rd Team All-American
- **Alex Ouellette, Men's Baseball** 3rd Team All-American
- **David DePew, Men's Baseball** 3rd Team All-American



David DePew / Men's Baseball
NJCAA 3rd Team All-American

Deivejon Harris / Women's Basketball
NJCAA 2nd Team All-American



2022 LEAGUE AWARDS:

Men's Basketball Team

NJCAA National Final Four
NJCAA East District A Champions
NJCAA Region XV Champions
NJCAA Mid-Hudson Conference Champions
Ranked #3 Nationally



Women's Basketball Team

NJCAA Region XV Champions
NJCAA Mid-Hudson Conference Champions
Ranked #18 Nationally



Kareem Welch / Men's Basketball

NJCAA 1st Team All-American
NJCAA National Tournament Scoring Leader (23.7 ppg)
NJCAA National Championship All-Tournament Team
NJCAA Region XV Most Valuable Player
NJCAA Region XV Tournament MVP
NJCAA Region XV All-Tournament Team
NJCAA Mid-Hudson Conference Most Valuable Player
BCANY New York State Junior College Player of the Year

Deivejon Harris / Women's Basketball

NJCAA 2nd Team All-American
NJCAA Region XV Most Valuable Player
NJCAA Region XV All-Tournament Team
NJCAA Mid-Hudson Conference Most Valuable Player

Samuel DeSouza / Men's Basketball

NJCAA National Championship Tournament
"Fred Pohlman Sportsmanship Award"
NJCAA Region XV Sportsmanship Team
NJCAA Mid-Hudson Conference 2nd Team

Jalen Renneau / Men's Basketball

NJCAA Region XV First Team
NJCAA Mid-Hudson Conference First Team

Jarell White / Men's Basketball

NJCAA Region XV First Team
NJCAA Mid-Hudson Conference First Team

Anisa Perry / Women's Basketball

NJCAA Region XV First Team

Gabrielle Jeridore / Women's Basketball

NJCAA Region XV First Team

Jay Alvarez / Men's Basketball

NJCAA Region XV Second Team
NJCAA Mid-Hudson Conference First Team
NJCAA Region XV All-Tournament Team

Barbara Bruno / Women's Basketball

NJCAA Region XV Tournament Most Valuable Player

Keyani Sidberry / Women's Basketball

NJCAA Region XV Sportsmanship Team
NJCAA Region XV All-Tournament Team

Giovanni Diaz / Men's Baseball

NJCAA Region XV First Team Infielder
NJCAA Mid-Hudson Conference First Team

Tanner MacLean / Men's Baseball

NJCAA Region XV First Team Pitcher
NJCAA Mid-Hudson Conference First Team

Layton Cuvilier, Men's Baseball

NJCAA Region XV Second Team Outfielder
NJCAA Mid-Hudson Conference First Team

Andy Rivas / Men's Baseball

NJCAA Mid-Hudson Conference First Team

Men's Basketball Team
Ranked #3 Nationally



2022 COACH AWARDS:

Ben Newberg / Women's Basketball

NJCAA Region XV Coach of the Year

Brent Wilson* / Men's Basketball

NJCAA Region XV Coach of the Year
NJCAA East District A Coach of the Year

*Became the College's all-time wins leader for Men's Basketball



Kareem Welch / Men's Basketball
NJCAA 1st Team All-American



SUNY Sullivan Coach,
Athletics Director,
Dean Of Students
Chris DePew Inducted
Into NJCAA Men's
BCA Hall Of Fame



Chris DePew, SUNY Sullivan Director of Athletics & Recreation and Dean of Student Development Services, was inducted in May of 2022 into the NJCAA Men's Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Head coach of the Sullivan Men's team 2001-2009, DePew led the Generals to seven trips to the NJCAA DIII National Championship Tournament, winning it all in 2007 with an undefeated record of 32-0 and finishing as the NJCAA National Runner-up in 2001 and 2002.

He was inducted this week along with student-athletes and current NBA players Jae Crowder, South Georgia Tech/Phoenix Suns, and Jimmy Butler, Tyler Junior College/ Miami Heat.

"I am incredibly humbled and honored by this distinction and to be in the same conversation and induction class with two incredible former NJCAA student/athletes and current NBA stars," said DePew when his induction was announced.

