SUNY Orange’s expansion in Newburgh was driven by a commitment to meet the educational needs of prospective students in the eastern portion of Orange County and other nearby communities.

- When the College’s Newburgh Extension Center opened in 1990, its enrollment was less than 600 students. Today, approximately 1,500 students take courses at the Newburgh campus.
- Construction of Kaplan Hall alone contributed an economic impact of nearly $60 million.
- Nearly 60 percent of the construction expenditures on Kaplan Hall were spent locally, providing an additional $35.7 million boost to the Orange County economy.
- As a partner in the greater Newburgh community, SUNY Orange is also contributing to the revitalization of the City of Newburgh through its expanded and highly accessible programming for credit and non-credit students, as well as its social and cultural events.

The College’s economic impact will continue to rise as more graduates remain in the County, earn higher incomes and further contribute to their communities.

About SUNY Orange

Since its earliest days in 1950, SUNY Orange has always maintained strong ties to the local community and the College’s contributions remain far-reaching. The College is recognized as a “change agent” because it delivers a rigorous academic program that prepares students and graduates to be successful.

However, the impact of SUNY Orange reaches far beyond its renowned academic program. The College is a substantial contributor to the economic, social and cultural well-being of Orange County and the greater Hudson Valley.

At the conclusion of its 2010-11 fiscal year, SUNY Orange commissioned an economic impact study to gauge its contributions to the community. Following are a few of the major highlights:

- The economic impact of the College on the local economy was approximately $301.5 million.
- The direct expenditures of the College (nearly 143.6 million) generated an additional $157.9 million in indirect and induced spending.
- A total of 768 students graduated from SUNY Orange in 2010-11. Those graduates alone were estimated to have generated $8.93 million in taxable income and direct expenditures.

Your support of SUNY Orange allows the College to continue offering quality academic programming that positively impacts our students and our community.

The SUNY Orange Foundation is extremely proud of the accomplishments of the College, its graduates and its former students. Our hope is that the information in this brochure will further shape your understanding of the College’s positive impact upon the overall vitality of the community.

It is also our hope that you will use this information to advocate on behalf of the College as you live, work and conduct business in the region. We realize that the community has helped shape SUNY Orange, and we remain confident that we are doing our part to shape the future of our community.

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Studies have demonstrated that there are many societal benefits to advanced educational achievement beyond high school. A SUNY Orange education helps prepare students for the economic and social challenges they might encounter in the future.

- The further students progress in their postsecondary education, the more likely they are to become active contributors to their community through civic participation and volunteerism.
- There is a noticeable reduction in crime rates, drug abuse and dependence on public assistance within groups as educational attainment rises.

The likelihood of a student enrolling in postsecondary education has been shown to rise as the level of parental education increases. Students whose parents have no college experience are much less likely to go to college.

Through thoughtful and efficient budgeting and spending practices, SUNY Orange is able to positively leverage taxpayer dollars.

- Each dollar invested in SUNY Orange by taxpayers at the local and state level generated an estimated return of $2.90.

SUNY Orange’s campuses in both Middletown and Newburgh create opportunities for economic and employment growth.

- SUNY Orange’s 1,364 employees created 504 additional jobs within Orange County.
- Construction of Kaplan Hall in Newburgh created 100 new jobs, while another 83 indirect jobs were needed as a result of the project.

Educational attainment increases earning potential. It also enhances the quality of life, social well-being and economic vitality of a community. An educated populace will more actively participate in local government and make informed decisions that can positively affect the community. Furthermore, partnerships developed between SUNY Orange and the community—in business, the arts, after-school programs and education, to name only a few—fuel the economic development of the County and provide the impetus for future development throughout the region.