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## Expanding Our Mission

SUNY Cobleskill knows the potential that our name represents. It is the potential to influence the two most important forces on the planet that have had and will continue to have the most profound impact on human existence – agriculture and technology. Today, our focus lies on expanding our mission beyond our academic programs and allowing this college to reach a greater potential of serving as the region’s economic anchor.

This college is poised to set the standard as a public, regional educational enterprise that is not only preparing future-ready learners, but is a lead player in creating an innovation ecosystem that will elevate societies and provide industry with needed technology and expertise.

SUNY Cobleskill held this role at its inception over one hundred years ago and is now transforming our current strengths to take that role again. Our foundational features are already in place, including our applied learning teaching ethos, our ever-expanding portfolio of industry-recognized badges, credentials, and certificates, the work of our Institute for Rural Vitality, and our newly minted designation as a USDA-funded Agriculture Innovation Center. It is through these methods that our entire campus has become a future-minded laboratory, assembling teams of multiple players and expertise in addressing the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, population growth, and food system security.

New York State has been hard at work creating economic opportunities through the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) initiative. The REDC has fostered a culture of creativity and innovation in setting the strategic direction to improve talent pipelines, expand apprenticeship opportunities, and address the long-term needs of growing industries (REDC, 16). A key premise of these strategies is access for learners.

As SUNY Cobleskill expands its role as an economic anchor, we also expand access to the fields of agriculture and technology and secure the future of our local industries through education at every life stage. In reflecting on the accomplishments of

the last year as presented in this report, we see this expanded mission begin to flourish in the work that’s being done across our departments and beyond our campus borders.

Marion Terenzio, Ph.D.  
President



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# Our Mission, Vision, & Values

## Mission

SUNY Cobleskill sets the standard for applied education that extends theory into practice. We cultivate our students to positively affect the cultural, economic, natural and technological forces in their lives.

In pursuit of our mission we strive to honor our history, teach by doing, forge pathways for success, think globally and across disciplines, cultivate sustainability, embrace and support our community, and promote personal growth.

## Vision

As the premier educational institution of agriculture and technology, SUNY Cobleskill calls all learners to grow, to sustain and to renew the world and its citizens.

We continue to be guided by our founding vision: "Education is the hope of the world... If our young men and women are to grow quality in their lives they must learn to direct their own thinking, their own wanting, and their own doing." (1921 *College Catalog*)

## Values

SUNY Cobleskill is a campus community characterized by empathy, inclusivity, respect, personal growth, integrity, and a collaborative spirit fostering well-being and sustainable practices. We recognize and celebrate student, faculty and staff achievements. We take pride in our campus and encourage collaboration with our surrounding communities.

"Motivated by an unwavering belief in the value and timeliness of a Cobleskill education, we see the world around us, the challenges and the joys, and know our institution's role in raising generations of inspired life-long learners who seek to understand and shape the world is relevant and needed more than ever. We are the stewards of the global ecosystem, not just in nature, but human nature."

– President Marion A. Terenzio, Ph.D.



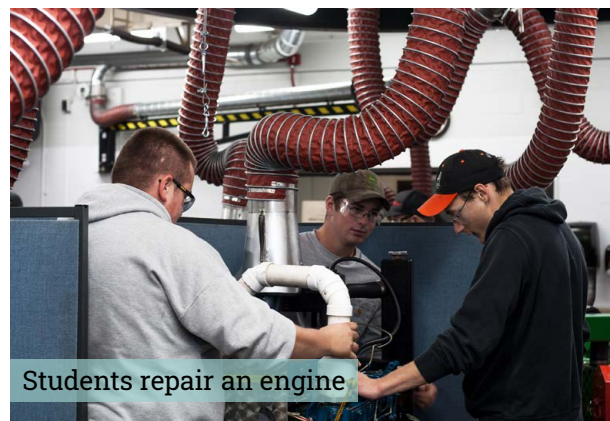
## Program Highlights

### First Two Cohorts of Producers Join the Farm and Food Business Accelerator

The Institute for Rural Vitality and the Center for Agricultural Development & Entrepreneurship welcomed the first two cohorts of entrepreneurs to become members of the Farm and Food Business Accelerator. Through access to strategic support services and professional facilities, the Accelerator has helped develop and launch new, value-added products that support local food systems. Participants are selected based on their potential for growth and impact on the local farm and food sector. Each has been carefully vetted to ensure they will have economic impact in the Mohawk Valley region.

### Agricultural Engineering Develops Workforce Training Program in Power Machinery

The Agricultural Engineering department introduced a workforce training certificate program in power machinery with \$500,000 in grant support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture. In collaboration with large, multi-location agricultural equipment dealerships in New York State, this program delivers industry-recognized credentials and certificates focused on hydraulics, electrical systems, air conditioning, safety, diesel engines, and transmissions, addressing a lack of qualified technicians to service and maintain increasingly complex agricultural power equipment.



Students repair an engine

### Environmental Management and Psychology Programs Team on Research Measuring Attitudes and Behaviors Toward Single-Use Plastics

An interdisciplinary research study between the College's Environmental Management and Psychology programs hopes to be the first step in moving campus café and satellite eatery dining away from single-use plastics and toward wider adoption of reusable silverware use. Through a Strategic Initiative Grant, organizers purchased silverware kits to distribute among students and employees. The project was taken a step further through surveys devised by the Psychology program designed to measure behaviors and attitudes toward single-use plastics and their wider adoption on campus.

### Early Childhood Studies Awarded Grant to Fund Paid Internships for Future Educators

The Early Childhood Studies program was awarded a grant to offer seven paid internships to students working 12-credit (full-time) internships in Summer and Fall 2022. The grant, totaling more than \$44,000, is through SUNY's Early Childhood Paid Internship Program, a new initiative aiming to enhance hands-on experiences for students and help fill a great need in attracting individuals to help support staff at SUNY campus childcare facilities.



Early Childhood Education Intern



Histotechnician student

### Histotechnician Program Signs Affiliation Agreement with Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

A newly established affiliation agreement between the College's Histotechnician Associate's program and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center now gives students the opportunity to complete their clinical training at MSK's Mohs laboratory, surgical pathology laboratory, and cytopathology laboratory. Through this agreement, candidate students learn on-site, working alongside histology technicians, Mohs technicians, Mohs surgeons, and pathologists in the diagnosis and treatment of patients.

### Fisheries, Wildlife, and Environmental Sciences Students Contribute to Empire State Native Pollinator Survey

The New York Natural Heritage Program released its comprehensive Empire State Native Pollinator Survey (ESNPS), in August. The project was a four-year, statewide effort to determine the current distribution and conservation status of a wide array of native

insect pollinators in nonagricultural habitats. SUNY Cobleskill students and faculty contributed to the Saproxylic hoverfly portion of the survey, targeting old-growth forest locations in search of these rare species, primarily in the Adirondacks, the Catskills, and Allegheny mountains.

### SUNY Cobleskill and Transitions Partner to Expand Support Services for Students with Learning Differences

A newly dedicated classroom at the College serves students from Transitions, a premier program focused on building academic skills, life skills and general independence for high school graduates and young adults with autism and other learning differences. Trained staff are on-site daily, teaching and guiding students toward a life of independence through new academic skills, including time management, organization and wellness, and career skills such as learning how to apply to and manage an internship.

### Ecological Restoration Program Awarded Grant to Establish the Cobleskill Creek Riparian Forest Trail

The Laura Jane Musser Fund awarded an Environmental Initiative Grant of \$29,200 to SUNY Cobleskill in support of the Cobleskill Creek Riparian Forest Trail. The College's goals for this project are to protect and restore the riparian forests along Cobleskill Creek to enhance the ecosystem while creating new recreation space for the campus and local communities.



Ecological Restoration Tree Planting



## Cannabis Science Minor Introduced for Fall 2022 Semester

SUNY Cobleskill launched its Cannabis Science minor, available to current students as a 16-credit specialization. The pathway provides students with an in-depth exploration of the cannabis industry from seed to final product, covering the complex process of cannabis production, management and cultivation, breeding, laws and regulations, harvesting, extraction, and more.



Cannabis Science

## Canine Training & Management Agreement with SUNY Empire

SUNY Cobleskill and SUNY Empire State College announced a new partnership to support active-duty military pursuing the Bachelor of Technology (B.T.) in Canine Training and Management at SUNY Cobleskill. Students with a military background graduating with an Associate of Science (A.S.) in General Studies from SUNY Empire can now seamlessly progress to a junior-year status in SUNY Cobleskill's program. Each student's Joint Service Transcript (JST), military training, and additional prior learning will be assessed and transferred. This collaborative partnership allows students to expand on the knowledge and expertise they gained through their military dog-handling experience – and then enroll in the only combined, comprehensive canine training and management program in SUNY.

## Faculty Highlights

### President Marion Terenzio Appointed to NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics

In September 2021, President Terenzio was appointed as a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Committee on Women's Athletics. One of four new members of the 18-member committee, Dr. Terenzio's four-year term extends through August 2025.

The NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics provides leadership and assistance to the association in its efforts to provide equitable opportunities, fair treatment, and respect for all women in all aspects of intercollegiate athletics. The committee seeks to expand and promote opportunities for female student-athletes, administrators, coaches, and officiating personnel. The committee is comprised of representatives from NCAA member schools from each of the NCAA's three divisions.

SUNY Cobleskill became an NCAA member school in 2008 and became a full NCAA Division III institution in 2012. The College entered the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) in July 2020, competing in 13 NAC sports, including Men's and Women's Basketball, Soccer, Cross Country, and Outdoor Track and Field.

### President Terenzio Receives Jay Kappraff Award for Excellence in Science and the Arts from the New Jersey Institute of Technology

President Marion Terenzio last month was awarded the Jay Kappraff Award for Excellence in Science and the Arts, an annual award given by the faculty of the New Jersey Institute of Technology's College of Science and Liberal Arts. The award was created to celebrate individuals who exemplify the daring, courage, experimental spirit, and attention to beauty in work that connects science and the arts, in honor of Jay Kappraff, who has done the same throughout a 44-year career at NJIT.

