Welcome

Learning Alive
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On the Cover
For students from the College’s Center for Youth Development in Newburgh, the future of education begins today.

I’d like to welcome you to the second edition of Learning Alive.

I am convinced that the leader of any organization, whether it is the CEO of a Fortune 500 company or the president of a community college, must be an efficient shepherd of that organization’s resources. I truly believe that, through collaboration, “We can do things better together than we can separately,” and I am extremely proud of how the faculty and staff here at the College have embraced that philosophy, and how that thought has resonated throughout the community as well.

For us at SUNY Orange, collaboration is vital to maintaining our status as one of the leading community colleges in the SUNY system.

In this issue of Learning Alive, you will read about how faculty and staff have united to broaden the learning experience and academic rigor for our students. You will discover how we have forged relationships with local high schools, businesses, civic leaders, artists and healthcare providers that have enhanced our educational offerings and made us more attractive to prospective students.

Our faculty and staff have worked tirelessly to hammer out details and make these initiatives a reality. I want to thank each one of them, as well as each of our partners, for leaving no stone unturned in their quest to build a diverse academic program that is relevant and current, and a source of pride for everyone associated with the College.

Sincerely,

Dr. William Richards
President, SUNY Orange

A leader in learning – that’s SUNY Orange! Inside the pages of this second issue of Learning Alive are examples of valuable partnerships being forged that enable the College to continue providing a “second-to-none” learning experience for the residents of Orange County and beyond.

Learn about our vision for expanding students’ understanding of diverse cultures and exposing them to a world beyond their comfort zone, as the Global Initiative is described. Read about our sharpened focus on educational partnerships and a clearer picture emerges of our efforts to join hands with K-12 school districts and university partners to address academic challenges and to create pathways for students. Look further and you will get a glimpse of our new, state-of-the-art telecommunications lab that resulted from a partnership with Frontier Communications.

Think partnerships and one most often thinks external, but many internal partnerships are being formed as well, like the new faculty mentor program, where seasoned and experienced faculty are paired with newcomers to discuss pedagogy. And on and on … there are many special happenings within Academic Affairs.

None of these initiatives or achievements could be realized without the right talent. As stated in the best-selling book, “From Good to Great”...“you have to have the right people on the bus” ... and that we have. We have an exceptional faculty intent on teaching the art of learning. I am extremely proud of all the individuals you will read about in the pages of Learning Alive. Please join us: SUNY Orange is a great place to be!

Sincerely,

Dr. Catherine Chew
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Learning is Alive at SUNY Orange thanks to creative collaboration and innovative partnerships both on campus and within the community.

**Cover Story:**

**Partners in Education**

At SUNY Orange, the term “student” is broader now than perhaps it has ever been, encompassing not just “traditional” college students or high school students, but also middle school children as well as adults who are taking courses for either credit or personal enrichment. To help assure a strong educational future for all residents of Orange County, the College has created the Office of Educational Partnerships to enhance its current community relationships and actively seek new partnerships.

**A Global Initiative**

The College is embarking upon a yearlong celebration and investigation of the culture, history, art, music and politics of Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

**New Frontiers in Telecommunications**

A sparkling new telecommunications laboratory guarantees a bright future for students and citizens who aspire to a career in telecommunications.

**Four-College Consortium is “OURS”**

SUNY Orange is one of four community colleges who have united to improve access to training and education for emergency responders in the Hudson Valley.

**Responding to the Needs of the Healthcare Industry**

When local healthcare leaders told College officials there was a pressing need for trained nuclear medical technologists in the Hudson Valley, SUNY Orange acted swiftly.

**Faculty Mentoring Faculty**

Veteran professors are using their expertise and experience to mentor new faculty on campus.

**Senior Learners Come Alive in the Classroom**

The members of Encore are proving that learning is a lifelong pursuit.

**Faculty Demonstrate Collaborative Powers**

Meet four SUNY Orange professors who are building relationships outside the College.

**Hands-On Learning**

To demonstrate the power of “hands-on” teaching and learning, SUNY Orange students and faculty from across campus created a winter display in Orange Hall Gallery.

**Spreading the Arts**

The expanded visibility, and newfound success, of the College’s arts and communication programs spotlights the talent of SUNY Orange students.