"Athletics excellence has long been a hallmark of SUNY Sullivan, and a great deal of credit goes to Chris DePew," said SUNY Sullivan President Jay Quaintance. "As a coach and Athletic Director, he has made a very positive impact on our students and the College. We are all very proud of Chris and excited to see his accomplishments recognized by the NJCAA! Congratulations, Chris!"

"I would also like to thank the NJCAA Basketball Coaches Association," added DePew. "They are such an outstanding group of professionals providing incredible opportunities for our student-athletes. And finally, my former players, my assistant coaches Troy Nowlin and Kyle Walter, and my family, my wife Heather and my son David, for their sacrifice and loving support to allow me to fulfill my dreams. Without any of them, an honor like this is not possible."

The NJCCA Coaches Association praised DePew as a "difference-maker" and for his longtime service

to the NJCCA, student athletes, and fellow administrators through coaching, leadership roles, and community service.

From the NJCAA Coach's Association:

For 24 years, Chris DePew has served the NJCAA, its student-athletes, and fellow administrators through coaching, leadership roles, and community service. As a coach, DePew possessed a coaching record of 243-36 (.871 winning % from 2000-2009) and averaged 27 wins per year during his head coach career. The Generals had a 9-2 NJCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship Tournament record and won seven regular-season tournaments. DePew's teams finished ranked in the NJCAA Division III Top-10 polls nine times and claimed the national title in 2007 after an undefeated 32-0 season.

"A special thank you to the SUNY Sullivan Administration and Board of Trustees over the years, for their unwavering support and letting me move the program in the direction that we wanted it to go to ensure an incredibly positive experience for every student athlete we are able to work with."

The Generals were the National Runner-up in 2001 (31-4) and 2002 (32-3) and Coach DePew was named NJCAA District 5 Coach of the Year in 2002 and 2007. The Generals were NJCAA Region 15 Mid-Hudson Conference Champions in 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, and 2008. In 2007, DePew was awarded NJCAA Division III National Coach of the Year, NABC National Coach of the Year, NJCAA "Gary Cole" Coach of the Tournament, BCANY NYS Collegiate Coach of the Year, and was the NJCAA National All-Star Game Coach (Kilgore, TX).

DePew Coached two NJCAA National Players of the Year, student-athletes (Jason Johnson-2007, South Carolina State NCAA DI MEAC, Overseas: England, Israel; Bertram

"BJ" McDowell-2008, Northwood University NAIA DI (playing for legendary Coach Rollie Massimino), 14 NJCAA All-Americans, 37 players that went on to earn scholarships including 11 Division I players, coached 19 players that play/played overseas, coached current Harlem Globetrotter, Donte "Hammer" Harrison, as well as coached four (4) NJCAA Region 15 Players of the Year, 26 NJCAA All-Region Players, five (5) Mid-Hudson Conference Players of the Year, and nine (9) NJCAA Academic All-Americans.

Since 2001, DePew has served as the Director of Athletics and is in his sixth (6) year as the Dean of Students. He also holds or has held leadership roles that include the following: NJCAA Region XV Men's Director (2012-present), NJCAA Board of Regents member (2019-present), NJCAA Men's Division II Basketball National Chairman (2020-present), NJCAA Region 15 Assistant Regional Director (2008-2011), NJCAA Men's Division III National Tournament Host (2011-2016, 2018), NJCAA Men's Division III National Tournament Executive Director (2011-2016, 2018), NJCAA Men's Division III Basketball Committee member (2006-2012), and NJCAA Men's Division III Basketball Committee Vice Chair (2013-2014).

With the NJCAA Men's Basketball Coaches Association Board, DePew has served/serves as the following: Immediate Past-President (2019-2021), President (2017-2019), 1st Vice President (2015-2017), 2nd Vice President (2013-2015), 1st Secretary (2011-2013), and 2nd Secretary (2009-2011). DePew is also involved in the NJCAA Men's Basketball National All-Star Game Executive Committee (2008-present), NJCAA Men's Basketball Hall of Fame selection Committee (2008-present), and the Basketball Coaches Association of New York (BCANY) Executive Board of Directors (2006-present).

