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Founded 1950

An institution of higher education established by authority of the
State University of New York and sponsored by the County of Orange.

Accredited by Middle States Commission on Higher Education

An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action College

Message from the President



Dear prospective students

I welcome your interest and exploration of SUNY Orange. Having recently completed my first year as the College president, I hope your impressions of SUNY Orange will be as favorable as my early experiences have been.

I'm confident you will find, as have I, that the College community is a warm and welcoming group where everyone is committed to helping students from all walks of life become successful. Many of our faculty are experts in their fields, and they truly create the type of supportive and nurturing environment that sets community colleges apart from other institutions of higher learning. At the same time, they oversee a rigorous curriculum that will challenge you and also prepare you for the next chapter of your academic or professional career.

The College offers a broad framework of student services and we are continually assessing how we can better assist you. Our staff will guide through the maze of financial aid options, help you navigate the admissions process and advise you on how to register for your first semester. And once you are enrolled, we gladly provide programming through our Wellness Center, Career and Internship Services, Veterans Services, and Advising Center to support your progress toward graduation.

Student life at the College is more robust and lively than you may imagine. It has been proven that students who are engaged in the activities of their college perform better in class and develop leadership skills that extend beyond their college life. We have a diverse group of student clubs and organizations to help you develop friendships and relationships outside of the classroom.

SUNY Orange also benefits from the support of many friends in the community who recognize the College's impact upon the region and assist us in our efforts to make Orange County and the Hudson Valley an even greater place to live, work and study.

These are among the many discoveries I've made during my first year at SUNY Orange. The more I learn, the more I realize I made the right decision in joining this community. I trust you will find that SUNY Orange is the right place for you as well.

I look forward to welcoming you to our family.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kristine M. Young
President

■ Vision, Mission, Values & Goals

Vision

Orange County Community College will be an exemplary community college transforming lives through academic excellence, innovation and partnerships.

Mission

We are a community of learners dedicated to providing high-quality and accessible educational and enrichment opportunities that foster lifelong learning.

Values

To fulfill the mission and vision of the College, we are committed to:

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Inclusivity
- Inquiry
- Creativity
- Collaboration
- Stewardship

Goals

1. To provide high quality academic courses and programs that prepare a diverse student population to achieve its educational, employment and enrichment goals.
2. To engage learners in an environment that develops their knowledge and skills in critical thinking, information and technology literacy, effective communication and enhances their awareness of civic responsibility and cultural diversity.
3. To establish public and private partnerships and provide programs and services that support and serve our county's educational, economic, civic and cultural needs.
4. To promote student growth and development by providing comprehensive and innovative academic and support services.
5. To offer opportunities to learn with a dedicated and diverse faculty and staff who value excellence in teaching, service to students, creative collaboration and continuous improvement.
6. To build and maintain safe, accessible and sustainable facilities that support the learning environment.
7. To identify, secure and allocate resources that advance the strategic priorities of the College.

■ About SUNY Orange

Orange County Community College has touched the lives of countless numbers of Orange County residents through its credit programs, non-credit programming and cultural events. As the needs of the community grow, the College will continue to play a significant role as the county strives to face the challenges and to profit from the opportunities that await it.

The College has earned its reputation as a pioneer and innovator in meeting the needs of its students and the area it primarily serves. Orange County Community College was the first two-year college in the nation to offer the associate degree nursing program and studies in electron microscopy; and in 1982, the College was the first community college to plan and co-sponsor with local chambers of commerce a business institute.

Accredited by Middle States Commission on Higher Education, academic credits can be earned through full- or part-time study in the day, evening or weekend. The College offers three degrees—the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science and Associate in Applied Science. The College also offers one-year certificates.

Public and private four-year colleges actively seek our graduates for transfer into baccalaureate programs. In cooperation with other educational agencies, the College also presents programs for academically gifted high school seniors as well as business and professional people.

More than 450,000 people have enrolled in a wide range of credit and non-credit classes at the Middletown campus, the Newburgh campus and satellite locations across Orange County.

Consistent with its mission to provide high-quality and accessible educational and enrichment opportunities, the College is noted for its commitment to ensuring student success. With the support of our caring faculty and staff, each of our students has the ability to achieve his or her academic and career goals. Advising, counseling, and career guidance and exploration are available to all students, as well as co-curricular and leadership opportunities that serve to complement the academic experience.

In addition to offering formal instruction to students during the day, evening and weekend, the College engages in a variety of other activities. It sponsors a series of cultural events, lectures and artistic performances for students, staff and faculty, and to which the public is invited.