In accepting the award, Dr. Terenzio delivered a keynote address at NJIT's Annual College of Science and Liberal Arts Awards Ceremony on May 4 in which she

discussed the need for supporting integration of the sciences and arts. She emphasized the importance of higher education institutions creating collaborations with leaders in their degree fields, such as one between SUNY Cobleskill and the Antarctic Artists and Writers Collective (AAWC) in sharing methods of creatively communicating scientific research to general audiences.

"Our name, the SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill, calls for us to contribute to the world. We cannot do our work in agriculture without understanding what humanities bring to the table. Liberal arts and sciences foster critical thinking, creative expression and innovations, and teach students how to be effective communicators and change agents. By operating at the intersection of agriculture and technology, we allow for a contemporary education that calls upon all disciplines to contribute in shaping our future leaders."



President Terenzio and partner, Dr. O'Conner

### President Marion Terenzio Named to State Education Department's Graduation Measures Blue Ribbon Commission

President Marion Terenzio has been selected as a member of the New York State Department of Education's Graduation Measures Blue Ribbon Commission. The 64-member Commission will undertake a thoughtful and inclusive process to explore what a state diploma should signify to

ensure educational excellence and equity for every student in New York State. Commission members represent a diverse cross-section of stakeholders, including educators, administrators, researchers, school counselors, business professionals, parents, and students. Representing higher education, Dr. Terenzio is the only college president named to the Commission.

### Dr. Ben Weikert Appointed to Committee on New York State Climate Impacts Assessment

Dr. Ben Weikert, associate professor of Agriculture and Animal Science at SUNY Cobleskill, has been appointed to serve as part of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA) newly launched New York State Climate Impacts Assessment: Understanding and Preparing for Our Changing Climate. Dr. Weikert will be a member of a diverse group of experts and stakeholders from across the state working to develop a science-based assessment of observed and projected climate impacts on New York's communities, ecosystems, infrastructure, and economy.



Dr. Ben Weikert

### Tomaszkiewicz Named North Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year

Coach Mitch Tomaszkiwicz earned North Atlantic Conference (NAC) Coach of the Year honors following the 2021 cross country season. Through 29 years at the helm of the program at both the NJCAA and NCAA levels of competition, Tomaszkiwicz has guided the Fighting Tigers men's and women's teams to 19 conference championships, 106 invitational wins, three NJCAA Region III Division III Championships and the 2000 NJCAA Division III Women's National



Championship. He has earned Coach-of-the-Year honors for his men's and women's teams in the Mountain Valley Conference, North Eastern Athletic Conference, and now the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) 16 times.

### K9 Reyes Joins University Police Department

The New York State University Police Department at SUNY Cobleskill welcomed K9 Officer Reyes to its ranks in early 2022. The German Shepard completed training and received certification from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in explosives detection, article detection, patrol, and tracking, alongside his partner, Officer Carlianne Ferretti. The name "Reyes" celebrates the tradition within law enforcement of naming K9 officers after fallen heroes. It is a tribute to former University Police Officer Angel Reyes, who passed away in 2017 following a 30-year career in public service, 14 of those years at SUNY Cobleskill.



K9 Reyes

### Student Highlights

#### Harrison VanDeWalle Selected as Agriculture Future of America Ambassador

Harrison VanDeWalle, an Agricultural Business Management major, was selected to serve as an Agriculture Future of America (AFA) Ambassador on our campus. VanDeWalle was chosen for the role through a competitive application and interview process and is now working to build bridges among

his peers that foster engagement and innovation in food, agriculture, and natural resources.

#### Dairy Judging Team Shines at the International Post-Secondary Dairy Cattle Judging Contest

SUNY Cobleskill's Dairy Cattle Judging Team wrapped up a stellar season with a first-place overall finish at the North American International Livestock Expo in Louisville, KY. The team of Erin Curtis (Animal Science), Abby Hatch (Animal Science), Emily Hatch (Dairy Production & Management), and Tesika Kilmer (Agricultural Business Management), coached by Carrie Edsall, won over seven other teams in the 2-Year Collegiate Program division. SUNY Cobleskill has placed in the top five overall at the World Dairy Expo each year since 2015, finishing as the top team three times.



#### SUNY Cobleskill Honors 2022 Excellence in Student Leadership Award Recipients

Each year, the College honors the leadership qualities and accomplishments of standout students through its Excellence in Student Leadership Awards. Twenty-nine students received recognitions this past Spring, including two recipients of the inaugural Perseverance Award, which recognizes students who have experienced paramount challenges in pursuit of their academic goals and success.

#### Honors Students Construct Full Horse Skeleton as Capstone Project

In the Fall 2021, Honors students Marta Suska and Alexandra Delvecchio completed their capstone

project of reconstructing an entire horse skeleton consisting of more than 200 bones. Lovingly named "Smelly Skelly," the skeleton will assist future students studying various disciplines dealing with animal anatomy. Honors students Jennifer Anderson and Mercedes Hernandez contributed to the skeleton restoration through their capstone project in 2019.

### Chancellor's Award Winners

#### Dr. Matthew LaLonde

*Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service*

Over his 18 years of service to SUNY Cobleskill, Dr. LaLonde's passionate and unwavering commitment to the success of both students and colleagues has made him well-known across campus. His abilities and attributes have been invaluable in his work leading full-time professional staff and students in the areas of Residential Life, Student Leadership, Student Conduct, Title IX, Greek Life, Veteran Affairs, Orientation, Commuter Services, and Community Engagement. In addition to his various roles on campus, Dr. LaLonde has led major initiatives, including the development of the Student Veteran Resource Center, a venue for military-affiliated students that provides services to active duty service members, veterans, and dependents.

#### Johanna "Jodi" Northrup

*Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service*

Jodi Northrup has provided exceptional service to the SUNY Cobleskill campus community for nearly 20 years. She began her career as an Office Assistant 1 in the Office of Admissions in 2002. Her outstanding work led to her promotion to Office Assistant 2 in 2006. In Admissions, Jodi was known as a fantastic and knowledgeable colleague who capably trained new staff and was always willing to do what was necessary to serve incoming students and families. She moved to the Center for Career Development in 2015, transitioning seamlessly and rapidly becoming an indispensable member of the CCD team. She earned a promotion to Administrative Assistant 1 in 2017 and continues to serve in this role. Jodi is



Marta Suska and Alexandra Delvecchio



Dr. Matthew LaLonde



Johanna "Jodi" Northrup

a positive, proactive, student-centered professional who makes SUNY Cobleskill a better place to study and work.



**Elizabeth Raimondi-Moore**

*Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching*

Elizabeth Raimondi-Moore is a knowledgeable and dedicated instructor who creates a dynamic classroom environment and challenges and encourages her students to be critical thinkers. Ms. Raimondi gives freely of her time, providing extra assistance and time to support student success. Many students have credited her in helping them focus and succeed, as well as finding a sense of purpose in their academic endeavors. Her accomplishments are directly related to her professionalism, positive disposition, and passion for student learning. Her patients and commitment to her students make her a truly exceptional adjunct faculty.



Elizabeth Raimondi-Moore

**Alexandra Delvecchio**

*Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence*

Delvecchio, an Animal Science major attending pre-veterinary school following graduation, has proven to be an innovative peer leader through her roles as Honors ambassador, campus engagement leader, resident assistant, and president of the Pre-Veterinary Club. She has worked with classmates on research projects, class learning aids, and project planning. Delvecchio has been recognized before for her preeminence, receiving Excellence in Student Leadership Awards in 2021 and 2022. She has also served as Vice President for the College's chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success.



Alexandra Delvecchio

**Anna Post**

*Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence*

Anna Post, an Agricultural Business Management major, has been named to the Dean's List each semester of her three years at SUNY Cobleskill, while balancing a full schedule of extracurricular and athletic pursuits. In recognition of her academic excellence, Anna was awarded an American FFA Degree, the organization's highest degree to those who demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement. She has been awarded by the College for Emerging Student Leadership and Excellence in Student Leadership and has been



Anna Post

invited to join Delta Alpha Phi International Honor Society. Post has also excelled on the field and the court, being named captain of both the women's basketball and women's soccer teams.

**Events**

**Return to Fully In-Person Commencement**

The College celebrated its Class of 2022 in May, officially conferring degrees upon more than five-hundred graduates of the Class of 2022. The ceremony was held in-person, and with family and friends in attendance, for the first time since 2019. Graduates represented more than fifty baccalaureate and associate degree programs. A SUNY Doctorate of Humane Letters was bestowed on Kathleen King, a 1979 graduate of SUNY Cobleskill, and the founder of Tate's Bake Shop, known for its famous cookies and desserts.



**Dairy Processing Center Ribbon Cutting**

The College celebrated its new, \$1.4 million Dairy Processing Center with a ribbon cutting in June 2022. The Center enhances our capacity to offer experiential education opportunities to students and crucial business development services to the region's dairy producers and processors. Inside, you will find fluid milk, cheese, yogurt and ice cream infrastructure, with capabilities for pasteurization, batch processing, homogenization, separation, and packaging.



The Center also provides processing space for the region's dairy producers and a venue for technical assistance and education for New York dairy processors in developing and piloting novel and traditional value-added products, quality control, solid manufacturing practices, regulatory compliance, food safety, and sanitation.

**Carriage House Designated as Taste NY Market**

The Carriage House Café and General Store on campus was repackaged this Spring as a Taste NY Market location, promoting products made by dozens of New York farms and producers, including students at the College. The Carriage House is operated by students, functioning as both a retail space and learning lab, enhancing our ability to provide field training and experiential learning within our Business, Food Science, and Agricultural Management program.





## SUNY Cobleskill Invention to Aid in Calif. Wildfire Cleanup

Researchers at SUNY Cobleskill have developed a new gasifier technology that will be used to help mitigate wildfires in California. The gasifier eats up dead trees and combustible material on the ground and turns it into biofuel. What makes this gasifier unique is it's the first of its kind that's transportable, so it can be deployed in natural disasters anywhere that it's needed.