DePew serves as a volunteer firefighter in his hometown of Kerhonkson, NY for over 35 years, where he has been honored with Life Membership, the highest honor within the Volunteer Fire Service.

Educational Initiatives & Workforce Development



NEW PROGRAM: Construction Technology AOS Degree

In Collaboration with the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters

Skilled carpenters are in high demand! Students will learn to master the skills and knowledge required to find immediate employment or advancement in the residential construction industry.

This two-year Associates in Occupational Studies (AOS) degree is specifically designed to meet growing state-wide needs for a skilled labor force in construction.

SUNY Sullivan, in collaboration with the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, created this pathway program: apprentices who have successfully completed the North Atlantic States Carpenters Training Fund Pathways Curriculum earn credit for work-based learning that counts toward the required coursework in Carpentry. Students will then complete the rest of the coursework at SUNY Sullivan.

Upon completion of the Construction Technology AOS, graduates will have:

- ☑ built carpentry competencies considered of critical importance to the home building industry
- ☑ the foundation for movement to other craft areas, as well as for framing, finishing, and remodeling/renovation
- ☑ created a performance profile that documents their competencies in the carpentry industry
- ☑ the opportunity to enroll at Alfred State to earn a Bachelors of Technology (B.Tech) in Construction Supervision following completion of the two-year AOS degree



Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) Course

SUNY Sullivan's Nurse Aide Training Program is offered in cooperation with Sullivan County Workforce Development. This continuing education course prepares students for the NYS Certification Exam to become a Certified Nurse Aide (Certified Nursing Assistant). CNAs work as part of a healthcare team in a long-term care or skilled nursing facility. Students learn through classroom sessions and clinical experience how to perform non-medical services. They will also learn how to provide supports for residents who need help with daily activities, such as feeding, dressing, grooming and ambulation.



Emergency Medical Technician Course

SUNY Sullivan's EMT course provides a hands-on, interactive and engaging learning experience through classroom simulation and field experience. Learn to assess and care for patients at the scene of an incident and while transporting patients by ambulance to the hospital. Students learn to manage respiratory, cardiac, and trauma emergencies. Our instructors are committed to each students' success, preparing them for the NYS practical and NYS written certification exams. EMTs are in high demand, with substantial projected job growth for the future, so begin your Emergency Medical Services Career with SUNY Sullivan now.

Faculty & Academics



SUNY Sullivan Welcomes Marc Singer as New Vice President

SUNY Sullivan is pleased to announce Marc Singer as the College's new Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. Singer is the former dean of the School of Undergraduate Studies at Golden Gate University in San Francisco.

He has a strong background in distance learning, assessment of prior learning for credit, and pedagogy and has helped create work-ready programs that integrate student services using flexible delivery models – online, in-person, and hybrid. "Community colleges play a crucial role in our communities, and this is the moment for us to shine and to take a leadership role in preparing the workforce and citizenry that we will need in the future," said Singer. "SUNY Sullivan's goals align with my own sense of mission, which comes from my own experience as a first-generation college student."

"I am excited about coming to work at an institution that is so connected to its community, and so committed to making a difference in the lives of our students and the places they live. I have found that sense of commitment in everyone I have met at SUNY Sullivan, and I look forward to joining them in the work they are doing."

"We are very excited to have Marc Singer join the SUNY Sullivan family," said SUNY Sullivan President Jay Quaintance. "Marc has worked to develop programs, services, and policies that make learning accessible, relevant, and meaningful. He has a strong history of collaboration with faculty, other deans, and internal stakeholders such as the marketing, enrollment, and student service units, as well as with external partners."

Singer holds an EdD in Distance Education from Athabasca University, Alberta, Canada, a MPhil in American Studies from New York University, a MA in American Studies from the University of Alabama, and a BA in English/American Civilization from Oberlin College, Ohio.

Faculty Lynne Crockett and Dani Weber talked to Spectrum News about their work and experiences teaching students at Sullivan Correctional Facility

Lynne Crockett's students are not just those at Sullivan Community College. They're also located inside the Sullivan County Correctional Facility.

"They're completely committed to the program," Crockett said of the students. "They feel that education is a privilege, whereas at other schools, sometimes students feel that that's just what you do next."

