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# Welcome to SUNY Cobleskill

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Welcome to SUNY Cobleskill, New York State's agriculture and technology campus where our purpose-built, hands-on programs find new connections between these two critical life forces everyday. As we reflect on another transformative year, it's clear that there has never been a more important time to harness these powerful tools in service of humanity's future.

Our commitment to creativity, ingenuity, and critical thinking is woven into the very fabric of our educational programs. From the moment our students step foot on our expansive 900-acre campus, they are immersed in hands-on learning experiences that ignite their passions and prepare them for meaningful careers. From Day 1, they are finding their purpose.

Here, students engage in research typically reserved for graduate studies at other institutions, making their mark on projects that address pressing challenges facing society and the natural world. When describing our programs, I often find myself saying "new," and "only," as in: we are the only college setting in which students are working toward reintroducing the geographically extinct American Burying Beetle; we've introduced Agricultural Communications, the first-and-only of its kind bachelor's program in the Northeast; and we are the only campus combining wildlife, canine, and engineering programs to study the feasibility of using detection dogs as a supplementary tool to document the spread of an invasive fish species.

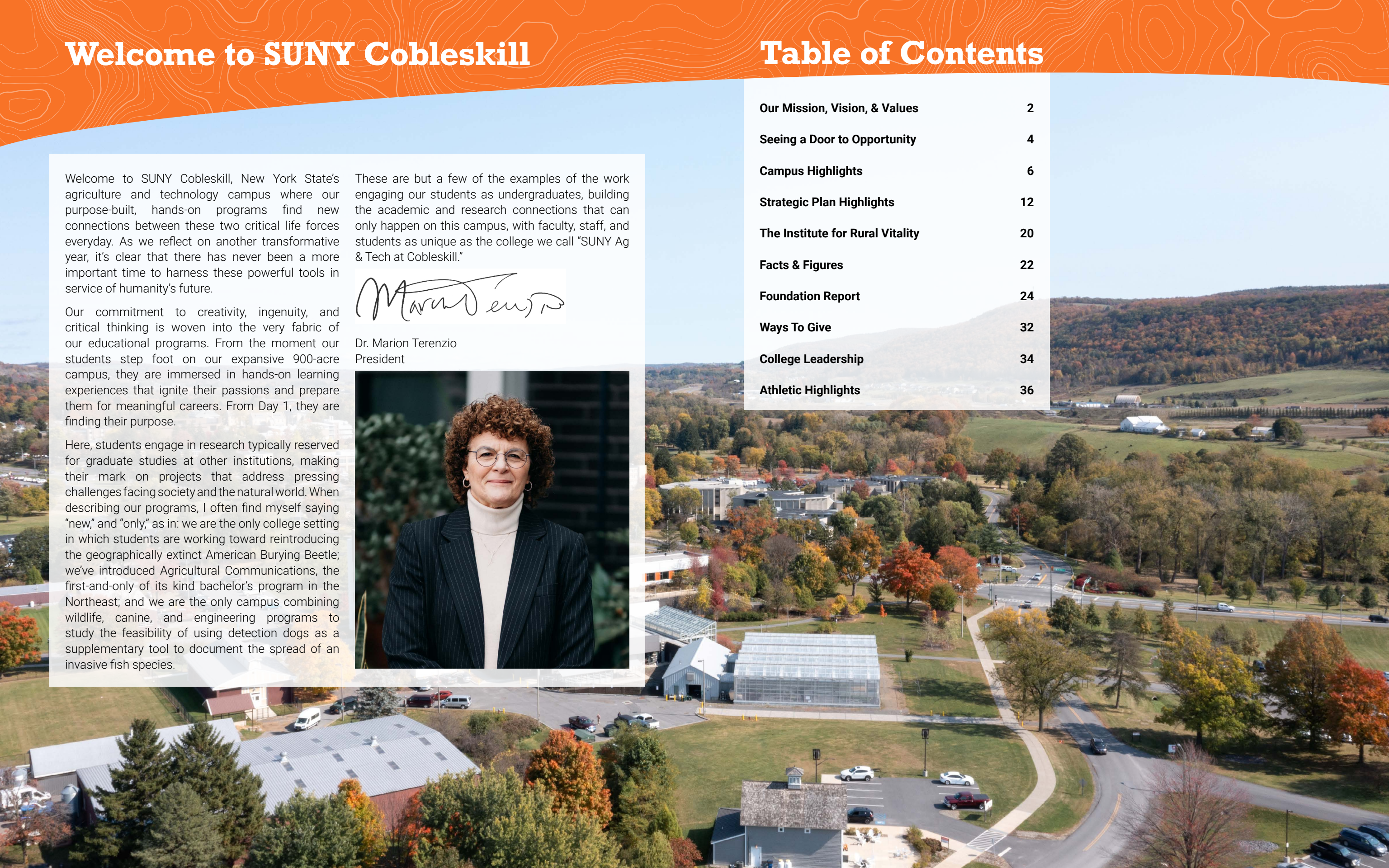
These are but a few of the examples of the work engaging our students as undergraduates, building the academic and research connections that can only happen on this campus, with faculty, staff, and students as unique as the college we call "SUNY Ag & Tech at Cobleskill."



Dr. Marion Terenzio  
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.

