



MANY VOICES, ONE CALL – The Strategic Plan to 2026

President's Report

September 15, 2025

THE CULTURE OF CARE AND SUCCESS

Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Farah Douglas, Reference Librarian, and Catia Laird de Polanco, Chief Diversity Officer, collaborated on the development of a [New Americans Library Guide](#) to provide members of the campus community with easy access to a curated list of non-partisan references, including federal resources, state resources, and local non-profit organizations.

Schenectady College and Career Outreach Center

Ms. Dara Orederu, Associate Executive Director of SCCOC and Ms. Elizabeth Cowan, Participant Services Specialist of SCCOC, served on the panel of Liberty Partnership Programs (LPP) Networking Event.

SCCOC sponsored and accompanied LPP's summer program group on a tour of the Capital District Educational Opportunity Center in Troy, NY.

SCCOC staff attended Fidelis' annual Unity Day event, MLK Elementary School's Back to School Block Party, Hamilton Elementary Schools Welcome Back party, New Jerusalem Church's Annual Block Party, Schenectady Greenmarket and Sycamore Collaborative's Mass Distribution event to meet with community members and promote the services offered at the Center.

Ms. Dara Orederu presented an overview of the Center's services and local resources to the young adult campers at Camp Spectacular.

Strategic Initiatives and Planning

Mitzi Espinola, Director of Academic Advisement and Retention, along with Jessica Gilbert, Dean of Learner Support, Dawn Jones, Director of Career and Transfer Services, and Doug MacDonald, TRIO Academic Specialist, participated in a planning meeting for Tuesday evening coverage in support of adult learners. The group reviewed plans for the Fall and coverage for the Tuesday evening hub (1.3; 1.4; 2.3; 3.1).

Amy Student, Academic Advisor, worked with Suzanne Neary, Director of College & High School Partnerships, to adjust Early College High School students' schedules to meet grant requirements for our high school students in a degree path. Amy also adjusted the students' schedules to reflect all changes (1.3; 2.1; 2.4; 3.1).

ASAP finished Fall 2025 cohort with a total of 144 new students. This fall, 2025, we are proud to say that the SUNY Schenectady County Community College ASAP program has expanded to 255 students (1.4; 2.3).

Student Affairs

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Office continues to see positive momentum in FAFSA application activity. For the 2025–26 academic year, 2,640 FAFSA applications have been received compared to 2,230 at this point last year. This rebound demonstrates the progress made in overcoming the challenges associated with FAFSA Simplification, as staff remain dedicated to keeping students informed of their options and encouraging continued applications.

The second year of the Schenectady Higher Education Promise program remains strong. During the fall semester of the prior year, \$198,585 was disbursed to student accounts, and for the current year \$197,085 has been awarded thus far. As additional students finalize their FAFSA applications and submit their Certificates of Residency, the Financial Aid Office expects the current year total to surpass last year's amount.

This fall also marks the inaugural year of SUNY Reconnect. Ninety-five students have registered in eligible programs, meet the age requirement of 25–55, and do not hold a prior degree. Of this group, sixty-nine students have completed all eligibility requirements, with thirty-eight receiving funding to cover balances not met by other sources of free aid. Staff are actively working with the remaining twenty-six students to finalize outstanding documents to ensure that they are able to secure their funding.

Workforce Development and Community Education

On 8/21/25, Lauren Lankau met with members of the Caring Gene to discuss CHW programming and tuition support for students.

On 8/12/25, Michelle Kraines and Lauren Lankau met with members of Friends of Recovery – New York regarding apprenticeship and other opportunities for collaboration.

DELIVERING A MEANINGFUL STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Academic Affairs

Dr. Christopher Brellochs, Dean of the School of Music and Marianne Senneca, Vice President of Development and External Affairs created a new Music Business lecture series to bring veteran industry leaders to campus. Guest speakers include a record producer, a film and sound producer and an entertainment/music marketing and promotions entrepreneur who is a voting member of the Recording Academy and the Grammys. (2.5)

Steve Fragale, Vice President for Student Affairs, Jacquie Keleher-Hughes, Director of Library Services and Jessica Gilbert, Dean of Learner Support organized a successful New Student Orientation (NSO) on the evening of August 20. This was the first evening orientation session since before COVID. The event welcomed 29 students, along with their supporters, and was designed specifically for evening students and those unable to attend the daytime NSOs. (Gen P2)

On August 11-22, TRIO conducted its annual Kickstart for Fall 2025. This event focused on strengthening success skills like exploring majors & careers and goal setting as well as personalized academic coaching and assistance with course selection, time management, and organizational tools. (Gen P2)

Over the summer, TRIO staff expanded their expertise by focusing on professional development in career services delivery and adult learner engagement. (2.2, 2.3)

This August, LPP staff facilitated a 4-week Middle School Summer Enrichment Program to provide 20 students activities designed to reduce the loss of academic skills and knowledge that can occur when students are away from school during the summer months. (2.4, 2.5)

Development Office

Vice President Marianne Senneca and Senior Stewardship Officer Sarah Boink are serving on Middle States working groups.