Crockett, along with Dani Weber and several others, are professors that teach inmates through a collaboration between nonprofit Hudson Link and SUNY Sullivan.

Hudson Link provides two and four-year degrees at correctional facilities across the downstate area, including Sing Sing and Green Haven, among others.

They've graduated more than 1,400 inmates since its founding in 1998. Weber said having this positive, educational atmosphere for the students helps them grow. "The bonding for them, the sharing, the having to be open, the challenging, the self-reflection," Weber said.

"So many people in our society feel as though they lack a purpose. I feel like I have a purpose, and I think it's so important to help people, to improve people's lives," she said. "And that improves my life."



SUNY Sullivan Professor and Former Sullivan County Poet Laureate Lisa Titus (Caloro) Named Finalist in 2021 Brick Road Poetry Contest

Congratulations to SUNY Sullivan Professor and 2020 – 2021 Sullivan County Poet Laureate Lisa Titus (Caloro). Lisa was recently named a finalist in the 2021 Brick Road Poetry Contest for her forthcoming book of poetry, "First Time, Every Time," which will be published next year by Brick Road Poetry Press.

"Lisa has been teaching English classes at SUNY Sullivan for several years now, including poetry. She is also the college's Writing Program administrator, and we couldn't be prouder of her accomplishments as a published poet laureate!"

– Rose Hanofee, Liberal Arts, Sciences and Health Sciences Dean

Honoring Veterans



"It's nice to see young people with an interest in policing. He served his country in the military and now wants to serve the people and the community."

– Sheriff Michael Schiff

Criminal Justice Major and Veteran Gavin Simpson '22 Wins Sheriffs' Award

Sheriff Michael Schiff presented Gavin Simpson, SUNY Sullivan Criminal Justice major, with the 2021 New York State Sheriffs' Institute Scholarship.

The \$500 scholarship is awarded each year to one student majoring in criminal justice, police science, or a similar program from each community college in New York State, and SUNY Canton.

Simpson, a Livingston Manor resident, is a US Army veteran and

National Guard soldier. He plans to pursue a career with the state police in New York or Vermont. "I feel very honored to get this award, and I'd like to thank the Sheriff and Undersheriff for taking the time out of their day to come to campus and present it to me," said Simpson. "I also want to thank Professor (Robert) Eiler for recommending me for this award."

"We are so proud of Mr. Simpson and his accomplishments here at SUNY Sullivan," said SUNY Sullivan Jay

Quaintance. "I believe he will have a long and distinguished career in law enforcement and wish him the best in his future endeavors."

The Sheriffs' Institute Scholarship Program was established to help young people across New York pursue an education in criminal justice. The ceremony was attended by Simpson, Schiff, Quaintance, Undersheriff Eric Chaboty, Criminal Justice Professor Robert Eiler, and Liberal Arts, Sciences and Health Sciences Dean Rosemarie Hanofee.

Veterans Day Community Breakfast

SUNY Sullivan hosted a ceremony and breakfast to commemorate Veterans Day and honor local veterans.



The ceremony included a presentation of colors by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, remarks by SUNY Sullivan President Jay Quaintance and veteran and SUNY Sullivan staff member Adrian Garcia, and a benediction by Delaware Catskill Episcopal Ministry Rev. Diana Southwick Scheide.

"Veterans have been the backbone of the United States since its founding. We honor and thank them for their service and sacrifice, whether in peaceful pursuits at home and with allies abroad, or in battle to protect our values."

– Jay Quaintance, SUNY Sullivan President



Other participants and attendees included Kevin Coates, a veteran and veteran advocate from Action Toward Independence new Monticello-based Vet 2 Vet peer support and advocacy program for veterans; John Crotty, veteran and director, Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency; SUNY Sullivan students Nichole Connal, who read a poem dedicated to veterans, and Jacqueline VanGordon, who sang the national anthem; students from Sullivan County BOCES Public Safety Services Program; SUNY Sullivan criminal justice professor Robert Eiler, who led the pledge of allegiance, Associate Dean of Student Engagement Debra Waller-Frederick, and Coordinator of Student Activities Jamie Brooks, as well as other veterans from the community and SUNY Sullivan staff and students.