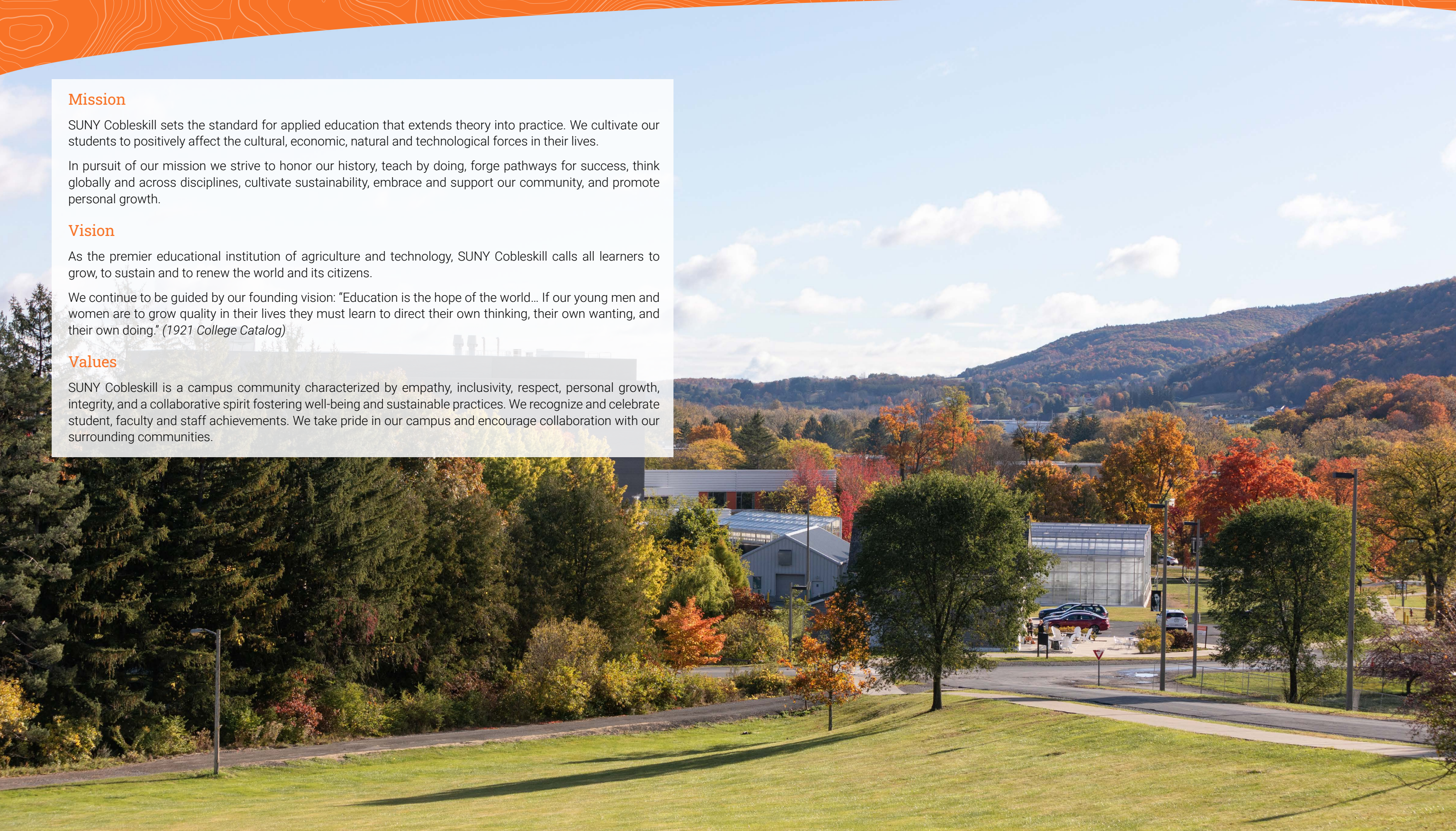
## Vision

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.





# Seeing a Door to Opportunity



The College bestowed its 2024 Honorary Doctorate degree to Dr. Temple Grandin. The award is the highest form of recognition offered by the State University of New York to persons of exceptional distinction, in this case, celebrating Dr. Grandin's unique contributions in shaping a more humane and empathic for humans and animals alike.

A visionary in the fields of animal science and autism advocacy, Dr. Grandin's groundbreaking contributions in these domains have influenced our view of the world and the diverse thought processes of its inhabitants. Dr. Grandin is renowned for her innovative work in improving livestock treatment through the design of humane handling facilities, including SUNY Cobleskill's. Her unique perspective, shaped by her own experiences with autism and shared through countless articles, books, and lectures, has advanced our understanding of the condition while fostering greater inclusivity and understanding.

*"The first step is to see a door to opportunity. I talked to a lot of parents of autistic kids. They're sitting at home; they're not getting out and getting jobs and doing things. My mother gave me a choice when it was time to go out to the ranch: one week or all summer. Not going wasn't a choice. I got out there, and I absolutely loved it.*

*"I'll say to a parent, "Well, how about having your kid walk the neighbor's dog? Learn how to do a job outside the family?" They're too locked into the label. They're not seeing the door. So, the first thing is that you have to see the door - they're everywhere - and then you have to have the guts to walk through it."*

*- Dr. Temple Grandin, in her keynote speech at our 2024 Commencement*



# Campus Highlights

## Our Academics

### Second U.S. Patent Awarded for Inclined Rotary Gasifier Technology

The Inclined Rotary Gasifier technology, invented by Assistant Professor David Waage, received its second U.S. patent, further protecting the intellectual property associated with the portable, waste-to-energy system. The gasifier converts various combustible materials into clean-burning biofuels, biopower, and soil supplements, while sequestering carbon emissions from reaching the environment. It is the first fully automated system of its kind, and its mobility allows deployment anywhere in the world. Research is supported by more than \$7.6 million in grant funding, helping the gasifier realize its vast potential for domestic and community use.



### AASCU Selects SUNY Cobleskill for Latest Student Success Equity Intensive Program Cohort

SUNY Cobleskill was selected as one of eight colleges nationwide to join the American Association of State Colleges and Universities' (AASCU) "Student Success Equity Intensive" program. Funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the multiyear initiative aims to enhance academic success for Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and low-income students by addressing equity gaps. SUNY Cobleskill will collaborate with

AASCU and other institutions to improve support systems for underserved students and eliminate barriers to student achievement.

### Cobleskill and Oneonta Pave the Way for Future Educators

In Spring 2024, SUNY Cobleskill and SUNY Oneonta signed an articulation agreement allowing seamless transfer from Cobleskill's A.A.S. in Early Childhood Studies to Oneonta's B.S. in Childhood Education/Liberal Arts. Graduates can now transfer to Oneonta's program with junior status through this vital partnership to increase opportunities for future educators and address New York's teacher shortage.



### Project SEARCH Opens New Opportunities for Interns with Developmental Differences

SUNY Cobleskill became a host site for Project SEARCH in 2023-2024, welcoming to campus a program that helps individuals with disabilities secure competitive employment. The program provides internships in various departments, helping participants develop job skills and gain experience in fields such as dining services and athletics. With a strong success rate nationally, Project SEARCH demonstrates the power of inclusive learning and community partnership, bridging the gap between education and employment. The College partners with The Arc Lexington to make this program possible.

## Our Achievers

### Kevon Barrett Receives Norman R. McConney, Jr. Award for Student Excellence

Senior Kevon Barrett received a 2024 Norman R. McConney, Jr. Award for Student Excellence, recognizing his academic achievements and perseverance in SUNY's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP). In his time as a student, Barrett has been a role model for his fellow EOP members, with his commitment to his studies and participation in campus life always remaining an inspiration to those around him. The award, named after EOP co-founder Norman McConney, celebrates outstanding students in the program, which has provided access and support to disadvantaged students since 1967.



### Two Senior Students Honored with 2024 Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence

Seniors Jesse Magno and Lakeisha Wright were awarded the 2024 Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence (CASE) in 2024, SUNY's highest student recognition. Magno, from New Hartford, NY, excelled in academics and leadership, contributing to campus life through her work in the library, SUNY Cobleskill's Honors program, and community projects. Wright, from the Bronx, NY, maintained a 3.85 GPA while actively serving as Senior Resident Assistant, Sustainability Student Assistant, and Student Ambassador. Both were honored for demonstrating academic excellence, leadership, and civic engagement, reflecting SUNY's core values of service and student success.



### Students Score Silver at the 2024 North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge

Four of our senior Animal Science students earned second place at the 2024 North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge, held in Visalia, California in April 2024. Competing against top national dairy programs, our team narrowly missed first place by just 0.2 points. The competition challenges teams to analyze a working dairy farm and present operational improvement strategies. The team—Patrick Bosley, Rachel Ewing, Aydan





Low, and Kyler Meisner—was coached by Associate Professor Kimberly Tarvis. Their success highlights SUNY Cobleskill's hands-on learning in action!

### Jacob Lujbli Wins First Place in Category at the 2024 New York State Business Plan Competition

Junior Jacob Lujbli won first place in the Products and Services category at the New York State Business Plan Competition in Spring 2024, securing a \$10,000 prize for his business, Fix Stix. Lujbli's plan, developed through SUNY Cobleskill's Steps for Success program, focuses on 100% sustainable organic smoking prevention and cessation products. Competing against over 340 entrants, he became one of the top six collegiate participants. The Steps for Success program supports students in developing business plans and provides resources through the Institute for Rural Vitality.

### Weaver Earns National Student Programmer of the Year Recognition

Kaleigh Weaver, a senior Animal Science major, was awarded the National Student Programmer of the Year Award by the Association for Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA). Recognized for her leadership in campus programming, Weaver organized key events like Charity Volleyball and the Hydration Station Initiative. Weaver is now pursuing her master's degree in marketing, aiming to apply her leadership experience to a career in agribusiness marketing.