The Middletown Campus

From its original configuration of two buildings—a mansion and carriage house—in 1950, the SUNY Orange Middletown campus has grown to its present size of 37 acres with 13 buildings. The College's beautiful and picturesque grounds are landscaped with trees and flowers indigenous to the region, while many paths and walks bisect the former estate. The mansion, called Morrison Hall in honor of its donors, now houses administrative and faculty offices. A magnificent example of turn-of-the-century craftsmanship, Morrison Hall contains beautiful wood carving, mosaic work, stenciling, ornate marble fireplaces and a large stained glass window designed by Louis Tiffany. Horton Hall, the former carriage house, now provides additional administrative space for the College.

Expansion over the years has infused the campus with significant additional educational space. Hudson Hall, Harriman Hall and the Bio-Medical Technology Building contain classrooms, lecture halls, laboratories and faculty offices. Orange Hall features a well-equipped theater as well as rehearsal rooms and performance space. The Library, with its capacity to accommodate 700 patrons, contains over 95,000 print and non-print resources, videotapes, computer software and digital collections. It features a large computer lab as well as an "Information Commons" where students have ready access to computers replete with internet connectivity and software programs.

The George F. Shepard Student Center houses the cafeteria, the College bookstore and nearly every student support function at the College. The Edward A. Diana Physical Education Center contains six handball courts, a swimming pool, the Chris Schmid gymnasium (capacity 3,000), human performance lab, three classrooms and an exercise room. Adjacent to the building are soccer and softball fields.

The Gilman Center for International Education contains a lecture room, student study space and an aluminum and glass foyer, along with casework displaying papers and memorabilia from Congressman Ben Gilman's long tenure in Washington, D.C.

The Middletown campus boasts more than 60 general classrooms and lecture halls, along with a wide array of medical, technical and instructional laboratories that utilize the latest in technology. Dedicated laboratory space exists for programs in the health professions, as well as biology, chemistry, physics, telecommunications, architecture, criminal justice, cyber security and visual communications. In addition, computer and tutorial laboratories are easily accessible throughout campus so students can refine their skills with one-on-one instruction from a professor or tutor, or work on class projects and papers.

The Rowley Center for Science & Engineering, which opened in August 2014, offers students and faculty in the STEM-related programs of science, biology, engineering

and architecture the finest technological advances and state-of-the-art laboratory space, all under one roof. The Morrison Lab School at Middletown, as well as the Newburgh Campus Lab School, house the College's child care services and provide a working laboratory for the College's education students.

The Newburgh Campus

The Newburgh campus, located in downtown Newburgh with breathtaking views of the Hudson River, is certified as a branch campus by both the State University of New York and the New York State Education Department. SUNY Orange offers selected academic degree programs entirely in Newburgh, enabling students in those programs to complete all of their degree requirements at the Newburgh site without having to commute to the Middletown campus. The full degree programs available in Newburgh include business management, criminal justice, criminal justice-police, human services, individual studies, liberal arts (humanities and social science) and nursing.

The campus features Kaplan Hall and the Tower Building, both of which offer students contemporary, state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories. Kaplan Hall, an 87,000-square-foot building that opened in Spring 2011, houses classrooms and science laboratories, as well as a two-story library, a one-stop center for all student services, a cybercafé where students can mingle, and office space. A secure underground parking garage is accessible off First Street near Ebenezer Baptist Church. Additionally, a spectacular Great Room with a capacity of approximately 200 people provides a gathering space for campus and community groups alike.

The six-story Tower Building, at the corner of Broadway and Colden Street, features general purpose classrooms, computer labs, art studios, a forensics lab, student government and activity space, a bookstore, a childcare center, a fitness center, and administrative offices.

In addition to its credit courses and programs, the Newburgh campus provides a variety of non-credit courses, certificate programs and personal enrichment classes, as well as a number of grant-funded employment and training initiatives and a program in ESL, all under the direction of the College's Continuing and Professional Education Department (CAPE).

SUNY Orange operates a free daily shuttle service between its Newburgh and Middletown campuses.

Satellite Locations

Credit and non-credit courses are also offered at Monroe-Woodbury, Port Jervis and Warwick Valley high schools, enabling individuals to access a sampling of classes closer to home or work.

About SUNY Orange

Committed to Student Success

Students enter SUNY Orange with a variety of goals, including: seeking an associate's degree, transferring to a four-year institution, acquiring skills and knowledge for employment opportunities, and personal enrichment.

The College demonstrates its commitment to students' success by providing comprehensive services that include individualized assistance in advising, counseling, tutoring and mentoring. Nearly every College service features some form or component aimed at helping students complete a successful stay at SUNY Orange.

In addition, the College continually evaluates and revises its list of academic offerings in order to provide students with the latest curricula, contemporary new degree programs and relevant certificate programs.