The Foundation continues to organize and participate in Panera donation pick-ups each Monday.

Information Technology Services

During the Summer, ITS partnered with ComSource to assess the college's WiFi coverage infrastructure. As part of this project, conflicting WiFi elements were configured to ensure campus-wide coverage and elimination of dead zones.

Strategic Initiatives and Planning

This August the College offered three additional New Student Registration Days (NSRDs), August 5, 7, and 13. NSRDs are special registration days for new students to meet with a college staff member, log into the Portal, complete the "Survey to Success," and meet with their Academic Advisor for their first career/advising/registration session. During the meeting with their Academic Advisor, students review the New Student Checklist to ensure successful completion of student the onboarding process. This program provides a valuable opportunity for students to learn about multiple campus offices, complete their schedules, and learn about the College's wrap around services (2.1; 2.3; 2.5).

Anna Westermann, Academic Advisor II/VA Certifying Official, attended the FYS Working Group meeting to discuss how to improve our FYS course. Other members of the group are Jessica Gilbert, Dean of Learner Support, Matt Farron, Professor, Doug MacDonald, Interim TRIO Director; Tiffany Wilson, EOP Success Coach; and Dr. Tim Konhaus, Dean of Liberal Arts (2.3; 3.1; 3.5).

Lakota Levandowski, ASAP Advisor, held two virtual sessions for new ASAP students to help them learn more about the program and to build their engagement with the College and the ASAP program (Gen. P2).

Mary Silvestri, Director of Admissions and Matriculated Enrollment, collaborated with Stephen Fragale, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, and Jessica Gilbert, Dean of Learner Support, to organize and optimize the New Student Orientation (NSO) communication and registration process. The team made use of best practices in student communications, sending customized Slate communications to students by major and division at key times. In addition, texting was used to reinforce email invitations, highlighting the benefit of NSO attendance, and to increase engagement in the student onboarding process to support enrollment, morale, and retention. 315 unique students attended either the August 18 or August 19 dates (2.1; 3.1; 3.4).

Student Affairs

Student Affairs, partnering with Admissions and Academic Affairs, hosted 3 new student orientations serving 315 new students with an additional 409 guests. Orientations were offered on August 19 and August 20 based on academic degree program. Additionally, a new abbreviated student orientation was also held in the evening to serve evening students and those that couldn't make the daytime event.

Student Activities/Student Government Association (SGA)

Four new officers have been voted in for the 2025-2026 academic year.

SGA Training (August 14, 2025 – Van Curler Room)

The Student Government Association (SGA) held a full-day training focused on leadership, compliance, and operational readiness. Members participated in leadership workshops, Title IX compliance training, and team-building exercises, followed by their first official meeting. Leadership transitions were finalized with the election of a new President and reassignment of Vice President and Treasurer roles. Campus leaders, including Tiombe (CEO to the President) and AVP Steve Fragale, attended to welcome members. The training strengthened relationships, clarified responsibilities, and prepared the SGA for the academic year.

SGA Orientation Engagement (August 19–20, 2025 – New Student Orientation)

SGA members actively supported orientation through tabling, campus tours, and student panel discussions. The panels, featuring current and former SGA leaders, provided incoming students with authentic insights into campus life and leadership. Their involvement fostered connections with new students and families, building enthusiasm for participation in student activities.

Esports Arena Staffing (August 2025)

Five Federal Work Study students were hired and trained to support daily operations of the Esports Arena, reopening September 2, 2025. Responsibilities include facility monitoring, assisting with equipment, troubleshooting, and coordinating recreational and competitive gaming events. Their onboarding ensures consistent operations and a welcoming environment for student engagement.

Welcome Week Support (August 25–28, 2025 – Elston Hall)

Student Activities coordinated a Welcome Week table to support new and returning students. Staffed daily from 8:00 AM–3:00 PM (with evening coverage by Learner Support), the table provided snacks, merchandise, directions, and resource guidance. Faculty and staff volunteers reinforced a strong community presence, ensuring students felt welcomed, supported, and prepared for the semester.

