



## Volume 5 no. 7



### Unlocking Inclusion: Explore the SUNY IQ Program

The SUNY Inclusion Quest (IQ) is year-long initiative designed to elevate digital accessibility across the SUNY system. Co-sponsored by the SUNY Provosts Office and SUNY Office of Student Success and supported by the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) at SUNY project, this webinar series empowers faculty, staff, administrators, and students with the tools and knowledge to meet evolving accessibility standards, including the new ADA

Title II requirements. If you missed a session or want to revisit key takeaways, you can access all past recordings and session summaries [here](#).

In support of the SUNY IQ effort, this year's **OTTER Institute (Online Teaching: Technology & Educational Resources)** will focus on digital accessibility. The OTTER Institute is **free** to all SUNY campus members. OTTER will take place June 2-6th & August 18-22nd. [Learn more here](#) and join the movement to make SUNY more accessible for everyone.

Lisa Raposo  
Executive Director

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## SUNY/Microsoft Copilot Roadshow



Join SUNY and Microsoft to learn all about the capabilities of Microsoft Copilot Chat (AI) and agents, and how they can revolutionize your organization's operations. Learn how Copilot Chat, powered by GPT-4o, provides a secure and intuitive AI chat experience, integrating seamlessly with your existing workflows. These sessions are open to all SUNY Faculty, Staff, and Students.

The roadshow will be at:

University at Buffalo (Buffalo, New York)  
Monday, 6/9/2025  
10:00 AM or 1:30 PM

Cayuga Community College (Auburn Campus)  
Wednesday, 6/11/2025  
10:00 AM or 1:30 PM

Fashion Institute of Technology (New York, NY)  
Thursday, 6/12/2025  
10:00 AM or 1:30 PM

University of Albany (Albany Region)  
Friday, 6/13/2025  
10:00 AM or 1:30 PM

*More dates and campuses to be announced as scheduled.*

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## Learn the Mindful Leadership Essentials this Summer!

**Course Dates: June 2nd – July 21st**

Learn the concepts and techniques of meditation, and understand the importance of self-care, loving-kindness, compassion and body based awareness. Connect the me (my practice, my relationship with self – intra-) and the we (my interactions with others – inter). Deepen considerations and practice in the realm of awareness-based self care, self compassion & compassion for others, empathy, and loving kindness.



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## Register now for the Summer Department Chair Academy



**Course Dates: June 24th - July 25th**

The Department Chair Virtual Academy is a blended learning experience with live online growth sessions, asynchronous Crucial Conversations for Mastering Dialogue course content, as well as access to a Brightspace course environment.

The SAIL Institute's Department Chair Academies offer opportunities and resources to build the leadership capacity of current and future department chairs, program coordinators, and directors of research centers and institutes. Build confidence and knowledge through teaching leadership concepts and practice those concepts through case studies, reflection, discussion, and developing "take home" goals and objectives.

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## Career Readiness Champion Certificate



### **Designing Your Career Development Toolkit** **June 24th – August 4th**

This course is designed to assist student facing faculty and staff in developing a comprehensive understanding of career development available technologies, online resources, the role of campus career centers, and strategies to enable every student to pursue the job of their dreams.

### **Integrating Career Development into Your Role & Campus Culture** **August 5th – September 15th**

This course is designed for faculty and staff who teach, advise, or work with students in any context where their career planning is relevant. Participants in this capstone course will devise a concrete plan to integrate career development into their campus roles in meaningful and transformative ways.

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## Inclusive Teaching and Learning Certificate



### **Equitable Evaluation and Assessment of Student Learning** **July 1st – August 4th**

- Compose overarching course objectives that interface with student learning outcomes and take into account diverse student backgrounds and experiences
- Create inclusive student learning outcomes, differentiating between lower level and higher level outcomes - for projects/activities and/or course syllabi
- Produce project level, as well as course level rubrics, including rubrics for creative activities, if needed

- Design equitable evaluation instruments that assess critical thinking and higher level learning, in addition to skill level learning
- Formulate inclusive student feedback that addresses higher learning level outcomes, in addition to skill level learning

### Essential Communication Skills for Inclusive Teaching August 5th – September 8th

- Align teaching philosophy with effective ways to facilitate class conversations and inspire students to be active course participants.
- Identify and employ both verbal and non-verbal culturally competent immediacy skills
- Utilize inclusive and diverse questioning techniques
- Employ diverse strategies to build community in your classroom
- Demonstrate uses of out-of-class communication that supports classroom learning

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## Assessment Leadership



Register now for **Assessment Leadership**, an online asynchronous course in Brightspace that goes from **July 8th – August 18th**.