Your Right to Know

Federal Student Right-to-Know legislation requires colleges and universities to report the percentage of full-time students who began and completed their program requirements within 150% of the normal time for completion – three years for an associate degree.

Additionally, the federal government requires institutions to track and report the percentage of first-time, full-time students who return to the college for their second year of instruction.

In both measurements, SUNY Orange performs consistently well. Twenty nine percent of the Fall 2010 cohort (the most recent to complete 150% of their time since entering the College) have either graduated or transferred to another institution. While 64 percent of the first-time, full-time students entering SUNY Orange in the Fall of 2012, returned for the Fall 2013 semester.

For more information, or to compare SUNY Orange to other institutions, please visit the National Center for Education Statistics at <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator>.

Tobacco Free College

The SUNY Orange Board of Trustees has adopted a Tobacco Free policy for both campuses of the College. The policy bans the use of tobacco products on the Middletown and Newburgh campuses, except in;

- College-owned and numbered parking lots on the Middletown campus.
- The plaza patio area between the Tower and Maple Buildings on the Newburgh campus.
- The First Street entrance to the campus promenade on the Newburgh campus.

Campus Safety and Security Statistics

In compliance with the Campus Safety and Security Act of 1998 (Clery Amendment) and New York State Education law

Article 129-A, SUNY Orange maintains crime statistics related to crimes reported to campus security and local law enforcement agencies.

These statistics can be obtained by visiting the U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education website at: <http://www.ope.ed.gov/security/Search.asp>.

This site offers the statistics for colleges across the nation. You may search the web site for SUNY Orange by name or by using our OPE ID. The OPE ID is an identification number used by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE) to identify schools. SUNY Orange's ID is 00287600. For more information or a hard copy of the report, contact the Director of Safety and Security.

State University of New York

Orange County Community College is a two-year unit of the State University of New York.

When founded in 1948, SUNY consisted of 29 state-operated, but unaffiliated, institutions. Since then, SUNY has grown to a point where its impact is felt educationally, culturally and economically throughout the state.

The State University of New York is the largest comprehensive university system in the United States, educating nearly 460,000 students in more than 7,500 degree and certificate programs on 64 college and university campuses, and online through Open SUNY. SUNY students and faculty across the state make significant contributions to research and discovery, resulting in nearly \$1 billion of externally-sponsored activity each year. There are 3 million SUNY alumni worldwide.

Two-year colleges are the largest branch of higher education, currently enrolling a majority of all first-time college students.

The 30 two-year community colleges operating under the SUNY program play a unique role in the expansion of educational opportunity by:

- providing local industry with trained technicians in a wide variety of occupational curriculums
- providing transfer options for students who wish to go on and earn advanced degrees, and
- providing the community with yet another source for technical and professional upgrading as well as personal enrichment.

SUNY is governed by a board of trustees, appointed by the governor, which directly determines the policies to be followed by the 34 state-supported campuses. Community colleges have their own local boards of trustees whose relationship to the SUNY board is defined by law. The state contributes one-third to 40 percent of their operating costs and one-half of their capital costs.

The State University motto is: "*To Learn—To Search—To Serve.*"

■ Hudson Valley Educational Consortium

SUNY Orange is also a founding member of the Hudson Valley Educational Consortium, a four-school alliance designed to create broader access to academic programs and workforce training throughout Orange, Ulster, Sullivan and Rockland counties. The four member colleges develop and offer two-year degrees in such areas as Cyber Security, Fire Protection Technology, and Green Building Maintenance and Management. A wide range of continuing education certification programs are also available. Students are encouraged to take their general education coursework at their “home” colleges. Students participate in Consortium programs to the greatest extent possible from their “home” college via online and interactive television video rooms; however, some courses require students to travel to “lead” colleges.

■ SUNY Orange

Founded in 1950 as the first county-sponsored community college in the SUNY system, Orange County Community College is fully accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. The College offers or provides access to a total of 40 accredited academic programs that are designed for transfer and career preparation.

MIDDLETOWN CAMPUS

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NEWBURGH CAMPUS

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Newburgh, New York 12550
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Orange County Community College reserves the right to make any changes, delete any courses or to effect any changes in the curriculum without notice. This right extends to administration, policies, tuition and fees and any other phase of school activity. Each student is expected to have a knowledge of the information printed in this catalog.

Updates to the College Catalog will be posted to the College website: www.sunyorange.edu.

Orange County Community College is a unit of the State University of New York. It is the policy of the University and this College not to discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, sex, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, marital status or domestic violence victim status in admissions, employment, and treatment of students and employees in any educational program or activity administered by any of its units.

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