In Our Community

Litter Pluck

Town of Fallsburg officials and community volunteers joined SUNY Sullivan students, faculty, and staff to collect more than 40 large contractor bags of litter as part of an "adopt-a-highway" agreement with New York State Department of Transportation. SUNY Sullivan will host four "Litter Pluck" events each year to help maintain the two-mile section of Route 52 from the College's main entrance heading west toward Liberty. The agreement aims to "keep our roads clean and beautiful for everyone."

"SUNY Sullivan strives to lead by example when it comes to sustainability and our relationship to our community," said SUNY Sullivan President Jay Quaintance, who took part in the April Litter Pluck. "Our decision to 'adopt' a section of highway that fronts the college demonstrates this commitment to our Core Value: 'Development of civic-minded leadership, accountability, and responsibility in society,' which informs our recently completed Strategic Plan. It was great to have staff, faculty, students, and community members join us in cleaning up our neighborhood and demonstrating this commitment."



Free Online Course Series

Together with community partners, the College offered free, non-credit on-line classes open to the public.

The 2021-2022 SUNY Sullivan Community Learning Program included:

- Intro to Mental Health and Wellness for Parents (Sullivan 180)
- QPR Suicide Prevention Training (Sullivan 180)
- Nutrition and Wellness in the Catskills (Catskill Mountainkeeper)
- Legal Document Training Series (Sullivan 180)
- Basic Photography as a Mindful Practice (Sullivan 180)

SUNY Sullivan COVID-19 Testing Site

In coordination with the Governor's Office and Quadrant Biosciences, SUNY Sullivan opened a COVID-19 testing site in the Gerry Field House on campus in February that offered free PCR COVID testing to the campus and greater community throughout the spring semester. "SUNY Sullivan is so pleased to again play a role in getting out of this pandemic and back to normal here in Sullivan County by working with our state and local partners," said Jay Quaintance, SUNY Sullivan President. The SUNY Sullivan testing site is one of numerous testing sites open on SUNY and community college campuses across New York State.

Over 4,000 people received the vaccine at SUNY Sullivan's Gerry Field House Point-of-Distribution vaccine clinic for Sullivan County in 2021.



Trick or Treating Community Event

Thanks to all the trick-or-treaters who celebrated with us and enjoyed SUNY Sullivan's 8th annual "Trick-or-Treating" community event. Special thanks to the Delaware Catskill Episcopal Ministry, the Town of Fallsburg, Fallsburg Police Department, Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, and local Miss Spirit of the USA Pageant queens for their participation and to the SUNY Sullivan Performing Arts Club, Computer Graphics/Graphic Design major Thomas Millspaugh '23 (for taking photos), and all the other SUNY Sullivan students, staff, and faculty who helped make the event an overwhelming success.



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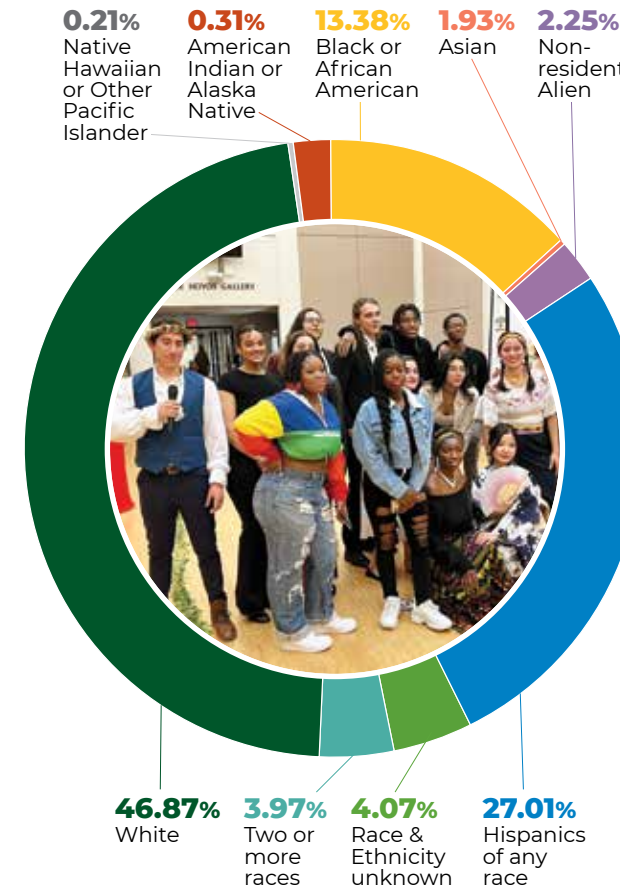
The SUNY Sullivan Food Pantry and Student Activities Office were grateful to donate Thanksgiving dinner baskets to more than two dozen students in need and their families this week, thanks to the generous support of faculty, staff, and students, and New Hope Community, a nonprofit organization that has been empowering the lives of those with intellectual and developmental disabilities for over 45 years.