Course participants will apply what they learn directly to their campus context through interactive resources and engaging assignments that teach effective self-assessment and project management practices.

What you will learn:

- Define, manage, and evaluate a project designed to advance assessment on your campus
- Identify and apply the change management skills required to meet your campus assessment needs
- Implement strategies to influence your campus assessment stakeholders and culture from any level of the organization
- Apply at least one theory or model of leadership to frame assessment initiatives on your campus

*Who should take this course?* Faculty, staff, or administrators who have some assessment experience or who have completed either the Institutional Effectiveness or Assessment of Learning Outcomes Certificate programs.

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## Online Teaching Certificate Program

Registration is open for the Fall Online Teaching Certificate Program, designed to familiarize participants with the concepts, competencies, pedagogies, and best practices associated with the development and delivery of online learning environments.

**Course 1:**

**Getting Started with Online Instruction**  
August 26th-October 6th

**Course 2:**  
**Interaction, Student Engagement, and Teaching**  
**Presence in Online Courses**  
October 14th-November 24th

*Format:* online, asynchronous

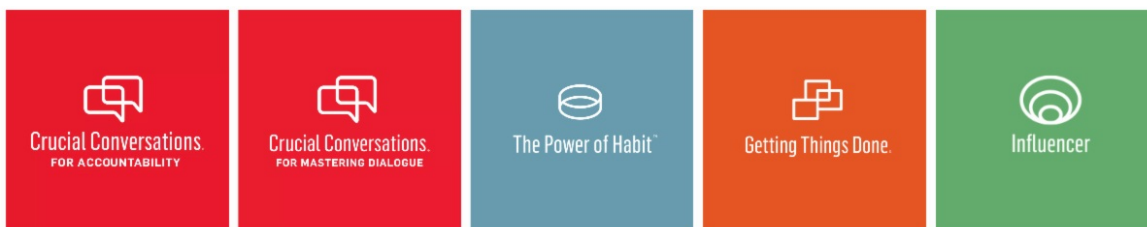


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## NEW! Crucial Learning

### Courses available for SUNY employees at a discount



**Featured Course:**  
**Crucial Influence**

Design and implement a strategy for initiatives that require change in human behavior. Discover why people do what they do and how all leaders—from aspiring leaders to top executives—can influence others for lasting results.

**Audience:**  
Managers, Leaders, Department Chairs

About 7-8 hours of online learning; one-year access to the course

Other courses include:

- Crucial Conversations for Accountability
- 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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## CIO Leadership Academy





**Congratulations** to the following IT leaders as they graduated from the CIO Leadership Academy yesterday! Soon their applied learning projects will be posted on the SUNY SOAR Open Access Repository (<https://soar.suny.edu/>), encouraging continued learning and development across the higher education landscape.

- Hasan Awwad "Bridging the Gaps with iPaaS"
- Scot Beekman "Modern Telephony Solution: Unified Voice Selection & Pilot"
- Joseph Falcone "The Power of Alignment: Unifying Cybersecurity Efforts into a Strategic Initiative"
- [Shrikant Iyer](#) "Modernize and standardize the Virtual Desktop experience across the organization"
- Alan Lawton "If at First You Don't Succeed, Tear it Down and Start Again "
- [Fion MacCrea](#) "Navigating multi-party support scenarios with RACI: Using Responsibilities Matrices to address complex partnerships"
- Michael Pastine "ITS Strategic Plan: A Framework for Building Cohesive Teams"
- Luis Pla " CEAC DataShift"
- Philip Vecchione " Improving Microsoft Teams Utilization in Project Management"
- Jennifer Webb " From Framework to Function: ITIL Gap Analysis for Strategic Improvement "
- Tyler Whitney "Gateway to Growth: Reimagining Access, Redefining Engagement through the Transformation of SUNY Plattsburgh's Portal"
- Ethan Wright " Becoming the Center of Research for Binghamton University "

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**Carolyn J. Mattiske**  
*Director of SAIL Institute*

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**5k Heart Walk**



Congratulations to the SUNY CPD Team for coming in #6 on the list of Upstate Medical University's top fundraising teams, raising \$1,083 for the American Heart Association. SUNY CPD participated in the 5K "Heart Walk" which took place on the campus of Onondaga Community College on March 30th. Thank you to all of you who supported this effort!

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