

Parent's story on a card

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Thank You,

Erick Russel



SUNY Orange
Student Senate
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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.

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