"We really see the big opportunity here for job creation, especially in the ag-tech space, so we're so excited to be here providing these opportunities," says Sophiana Leto with Caribou Biofuels.



## SUNY Cobleskill Working to Reintroduce American Burying Beetle in NYS

Work is underway at SUNY Cobleskill to save the American burying beetle from going extinct. In 2021, SUNY Cobleskill's Environmental Management Program was awarded \$140,026 through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Recovery Challenge Grant initiative to reintroduce the beetle into New York State.

The large shiny black beetles marked with orange patterns have been roaming the planet since the age of dinosaurs, but in 1989, they were added to the endangered species list.

"I want to point out what I think is really cool about our efforts here at SUNY Cobleskill, the three other reintroduction attempts throughout the U.S. are all

associated with zoos. This is the only project since 1989 that's being done at a university," said Dr. Brandon Quinby.



## \$500,000 Grant to Benefit Upstate Agriculture Workforce Training Program

U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado announced a \$500,000 workforce training grant for the SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill. The funds will help students work in collaboration with large, multi-location agricultural equipment dealerships in New York State to develop and deliver an agricultural power machinery workforce training program.

The training program will offer industry-recognized credentials and certificates in agriculture equipment focused on hydraulics, electrical systems, air conditioning, safety, diesel engines and transmissions. "As SUNY Cobleskill continues to reinforce our role as a public, regional rural serving institution, our initiatives find a solid alignment with the changing dynamics of our agricultural economy and its workforce needs," said SUNY Cobleskill President Dr. Marion Terenzio.



## SUNY Cobleskill: "An Anchor Institution"

"We have a special obligation and a very proud obligation; a responsibility to partner with our community," explained President Marion Terenzio. "It's not about the college providing resources; it's about partnering because this community has a lot to offer this college, and this college knows how to take those resources and give access back to the community."

"The direction of where we're going is clear... everybody here embraces that we are an agricultural and technology institution," Dr. Terenzio explained. "Pivotal in STEM and called upon by SUNY, the college is proud of putting theory into practice. We have realized the importance of what I call Cobleskill as an anchor institution in rural America."



## SUNY Cobleskill, CADE Accelerate Farm Businesses With New Program

SUNY Cobleskill's Institute for Rural Vitality and the Center for Agricultural Development & Entrepreneurship (CADE) announce the launch of their newest collaboration, the Farm and Food Business Accelerator.

The FFBA is designed to deliver comprehensive business development services and support to a cohort of 10 established, promising agribusiness entrepreneurs ready to grow, expand, or transition into value-added production in the Mohawk Valley. The goal is to accelerate their success, enhancing their capacity to impact the region's agricultural economy and New York's food system.

## For Veterans, Help is one Gallop Away at SUNY Cobleskill

Albany native and Army veteran Adam Halloran has a special connection to horses.

"I've always been everybody else's rock. Well, these horses, for once, finally provide me a rock, stability to lean on, a shoulder to lean on," said Adam Halloran, an Army veteran and student in the SUNY Cobleskill Therapeutic Horsemanship program.

For Halloran, the program has given him much more than a passion for horses. He's enrolled in SUNY Cobleskill's Animal Science program, and he has a message for other veterans who may feel as hopeless as he once did.

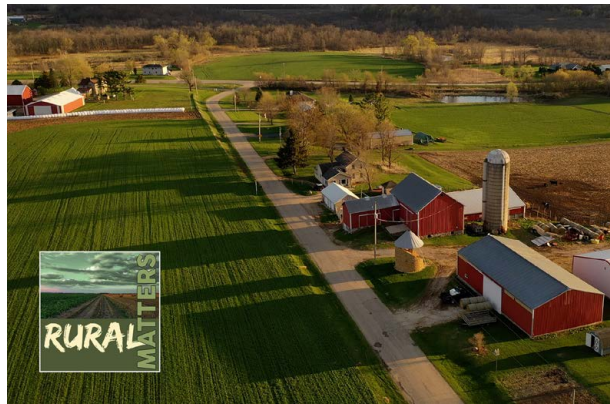




## Designing Postsecondary Alternatives for Rural Learners

President Marion Terenzio made a guest appearance on the Rural Matters Podcast as part of its series Designing Postsecondary Alternatives for Rural Learners. The series explores the decisions that rural learners face in pursuit of their educational goals and how decisions made on an institutional level can balance student, workforce, and societal needs.

Dr. Terenzio says it is essential that institutes of higher education work hand-in-hand with their communities to shape agendas for regional economic development. The Institute for Rural Vitality at SUNY Cobleskill stands as an example of complementing applied learning capabilities with community partnership goals, rooted in a “Thriving College, Thriving Community” mindset.

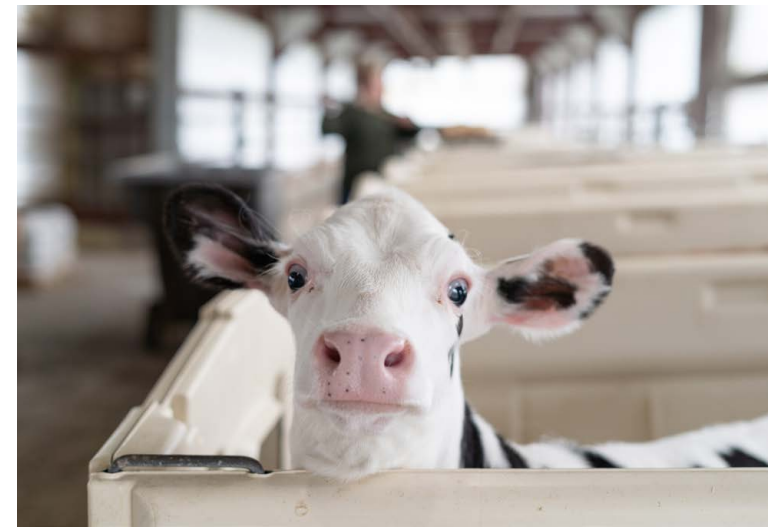


## Rediscovered WWII Portrait Returned to Family

A year-long mystery was solved with some help from SUNY Cobleskill’s Office of Advancement, ultimately culminating in returning a portrait of a World War 2 soldier to his family. The Nixon family acquired the painting from a relative who knew the soldier in the 1930s and 40s but had little to go on in regard to the soldier’s identity other than a name and a photo in a 1937 SUNY Cobleskill yearbook.

With that information, the Nixons delivered the painting to the College and asked for help in identifying living relatives of the soldier in the portrait, George Weitz. Kate Weaver in the Office of Advancement dedicated hours to searching, following leads, contacting historical societies, and

making cold calls. All that searching paid off when Weaver got in touch with Gary Weitz and informed him that the College had a portrait of his father. The painting was returned to the family in May 2022.





# Capital Projects

## Unity Center

The College opened its new Unity Center in the Fall 2022 semester. The Unity Center serves as a welcoming space of self-expression, synergy, and diverse thought. It is a concentration of our greatest values as a campus, a place where everyone belongs, where ideas and points of view are valued, and where, through one other, we find a deeper understanding of ourselves and the world. The Unity Center space also houses the offices for Student Development and Engagement staff.



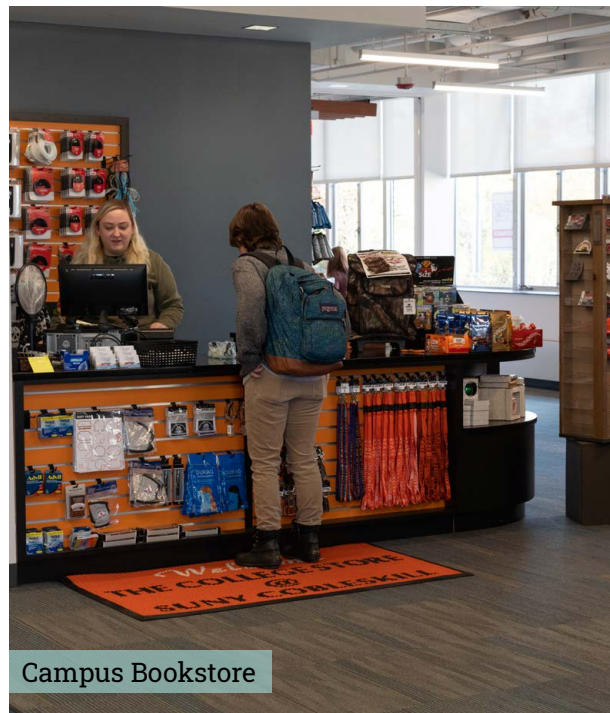
Unity Center



Unity Center

## Bouck Hall

- Renovations to Twisted Whiskers, a campus eatery, were completed in the Fall 2022 semester, along with new restroom facilities.
- The Campus Bookstore was relocated to the upper level of Bouck Hall, adjacent to Twisted Whiskers. The bookstore occupied the space that is now being utilized for the Unity Center.



Campus Bookstore



Twisted Whiskers

## Warner/Holmes Hall

- Renovations were completed within the Computer Classroom 213 to accommodate the Information Technology and Cyber Security Courses.
- Renovations to the Observation Room in the Holmes Hall Child Development Area were completed.



Classroom 213



Holmes Hall Child Development Area



Holmes Hall Observation Room



### Animal Science A

- Upgrades were made to the building grounds including paving, new concrete walkways, and updated fencing.

### Animal Science D

- Upgrades were made to the building grounds that, similar to Animal Science A, included paving, new concrete walkways, and updated fencing.
- Three new modular training units were installed next to the main building, creating additional learning space.



