



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.

Cards can be hand written.

To:

— Hi my name is Sarah Lenovo and I have been a student here at OCCC for 3 semesters. I am a single mother
 — of two (due to the loose of my husband 4 years ago), and this is my first time attending college. My whole
 — adult life I've had to live paycheck to paycheck, struggling to provide for my family. Countless times I've
 — been passed over for promotions because I didn't have a college degree. Finally after loosing my husband,
 — our apartment and almost loosing hope I heard a radio commercial for OCCC about their easy application,
 — and possible financial aid. I applied and got in! With financial aid's help, I've been able to work on getting
 — my degree in business. The teachers here have been extremely supportive and encourage me to do my best
 — when faced with life's difficult tasks. I am excelling at my school work and my boss has started
 — appreciating me. My children respect and admire me for my hard work, and I am finally turning our lives
 — around by getting my education. However; working, going to school, and raising 2 kids is challenging
 — enough with out having to worry about my tuition going up each semester. Last semester there was an
 — increase in my tuition by almost \$300! SUNY Orange is giving this community an opportunity to better
 — itself, and they need the funds to do this. I am pleading with you, not just for myself, but for all the students
 — at OCCC, **please restore base aid** because with out the state's financial support the students will be left to
 — bear the burden of the financial responsibility. I know I personally will not be able to finish my degree if
 — tuition continues to increase, so please give us the money we so desperately need. Thank you for your time!