



SUNY

PRESERVING THE STRENGTH AND IMPACT OF THE SUNY COMMUNITY COLLEGES

SUNY's community colleges are integral to New York's educational infrastructure and are foundational to the economic vitality and stability of businesses, communities and families statewide. Yet, their viability is at risk because the current funding formula for SUNY community colleges is based on an outdated presumption that students attend full time, yet nearly half (46%) attend part-time and/or take non-credit courses.

WHAT IS AT STAKE?

- » *Pathway to 21st Century Economy:* SUNY's 30 community colleges are a primary source of education and workforce development. As New York's economy transitions to emerging technology and high-growth industries, strong community colleges are essential.
- » *Social Mobility:* Community colleges are often the primary sector to facilitate social mobility for those who are unable to attend college full-time, providing meaningful up-skilling to the unemployed and underemployed.
- » *Economic Engine:* Community colleges employ thousands, attract private sector partners through workforce development programs, and support local businesses and industries.

THE PROBLEM

The current funding model does not provide the stability needed to meet student and high tech workforce education needs. Last year campuses received nearly \$11.7M less in base support. The ability to continue the community colleges' critical work hinges on stable and predictable State investments to ensure programs remain robust and relevant to meet the ever-changing demands to support innovation across New York.

THE SOLUTION

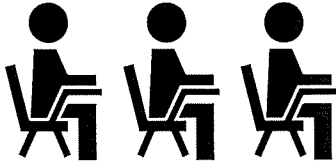
This proposal will enable community colleges to strategically plan for future operations, add new high-skill, high-wage, high-demand programs, and provide services essential to student success. Cost: \$18.9M

- » Establish a predictable base level of State funding: setting a "floor" for each campus, which will provide the colleges—for the first time—an ability to plan for their future costs and programmatic development.
- » Increase the traditional State base of FTE by \$125, from \$2,847 to \$2,972 per student.

Each of the 30 SUNY community college presidents, the New York Community College Trustees, the Faculty Council of Community Colleges, the SUNY Student Assembly, and the SUNY Board of Trustees have endorsed this proposal.

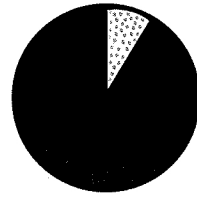


COMMUNITY COLLEGE FAST FACTS



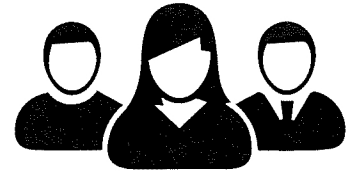
199,873

CREDIT EARNING STUDENTS



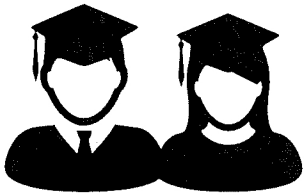
30%

UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITY STUDENTS



24,554

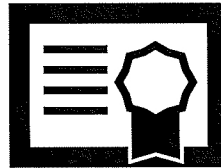
EMPLOYEES



28.7%
3-YEAR GRADUATION RATE

NATIONAL PUBLIC INSTITUTION AVERAGE 24.9%

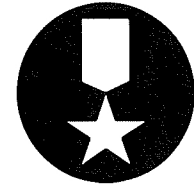
SUNY COMMUNITY COLLEGES 28.7%



319,000

WORKFORCE/COMMUNITY STUDENTS*

*NO STATE SUPPORT



2,818

VETERAN STUDENTS

SUNY COMMUNITY COLLEGES SERVE EVERY REGION OF NEW YORK STATE



In 2018, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reported that “a typical community college engages with more than 100 local employers,” to help meet the needs of the local labor market, and help students find jobs. The engagement “spans every industry sector, with healthcare, manufacturing, and information industries” among the most common.