Kaleigh Weaver

### NAMA Team Continues Tradition of Success

Our National AgriMarketing Association (NAMA) Team developed a product concept to showcase at the Annual National Competition in Kansas City, Missouri, in April 2024. Our team presented an innovative product idea, "LiveStep: The Cow Lameness Detector." SUNY Cobleskill, known for being the only institution with a NAMA chapter in the Northeast, has proudly participated in this competition for the past decade, reflecting our dedication to excellence in agricultural education. In addition to that, one of our AGBU senior students, Kayla Atherton, received the highest NAMA scholarship, the Steve Vandeberh Scholarship, this year!



NAMA Team

### Our Leaders

#### College Names First Chief Economic Development Officer

Dr. Scott Ferguson was appointed as the College's first Chief Economic Development Officer (CEDO). Dr. Ferguson, also lead's SUNY Cobleskill's Institute for Rural Vitality, has secured over \$4 million in grants and expanded programs like the Farm & Food Business Incubator. As CEDO, he will oversee workforce development initiatives, explore new partnerships, and continue leading the Institute. His leadership has already supported more than 600 farm and food businesses and launched over 70 products, positioning the College as a regional anchor for entrepreneurial development.

#### Dr. Ian M. MacDonald Appointed as Dean of the Faculty

The College welcomed Dr. MacDonald as Dean of the Faculty in Summer 2024. Previously serving at The College of Saint Rose, Dr. MacDonald brings expertise in Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity,



Dr. Ian M. MacDonald

and Data Communications, among other fields. He is excited to contribute to the College's mission of providing strong agriculture and technology-based education programs and, as Dean, is focusing on program sustainability, innovation, and alternative program delivery methods.

#### College Welcomes Dr. Gary Z. Morris as Inaugural Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs

As the College's first Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Morris is leading student success initiatives and overseeing academic support services, focusing on enhancing student engagement and well-being. Previously a Visiting Professor of Biology at the College, Dr. Morris takes on this new role with an eye toward supporting SUNY Cobleskill's mission and promoting student success and institutional transformation initiatives.

#### Henn Appointed Chief of the University Police Department

William Henn was sworn in as Chief of the New York State University Police Department at SUNY Cobleskill in July 2024. Henn has over 20 years of law enforcement experience, most recently with University Police at SUNY Oneonta, and will oversee the College's 10-person department. SUNY Cobleskill President Dr. Marion Terenzio praised Henn's familiarity with the SUNY system's unique mission and commitment to safety and community engagement. Henn also previously served in police departments in Arizona and Cooperstown.



Chief William Henn





Tim Tefft

### Tim Tefft Receives 2024 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service

Tefft's 20-year journey at SUNY Cobleskill has shaped a supportive, inclusive custodial department. From his creation of the New Custodial Employee Handbook to his mentorship of neurodiverse interns, Tefft has created a welcoming, inclusive, and diverse work environment for his colleagues. His leadership extends beyond his official duties, often seen supporting campus events and instilling confidence in his staff every step of the way.

### Dr. Amy Dechen Quinn Earns 2024 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching

Dr. Quinn, Associate Professor of Wildlife Management and department chair, has introduced an adaptable, inclusive teaching philosophy that makes complex concepts accessible to students. Her courses receive high praise, and she actively incorporates ecological research to strengthen the curriculum. Dr. Quinn's teaching methods and student-first approach embody SUNY Cobleskill's mission of extending theory into practice.



Dr. Grace Begany



Dr. Amy Dechen Quinn

### Open Government Data Initiatives as Agents of Digital Transformation in the Public Sector

Dr. Grace Begany, Associate Professor of Information Technology at SUNY Cobleskill, and Dr. J. Ramon Gil-Garcia of UAlbany co-authored an article in Government Information Quarterly examining the role of open government data (OGD) initiatives in public sector digital transformation, specifically focusing on their use among early adopters. Despite widespread interest in OGD, it remains underutilized, with limited adoption across public agencies. Their research gained a deeper understanding of how OGD is being used, with the goal of improving strategies that will make these initiatives more effective and impactful in the future. This work is critical as OGD can serve as a catalyst for broader digital transformation in the public sector.

### A New Voice in Agricultural Microeconomics

Dr. Mahla Zare Mehrjerdi authored a textbook titled Agricultural Microeconomics, which aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of microeconomic principles within the context of agriculture, enhancing their learning experience and supporting their academic success.



Dr. Mahla Zare Mehrjerdi

### Kim Tarvis Named "Outstanding Faculty Mentor" Two Years Running

Associate Professor of Animal Science Kim Tarvis was named our "Faculty Mentor of the Year" for the 2023-2024 academic year, as voted by students. This was her second year in a row receiving this honor. Students describe her as the most caring and dedicated professor they've ever had and point to her as a positive presence on campus. She creates deep personal connections with students and works tirelessly to arrange internships and other opportunities. Tarvis also coaches the perennially successful Dairy Challenge Team.

### Our Campus

### CCCCC Receives Competitive USDA Farm to School Planning Grant

In August 2024, The Cobleskill Campus Child Care Center (CCCCC) received a \$43,000 USDA Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant, with partner support bringing the total to over \$65,000. The grant will fund a year-long initiative to introduce locally sourced foods and garden education to children in Schoharie County. CCCCC serves over 70 children daily with scratch-cooked meals. In collaboration with local partners and farmers, the project aims to foster healthy eating habits and connect children to agriculture. This initiative aligns with the USDA's efforts to promote nutrition security and support local farmers, benefiting underserved rural communities like Schoharie County.

### Campus Opens New Emergency Food Pantry for Students

SUNY Cobleskill opened its new Emergency Food Pantry for Students in the Spring 2024 semester, funded by SUNY's 2023 Food Security Initiative. Located in Bouck Hall, the pantry offers food, beverages, toiletries, and hygiene products to students, stocked through state funding and community donations. The pantry supports SUNY's and the College's efforts to address student food insecurity and connect students with SNAP benefits.



Kim Tarvis (right)



Emergency Food Pantry



Food pantry ribbon cutting



Cobleskill Campus Child Care Center



# Strategic Plan Highlights

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

- Facilities Management directed more than \$38 million in capital construction projects, moving into the design phase on roof replacements and renovation projects on the Home Economics Building and the Dairy Complex.
- Clean energy improvements: The College reduced its CO2 emissions by over 400 tons compared to the prior year.
- The Office of Sustainability, in partnership with the Plant Science and Culinary programs, launched a food scraps collection project in Spring 2024. Food scraps from culinary classes are collected and composted into new soil, providing educational opportunities for both culinary and plant science students. Nearly 1,000 pounds of food scraps were collected over the course of the semester.
- For the third year in a row, the campus has reached a completion rate of 100 percent for all assessment projects. This means that all projects have outcomes, measures, targets, and findings. More than that, the evidence and analysis that is forthcoming continues to grow. Completion of these projects not only helps the individual departments continue to improve, but it also allows us to look at themes and areas for growth across departments, as well.
- The Registrar's Office created the Faculty and Advisor Guide to Registrar Procedures to streamline inquiries through that office.
- ITS supported 117 campus events throughout the 2023-2024 academic year.

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

- The Marketing and Communications teams, in partnership with the College's Branding Committee and the Cabinet, launched a research study to examine the school's brand identity and positioning as a leading institution for Ag & Tech in support of the strategic plan.
- Branding research included conversations with campus leaders, faculty, staff, and students. The study will conclude in the calendar year but has already resulted in the College undertaking creative exploration, which has led to a refresh of the school's marketing and communication materials and a fresh approach to messaging across channels.