SGA Executive Board Meetings (July 16 & August 12, 2025)

The Executive Board met twice to prepare for the academic year and the August training.

- *July 16, 2025 (Virtual – Microsoft Teams)*: Members discussed training responsibilities, session goals, and logistics.
- *August 12, 2025 (In-Person)*: Members finalized training details and engaged in targeted sessions on leadership oversight, meeting facilitation, and communication strategies.

Outcome: These meetings equipped the Executive Board to effectively lead the SGA, strengthening their leadership capacity and establishing a strong foundation for student governance in 2025–2026.

Overall Outcome

August 2025 was marked by strong leadership development, expanded student engagement, and collaborative efforts across departments. From SGA training and orientation to esports staffing and Welcome Week, the Department of Student Activities successfully supported student leaders and fostered a welcoming campus environment for the new academic year.

Wellness and Student Support Services

For the 2025–26 academic year, a comprehensive program and tabling schedule has been designed to promote student wellness, raise awareness of available resources, and strengthen community engagement. The schedule features participation from a wide range of local and state organizations, including the Schenectady County Opioid Prevention Program, New Choices Recovery Center, SNAP Screenings, Safe, Inc., the Schenectady County Veterans Peer-to-Peer Program, Planned Parenthood, Sexual Assault Advocates, the New York State Office of Mental Health, the American Red Cross, MVP Healthcare, and the Alpha Pregnancy Center. In addition, Therapy Dogs will return for Pet-Assisted Wellness Days, and Cornell Cooperative Extension will offer its Parenting Program. Together, these partners will host tabling events, workshops, and provide informational materials designed to help students access services, make informed health decisions, and connect with support systems.

The schedule also incorporates special presentations on topics such as domestic violence awareness and prevention, healthy relationships, and counseling as a career path. These sessions are intended to provide students with critical knowledge while encouraging meaningful dialogue on issues that directly impact their lives.

In alignment with Pillar 2.3, active participation in Welcome Week 2025 ensured a strong start to the academic year. Staff greeted new and returning students, offered snacks and refreshments, shared information about student services and wellness programming, and began building early connections to encourage student engagement throughout the year.

Collaboration remains a central focus of this work. Under Pillar 2, planning is underway for two major Wellness Fairs—one in the fall and one in the spring—in partnership with the Office of Student Activities. These events will highlight wellness resources, showcase student clubs, and feature campus and community partners, blending health promotion with interactive and educational experiences. Additionally, in collaboration with Sean Mullen, the campus will host Mental Health First Aid

(MHFA) Training. This initiative will equip faculty, staff, and students with the tools to recognize, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges.

Finally, professional development and outreach have been strengthened through personal initiative. During vacation time, visits were made to food pantry programs at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee and SUNY Jamestown Community College. These visits provided valuable opportunities to observe and exchange best practices, evaluate different service models, and establish connections with colleagues at peer institutions. The insights gained will directly inform efforts to enhance food security and basic needs programming on our own campus.

Workforce Development and Community Education

On 8/7/25, Danielle Sloan and Lauren Lankau led the USDOL SCC2 CBO2 Apprenticeship Workgroup to discuss current grant deliverables, changes in pre-apprenticeship guidelines and project updates.

On 8/21/24, Tricia Terleckey and Lauren Lankau attended celebrations for DSP micro credential completion at Wildwood Inc and Living Resources.

On 8/12/25, Michelle Kraines met with and enrolled nine new Police Officer recruits as NYS DOL apprentices. Once the NYS DOL paperwork is completed, they will be enrolled in coursework for Fall/Spring 2025.

BUILDING ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Academic Affairs

Suzanne Neary, Director of College and High School Partnerships and Kayla Pallas, College and High School Programs Project Director are meeting with the Director of Academic and Student Affairs at the American Association of Community Colleges to discuss SCCC dual enrollment program and its daily operations. (Gen P3)

Suzanne Neary, Director of College and High School Partnerships and Kayla Pallas, College and High School Programs Project Director reviewed academic plans with an Academic Advisor for 93 of the 11th and 12th-grade students enrolled in the ECHS Smart Transfer and Smart Scholars programs for the Fall semester to ensure grant alignment. (Gen P3)

Michael Henderson, Director EOP Program, attended an online webinar on the new EOP Centralized Financial Review process on August 7th. The webinar provided Information on the centralized financial review process for admission into the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) and campus integration. (2.3)