Animal Science A



Animal Science D



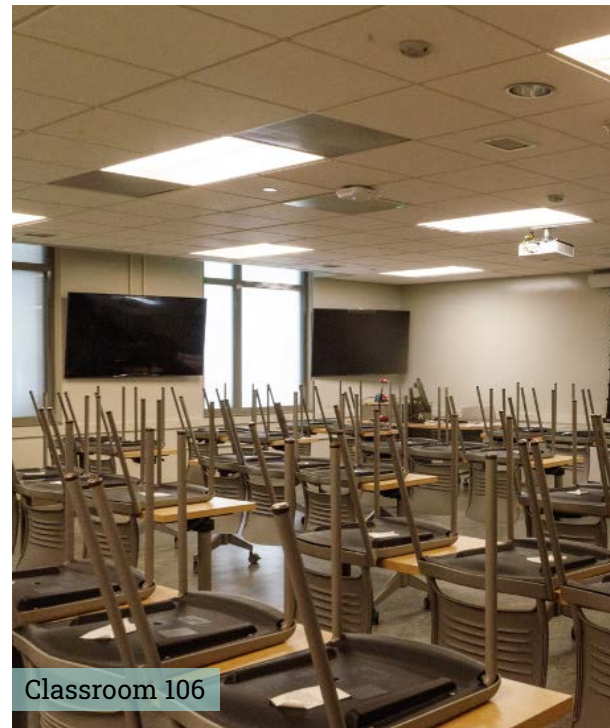
Animal Science D: modular training units

### Wheeler Hall

- Audio-visual and IT upgrades were made to Classroom 106 to enable fully interactive hybrid teaching, combining in-person and virtual learning experiences.



Classroom 106



Classroom 106





# Strategic Plan Highlights

## 1.1 Determining and implementing a contemporary institutional structure for forward-thinking presentation of ourselves to internal and external audiences

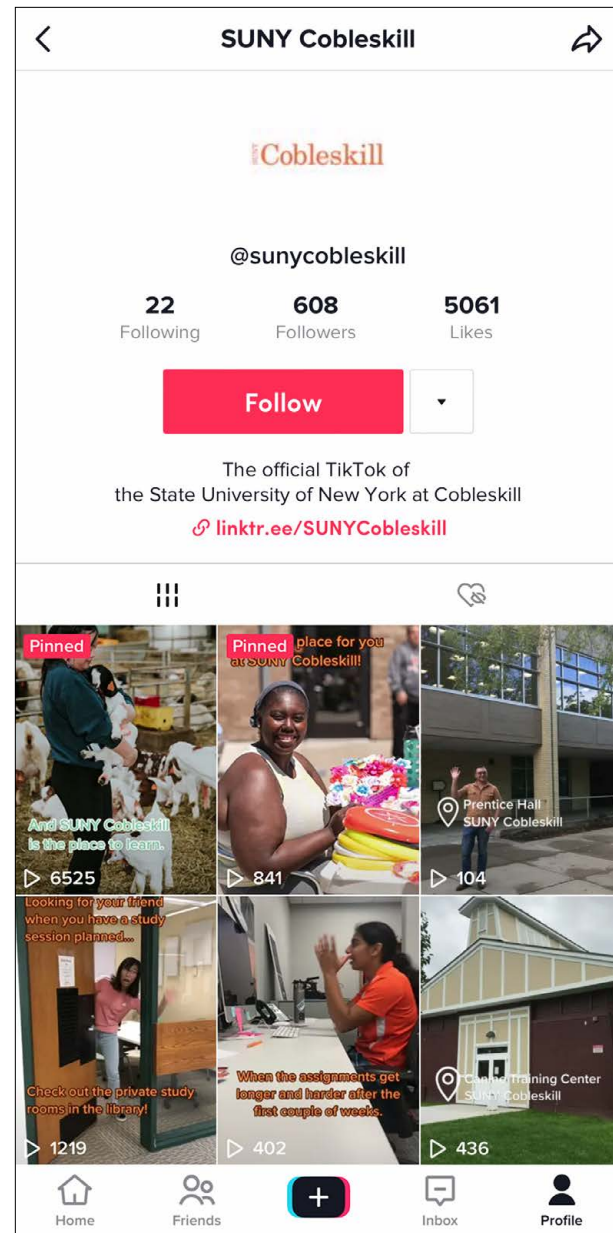
- A new campus definition of General Education was approved in Spring 2022.
- New, campus-wide Institutional Learning Outcomes were approved in Spring 2022.
- Facilities Management began a restructuring effort this year, featuring a newly created Engineering Services Department to improve the operation and maintenance of building mechanical systems and to position our campus to meet the challenges of decarbonization, energy efficiency, and advances in technology, as well as promote healthy indoor spaces.
- The Institute for Rural Vitality at SUNY Cobleskill implemented an organizational structure with the addition of several full-time staff members.
- The Institute for Rural Vitality co-presented with Cynthia Proctor in the Global Dialogue for Microcredentials, representing the Americas along with colleagues from Central America and Canada.
- The Institute for Rural Vitality was spotlighted in the 2021 New York State Innovation Summit video presentation.

## 1.2 Developing an institution-wide branding campaign and narrative which reflects the vision, mission, and values

- Proactive media relations efforts generated an estimated 3,062,000 views of digital news coverage from August 2021 to July 2022.
- Paid digital marketing campaigns saw a combined 62 percent increase in click-through rate.
- The College's website experienced a 20 percent increase in new, organic visitors.
- The College saw a 9.3 percent overall increase in new followers across all social media channels,

including a 20.6 percent increase in Instagram followers and an 18.6 percent increase in YouTube subscribers.

- The Marketing Office introduced a College-branded TikTok channel this year, increasing followers by 488.8 percent since its launch.



SUNY Cobleskill TikTok

## 2. Maximizing learner access, progression, and success

- The Center for Career Development created and implemented Coby Connectors, a program in which first-year students are paired with a campus staff or faculty member during the summer. Scheduled communications were emailed to provide important information and reminders. Students were encouraged to attend Orientation and reach out to their Coby Connector if they had any questions. Webinars were scheduled for students to hear more in-depth details about services from specific areas including Residential Life, Dining, and Wellness.
- In Fall 2021, the Office of Residential Life implemented a new programmatic feature to the educational program model known as "Intentional Conversations." Utilizing student transition theory as the theoretical framework, this initiative requires each RA to conduct an assessment of their respective residents on their floor. Within the first two weeks of college, RA's learn potential strengths and deficits that students may be experiencing and advise students on resources and options based upon that data.
- The Beard Wellness Center successfully instituted a hybrid delivery model allowing the Wellness Center to provide both in-person services and teleservices, increasing student access to care.
- More than 50 new student scholarships were created in FY 2021-2022.
- Student Financial Services maximized outreach and opportunity for our students to elect to use HEERF funds toward their unpaid bills instead of receiving a check. The office delivered numerous communications to students and held many individual one-on-one counseling sessions, resulting in students consenting to use \$350,000 in HEERF grants toward their bills.
- The College offered the first "Financial Aid is Everyone's Business" workshop to help

communicate how the federal PPA (the agreement that allows Cobleskill to participate in federal aid programs) requirements fall on everyone, not just Financial Aid staff.

- 663 microcredential badges awarded between July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.
- SUNY Cobleskill was ranked fourth among all SUNY schools in number of microcredentials offered.



Sample of Microcredentials

- Overall Fall semester enrollment rose 1.4 percent from the previous year, while new student enrollment rose 4.4 percent from the previous year.
- Admissions staff attended 313 off-campus Recruitment Events, generating 2873 inquiries.
- Admissions provided 541 individual on-campus tours to prospective students.
- Admissions hosted three Explore Cobleskill Days attended by 97 prospective students.
- Admissions hosted five Accepted Students Days attended by 391 students.



- Admissions hosted 31 campus bus tours from various high schools and college access programs that visited throughout the 2021-2022 Admissions cycle.
- Admissions hosted six bus trips for prospective students from New York City to visit campus. A total of 192 attendees took part.
- Admissions staff attended eight SUNY Global Center events, reaching 62 total prospective students.
- Four in-person Career Fairs were conducted on campus; three in Fall 2021 and one in Spring 2022.
- A College Information Day in Spring 2022 brought 24 high schools to the campus to learn about our academic offerings and support resources.
- The Office of Advancement engaged with key industry leaders to generate additional resources and opportunities for both the College and its students.
- Advancements were made in preparing for Fall 2023 SUNY General Education Framework requirements.
- The Office of Advancement partnered with the Institute for Rural Vitality to identify and secure new funding to further enhance entrepreneurship resources for students, faculty, and the community.
- The Institute for Rural Vitality and Plant Science Associate Professor Tim Marten are in the process of establishing a New York State apprenticeship for Landscape Technician.
- Information Technology upgraded four classrooms: one new Coby Flex Generation 2 Room, and three upgrades from first generation to Coby Flex Generation 2 Rooms.
- Information Technology created new One. Cobleskill email accounts, enabling cost savings while maintaining connections to retirees and alumni.
- Remote connectivity was enabled for the Everbridge Emergency Notification App, our on-campus emergency information solution for students and employees.
- A Second Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) line was added to the campus network to provide additional lines of communication to the College.



Explore Cobleskill Day Tour

- Information Technology performed enhancements to the College's virtual desktop infrastructure (VDI).
- Athletics announced the addition of a women's lacrosse varsity team to the College's intercollegiate sports offerings.
- The women's golf team was accepted into the Northeastern Women's Golf Conference (NWGC).
- Athletics hired its first full-time head Track and Field coach, Zac Haskin '19, a former Fighting Tigers All-American.

### 3. Creating greater opportunities for diversity, inclusion, and belonging

- The College opened its new Unity Center, a safe, welcoming space committed to increasing access for underrepresented student populations to maximize personal and academic success. This center is located at the heart of campus (Bouck Hall) and houses the new Multicultural Education Program, International Affairs, Greek Life, and LGBTQ+ support.
- The College was awarded a 2022 SUNY CUAD Award for Excellence Judges' Citation for Excellence in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for our celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the form of a video produced by Kyle Fossé, Video Production Lead.  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpMyDvXMAxw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpMyDvXMAxw)
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. UNITY Dinner was presented as a campus service opportunity in which faculty and staff volunteered in our dining hall to serve Dr. King's favorite dishes to our students.
- During February's Black History Month observance, a conference room on campus was transformed into an Inventor's Museum featuring displays and exhibits highlighting important inventions by African Americans throughout history.
- The College hosted the New York State Parks & Recreation Underground Railroad Exhibit, telling its story through a series of displays on campus.