- The College launched a search for a new Marketing Manager who joined the team in January, adding extensive brand identity, creativity, and marketing expertise capabilities to the team's skillset.
- The College's YouTube channel saw an 18.1 percent increase in subscribers and over 22,000 organic views in the 2023-2024 academic year.
- Tik Tok followers increased by 31.42% (369), Instagram followers increased by 17.14% (1,108), and Facebook followers increased by 7.86% (1,392). New social media campaigns

are driving engagement, including Internship Stories, Throwback Thursdays, and more in-depth sharing of hands-on experiences in "non-traditional" learning locations.

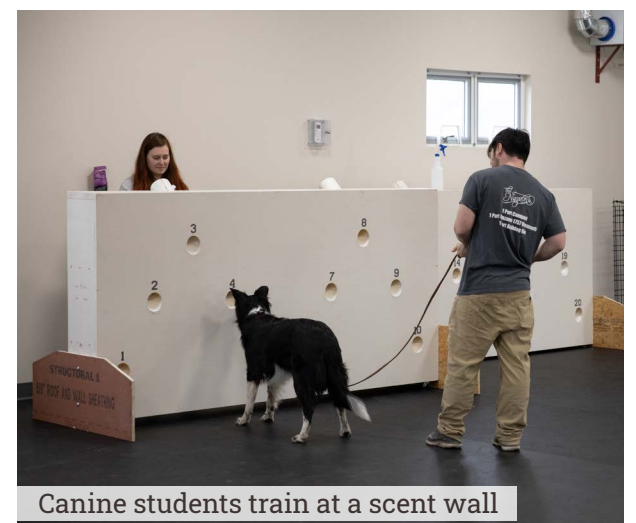
- The Marketing Department launched two new commercials on streaming platforms (CTV) designed to boost awareness with targeted audience segments, receiving over 750,000 impressions with a video completion rate of 84.18 percent.
- One of the commercials, Together @ SUNY Cobleskill, was awarded a Judges' Citation in SUNYCUAD's annual Awards for Excellence.
- While organic promotion remains a key tactic, paid awareness marketing in local publications was deployed in targeted local print, in particular targeting the downstate and out-of-town visitors to Saratoga for the Belmont Stakes and start of the Saratoga Race Course meet.
- Creative services and development, along with the creation of consistent, on-brand institution-wide print and digital collateral materials, tools, and templates continues to be an important and necessary focus for the Marketing team, regularly accepting more than 30 or more new or updated design requests each month.

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

- Throughout Spring 2023, and after consultation with special education experts, a new upper-level course and minor were developed in Early Childhood Studies. The resulting Accessible Instruction minor has broad appeal, access, and usefulness to majors across Cobleskill's baccalaureate programs.
- The Canine Training and Management program began a collaborative project with the Fisheries and Wildlife Management department to train dogs to detect invasive Goby Fish. This research and collaboration is ongoing.
- Canine Training and Management faculty and students traveled to the Working Dogs Center at

the University of Pennsylvania, where they were engaged in seminars on detection, patrol, and aggression. These seminars were exclusively for our students going into the field.

- Faculty accompanied 18 students to the SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference in April 2024. The students presented research in Canine, Biotechnology, Fisheries and Wildlife, and more at the event at the University of Buffalo.
- The Office of Educational Pathways (OEP) initiated 26 articulations, new and renewal, with partner institutions of higher learning in the 2023-2024 academic year.
- OEP accepted 79 articulation requests (informational, new, and renewal) from high





schools, initiating 52 articulations with 21 other agreements currently in process.

- OEP worked with 35 school districts to enroll students in College in High School (CIHS) courses, enrolling 149 students throughout the academic year.
- 237 students completed capstone internships in 2023-2024.



- With the use of Incremental Funding awarded to the campus to support unpaid internships, 13 students received stipends, which decreased the number of students with unpaid internships by 6 percent. The campus received additional funding for 2024-2025 and plans to award 22 stipends and 20 travel grants to students completing unpaid internships.
- Seven Honors students presented their research at the SUNY Undergraduate Research Showcase (SURC) in Spring 2024.

- Honors students Hannah Brown and Katie Baronowski presented their research about Canine Detection of Carvone Enantiomer at the Northeast Regional Honors Conference in Spring 2024.
- Two, full-time professional advisors were added to the staff, each focusing on first-year student success and promoting the faculty's knowledge of tools and technologies to support advisement processes.
- The Center for Academic Support and Excellence (CASE) received more than 7,900 student visits in the 2023-2024 academic year.
- CASE employed 18 peer tutors and six professional tutors in Fall 2023 and employed 19 peer tutors and five professional tutors in Spring 2024.
- 92 percent of upper-class students who participated in the Second Opportunity @ Success (SOS) program in Fall 2023 were eligible to return in Spring 2024.
- In Summer 2024, EOP offered a four-credit pre-semester experience for MATH 101 or MATH 111 and PHED 151-Wellness, focusing on mental health resources, substance abuse, and stress management techniques.
- The Office of International Education worked with the Vice President for Strategic Enrollment and Innovation to expand recruitment agency partnerships and increase diversity in international student applicants.



- EOP inducted two new members into its academic honor society, Chi Alpha Epsilon (XAE).
- The College successfully migrated its online student academic services from Moodle to Brightspace, which involved meticulous planning and execution, including data transfer, user training, and system integration.
- Course Merchant was implemented into Brightspace, enabling users to easily search for and enroll in microcredential courses directly within the platform. This integration enhances the user experience by streamlining course access and enrollment processes, providing a more efficient and user-friendly interface.
- Qwickly Attendance was integrated into Brightspace, enhancing the attendance tracking process for instructors and students. This implementation streamlines attendance management, allowing faculty to easily record and monitor student attendance in real time.
- The Center for Career Development transitioned its online job and internship listing system to Handshake, making it easier for employers to connect with our students and alumni.
- The Center for Career Development hosted five job fairs and completed 1,468 resume and cover letter reviews.
- AccessABILITY Resources enrolled 291 students who disclosed having a disability in Fall 2023 and enrolled 278 in Spring 2024.
- AccessABILITY Resources hosted informational and awareness events during October 2023 in support of Disability Awareness Month.
- AccessABILITY Resources supported CareerNext, Transitions, and Project Search programming.
- Dr. Robert Hoople, Assistant Professor of Psychology, has been approved to be a Certified Mental Performance Coach (CMPC) and will be listed in the Registry of Approved Mentors for the Association of Applied Sport Psychology. He is currently the only individual on the Registry of

- Approved Mentors affiliated with SUNY.
- The Library's average weekday headcount increased by 12 percent and visits per student increased by 11 percent compared to last academic year.
- Library Study Rooms were checked out more than 1,460 times in the 2023-2024 academic year.
- 93 different reserve items were checked out of the Library a total of 832 times. The most heavily used title (Elementary Statistics by Larson & Farber) was used 44 times. Considering the cost of the book (\$200+ new, \$120+ used) and student usage patterns, the availability of this book saved students, as a conservative estimate, \$1,300 to \$2,300 in just one year of use.
- Library staff delivered 76 workshop sessions serving more than 1,200+ students across 13 program areas in the 2023-2024 academic year.
- The Office of Admissions saw an 18 percent increase in applications received for the 2024-2025 academic year compared to 2023-2024.
- Admissions hosted three Accepted Student Days in Spring 2024 with 278 students visiting campus over the course of these events.
- Admissions launched a new program: Committed Students Days. Two of these events were hosted in 2023-2024 with 164 deposited students attending.





