



**Farmingdale
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The SUNY Retirees Service Corps and Farmingdale State College Proudly Present

The Fifth Biennial SUNY Retirees Conference:

***Stronger Together: Building Bridges
among SUNY Retirees, Campuses and
Communities***



Friday, October 13th, 2017
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Farmingdale State College
Farmingdale, New York

Conference Details

About the Conference

Stronger Together is the theme for the fifth biennial SUNY Retirees Conference, co-sponsored by [Farmingdale State College \(FSC\)](#) and the [SUNY Retirees Service Corp \(RSC\)](#). A variety of notable speakers will address diverse topics, including: a workshop on **Elder Law** (covering topics such as long-term care and estate planning); breakout sessions on **Medicare, Social Security, Social Media and Information Security** as well as **Lifelong Learning Options**; a **panel discussion on Campus Retiree Organizations and Campus-Sponsored Retiree Programs** about **creating and maintaining a positive public presence on campus and in the community**; and creating new connections by **networking** with presenters, panelists, as well as representatives of campus retiree programs and organizations who are attending the conference.

When

Friday, October 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Registration from 8:15 to 9:00 a.m.

Where

Farmingdale State College, Campus Center Ballroom, Farmingdale, NY.

Who should attend?

SUNY retirees; individuals overseeing the existing SUNY campus retiree programs and organizations; and anyone interested in starting a retiree organization or program at their campus.

Registration and Lodging

The conference registration fee is **\$25.00** per person and is payable via **credit card** or **check**. A printable registration form is provided with this program brochure. To register **online**, go to <http://www.suny.edu/retirees/conferences/> and click the **"Register Online Now"** link, complete the form and click **"Submit"** or go to <https://fs9.formsite.com/zetadonut/form103/index.html>. If paying the registration fee by **paper check**, mail it along with a completed copy of the registration form to the address listed on page one of the form. All registrations and payments must be received by **Friday, September 29, 2017**.

For additional information on the conference and/or on local hotels, contact **Pierre Radimak**, SUNY Retirees Service Corps Coordinator, at (518) 320-1354 or retirees@suny.edu.

Conference Program

8:15 - 9:00 a.m. – Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 9:15 a.m. – Welcoming Remarks

Curtis L. Lloyd, M.B.A., Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, SUNY System Administration

Dr. John S. Nader, President, Farmingdale State College

9:15 – 10:45 a.m. – Elder Law: The Essentials

Facilitators:

Alexander T. Short, JD, Professor of Business Management (Emeritus), Farmingdale State College; Member, 2017 SUNY Retirees Conference Planning Committee

Peter Herron, Professor of Mathematics (Emeritus), Suffolk County Community College; Member, 2017 SUNY Retirees Conference Planning Committee

Presenters:

Mark R. Guarriello, Esquire, Mark R. Guarriello PLLC

Nancy Burner, Esquire, Burner Law Group, P.C.

Note: There will be a Q & A session after Nancy Burner has spoken.

10:45 - 10:55 a.m. – Break/Optional Networking Opportunity

10:55 - 11:45 a.m. – Creating a Positive Public Presence: Panel Discussion on Campus Retiree Organizations and Retiree Programs

Facilitator: **Julie Petti**, Director, University-wide Human Resources, SUNY System Administration

Panelists:

Peter Herron, Membership Committee Chair, Retirees Association of Suffolk Community College

Robert Kerber, Chair, Stony Brook Emeritus Faculty Association; Member, 2017 SUNY Retirees Conference Planning Committee

Pierre Radimak, Coordinator, SUNY Retirees Service Corps (RSC)

Note: There will be a Q & A session after the last panelist has spoken.

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. – Buffet Luncheon and Informal Networking

1:00 - 1:50 p.m. – Breakout Session #1 – Choose one of the following concurrent sessions (or N/A) when you register:

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1A) Medicare: Things Retirees Should Know

Facilitator: **Frances (Fran) Hilliard**, Professor of Nursing (Emerita), Nassau Community College; Member, 2017 SUNY Retirees Conference Planning Committee

Presenter: **Emily Whicheloe**, Education Coordinator, Medicare Rights Center (New York City Office)

OR

1B) Tips and Tricks for Retirees to Safely Navigate and Make the Most of Social Media and the Internet

Facilitator: **Julie Petti**, Director, University-wide Human Resources, SUNY System Administration

Presenter: **Danielle Collins**, Assistant Director of Communications, SUNY Old Westbury

1:50 - 2:00 p.m. – Break/Room Switch (where applicable)

2:00 - 2:50 p.m. – Breakout Session #2 – Choose one of the following concurrent sessions (or N/A) when you register:

2A) Social Security: Widows, Widowers & Other Survivors

Facilitator: **Daniel S. Marrone**, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor of Business Management (Emeritus), Farmingdale State College

Presenter: **Nilsa Henriquez**, Public Affairs Specialist (New York Area II), Social Security Administration