- The campus hosted a virtual performance by motivational speaker and professional MLK performer Stephon Ferguson.
- National Hispanic Heritage Month was celebrated on campus with a series of educational and entertainment programming around Hispanic cultures, including a performance by Alex Torres & His Latin Orchestra.
- The College revived the Latin American Student Organization (LASO) following a period of non-activity.
- As a campus, SUNY Cobleskill celebrated Native American Heritage Month with ongoing events throughout the month of November 2021, including interactive events led by members of local Native American communities. Members of our campus shared their reflections on Native American Heritage Month in this video:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=wi7Z7AGTdyA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wi7Z7AGTdyA)



Onondaga Nation Demonstration



- The College honored Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month with a tabling program on campus, inviting students, faculty, and staff to learn more about the seen and unseen differences among our community members.
- In recognition of Pride Month and in support of our LGBTQIA+ community members, the College installed a permanent Pride Flag on campus.
- In Fall 2021, the Office of Student Leadership launched Engage. This organizational management system provides student organizations access to tools that allow them to recruit students, manage operations (such as budgeting and holding elections), and participate in centralized government. In addition, Engage serves as a campus event management platform that allows the campus to assess student engagement and make adjustments to enhance services.

#### 4.1 Achieving fiscal and operational sustainability

- The SUNY Cobleskill Foundation raised a record-setting \$2.625 million in FY 2021-2022 in support of students, programs, and other critical needs at the College.
- The Institute for Rural Vitality successfully completed the development of the Brewing and Fermentation Lab in Prentice Hall and offered our first courses using the equipment.



Fermentation Lab

- The Institute for Rural Vitality developed a relationship with the Office of Advancement to deliver five grant proposals to local, private organizations. Three grants have been awarded thus far. The Institute developed three additional grant proposals, with one currently in play.
- The Institute for Rural Vitality contributed \$3,815 to the Strategic Initiative Fund and \$2,321 to individual academic departments.
- The campus-wide compliance matrix, reflecting the statutes, regulations, policies, and best practices that directly impact campus operations, was launched in February 2022.
- The College eliminated the redundancy of payment tools such as Commerce Manager, saving \$6,000 annually.
- The Business Affairs Office implemented Jaggaer, a digital procurement software, with a plan to roll it out to campus during 2022-23 academic year.
- Square Payment Processing was added to Business Affairs to be used by departments with infrequent transactions – first utilization was the Spring Plant Sale, which was very successful. Sales increased significantly, and we were able to track what products sold, as well as how much in credit/debit cards compared to cash. About 70 percent of sales were credit/debit cards.
- In light of the SUNY dictate and recently enacted legislation banning transcript withholding, Student Financial Services initiated conversations with other departments on campus to ensure that all late-semester charges are going on student bills in a timelier manner. We are also examining many of our existing business practices to see what opportunities exist to recoup unpaid bills that are less than \$500.
- The College implemented the campus vulnerability self-assessment at the onset of the 2021-22 academic year. This activity helps areas look carefully at their organizations, policies, training, assessment, staffing, and more

to determine their level of risk and consider strategies to mitigate identified risks. The new training and form were used during the August 2022 Professional Development series to kick off implementation of the assessment.

- Self-assessments were implemented for the Institutional Review Board and Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).
- In the area of Internal Controls, 2021-22 included the necessary tests of reporting mechanisms, issuance of the Tone at the Top memo, a reshaping of the content of the Internal Controls web page, Moodle-based training for employees (373 employees [non-managers and not including Cabinet] were enrolled with 75.6 percent participation), and completion of the review processes as required by the Office of State Comptroller and the Division of Budget.
- Ten policies or procedures were developed or, where existing, were rewritten during the 2021-22 academic year following the policy on formatting, numbering, and review/approval. A roster of policies has been established and is in the process of being enhanced to become a policy library for the campus.
- The College completed an extensive policy and procedure review from the Summer and Fall 2021 (responding to gender-neutral language requirements, adding policy numbers, and formatting edits so that our wide array of policies and procedures becomes more consistently aligned with the established formatting norms of the campus) focused on more than 185 documents. The recommendations resulting from this review are now being processed by policy and procedure owners.
- The Enterprise Risk Management Committee subcommittee on payroll and key audits wrapped up its work. It made recommendations to ERM, which resulted in the closure of the payroll audit (recognizing that payroll data is electronically cross-referenced regularly) and the key audit (through the establishment of a Facilities Management-owned process).

- New efforts were made to improve the end-of-service turn-in of state assets for those on temporary or adjunct appointments and those who separate from employment.
- The College offered more training on Business Intelligence, eTravel, budgets, and added Jaggaer and Square.
- The Office of Residential Life established the “Early Bird Housing” program in Spring 2022. Students were able to register for Fall housing as early as February and were offered various incentives for participating in the experience. As a result, Residential Life saw an increase in the number of students that were housed on campus, with 62 percent of the Fall 2022 population residing on campus.
- Cobleskill Auxiliary Services, the campus’ food services provider, introduced new sustainability Initiatives, including reusable takeout containers and dinnerware.



Ozzi Reusable Containers



#### 4.2 Being a great place to work

- In May 2022, College faculty and staff participated in the annual Employee Recognition Ceremony, honoring achievements and service milestones.
- Through the efforts of the CSEA Labor Management Team, several trainings have been developed for front-line employees and supervisors, promoting a more effective working environment.
- The results of the Great Colleges to Work For Survey include:
  - 69 percent Job Satisfaction and Support Rate (2021 = 69 percent)
  - 71 percent Faculty and Staff well-being rate (2021 = 77 percent)
  - 48 percent Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Rate (2021 = 63 percent)
  - 36 percent Collaboration Rate (2021 = 51 percent)
  - 63 percent Mission and Pride Rate (2021 = 68 percent)
- Facilities Management improved internal development and promotion, including emphasizing the NYS/CSEA Partnership.
- University Police instituted a robust Employee Wellness Program, providing resources for EAP program, health/diet/exercise information, mental health and wellness information, and trainings related to officer safety and mental health. In addition, we have had several officers trained in peer support and assigned to a County-wide team to assist first responders, including our own officers, who may have experienced a critical incident or life difficulty and need someone to talk to. Lastly, we have encouraged and provided officers to voluntarily participate in an on-duty fitness training program which is helping to create officers who are physically and mentally more prepared for duty. The focus on employee wellness has provided a positive impact on officer morale and contributes

to a positive work environment that officers appreciate.

#### 5.1 Fostering effective partnerships that will have an impact on economic and human capacity within and beyond our local community

- The SUNY Cobleskill Foundation significantly enhanced its corporate development program, establishing key partnerships resulting in increased financial support for the College.
- A new partnership with new Capital District BOCES high school and Early Childhood Studies was formed.
- Students from The University at Albany's College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity participated in hands-on canine detection training at SUNY Cobleskill.
- The College signed a partnership agreement with Empire State College to create a pathway for active military personnel from ESC's General Studies program into SUNY Cobleskill's Canine Training and Management program.
- The Institute for Rural Vitality launched the first Ag Innovation Center cohort of ten value-added producers and opened the application process for the next cohort.
- The Institute for Rural Vitality began the development of the food packaging lab in Prentice Hall, installing new equipment in the space.
- The Institute for Rural Vitality held the official grand opening of the Dairy Processing Center,



Prentice Hall food packaging lab

had its first regional entrepreneur use the Center and offered its first courses in conjunction with the Center.

- The Institute for Rural Vitality hosted elected officials, the Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency, Otsego Cornell Cooperative Extension and Farm Bureau President, Fuzehub, and the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District Leadership for tours of the Institute at SUNY Cobleskill.
- The Institute for Rural Vitality awarded three faculty fellowships.
- The Institute for Rural Vitality contributed to the Center for Agriculture Development and Entrepreneurship's "Vision 2050" publication and publications from the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District.
- The Institute for Rural Vitality has re-established a relationship with the Iroquois Museum following the museum's reopening post-COVID.
- University Police engaged with community partners at Planned Parenthood and the Capital Region Safer Bars program to bring this program to Schoharie County. The program teaches bystander intervention skills to staff at participating bars and other establishments that serve alcoholic beverages, so that aggressive and dangerous behaviors that may lead to physical and sexual assault can be stopped before the



Dairy Processing Center ribbon cutting

violence happens. The program is currently being rolled out in the greater Cobleskill area, which will create safer places for students, staff, and the public to go in the community.

- University Police engaged with community partners at Bassett Healthcare to roll out STOP THE BLEED training for students and staff, including all RAs, as a precursor to deploying STOP THE BLEED kits across campus. In Fall 2022, emergency kits will be placed in every AED box on campus, in addition to other strategic locations throughout campus. The training and supplies will help provide immediate medical care for injured persons during a wide variety of emergencies.

#### 5.2 Creating global citizens

- Progress was made in preparing for the new SUNY General Education category: World History & Global Awareness.
- The College revived its International Club following a period of non-activity.
- The Office of International Education developed two new exchange programs in France and the United Kingdom, giving our students wider opportunities to study abroad. These two opportunities are specifically for students studying Business Administration, Communication in Technology, and Graphic Design Technology.
- The Office of International Education made available the opportunity for Plant Science students to collaborate virtually on a research project with Dutch and other international students at HAS Green Academy in the Netherlands. Currently, one student is planning to sign onto a project and then study at HAS in Spring 2023.
- The Office of International Education initiated discussions with a French partner to create a COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) sustainable development project with Graphic Design Technology students, followed by a faculty-led program to France.