- Admissions also launched its new Junior Jump Program. Fifty-nine high school juniors and sophomores attended an on-campus event to help kick off their college search process.
- Admissions hosted two Fall Open House events in 2023, welcoming a total of 1,079 guests to campus.
- The Admissions Team attended approximately 300 off-campus recruitment events throughout the 2023-2024 academic year.
- The Registrar's Office implemented third-party diploma processing and services.
- The Registrar's Office created an electronic form for Adding a Second Program of Study.
- The Registrar's Office assisted with the campus' BannerWeb upgrade and implemented Proxy Management in Banner Web for students.
- The campus launched a pilot with CircleIn, a student support software. CircleIn is a peer lead learning program, which was implemented in several classes to support student collaboration in learning.
- Information Technology Services (ITS) implemented six major software platforms critical to student success and fiscal sustainability.
  - EAB Navigate: enhances student success by providing tools to track student performance and streamline support services.
  - Banner 9 Self Service: improves operational efficiency by enhancing the user interface for administrative and student functions
  - Sassafras: enhances software license management along with real-time software and asset utilization.
  - Handshake: increases career placement opportunities for students, supporting their career progression and success.
  - Brightspace D2L: improves digital learning environments, enhancing accessibility for students and supporting their academic success.

- Asset Tracking in Team Dynamix: enhances the management of campus resources, streamlining inventory and equipment tracking for better fiscal control.
- ITS completed major improvements to the campus' technology infrastructure, including WiFi and a modernized network backbone.
- ITS completed multiple classroom and laboratory technology upgrades in learning spaces across campus.

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

- Chief Diversity Officer Derwin Bennett appointed to The Iroquois Museum's Board of Trustees.
- The College and The Iroquois Museum collaborated to create a campus Land Acknowledgement Statement to be utilized in internal and external communications.
- A campus location was identified and planning commenced on the installation of the Haudenosaunee Pathway of Pride, honoring indigenous cultures of New York State. An unveiling in 2025 is planned.
- The Chief Diversity Officer launched the Inclusive Champion certificate program, providing local businesses, organizations, and community members with essential knowledge and training to support a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive community.



- The College hosted a series of MLK Day and Black History Month commemorative events, including the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Dinner, developed utilizing the MLK Pillars of Promise model (Social Justice, Civil Discourse, World Peace, Service, and Unity).
- Several faculty and staff members completed SUNY's DEISJ Curriculum Development Certification Program.

### 4.1 Achieving fiscal and operational sustainability

- The campus implemented a five-year Zero-Based Budget (ZBB) cycle. Ten campus units each year have been asked to submit a zero-based budget. ZBB is a methodology used to help align spending with strategic goals. Its approach requires organizations to build their annual budget from zero each year to verify all components of the annual budget are cost-effective, relevant, and drive improved savings. The ZBB methodology operates in stark contrast to traditional annual budgeting approaches. Traditional annual budgets are often produced by taking the previous year's actuals and adding a few percentage points to account for wage rises and inflation. This simplified and incremental budgeting can lead to inefficiencies and missed opportunities for greater cost savings.

- During the 2023-2024 budget cycle, the Office of Budget and Planning received feedback and recommendations on the submission of ZBB budgets and standard budgets. Using the feedback received, the budget template itself was modified for ease of use by the end-user (while meeting the overall budget requirements). The budget cycle saw 29 ZBB's submitted. As a result of the trainings, file simplification, and open communication with departments and areas, 78 ZBB's were received for the 2024-2025 budget cycle.
- SUNY Cobleskill hosted the 2024 SUNY Sustainability Conference, with over 80 sustainability professionals from across the system in attendance. The conference took place over two days, with over 20 sessions geared toward guiding and building upon our efforts to create more sustainable campuses. Sessions ranged from the environmental issues of reducing waste, switching to green energy, prioritizing biodiversity and habitat, and sustainable agriculture practices to incorporating more sustainability and environmental topics within educational coursework, and considering topics through a DEI lens. The conference featured a keynote session from Dr. Aaron Mair, the Director of the Forever Adirondacks program of the Adirondack Council.



SUNY Sustainability Conference



SUNY Sustainability Conference



- ITS implemented Digital Transformation Projects (SUNY DTP) to improve the campus' cybersecurity profile and ensure operational reliability and protection of institutional assets. SUNY Cobleskill received more than \$400,000 from the SUNY Digital Transformation Project to complete these initiatives.
- ITS developed a new Technology Cyclic Replacement Plan.
- ITS made updates and improvements to the Employee Cybersecurity Training Program.
- The Campus Print Shop incorporated sustainable practices and performed more in-house printing, saving the campus time, travel, and money.
- The Print Shop generated new campus revenue by expanding printing services to external businesses.

#### 4.2 Being a great place to work

- The Office of Sustainability launched the SUNY Cobleskill Share Shop, which is a space for the campus community to swap unwanted but still functional items such as clothing, school supplies, residence hall items, and more. All items are donated by and are free to anyone in the campus community who wants or needs them. This initiative helps to create a culture of sustainability by offering a method for reusing unwanted items rather than sending them to landfills. In the Spring 2024 semester, nearly 400 pounds of items were saved from going to landfill.

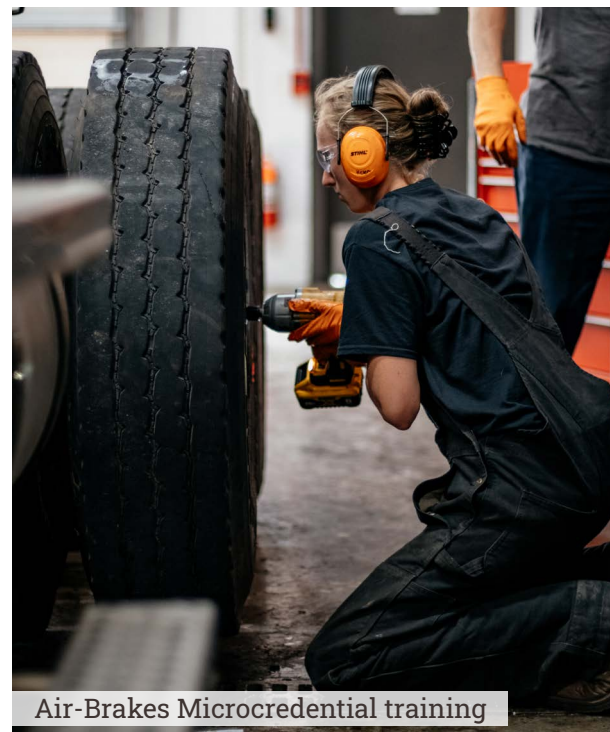


SUNY Cobleskill Share Shop

- Facilities Management implemented a virtual reality training program to broaden the skills and enhance safety training for department staff.

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

- Working together with partners from the NYS Department of Transportation, the Northeast Regional Technical Training Center training team produced a podcast highlighting education opportunities, which was featured on News10 and WAMC. The Center is helping to address the growing need for trained equipment technicians necessary to keep New York State's agricultural, construction, and transportation fleet moving.
- The Northeast Regional Technical Training Center offered microcredential training to 784 individuals (Basic and Applied Electrical, Basic and Applied Hydraulics, Basic Air Brakes, and Basic MVAC).
- The Northeast Regional Technical Training Center offered 44 two-day applied training sessions.



Air-Brakes Microcredential training

- Jonathan Behrens, Deputy Director of the Paramedic Program, was named to the New York State Department of Health Bureau of EMS Training and Education Committee and the Certification Exam Writing Committee.

#### 5.2 Creating global citizens

- The College created a new Freedom of Speech Policy for its campus members.
- The Office of International Education (OIE) assisted faculty in bringing global perspectives into faculty-led study abroad program assignments.
- OIE renewed overseas exchange partnerships to broaden international student diversity on campus and expand opportunities abroad for Cobleskill students.
- OIE trained Admissions staff on Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) operations.
- OIE supported graduating international students seeking Optional Practical Training opportunities.