OR

2B) Lifelong Learning Options for SUNY Retirees and NYS Residents over 50

Facilitator: **Robert Kerber**, Chair, Stony Brook Emeritus Faculty Association

Presenter: **Wayne Holo**, Director, and **Member Volunteers**, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Stony Brook University

2:50 - 3:00 p.m. – Conference Wrap-up (delivered simultaneously in each breakout session room)

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Optional Guided Tour, Networking Opportunity, or Early Departure (Choose one)

1) Tour of the [Farmingdale Dept. of Urban Horticulture & Design Teaching Gardens/Greenhouse](#)

2) Visit campus/organization & presenter/panelist display tables & network with other retirees or campus staff

3) Early departure

4:00 p.m. (approximate) – Conference Ends

[Conference Questions?:](#) contact **Pierre Radimak at (518) 320-1354 or retirees@suny.edu. We hope to see you there!**

Session Overview

Stronger Together will feature a session on **Elder Law** presented by two of the top New York Metro Area attorneys in the field that touches on legal issues retirees should know about but may not be well-versed in such as estate planning, revocable vs. irrevocable trusts, living wills, health care proxies, Medicaid rules and long-term care eligibility. • The **Panel Discussion on Campus Retiree Organizations and Campus-Sponsored Retiree Programs** will examine how such entities can make a difference in the lives of SUNY retirees as well as the campus and general community. • The **afternoon breakout sessions** offer your choice of experts on things you should know about **Medicare** or helpful advice about **protecting your identity online** and **maximizing your social media experience** on platforms like Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. You can also hear from a **Social Security Administration** specialist or discover **Lifelong Learning Options for SUNY Retirees** like the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Stony Brook University, one of the best programs of its type.

Conference Sponsoring and Supporting Organizations

The SUNY Retirees Service Corps thanks the following organizations for their generous support:

Farmingdale State College (**Event Cosponsor**) (www.farmingdale.edu/)

The State University of New York System Administration (www.suny.edu)

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About the SUNY Retirees Service Corps

The mission of the Retirees Service Corps (RSC), which was formed in 2008, is to promote a strong "retiree-campus-community" connection within and among SUNY campuses; create awareness about the potential value of SUNY retirees; encourage campuses to institute programs to promote social interaction among retirees; and provide opportunities for engagement in university and community service.

The RSC is located at SUNY System Administration in Albany and functions under the umbrella of the University-Wide Human Resources Department. The RSC office is administered by Julie Petti, the Director of University-wide Human Resources, with the assistance of program coordinator Pierre Radimak.

To learn more about the SUNY Retirees Service Corps, visit www.suny.edu/retirees/.

About Farmingdale State College (FSC)

Farmingdale State College plays a critical role not just in teaching its students, but in shaping them. At Farmingdale, students enjoy small, personalized classes that prepare them for a successful career through the use of real-world technologies and critical thinking. Whether it's working alongside award-winning faculty in a research laboratory or experiencing a hands-on internship, Farmingdale is a place where knowledge is a path to achievement and discovery.

As part of the State University of New York, Farmingdale State College has access to numerous resources for students and faculty. It is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and offers many specialized accredited programs in the areas of healthcare and engineering.

Established in 1912 as an institute for agricultural study, Farmingdale quickly developed into a college of applied science and technology. Today, Farmingdale State College is the largest college of technology within the State University of New York system with over 9,200 students enrolled. To learn more about Farmingdale State College, visit www.farmingdale.edu.

About the FSC Department of Urban Horticulture & Design

The [Horticulture Technology Management](#) program leading to the Bachelor of Technology degree prepares well-trained graduates qualified for a wide range of managerial positions in the extensive green industry on Long Island and beyond. Laboratory sessions offer hands-on opportunities in our greenhouses and our beautiful and extensive teaching gardens.

The [Associate in Applied Science degrees](#) in Ornamental Horticulture offered at Farmingdale State prepare men and women to enter the lucrative, exciting, and rewarding field of horticulture.

Courses are available for those who may already be engaged in or those who are seeking to obtain employment in the field of horticulture. Opportunities for a successful career in the various aspects of horticulture are numerous. Each year, industry requests for highly educated horticultural technicians exceed the number of available graduates.

Students may elect to specialize in the [Bachelor of Technology programs](#), the [A.A.S programs](#) or a [Horticulture Certificate](#).



About the FSC Teaching Gardens

The Teaching Gardens at Farmingdale State College are a hidden gem that serve as an outdoor classroom for students in the Department of Ornamental Horticulture. The grounds are also open in season for enjoyment by the greater Long Island community.

The Farmingdale State Ornamental Horticulture teaching gardens consist of over four acres. These gardens were developed beginning in the 1930s by the horticulture students and faculty. Today they continue to be renovated and changed by the students and horticulture faculty under the tutelage of Dr. Richard Iversen.



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