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SUNY | Center for Professional Development

Focus on Our Mission

I am grateful to have attended **Public Good U,** organized by SUNY University Faculty Senate, SUNY Faculty Council of Community Colleges, and State University of New York in partnership with the City University of New York. This conference highlighted the vital role of publicly funded colleges and universities in providing accessible education, fostering economic growth, and promoting community engagement. Each presentation and conversation underscored the importance of our mission in advancing equity, innovation, and economic development.

As we continue our work, let us remain focused on our purpose and support one another, recognizing that our collective strength is essential in addressing challenges together. Below are several SUNY CPD opportunities to connect, support, and learn from one another.

We hope to see you soon.

Lisa Raposo
Executive Director

SUNY's Inclusion Quest 2025

Increase Your Accessibility IQ and Remove Barriers to Digital Content

Join us for a year-long initiative to enhance digital accessibility across the SUNY system. Inclusion Quest (IQ) will empower faculty, staff, and students with the latest updates on accessibility laws and best practices. Through workshops, training, collaborative projects, and friendly competition, participants will develop essential skills to create accessible digital content.

Upcoming Webinars:

Navigating the New ADA Title II Requirements: A Framework for Higher Education Professionals
February 28th from 12:00–1:00 PM
Explore recent ADA Title II updates and their impact on higher education. Learn compliance strategies and participate in an interactive Q&A.

Ensuring ADA Title II Compliance in Technology Purchases for Higher Education
March 6th from 12:00–1:00 PM OR March 14, 12:00–1:00 PM
Learn how ADA Title II regulations affect procurement and gain strategies for compliance with third-party digital products.

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Call for Designers/Instructors
Academic Advising Certificate

The SUNY Center for Professional Development (CPD) is looking for individuals interested in designing and delivering one of the six-week asynchronous online courses for the Academic Advising Certificate program.

The program serves as a cornerstone for enhancing the quality of academic advising services, promoting student success, and advancing the professionalism of the academic advising field within higher education. While we will consider applications from those outside SUNY, faculty and staff in the System will be given priority. We will also consider applications from co-designers or co-instructors (with compensation divided between them).

Deadline for applications is March 9, 2025.

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Data Literacy Essentials for Higher Education Professionals

This online asynchronous program provides an overview of understanding data creation, use, analysis, interpretation, and storytelling for higher education professionals looking to increase their data literacy

skills. Participants will build confidence and competency using data by learning and practicing techniques for incorporating data into their daily work and career goals.

Designed for: anyone working in higher education who analyzes data or makes data-based recommendations or decisions.

Storytelling with Data
April 1 – May 12 or June 24 - Aug. 4

Builds on foundational data analysis skills to learn how to transform data insights into compelling and informative stories tailored for specific audiences in higher education. It is designed for those who have completed Course One or can demonstrate equivalent knowledge.

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NEW! Crucial Learning

Courses available for SUNY employees at a discount

Featured Course:
Crucial Conversations for Mastering Dialogue

Learn powerful skills to help you speak up quickly, directly, and effectively when it matters most. This course, grounded in decades of social science research, introduces the foundations of holding impactful dialogue and takes a deeper dive into mastering the most challenging conversations, at work and at home.

Otther courses include:

- Crucial Conversations for Accountability
- Crucial Influence
- The Power of Habit

PLUS! Each course includes an optional live online session with a community of practice to enhance your learning experience.

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Now Accepting Nominations for the SUNY SAIL Summer Leadership Program

SUNY Summer Leadership Retreat
August 4-8, 2025
White Eagle Conference Center, Hamilton, NY

Now Accepting Nominations for the SUNY SAIL Summer Leadership Program. You may nominate yourself or someone else. **Submit nominations before April 30th.**

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Project Management Fundamentals

Location: Online Synchronous Zoom Class

Date: Wednesday, March 12th and Wednesday, March 19th

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm EST

Dive into the project management life cycle. This workshop seeks to provide a common framework and language for people to use when working on project teams. It is not designed for people already working in project management roles, but rather, designed for people new to project management with little or no formal training. The focus of the training is to help SUNY employees understand the concepts and improve their project management skills.

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Advanced Project Management

Location: Online Zoom Workshop

Date: **Thursday, April 23, 2025 and Thursday, May 7, 2025**

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm EST

Dive into how to best manage and deliver projects for your institution. Those who benefit from this course would typically lead a team of functional and technical staff to implement changes to academic programs, staff and student learning programs, software systems and upgrades, facility and classroom modifications, and other campus and SUNY-wide projects.

Instructional Design Certificate Program

This asynchronous, 18-week certification program focuses on equipping participants with skills in instructional design, assessment development, course evaluation, and the utilization of assessment data and feedback for continual course enhancement. Design and develop engaging, inclusive, and effective learning experiences while mastering the creation of effective assessments.