- An interdisciplinary group of 14 students and two faculty members from Wildlife Management and Animal Science travelled to South Africa to participate in a Veterinarians in the Wild program. This was our first faculty-led program since the COVID-19 pandemic.
- One student completed an international internship in 2023-2024. An applied psychology student interned with Psyckey Mental Health Services in Belize.



South Africa trip participants



South Africa trip participants



# The Institute for Rural Vitality

## New Grants Awarded

**Sponsor:** Empire State Development, Entrepreneurship Assistance Centers Program

**Grant Award:** \$173,000.00 renewable for 3 years.

The Institute for Rural Vitality received grant support to provide instruction, training, technical assistance, and support services to individuals who are interested in starting or recently started their own business, or entrepreneurs seeking to expand or strengthen their early-stage business to entrepreneurs throughout the Mohawk Valley region.

**Sponsor:** Empire State Development, Entrepreneurship Assistance Centers Business Plan Competition Program

**Grant Award:** \$80,000.00

The Institute for Rural Vitality received grant support to fund the creation of a Business Plan Competition here at SUNY Cobleskill for EAC program graduates from across New York State.



**Sponsor:** NYS Office of Cannabis Management Technical & License Application Assistance Program

**Grant Award:** \$75,000.00

The Institute for Rural Vitality received grant support to provide cannabis business license applicants access to specialized resources and one-on-one pre-licensure guidance and assistance throughout the license application process, as well as assist applicants in their assessment of the various license types.



## Microcredential Data

The Institute has boosted professional development of students and community members by issuing almost 2,300 credentials with an 87 percent completion rate. SUNY Cobleskill now offers 64 microcredentials, the fourth highest total in all of SUNY, and has increased its microcredential enrollment by 178 percent since Spring of 2021.

## Business Assistance Provided

The Institute assisted nearly one hundred businesses in 2023-2024, bringing the total to 702 farm and food businesses receiving assistance. This includes providing entrepreneurs with product development assistance for 102 new products.

## Mohawk Valley Economic Development Region Workforce Development Challenge

The Institute was a core component, through its microcredential offerings and its value-added production programs, to the Mohawk Valley Economic Development Region winning the \$10 million New York State Regional Economic Development Council Challenge Competition.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Empire State Entrepreneur Expo

On May 10, the Institute hosted the 2nd Annual Empire State Entrepreneur Expo at SUNY Cobleskill. Over 100 products from 28 vendors were exhibited at the event. The Expo provided an opportunity for distributors and the public to taste, try and buy food, beverage, and other products made by the small businesses and farms from the Mohawk Valley and beyond. The next Expo will be held on May 2, 2025.





# Facts & Figures

**Total Undergraduate Enrollment:** 1,894  
**Total Degree-Seeking Students:** 1,882  
**Associate Degree Students:** 382  
**Bachelor's Degree Students:** 1,467  
**Certificate Students:** 33  
**Student/Faculty ratio:** 16:1  
**Average Class Size:** 21

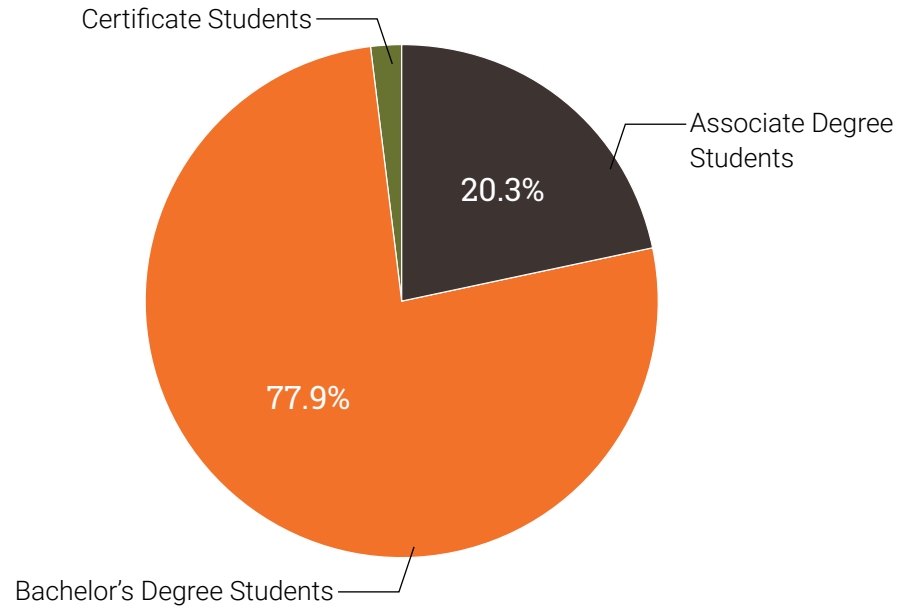
## Cost

### 2023-2024 In-State:

**Tuition:** \$7,070  
**Fees:** \$1,698  
**Room and Board:** \$16,208

### 2023-2024 Out-of-State:

**Tuition (Bachelor's Degree):** \$16,980  
**Fees:** \$1,698  
**Room and Board:** \$16,208



## Gender Distribution



## Housing



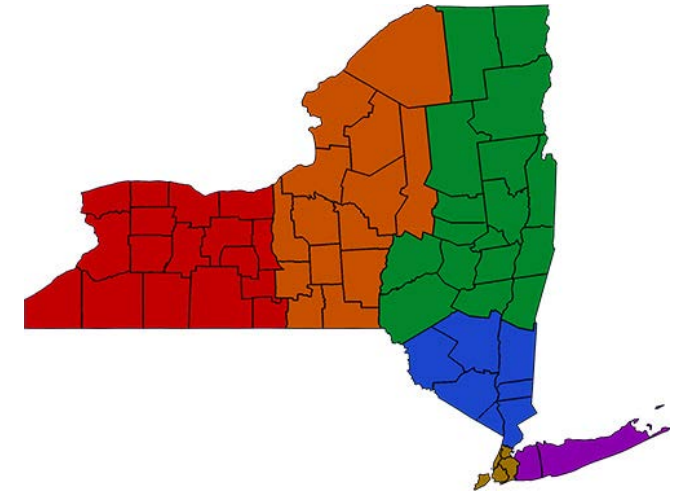
## Geographic Origins

### New York State

**Percent of Total Students from New York State:** 89%

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

- Capital Region:** 44%
- New York City:** 14%
- Hudson Valley:** 15%
- Central Region:** 12%
- Western Region:** 10%
- Long Island:** 6%

