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## From the desk of Mary Ford, Director:

Welcome to the third annual issue of the Office of Educational Partnerships' e-newsletter. Our goal is to keep our colleagues and educational partners abreast of OEP programs and news.

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## SUNY Orange Establishes Articulation Agreement with St. John's

On February 17, 2011, administrators and faculty from St. John's University in Queens, N.Y., visited SUNY Orange's Middletown campus for a signing ceremony

for an articulation agreement between the two institutions. The agreement links SUNY Orange's Cyber Security, Networking, Web Development and Computer Science degrees with St. John's University's Bachelor of Science degrees in Computer Security Systems, Networking and Telecommunications and Computer Science. Among the attendees at the event from SUNY Orange were President William Richards; Vice President for Academic Affairs Richard Heppner; Associate Vice President for Business, Math, Science & Technology Stacey Moegenburg; Applied Technologies Department Chairperson Fern Steane; Honors Program Coordinator Elaine Torda; Hudson Valley Educational Consortium Director Katherine Boxer; OEP Director Mary Ford; and Tech Prep Coordinator Polly Giragosian. Also in attendance were Applied Technologies Department faculty members Tom Giorgianni, Yvette Lanausse, Chris Rigby and Ming Wang. Attendees from St. John's University were Dr. Julia A. Upton, RSM, Provost; Dr. Kathleen MacDonald, Dean; Bob Barone, Associate Dean/Director of Planning & Budget; Dr. Ron Fechter, Chairperson, Computer Science and Math Division; and Professors Frank Servas and John Otero.



## OEP Program Highlighted at ACCT Conference

SUNY Orange Associate Vice President for the Newburgh Campus Rosana Reyes-Rosello and OEP Director Mary Ford, together with Dr. Mary Ann Wilson, assistant superintendent for instruction at Orange-Ulster BOCES, led a roundtable discussion at the Association of Community College Trustees Leadership Congress (ACCT) in Toronto, Canada, in October 2010. Their presentation, "Across the Great Divide: Collaborating With Secondary Schools to Reduce the Need for College-Level Remediation," chronicled how SUNY Orange established the Office of Educational Partnerships and how the office has enabled the college to forge relationships between college- and secondary-level educators.

## OEP Extends Early Assessment Project

In the 2010-2011 academic year, OEP continued to work on the College's Early Assessment Project, an initiative launched by former OEP Director Rosana Reyes-Rosello to reduce the number of freshman placing into remedial writing at SUNY Orange. This year high school juniors at both Chester Academy and Newburgh Free Academy took practice writing placement exams, which were evaluated by SUNY Orange English department faculty. OEP Director Mary Ford, Associate Vice President for Liberal Arts Mary Warrenner, Associate Professor Alex Jakubowski and Professor Diane Bliss have met with students, teachers and administrators at the schools to share information about the college's writing assessment and the rubric used to evaluate assessment essays.

## **Community College in the High School Program:**

### **Cornwall High School Joins CCHSP**



Cornwall Central High School offered its first CCHSP course in the Fall 2010 semester. Math teacher Mike Flannery taught two sections of College Algebra (MAT121). Flannery, who is one of only 1,131 nationally certified teachers (National Board for Professional Teaching Standards) in New York State, said that his more advanced classes have always covered college-level subjects, and that this year he was pleased to be able to offer these students an opportunity to receive college credit for their work. Cornwall is one of 14 schools in Orange County to offer CCHSP courses, and a total of 968 students participated in the program in the Fall 2010 semester.

## **Center for Youth Development:**

### **LPP Students Participate in Community Service Projects**

On October 23, 2010, Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP) students participated in Make A Difference Day, a designated day of helping others, by preparing, cooking, serving and delivering hot lunches to seniors residing in Burton Towers, Cerone Place, and Belvedere Housing in Newburgh. LPP students also participated in a number of other community service events this year including Family Reading Day at the Newburgh Free Library, Habitat for Humanity Walk for Housing in Newburgh, and Martin Luther King Celebrate the Dream Day at Newburgh Free Academy.



### **LPP Students Visit Colleges on Spring Break Trip**



Thirty-seven students from two Orange County high schools – Newburgh Free Academy and Middletown High School – participated in Liberty Partnerships Program’s Spring Break College Tour this year. Among the colleges they visited on the five-day trip were Morgan State University in Baltimore, Md.; Delaware State University and Wesley College, both in Dover, Del.; Hampton University in Hampton, Va.; and Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa. The students also visited Baltimore Harbor; Colonial Williamsburg in Williamsburg, Va.; and Independence Hall Visitors Center in Philadelphia. LPP Coordinator Kareem Donaldson noted that the Spring Break College Trip enables students to meet with students and staffers at a variety of different types of colleges. “It’s very eye-opening for high school students,” said Donaldson.

## **Career Pathways in Tech Prep Program:**

### **Study Sessions Funded by Perkins Grant**

An expansion of SUNY Orange’s Study Sessions Program was funded by OEP’s Career Pathways in Tech Prep Perkins Title II Grant for the Spring 2011 semester. Study Sessions were offered for two sections of General Psychology (PSY101) taught by Professor Patricia Guallini and two sections of Introduction to Business (BUS103) taught by Professor Elizabeth White. The study sessions were led by tutor Gary Ciuffetelli.



### **Sullivan BOCES Students Visit Middletown Campus**



Forty-four students from Sullivan County BOCES’ Diversified Health Occupations Program visited SUNY Orange’s Middletown Campus on April 8. The students toured the Occupational Therapy Assistant Department, the Nursing Department, and the Dental Hygiene Department and met with department chairpersons Flo Hannes, Pat Slesinski and Roberta Smith. Assistant Director of Admissions Roberto Figueroa talked to the students about the admissions process and about the entrance requirements for the college’s health professions programs. Sullivan County BOCES partners with SUNY Orange in the Hudson Valley Perkins Title II Consortium.