The SUNY Orange Student Senate is advocating **Full Restoration of Base Aid** (33.3% of budget) for SUNY Orange. Any additional budget cuts will devastate the College’s ability to adequately serve and support the students of Orange County Community College. These cuts will cause a significant delay in students’ ability to complete their education and will even force some students to leave college all together.

To:
Affordable
SUNY Orange provides an affordable education at the top community college in the state. The College offers small classroom settings with a strong curriculum which fosters a strong relationship between students and full-time faculty. This one-on-one interaction provides SUNY Orange students with a sense of belonging, a feeling often less prevalent at four-year colleges.

Diverse
SUNY Orange has an ever-growing diverse student body. Diversity enriches the educational experience, challenges stereotypes, and encourages critical thinking resulting in personal growth and a stronger community. The SUNY Orange campuses provide opportunities that would otherwise be unavailable to students of all ethnic backgrounds due to geographic and economic limitations.

Accessible
SUNY Orange provides the opportunity for students to manage multiple priorities. Many students not only carry the same course load as their contemporaries at four-year colleges, but manage jobs and families as well. This, coupled with the many veterans returning from service seeking an education and more students returning to college later in life, SUNY Orange stands ready to offer many flexible degree options.