# What's Next

## Agriculture Innovation Center

This Mohawk Valley region serves as the perfect backdrop to our applied learning philosophy, where students get to work in hands-on learning environments across a full spectrum of educational courses, from equine therapy and plant science to biotechnology and graphic design. SUNY Cobleskill is pivoting now to more fully embrace a mission beyond our academic programs – a mission allowing us to reach a greater potential and serve as the region's economic anchor.

The College is one of only three institutions in America that is designated as an Agriculture Innovation Center with grant support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Through the Institute for Rural Vitality, we are moving our state's farm and food industries forward and building networks that allow growers and producers to interact with one another and expand agriculture.

As a hub for this activity, we provide this region with access to modern business resources, training, and technical assistance, creating a bridge to the next generation of sustainable food production.

In continuing this work, we are in the process of converting an original campus building into a future-focused center for training and advancement in modern agriculture. This facility will be a new headquarters for a coalition of entrepreneurs, researchers, agencies, and institutions to work together toward a common goal of enhancing the economic and societal vibrancy of rural New York.



This is the overarching vision for the Agriculture Innovation Center: to become the home of research and development entities focused on the advancement of clean agriculture, leading to new ideas that can influence policy, which is desperately needed in this sector. It is through this vision that SUNY Cobleskill will cement its place as the economic anchor of the Mohawk Valley.

Grant funding secured for the Agricultural Innovation Center:

**Sponsor:** New York State Regional Economic Development Council  
Grant Award: **\$1,500,000**

**Sponsor:** State University of New York  
Grant Award: **\$1,380,000**

**Purpose:** Renovations to Home Economics building to transform the site into the headquarters of the AIC.

**Sponsor:** U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Grant Award: **\$90,000**

**Purpose:** Rural Business Development Grant to expand existing program offerings and support business development initiatives within the Institute for Rural Vitality critical to assisting rural, small agricultural businesses with selling their products to a larger market beyond roadside stands and local farmer's markets.



**Inclined Rotary Gasifier**

## Inclined Rotary Gasifier

The inclined rotary gasifier is the first fully automated and portable carbon capture and harvesting system, patented by Visiting Research Assistant Professor David Waage.

The unit's mobility allows it to be deployed directly to forests, farms, water treatment facilities, and other areas of biomass. From almost any combustible material, it produces both gaseous and liquid fuels that are significantly higher in energy content than other similar gasification technologies. The fuels burn markedly cleaner than fossil fuels while reducing overall carbon emissions.

The prototype gasifier processes approximately two tons of material per day and generates biofuels, biopower, and biochar from any solid feedstock. Researchers are targeting a 1.5-megawatt electrical generation system that can process up to 2.5 dry tons of woody biomass per hour, harvesting 40 percent of the carbon as liquid and fixed (inert) carbon, the equivalent of capturing two tons of carbon dioxide per hour.

There is vast potential for this technology in domestic and community use. This system's economics and carbon-capture abilities, coupled with its ability to input material without the need for pre-sorting or pre-drying, are unparalleled.

Caribou Biofuels, the College's partner in developing the gasifier technology, will occupy space within the Agricultural Innovation Center, which will serve as the headquarters for preparing the gasifier technology for a large-scale, commercial rollout.

## Grant Awards

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection: **\$5.6 million**

U.S. Department of Defence: **\$1.6 million**

National Science Foundation: **\$255,879**

Caribou Biofuels, Inc.: **\$76,772**

## Strategic Enrollment Planning

In Summer 2022, Enrollment Management was restructured under the direct ownership of the President's Office and Cabinet. In charting a course for the College over the next several years, Cabinet developed a Strategic Enrollment Management Plan identifying needed areas of attention throughout the entire institution. In Fall 2022, the College began the first stage of the Strategic Enrollment Plan by realigning the vacancy of a Vice President-level position to become Vice President for Enrollment Management and Innovation (VPSEI). The search for that individual is now underway and will significantly impact future enrollment growth at SUNY Cobleskill.

The VPSEI will develop and execute the comprehensive Strategic Enrollment Management Plan that encompasses the entire student lifecycle from recruitment to graduation. They will also drive an enterprise growth strategy, particularly as it relates to a service-focused division that supports increased enrollment and retention initiatives in line with the SUNY Cobleskill Strategic Plan. In collaboration with senior leadership, the VPSEI will identify opportunities for new revenue pathways, leading efforts to pilot and sustain those initiatives campus-wide.



# Facts & Figures

**Total Undergraduate Enrollment:** 1786  
**Total Degree-Seeking Students:** 1776  
**Associate Degree Students:** 376  
**Bachelor's Degree Students:** 1372  
**Certificate Students:** 28

**Student/Faculty ratio:** 16:1  
**Average Class Size:** 21

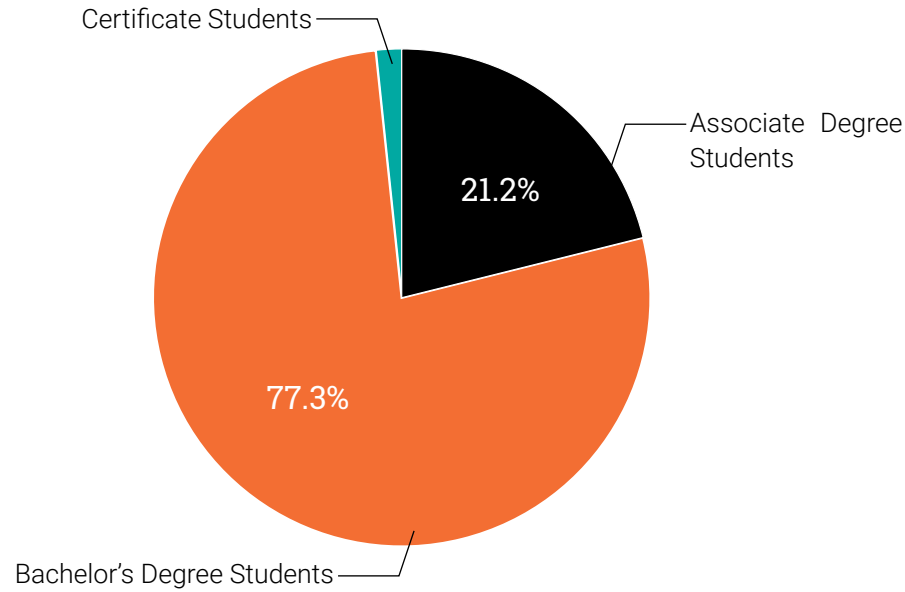
## Cost

### 2022-2023 In-State:

**Tuition:** \$7,070  
**Fees:** \$1,606  
**Room and Board:** \$15,360

### 2022-2023 Out-of-State:

**Tuition (Bachelor's degree):** \$16,980  
**Fees:** \$1,606  
**Room and Board:** \$15,360



## Gender Distribution



## Housing



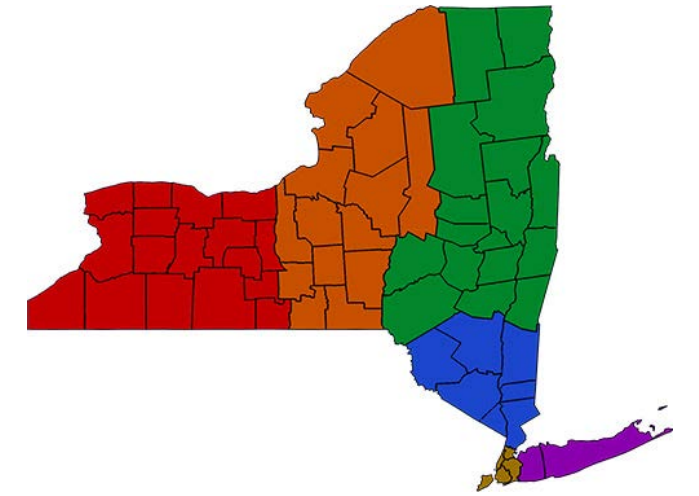
## Geographic Origins

### New York State

**Percent of Total Students from New York State:** 90%

### Percent of In-State Students from each region:

**Capital Region:** 45%  
**New York City:** 16%  
**Hudson Valley:** 14%  
**Central Region:** 11%  
**Western Region:** 8%  
**Long Island:** 7%



### States Represented: 21

- Arizona
- California
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Florida
- Iowa
- Massachusetts
- Maryland
- Maine
- Missouri
- North Carolina
- Nebraska
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New York
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- Virginia
- Vermont

### Foreign Countries Represented: 6

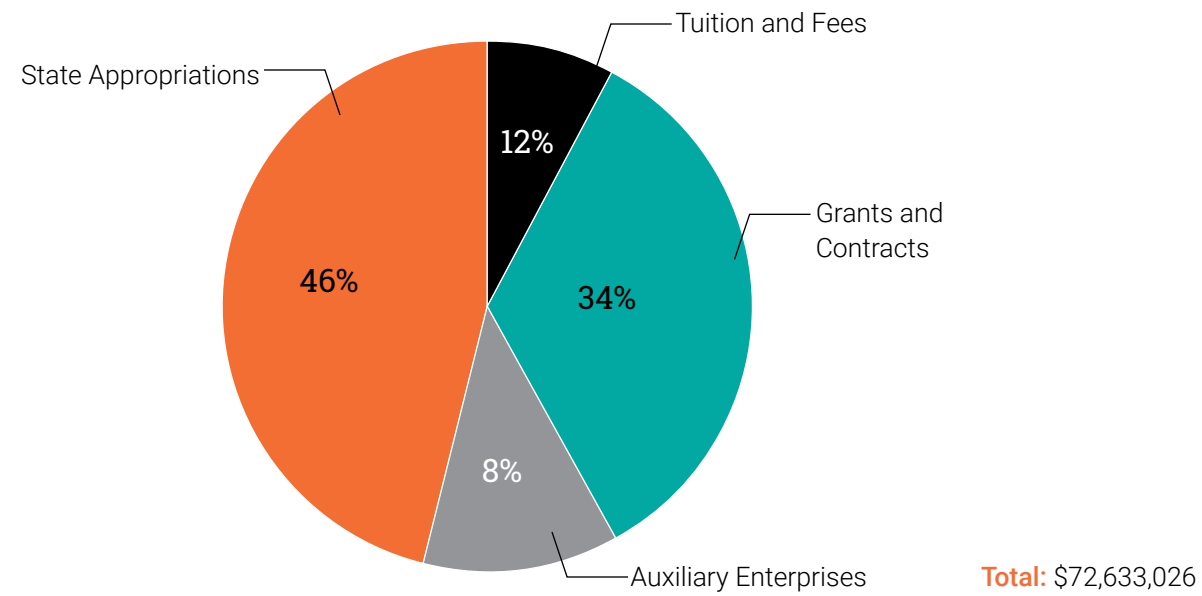
- Botswana
- Brazil
- British Virgin Islands
- Mexico
- People's Republic of China
- Republic of China (Taiwan)