After several months of work, new **online analytics and reporting** are now available for the divisions and schools. Deans can generate detailed engagement reports about instructors as well as learning. Data includes knowing how many times one accesses a course, posts in the course, takes quizzes, and much more. *This reporting tool was utilized multiple times for supervisors/deans assessing faculty performance.* David Wolf, Director of Instructional Design and Online Learning also used the new reporting system to collect data on student activity in order to identify students at risk for decertification. (Gen P3)

Administration

Replacement of the Skylight in the Cafeteria area continued into September. New steel for the skylight arrived in late August and our contractors started installation of the new glass panes in early September. After the skylight is completed, our contractor will finish construction of the SGA conference room above the Lally-Mohawk Room and start working on the President's Terrace area. In late September, our contractor will replace the windows in the Cafeteria gathering space near the State Street entrance. This project will continue through early October.

Renovations to the Center for Science and Technology (CST) building continued. During late August, our contractors completed one of the restrooms in time to start the Fall semester. Remaining hallway and lobby work continues into September with a projected completion date in October. A new concrete entry way and storefront was completed in early September.

In late August the college received bids for minor renovations to the Kindle Building for relocation of the SCCOC from Center City. Bids were evaluated and information forwarded to SUNY UCAWD at System Administration for their consideration of the cost; which would be supported by a grant. Should SUNY approve the project, work would begin in late September upon relocation of Workforce Development to 13 State Street.

In late August, the Van Curler Room hardwood floor sustained water damage from a faulty restroom valve that resulted in water coming down to the 1st floor. The college is assessing the damage at this time and will propose repairs as soon as possible.

Development Office

The Foundation continues to work to refine the scholarship program to maximize funding available to support the student experience.

As of August 27, 2025, 143 scholarships have been awarded totaling \$323,000

Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Susanna Adams, ADA Coordinator and EITA Officer, and Catia Laird de Polanco, Chief Diversity Officer, developed a Digital Accessibility Hub to support the College's EITA awareness and skill-building efforts. The hub features topic-specific guides, links to relevant College and SUNY policies, state and federal legislation, support resources, self-paced learning options, announcements regarding upcoming virtual and in-person learning opportunities, announcements, and contact information for the digital accessibility support team. The Digital Accessibility Hub launched on Thursday, August 14, 2025 and is available to students and employees through the College Portal. As of August 29, the hub had already supported 242 unique visitors and received 478 visits.

Human Resources

Wednesday Wellbeing messages included:

- 8/6 – the gift of friendship
- 8/13 – Meditation
- 8/20 – Positive self-talk
- 8/27 – Fresh vegetables, summer recipe

The Workplace Wellbeing committee continued celebrating the college's summer hours with the final Fun Friday theme days on 8/1 (Decade Throwback Day) and 8/8 (School Spirit Day).

HR hosted the annual Employee Service awards and Retiree Recognition Celebration on August 22nd, recognizing 37 employees attaining a milestone anniversary, seven recent retirees, three Chancellor's Award recipients, and three employees who were chosen by their colleagues to receive Peer-to-Peer awards. The ceremony was followed by a luncheon in the Lally Mohawk room.

We coordinated with Capital EAP to provide "Reducing Stress with Self Care" as part of the Institute Week program.

HR collaborated with Administration and Finance and provided training to supervisors during Institute Week on Grant Oversight.

HR welcomed 28 new employees, including five student workers, and met with two staff members who transitioned into full-time positions.

The HR Office provided leave counseling for six employees.

We currently have eight searches which consist of four Civil Service, and five Professional positions.

Information Technology Services

The college signed a one-year agreement to implement Microsoft's SaaS-based security solution. This security software includes identity validation, MFA integration, real-time monitoring, automated remediation, and ongoing Secure Score reporting.

IT is working with LogicalNet to optimize license counts to ensure the College is charged only for necessary accounts.

IT implemented an updated Multifactor Authentication (MFA) policy to strengthen account security across campus systems. This updated policy addresses off-campus log-ins; risky users and high-risk sign ins. As this new policy is implemented, IT is monitoring and adjusting MFA frequency and process to balance security with usability.

The college and our contractor completed fiber splicing and installed new equipment supporting the college's 10 Gbps, internet service connections that permit dual-provider redundancy and load balancing. The next step in this project is configuration of the BGP routing for seamless failover and resiliency.