- Course 2: Equitable Assessment Design and Course Evaluation **April 1 – May 12**
- Course 3: Advanced Instructional Design and Course Enhancement **June 3 – July 7**

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SUNY Conference on Instruction and Technology

Vendor Registration for the 33rd Annual SUNY Conference on Instruction & Technology (CIT) is now open.

CIT is an event on instructional technology, providing a forum for faculty, instructional support professionals, and policymakers to present, discuss, and explore innovative avenues for integrating technology into the teaching and learning environment.

The theme for 2025, Human-Centered Learning: Tensions, Innovations, and Inclusion in the Future of Education is supported by five tracks:

• Adapting to a Changing Educational Environment
• Content Creation and Authorship
• Evolving Pedagogies and Frameworks
• Building Relationships and Support Networks
• Equitable Practices for All Learners

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SUNY Digital Learning Conference

March 12th - March 13th
Binghamton University

Registration is now open for the SUNY Digital Learning Conference.

For this open, two-day, conference, we invite faculty, technologists, librarians, teaching and learning support specialists, and students to engage in discussions and workshops focused on tools and methods essential for effective public humanities work.

Presentations on any aspect of public humanities or community engaged work inside and outside of the classroom are welcome. Themes or categories that are included or may be helpful to think about are:

- creating, exploring or working with local history collections including oral histories
- writing about local news or politics and creating engaged citizen students
- ways of fostering and sustaining long term community relationships
- using digital storytelling tools to create public facing content
- challenges and opportunities engaging students in public facing work
- specific lessons or approaches to working digital tools into classrooms
- fostering student creativity and advocacy through community engaged learning

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SUNY Transformation Fund Webinar Series

In support of the SUNY Office of Student Success, SUNY CPD is hosting a two-series of webinars this spring:

Student Basic Needs Support

As part of the SUNY Transformation Fund initiative, this **FREE** webinar series will provide a platform for campuses to exchange best practices and learn from each other's experiences. Each session will feature expert speakers and interactive discussions, offering participants valuable insights and actionable strategies to support student success across SUNY campuses.

March 5, 2025
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Presenter: Adam Patterson, Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences and **Christina Annesi**, ASAP Director, Erie Community College

Join us for a discussion on **Student Basic Needs Support**, exploring how institutions can create a **culture of care** by addressing food insecurity, housing stability, and financial challenges. Learn from experts about best practices and innovative campus initiatives that remove barriers to student well-being.

Future Sessions Include:
- Proactive Advising (4/23)

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Academic and Career Alignment

Ensuring student success and timely graduation is more critical than ever. This **FREE** Transformation Fund webinar series will delve into Complete College America's (CCA) proven strategies and best practices. Sessions will provide participants with actionable insights and a comprehensive understanding of how to foster a supportive and effective learning environment across SUNY campuses.

February 27th
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Join **Dr. Lakeisha Mathews**, Director of the Career and Internship Center at the University of Baltimore, for an engaging session on **aligning academics with career goals**. Learn practical strategies for embedding career readiness into academic pathways, expanding equitable access to internships, and leveraging AI to connect students with tailored career resources and personalized support.

Future Sessions Include:
- Academic Maps & Milestones (3/13)
- First-Year Experience (4/3)
- Smart Schedules (4/10)

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Leveraging Generative AI to Create Free and Open Educational Resources webinar

Interested in with AI and OER? Join us for an engaging virtual presentation on Leveraging Generative AI to Create Free and Open Educational Resources on **March 25th from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM.**

This session will explore how generative AI, particularly ChatGPT, can enhance the development and dissemination of Open Educational Resources (OER). You'll learn how to:

- Use AI for creating high-quality, accessible learning materials through effective prompt engineering.
- Address ethical considerations, including plagiarism and copyright, for responsible AI use.
- Supplement coursework with AI-generated content to improve course iterations and inclusivity.

Register Here

SUNY Online Summit – Last Chance to Register!

February 26th - February 28th

The SUNY Online Summit is just around the corner! This event brings together experts and educators to explore the future of online learning. **Registration for virtual attendance open until the conference begins.**

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CPD Joins the American Heart Association Heart Walk!

The CPD is participating in the American Heart Association's Heart Walk! Our team is gearing up to make strides for heart health on Sunday, March 30th. We invite you to join us in this vital cause to support heart health and save lives.

Through our participation, we are not only promoting our well-being but also contributing to crucial research and educational efforts led by the American Heart Association.

Join the CPD team and help us reach our fundraising goal! Every step counts, and your support makes a significant difference. Check out our team page and learn more about how you can get involved.