The baskets included turkeys, side items, like green beans, rolls, potatoes, and cranberry sauce, as well as fresh squash, carrots, and onions donated by the SUNY Sullivan Community Garden. Thanks to all who participated for your generosity and kindness.

SUNY Sullivan by the Numbers

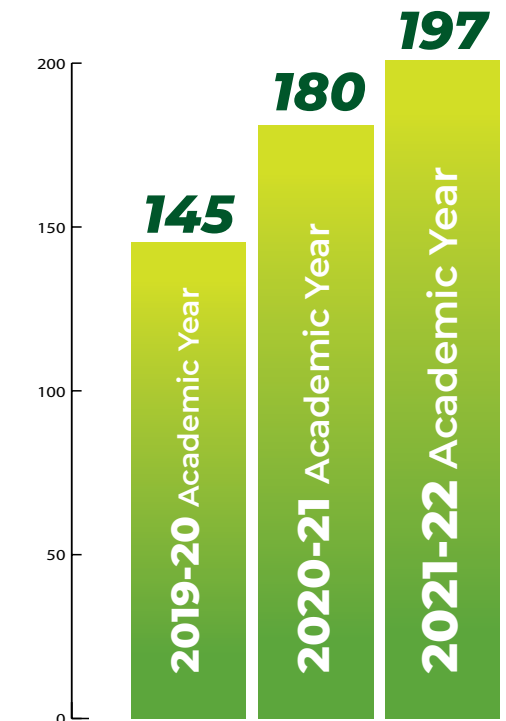
Diversity is our Strength.

SUNY Sullivan has been designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution. Through grant opportunities, we are currently creating supportive services to assist Hispanic students in attaining their educational goals.



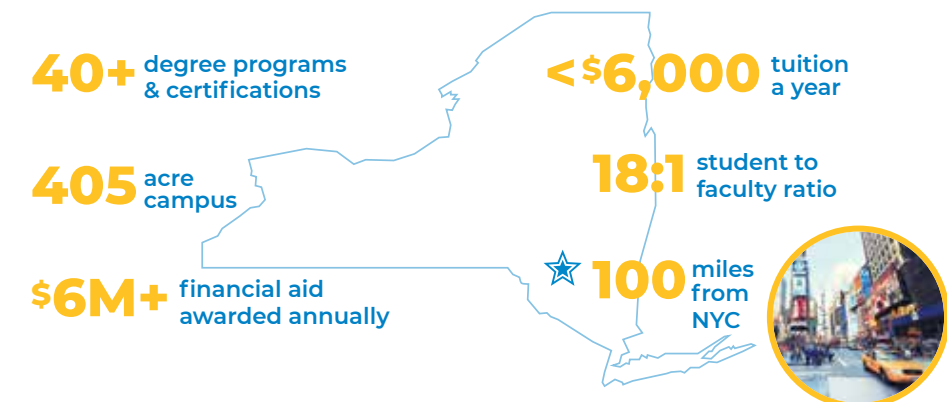
Nursing Enrollment is Healthier than Ever!

Program Data Spotlight: Over the past few years we have seen strong growth in our Nursing AAS program. We are so proud of the enthusiasm and talent of our nursing students and look forward to further growth of the program!



Showing Up in Style

Hats off to the SUNY Sullivan Student Government Association and to all the stylin' students who took part in the SGA's Cultural Fashion Show on April 20! MC'd by SGA President Nicholas Connal, the show featured students wearing clothes themed to different decades and representing city wear and different cultural backgrounds. Congrats on a great show!



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