# Budget

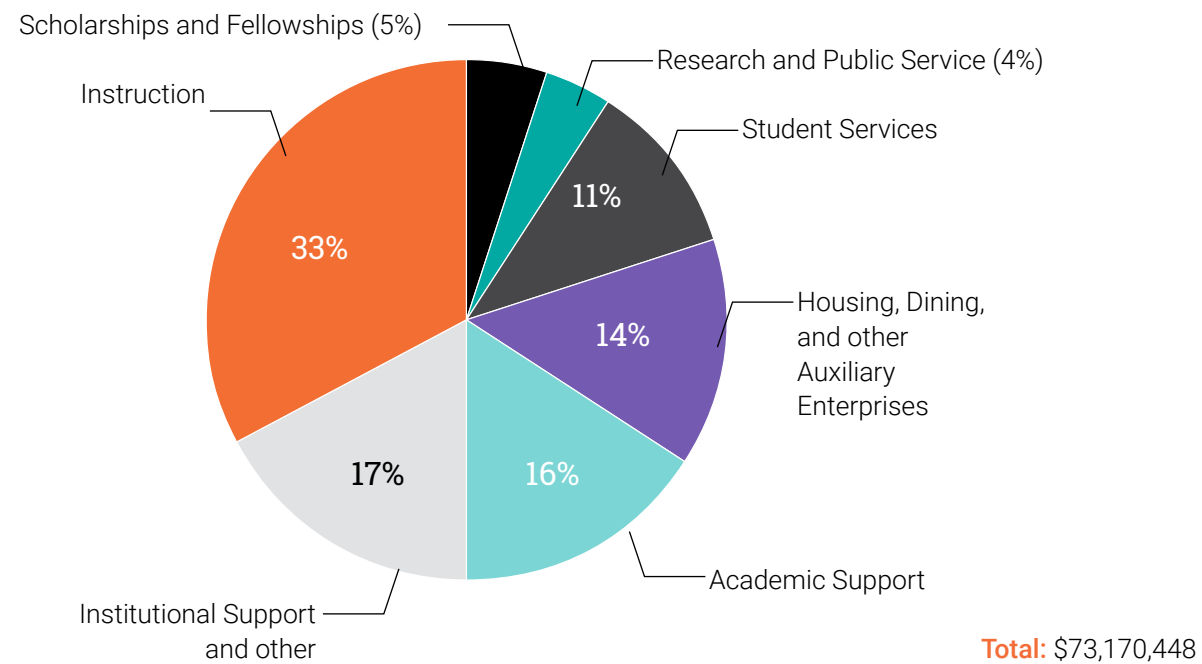
## Revenue Distribution

Percentages received from



## Revenue Distribution

Percentages devoted to





# College Leadership

## Administration

**Dr. Marion A. Terenzio**  
*President*

*Community Affiliations: Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council, Co-Chair; Bassett Healthcare Network, Board Member; NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics, Member*

**Derwin Bennett**  
*Chief Diversity Officer*

*Community Affiliations: Village of Cobleskill Citizens Advisory Group, Association on Higher Learning and Disability (AHEAD), Member; National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education (NADOHE), Member; SUNY Chief Diversity Officer Network, Member*

**Wendy Gilman**  
*Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration*

*Community Affiliations: Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce, Treasurer; Woodland Hill Montessori School, Trustee; SUNY Cobleskill Foundation, Assistant Treasurer; SUNY Cobleskill Alumni Association, Assistant Treasurer; SUNY Cobleskill Auxiliary Services, Vice President*

**Amy K. Healy**  
*Chief of Staff*

*Community Affiliations: SUNY Events Professional Work Group, Member*

**Dr. Anne Hopkins Gross**  
*Vice President for Student Development*

*Community Affiliations: Cobleskill Partnership, Inc., Board Member; Campus Community Coalition 2021-2022; Chair; SUNY Cobleskill Auxiliary Services, Board Member*

**Bonnie G. Martin**  
*Vice President for Operations*

*Community Affiliations: ARC of Delaware County Board of Directors, Secretary; Southern Tier Connects, Family Advisory Board Member*

**Dr. Timothy W. Moore**  
*Dean for the Teaching Faculty*

*Community Affiliations: New York Farm Bureau, Member; New York Agricultural Society, Member; NACTA North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture, Member; Schoharie County Region Antique Automobile Club of America, Officer*

**Dr. Tara L. Winter**  
*Chief Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Officer*

*Community Affiliations: Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corporation, Board Member; American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, Strategic Enrollment Management Quarterly Editorial Board Member*

**John J. Zacharek**  
*Vice President for Development  
Executive Director, SUNY Cobleskill Foundation*

*Community Affiliations: Cobleskill Regional Hospital, Trustee*

**Dr. Susan J. Zimmermann**  
*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

*Community Affiliations: SUNY Hispanic Leadership Institute Steering Committee Member; SUNY Chief Academic Officers Association Tech Sector Representative; Schoharie BOCES Advisory Committee Member*

## College Council

Eric Stein, Chair

Linda K. Cross

Phil King

Tracy E. Purcell

Susan Rightmyer

Jennifer McKenna (Student Rep.)

## Alumni Association Officers

**Pierce Randall '15**  
*President*

**Emiley Purvis '03**  
*Vice President*

**Brett Luce '89**  
*Second Vice President*

**Sonali McIntyre '09**  
*Secretary*

**Geoffrey Rightmyer '95**  
*Treasurer*

**Wendy Gilman**  
*Assistant Treasurer*

## College Foundation Board

**John Brust**  
*President*

**Mitchell Nudelman '97, MD, JD**  
*Vice President*

**Geoff Rightmyer '95**  
*Treasurer*

**Wendy Gilman**  
*Assistant Treasurer*

**Maggie Jackson '94**  
*Secretary*





# Foundation Report

Each year, our Annual Report provides an opportunity to quantify SUNY Cobleskill's collective efforts and to view our accomplishments in totality. It is a tangible story of progress by which the College celebrates the achievements of the great many who play a role in moving this institution forward, as well as those who apply our values to the benefit of the world around us.

This report also serves as our benchmark as we set goals for the year ahead. The SUNY Cobleskill Foundation sees 2023 as a great opportunity to build on 2022's record-setting fundraising efforts. Our amazing staff, as well as the talented volunteer members of both the Foundation and Alumni Association boards of directors, are doing the important work needed to make this happen each and every day. These efforts, coupled with the selfless generosity of donors like you, allows us to make a meaningful impact on both our students and the College as a whole, culminating in a tremendously bright future ahead.

While this report offers a deeper look at the current affairs of the College, there is a common thread of optimism that runs through every page. It is a feeling borne through multiple sources; students persevering through learning disruptions to accomplish their dreams, faculty and staff being recognized as preeminent among their peers, and the knowledge that the academics offered at SUNY Cobleskill continue to be the foundation on which tomorrow's society will be built. I invite you to experience this for yourself as you read the highlights presented in this report, and welcome you to continue connecting with your Coby Family in all the years to come.

With gratitude,



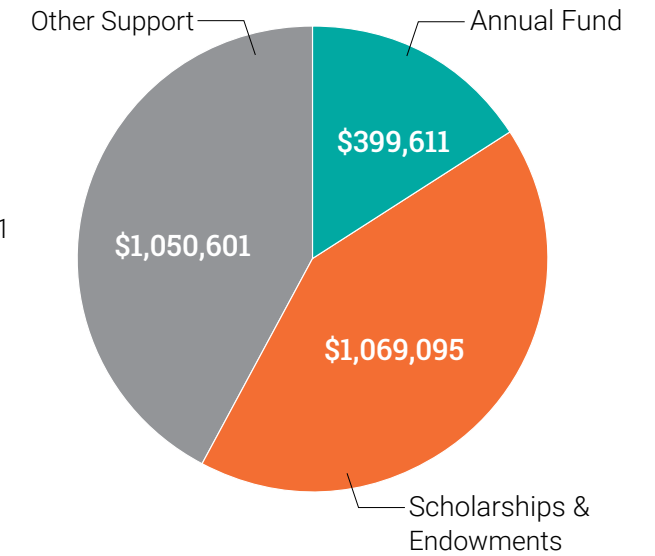

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Executive Director of the SUNY Cobleskill Foundation

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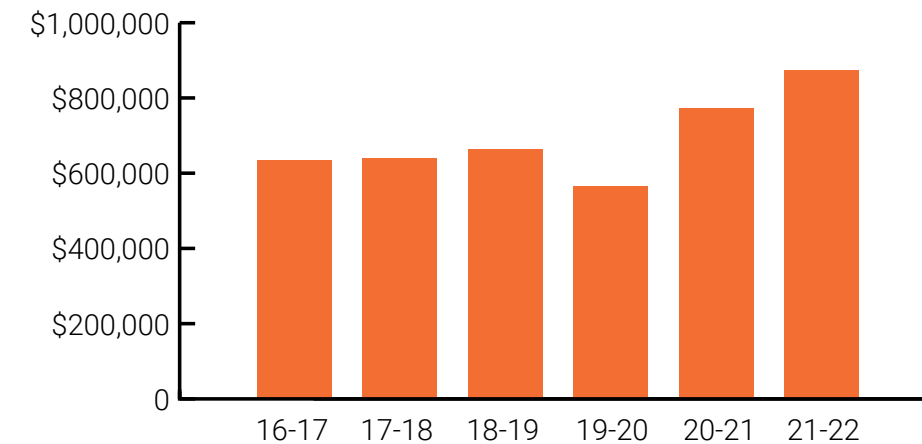
## Financial Summary

**Annual Fund:** \$399,611  
**Scholarship & Endowment:** \$1,069,095  
**Other Giving (planned gifts, in-kind, etc.):** \$1,050,601

**Foundation Total: \$2,519,307**



## Support for Student Success



The SUNY Cobleskill College Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation established in 1969 to develop additional resources to enable the College to provide quality educational experiences for its students. Scholarship funds constitute the largest single use of the assets of the Foundation, while resources also support applied learning opportunities and unique academic enrichment programs.