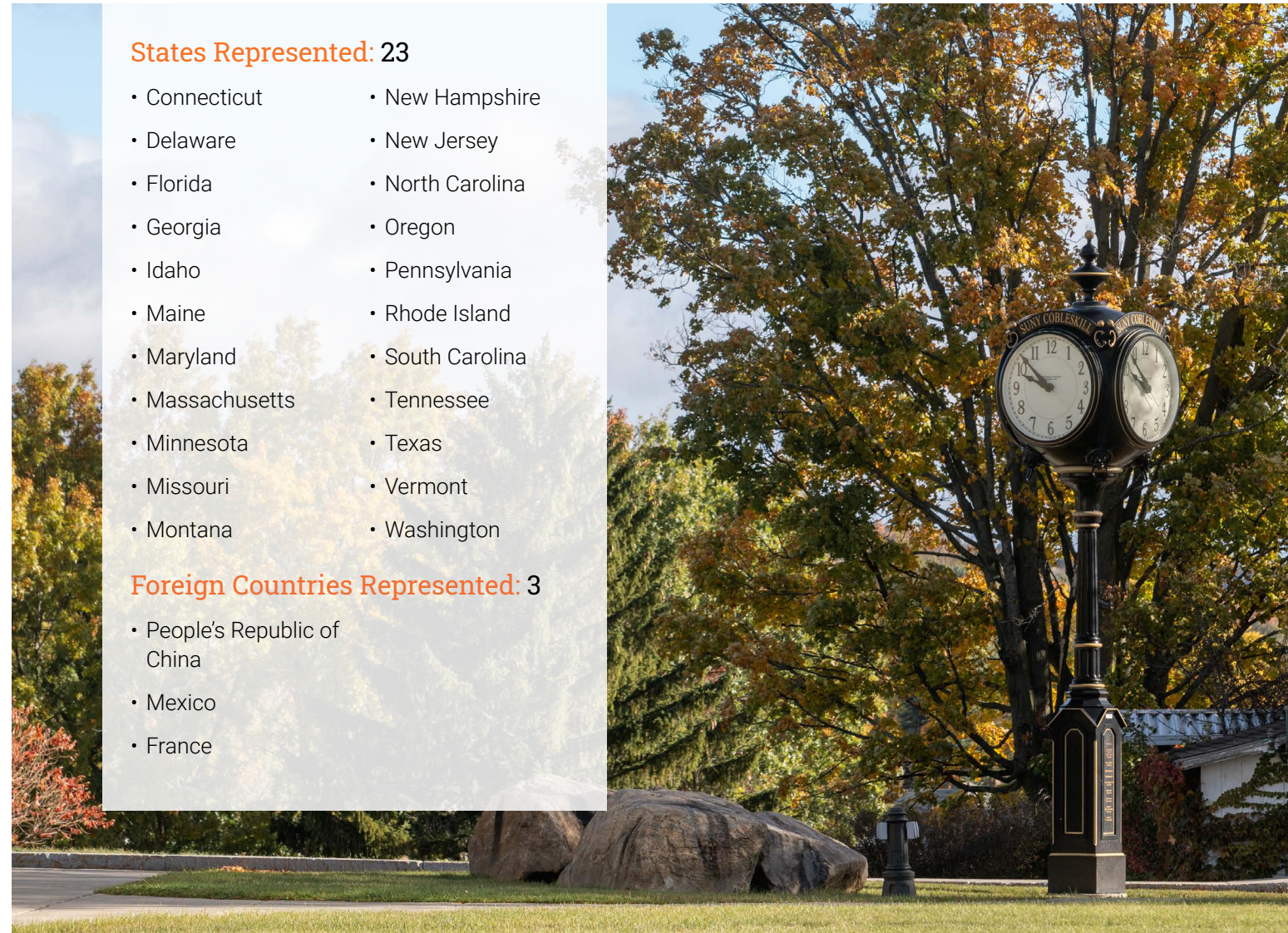


### States Represented: 23

- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Florida
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Montana
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- North Carolina
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Vermont
- Washington

### Foreign Countries Represented: 3

- People's Republic of China
- Mexico
- France





# Foundation Report

Once again, I have the pleasure of introducing SUNY Cobleskill Foundation's year-in-review; just one piece of a larger mosaic that represents all that this special college has achieved over the past year. This section of the Annual Report is special in its own way, as it's a reflection of you and all of our generous donors who made such a tremendous impact on the entire Coby community. You have helped to give our students the tools they need to excel in their future careers within agriculture, technology, science, and the liberal arts. It is because of you that the Foundation has achieved such unprecedented fundraising success over this past fiscal year... the third straight year of record-breaking fundraising results!

Reflecting on an outstanding year of donor generosity, it's been equally inspiring to see alumni and friends of the College reconnect with our campus. This year's Coby Homecoming & Family Weekend welcomed an impressive turnout, while our connections have continued to flourish through social media and traditional interactions. In these moments of meaningful reconnection, we're reminded of the many exciting possibilities on the horizon for the College, as well as the entire Coby community.

Looking ahead, I extend my deepest thanks to the Foundation and Alumni Association boards for their thoughtful guidance as we pursue forward-thinking and creative initiatives to support our students. The future has never looked brighter for SUNY Cobleskill, thanks to the combined vision of our leadership, the commitment of our dedicated alumni and volunteers, the talent of our faculty and staff, the tenacity of our students, and the unique applied learning model that we first pioneered in 1916.

Through this village approach, we are laying the foundation for a thriving tomorrow, and I extend my gratitude to you as we collectively make an incredible future possible for each of our students.

With tremendous appreciation,




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



## Financial Summary

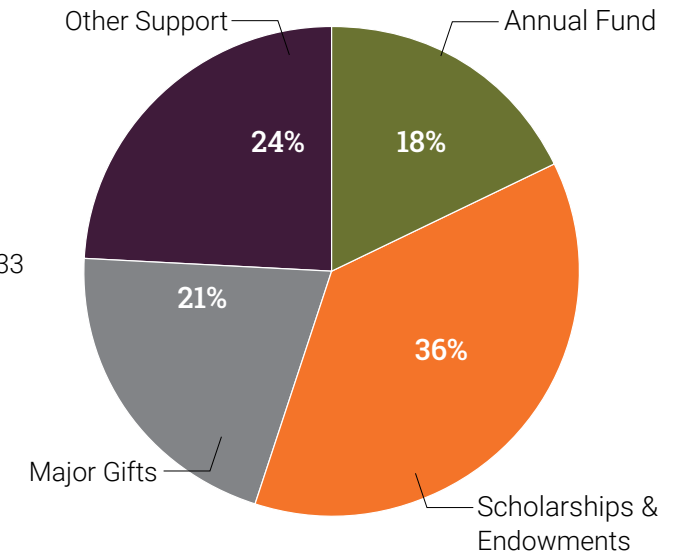
**Annual Fund:** \$502,832

**Scholarship & Endowment:** \$1,022,126

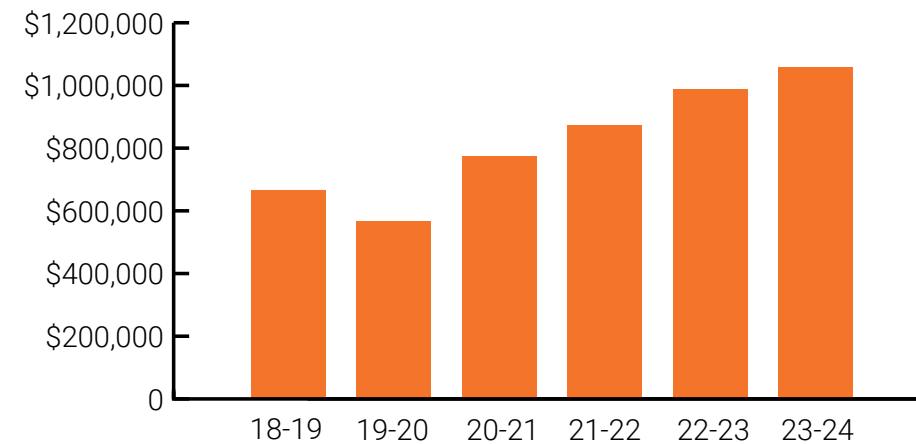
**Major Gifts:** \$577,632

**Other Giving (planned gifts, in-kind, etc.):** \$686,133

**Foundation Total: \$2,788,723**



## 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.



## Small Acts, a World of Difference

Marilyn Pointer's inspiration to become a scholarship benefactor is rooted in her personal experiences. She honors the legacy of her late husband, a volunteer fire chief, and the selflessness of local ambulance workers who supported her when she moved to Cobleskill.

Influenced by her father's belief in education as a pathway out of poverty, a worldview gained in living through the Great Depression, Pointer hopes her contributions encourage students by showing that their aspirations are recognized and supported. Her message to potential benefactors is simple: even the smallest contributions can make a world of difference in a student's life.