ITS is preparing for the Windows 10 to Windows 11 transition. Windows 10 support ends in October 2025 but there are options to continue support for a nominal cost per machine. The college determined 350 computers cannot move to Windows 11. To prepare for this, the college is upgrading all Windows 10 machines to version 22H2; which is the only Windows 10 version supported. These upgrades are being done both manually and remotely depending on the computer's capabilities. A phased hardware replacement program is in planning for the next two fiscal years.

During the Summer, ITS procured and deployed Adobe Acrobat Pro to all faculty and staff. This version of Adobe has the latest ADA/Title II compliance checker. Twenty-seven Creative Cloud All Apps licenses for students and two for faculty were deployed for Fall 2025 Art classes. ITS is working with Academic Affairs to promote student access to our Adobe Acrobat Pro licenses.

IT is replacing the college's Banner system Domain Sync process with an Ellucian User Provisioning cloud-based solution. The new configuration will troubleshoot configuration issues, remove accounts inactive for 545+ days and automate onboarding/offboarding processes, reduce manual input errors and improve compliance.

IT partnered with Safety and Security on installation and implementation of the OnGuard/LINSTAR door security and swipe card system. This involved upgrading the college's automated door access security system and card swipe software. This project enabled exterior door swipe pads to permit access to the campus buildings for faculty, staff and students via their college ID cards. It also has features to permit immediate lockdown of all college entry/exit points in the event of an emergency situation. Implementation of this new system occurred in late August with the start of the Fall semester. To date, it is working well and has been positively received by the college community.

Marketing and Public Relations

Throughout August, the Marketing and Public Relations office actively supported preparation for the return to campus for the Fall semester. The team worked with Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, the President's Office, the Welcome Center, ACCT Center, Academic Deans, and Workforce Development to obtain and complete all the necessary updates to the Student Handbook, College Catalog, Casola Menu,

Institute Week materials, and New Student Orientation materials, as well as manage the rounds of reviews and proofing, the printing, and respective updates to the college website for each project.

Marketing worked with Human Resources, the President's Office, and Campus Events to support the Employee Service Awards program by building the employee new hire and promotions presentation, designing and printing the service awards program, writing speaker scripts, and performing photography of all of the awardees during the ceremony and of individuals/groups for follow-up articles and social media. Heather Meaney authored the web stories and social media posts celebrating the recognition of the employees and retirees earning distinction in the ceremony, held on August 22.

Marketing and Public Relations continues to pitch stories and manage media requests to promote the new Enhanced AT-CTI program and build brand awareness. In August, this included pitches and interviews with *The New York Times*, *Spectrum News*, *AOPA*, and *WorkersCompensation.com*. With the first cohort of Enhanced AT-CTI students arriving on campus for the Fall semester, Marketing and Public Relations has been working with Dr. Mark Meachem and Professor Barb Jones to identify new students that have come from out-of-state to enroll in the new program at SUNY Schenectady to feature them in news stories that further endorses the program.

Strategic Initiatives and Planning

Mary Silvestri, Director of Admissions and Matriculated Enrollment, and Yvonne Goldman, Academic Advisor presented on *ATD and Data* at Institute Week. The presentation shared findings from the Faculty Data Survey and actionable strategies that instructors can implement early in the semester to support student success. Additionally, Mary and Yvonne shared practical guidance on using Brightspace and Starfish analytics effectively, provided a demonstration of how the data dashboard can be used to inform and enhance instructional practices, and a review of the ATD Data Committee's plans for the year (3.1; 3.3; 3.5)

Dale Miller, Director of Institutional Research, submitted a SUNY Systems report, two New York Department of Education reports, and registered the college for IPEDS for the new academic year. Mr. Miller also provided data for the following projects: enrollment data to Administration for budgeting, enrollment data to Admissions, enrollment data to EOP, enrollment data to the VPAA, and Middle States data to the Middle States committee (3.3).

Lakota Levandowski, ASAP Advisor, completed the new SUNY ASAP Advisor training that provided through SUNY System (3.3).

Mary Silvestri, Director of Admissions and Matriculated Enrollment, worked to help connect SUNY Schenectady with the SUNY System ApplySUNY general application for the Spring 2026 application process. ApplySUNY will allow SUNY Schenectady applicants to have SUNY Schenectady as a college choice when filling out the SUNY general application and beginning this fall it will be accessible through our website (3.5; 3.4).

Student Affairs

The Office of Student Affairs is excited to welcome Omawatie Dwarka IPS II to the front desk in E222. Oma has been with the College since 1995 serving in various capacities in multiple offices.

The ADA Transition Office has officially changed the name to the Disability Resource Office in hopes that the name will assist students in their pursuit of resources to ensure their success.