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors representing many diverse constituencies. Our current members are comprised of alumni and community supporters who serve without compensation to assist the College in its mission to provide the highest quality of academic service.





# Ways To Give

## Funding Opportunities

### Annual Fund

The College's Annual Fund gives the College the flexibility to take advantage of emerging opportunities in its applied learning enterprise. There are many easy ways to support Cobleskill's stand out education.

### Scholarships

Our supporters have created lasting legacies in their endowed scholarships. A large percentage of Cobleskill students rely on the support of our generous benefactors to achieve their Coby education. Setting up an endowed scholarship allows you to see your legacy in action now.

### Planned Giving

Many of our supporters have contributed to the College through a planned gift which is arranged now and allocated at a future date. Planned gifts are often accomplished through a will or trust. Our supporters have said this is an easy way to make a lasting impact while not affecting current finances.

Also, all donors of planned gifts qualify for membership in the Heritage Society. The Heritage Society recognizes and honors generous alumni and friends who have made a commitment to SUNY Cobleskill through their estate planning.

Please contact the Office of College Advancement by email [advancement@cobleskill.edu](mailto:advancement@cobleskill.edu) or phone at 518-255-5524 for more information about making a lasting impact at SUNY Cobleskill.

## Give Online

You can make a gift to a variety of different funds securely on our website. This is a safe and convenient way to make your gift.

## By Check

Unless otherwise specified, please make all checks payable to SUNY Cobleskill Foundation. Mail your check to:

SUNY Cobleskill Foundation  
106 Suffolk Circle, Cobleskill, NY 12043.

## Over the Phone

Calling us at **518-255-5524** to charge your Visa, Mastercard, or American Express with a donation is a convenient way to support the College.

## Alumni Peer-to-Peer Events

Peer-to-peer fundraising is a multi-tiered approach to crowdfunding. This means alumni and the Coby community can create custom fundraising pages that will benefit the College and the Coby community. It is a fun and festive way for alumni to stay connected. Contact the Office of College Advancement for assistance in setting this up.

## More Ways to Give

Check out [www.cobleskill.edu/give](http://www.cobleskill.edu/give) for more ways to support the College.





## Cobleskill Creek Riparian Forest Trail

Sponsor: Laura Jane Musser Fund  
Grant Award: **\$29,200**

*Purpose:* Protect and restore the riparian forests along Cobleskill Creek to enhance the ecosystem and to promote open space utilization for the College and the community by establishing a new walking trail system.

## Consultants Fisheries Survey of Woodridge Lake 2022

Sponsor: GEI Consultants Inc.  
Grant Award: **\$4,602**

*Purpose:* Determine composition of fish in the lake for research and conservation purposes.

## Liberty Partnership Programs

Sponsor: NYS Education Department  
Grant Award: **\$180,000**

*Purpose:* Provide tutoring and college/career guidance to economically disadvantaged high school students.

## 2022 Workforce Training Program (Perkins IV)

Sponsor: NYS Education Department  
Grant Award: **\$103,627**

*Purpose:* Support SUNY Cobleskill students enrolled in Career and Technical programs.

## Electrofishing Seven Hills Lake, Kent Lakes, NY

Sponsor: Northeast Aquatic Research  
Grant Award: **\$9,322**

*Purpose:* Determine composition of fish in the lake for research and conservation purposes.

## Agriculture Power Machinery Training

Sponsor: USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture  
Grant Award: **\$500,000**

*Purpose:* Development and delivery of an agricultural power machinery workforce training program culminating in industry-recognized credentials and certificates.

## Library Coordination Collection Development Library 2021-2022

Sponsor: NYS Education Department  
Grant Award: **\$6,168**

*Purpose:* General library support.

## VA Adaptive Sports

Sponsor: Department of Veterans Affairs  
Grant Award: **\$90,886**

*Purpose:* Adaptive Sports programs for disabled veterans and disabled members of the armed forces through the College's Therapeutic Horsemanship department.

## Liberty Partnership Programs (FY 21-22)

Sponsor: NYS Education Department

Grant Award: **\$540,003**

*Purpose:* Provide tutoring and college/career guidance to economically disadvantaged high school students.





# Athletic Highlights

## Fall Sports

### Men's Soccer

- Wyatt Reed named NAC Men's Soccer Defensive-Player-of-the-Week (Sept. 27)
- Qualified for NAC Championship Tournament
- Jeremy Rossi named to All-NAC Sportsmanship Team

### Women's Volleyball

- Alexis Miranda named NAC Volleyball Rookie-of-the-Week (Sept. 20 and Oct. 26)
- Mackenzie Larson named NAC Volleyball Player-of-the-Week (Sept. 20 and Oct. 26)
- Team wins NAC Volleyball Western Division Championship, defeating Delhi in straight sets
- Mackenzie Larson named to First Team All-Conference
- Alexis Miranda named to Second Team All-Conference
- Jillian Nitchman named to All-NAC Sportsmanship Team

### Men's Cross Country

- Eamonn Sullivan named NAC Cross Country Men's Rookie-of-the-Week (Sept. 7, 14, Oct. 5, 12, 19)
- Eamonn Sullivan named NAC Cross Country Men's Runner-of-the-Week (Sept. 14, 21, Oct. 5, 12, 19)
- Team wins NAC Championship
- Eamonn Sullivan wins NAC Championship race, named to First Team All-Conference, NAC Men's Runner-of-the-Year and Men's Rookie-of-the-Year
- Nick Logan, Dillion VanDemortel named to First Team All-Conference
- Jared Crow and Shane Viscosi named to Second Team All-Conference
- Mitch Tomaszewicz named 2021 Men's Coach-of-the-Year
- Team regionally ranked by USTFCCA



## Winter Sports

### Women's Basketball

- Hannah Cater named NAC Women's Basketball Rookie-of-the-Week (Nov. 29)
- Anna Post named NAC Women's Basketball Player-of-the-Week (Dec. 3)
- Team qualifies for NAC Championships
- Annie Canales named to Second Team All-Conference
- Kelsey Brown named to NAC All-Sportsmanship Team

### Men's Basketball

- Justin Maxwell named Head Coach
- Mike McKoy named to All-NAC Sportsmanship Team

### Men's Swimming and Diving

- Daniel Mullen named NAC Men's Swimmer-of-the-Week (Nov. 9, 23, Jan. 25, 31)
- Jason Halasy named NAC Men's Swimming Rookie-of-the-Week, (Nov. 23 and Jan. 25)
- Daniel Mullen and Zachary Walters win NAC Individual Championships
- Mullen and Walters invited to participate in the NEISDA Championships (New England Intercollegiate Swimming & Diving Association)
- Walters named to All-NAC Sportsmanship Team

### Women's Swimming & Diving

- Calista Bernard named to All-NAC Sportsmanship Team



## Baseball

- NAC Rookie-of-the-Week
  - o Trevor Grieb (March 7)
  - o Logan Hutter (April 4, 11, 18)
- NAC Player-of-the-Week
  - o Eddy Garcia (March 7 and May 2)
  - o Samuel Gutierrez (April 11)
- NAC Pitcher-of-the-Week
  - o Wyatt Palmer (March 29, April 4, 18)
- Team wins NAC Western Division, hosts NAC Championships
  - o NAC Western Conference Team
    - Eddy Garcia
    - Wyatt Palmer
    - Logan Hutter
    - Samuel Guttierrez
- Eddy Garcia named NAC Conference Player-of-the-Year
- Wyatt Palmer named NAC Conference Pitcher-of-the-Year
- Logan Hutter named NAC Conference Rookie-of-the-Year
- Lance Ratchford named NAC Conference Coach-of-the-Year
- Joe Dougherty named to All-NAC Sportsmanship Team
- D3Baseball.com All-Region Honorees
  - Eddy Garcia
  - Samuel Guttierrez
- ABCA (American Collegiate Coaches Association) All-Region Team
  - Eddy Garcia
  - Wyatt Palmer
  - Samuel Guttierrez



## Softball

- Jillian Nitchman named NAC Player-of-the-Week (April 26)
- Olivia DeMott named NAC Rookie-of-the-Week, (May 2)
- Team wins NAC Western Division
- NAC Western Conference Team
  - Maya Davies
  - Jillian Nitchman
  - Marissa Wheeler
  - Alexis Miranda
  - Aubrey Marx
- Tori Decker named to All-NAC Sportsmanship Team
- Liz Slupinski named NAC Conference Coach-of-the-Year
- Team NFCA All-American Scholar-Athlete Team
  - Noelle Bisignano
  - Ashley Covert
  - Maya Davies
  - Emma Duarte
  - Jillian Nitchman
  - Abigail Scheurich

## Men's Lacrosse

- Greg Valachovic '19 named Head Coach
- John Williams named NAC Rookie-of-the-Week (March 29)
- John Williams named NAC Defensive Player-of-the-Week (April 4)
- Gregory Neumann named NAC Men's Lacrosse Player-of-the-Week (April 13)
- William Bockus named to All-NAC Sportsmanship Team





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