The Pointer-Corti Scholarship for Health and Emergency Services assists one SUNY Cobleskill student each year with non-tuition educational expenses, such as transportation and course materials. The scholarship prioritizes non-traditional students from Schoharie County who demonstrate a financial need. The scholarship particularly aids students pursuing studies in Health or Emergency Services, or Canine Training and Management. By supporting education in these essential areas, the scholarship contributes to building a better-prepared and more resilient community.



Marilyn Pointer (center) with family

## Featured Corporate Partners

### Townline Equipment

Townline Equipment committed \$87,500 commitment to support scholarships, athletics, events, programming, and other critical education related needs at the College. With six locations in Plainfield, NH, Pittsford VT, Troy NY, Sharon Springs NY, Greenville NY, and Oneonta, NY, Townline Equipment is a full equipment, service, and parts dealer of new and used tractors and construction equipment serving New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, and New England. As a second-generation family-owned business since 1971, they offer high-quality Kubota products, and their support will help our Agriculture Equipment Technology students gain experience working on this machinery as they prepare to enter the workforce.



### Monroe Tractor

A long-time partner of SUNY Cobleskill, Monroe Tractor's gift of \$50,000 will support a new generation of heavy equipment technicians through scholarship support. With 18 locations, Monroe Tractor specializes in agriculture and construction equipment, providing tractor service, sales, rentals, and support. Over the years, the College has had dozens of students intern and go on to work for Monroe Tractor. This gift reflects the value Monroe Tractor places on its partnership with the College, and its recognition of SUNY Cobleskill as the premier producer of heavy equipment technicians within New York State.



## Donors

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# 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  
228 Knapp Hall  
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.





# College Leadership

## Administration

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

**Derwin Bennett**  
*Chief Diversity Officer*

**Wendy C. Gilman**  
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*Vice President for Development*  
*Executive Director, SUNY Cobleskill Foundation*

## College Council

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**Linda K. Cross '62**

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**Susan Rightmyer '94**

**Marilyn Wyman**

**Hannah Case (Student Rep.)**

## Alumni Association Officers

**Pierce Randall '15**  
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**Geoffrey Rightmyer '95**  
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## College Foundation Board Officers

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*Vice President*

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*Treasurer, Alumni Association Representative*

**Wendy Gilman**  
*Assistant Treasurer*

**Maggie Jackson '94**  
*Secretary*





# Athletic Highlights

SUNY Cobleskill's 2023-2024 athletic department achievements include numerous individual awards and team recognitions, reflecting a solid year for the Fighting Tigers.

## Academic Accomplishments

- 36 third and fourth-year student-athletes were inducted into the Chi Alpha Sigma Honor Society, celebrating their academic achievements, including maintaining a 3.4 GPA or higher.

## NAC Conference Recognitions

- **All-Conference Selections:** 44
- **NAC Athletes-of-the-Year:** 3
- **NAC Rookies-of-the-Year:** 2
- **NAC Scholar Athletes-of-the-Year:** 3
- **NAC Athletes-of-the-Week:** 56
- **Conference Individual Champions:** 10
- **Conference Team Champions:**
  - Women's Basketball - NAC Western Division Champions
  - Men's Basketball - NAC Western Division Champions
  - Baseball - NAC Western Division Champions
  - Hunt Seat Equestrian - Region 3 Zone 2 Reserve Champions

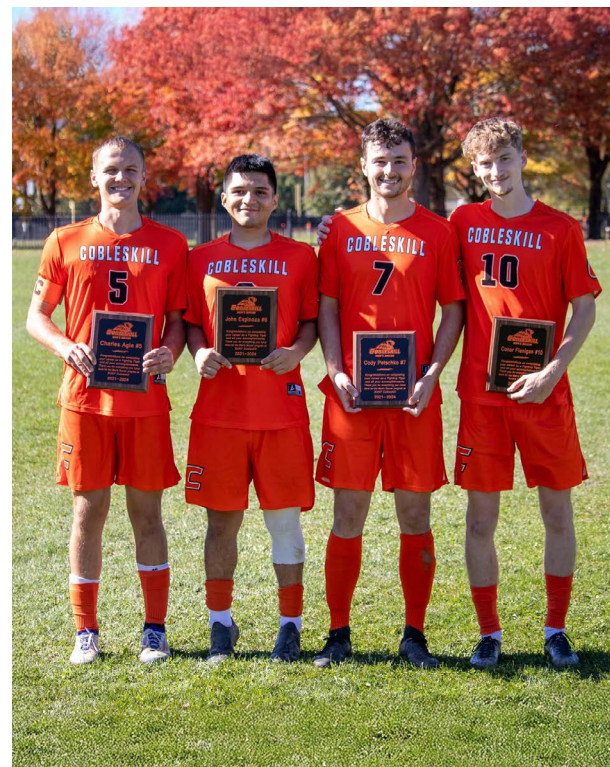


## Records Broken

- Women's Basketball: 25 wins in a season
- Women's Basketball: .926 winning percentage
- Men's Lacrosse: Sean D'Amaro (Career Goals - 89 and Career Points - 118)
- NAC Track Event Records: Nick Logan (800m - 1:57.87 and 1500m - 4:00.60)

## Team Achievements:

Women's Basketball captured the NAC West Division title, falling to Maine Maritime in the championship game. Capping the 2023-24 campaign, the team ranked first in all of NCAA Division III in four team stats: rebounding (52.11 RPG), rebound margin (15.10 RPG), scoring margin (32.20 PPG), and field goal percentage defense (.264).



## Individual Student-Athlete Honors

- Nick Logan (Track & Field/Cross Country) received multiple accolades, including NAC Man-of-the-Year, a first for SUNY Cobleskill. Only one male athlete across all sports is awarded. Logan also earned NAC's Senior Scholar Athlete award, First Team All-NAC for the third time, and finished second at the NAC Cross-Country Championships. At the 2024 NAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships, Logan won the 1500m in 4:00.60 and was victorious in the 800m with a time of 1:57.87 -- both new conference records. A Plant Science major, Logan has been accepted into Indiana University of Pennsylvania's graduate program in Biology, where he has accepted a position as a research assistant.
- Logan Thayne (Women's Basketball) earned the NAC Female Athlete-of-the-Year recognition and was a finalist for the NAC Woman-of-the-Year award, thanks to her on-court contributions and leadership. Thayne was also named to the D3Hoops All-Region team.
- Senior Kevon Barrett (Lacrosse) was recognized as the NAC Senior Scholar Athlete for his impressive academic and leadership contributions. As a Communication Technology major, Barrett maintained a GPA above 3.60 and served as team captain, embodying the NAC's core values on and off the field.
- First-year standout Kobe Long (Men's Basketball) was honored as the NAC Men's Basketball Rookie of the Year.
- Lilianna Peters (Women's Cross Country/Track & Field) won the individual championship at 24:44.80 on the 6K course. Peters earned the NAC Women's Cross Country Runner-of-the-Year and Rookie-of-the-Year awards. She repeated the Rookie-of-the-Year award for Track and Field.
- Senior forward Sean D'Amaro (Lacrosse) set program records as Cobleskill's all-time leading scorer with 89 goals and 118 points.



Logan



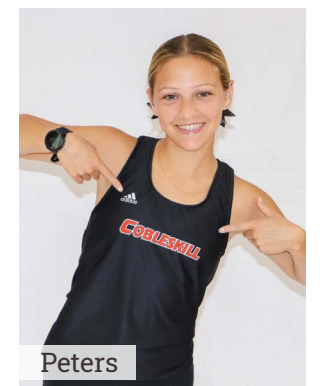
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