Workforce Development and Community Education

On 8/13/25, WFDCE met with SCCOC to review programming and grant opportunities for potential students.

On 8/21/25 and 8/26/25, Maria Kotary and Sarah Wilson-Sparrow met with Capital Region BOCES to discuss SUNY Schenectady's sponsorship of a BOCES EMT program for the 26-27 academic year.

On 8/11/25, Maria Kotary met with Rebecca Paalova of the SEAT Center to discuss Youth Build GED programming for the Fall 25 semester. Maria Kotary is currently enrolling students into the Fall 25 GED program.

ENSURING FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Academic Affairs

The SUNY Schenectady Food Truck had a full schedule this summer. Giovanni Lontoc, Mobile Food Service Adjunct concluded his 4th consecutive year of bringing the Food Truck to the Lunchtime Vending Program at the Empire State Plaza in Albany and his 2nd year of the On-Campus Food “Pop-ups”.

The TRIO grant at SUNY Schenectady has secured a new five-year U.S. Department of Education grant totaling \$348,515 annually, guaranteeing continuity of services for eligible students and received final approval for its 2025-2026 budget. (4.3, 4.5)

Suzanne Neary, Director of College and High School Partnerships Project Director conducted outreach to all active CHS partners including 5 in-person and virtual school visits. She also reached out to past CHS partners for re-engagement. (Gen P4)

Dr. Christopher Brellocks, Dean of the School of Music worked with the community partners, “A Place for Jazz” and “Friends of Chamber Music” to host concerts and masterclasses at no cost to the college. (Gen P4)

Administration

The college’s 2025-26 Operating Budget was forwarded to SUNY for consideration by the SUNY Board of Trustees at their September meeting. The college’s new fiscal year started on September 1, 2025. Finance rolled over the accounting system to start the new fiscal year without any concerns or problems.

Development Office

The Foundation continuously builds and draws upon the strength of the Foundation Board members as advocates for the College:

- Claudia Brown has agreed to join the Foundation Board, pending Trustee approval.

The Foundation is working to increase fundraising effectiveness to grow 5% annually by engaging alumni, businesses, and the community:

- The *NYS Charitable Tax Incentive* is live and is projected to raise \$100,000.
- August is Make A Will Month mailing was sent to 120 Keystone Society prospects.

Engaging our alumni:

- The Foundation is planning an alumni reunion on campus on **October 10, 2025 from 9-12pm**. Please attend if you are able.
- 600 invitations have been mailed and has been included in the Alumni Newsletter
- Alumni News sent to 7,800 emails with a 10.2% open rate
- Community News sent to 8,700 constituents with a 31.6% open rate
- Make A Will Month sent to 9,000 recipients with a 23.6% open rate
- LinkedIn gained 89 new followers with 190-page views and 91 unique visitors

Engaging our corporate and community supporters:

- Senior Stewardship Officer volunteered at the Patroon Land Farm, part of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York alongside fellow Leadership Capital Region Leadership Alumni

Notable Commitments:

- \$6,000 from Sylvia Raushi, widow of Thad, former faculty.
- \$2,500 from KeyBank for the Community Scholarship
- ~\$25,000 pledge from an anonymous donor for the EV Van

Workforce Development and Community Education

On 8/8/25, Lauren Lankau met with Software Developer employers to discuss SUNY Workforce Grant funds.

On 8/20/25, Michelle Kraines and Lauren Lankau met with the Council for Children and Families to discuss apprenticeship enrollment for Spring 2026.

On 8/20/25, Lauren Lankau, Sarah Wilson-Sparrow and Professor Jay Larkin met with members of the Brewing Industry to discuss apprenticeship and training opportunities.

On 8/20/25, Maria Kotary met with Kelly Bernhard from Ed2go to discuss potential new programming partnerships.

PRESIDENT'S OUTREACH

Congratulations to the Recipients of the 2024-2025 SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence



President Dr. Steady Moono with Board Chair Ann Fleming Brown and Chuck Barber, Information Services Security Officer, at the Employee Recognition Ceremony and Awards on August 22, 2025. Chuck is the 2024-2025 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service.



President Dr. Steady Moono with Board Chair Ann Fleming Brown and Amiee Warfield, Controller, at the Employee Recognition Ceremony and Awards on August 22, 2025. Amiee is the 2024-2025 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

Not pictured: Dr. Laurie Lacey, Professor in the Division of Mathematics, Science, Technology and Health, as the recipient of the 2024-2025 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service