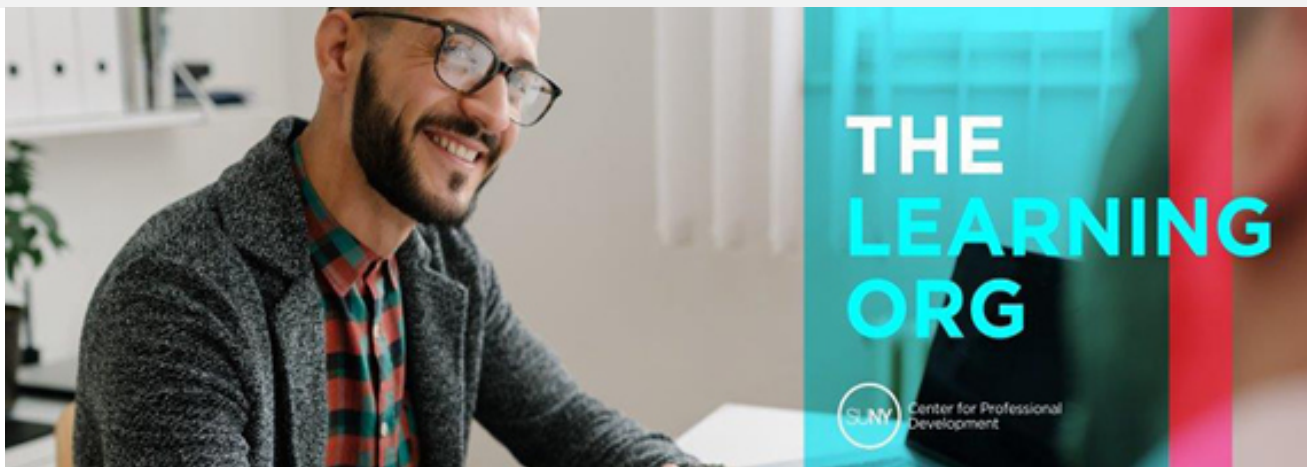




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Celebrating Impact

In this edition, we spotlight the SUNY Center for Professional Development's [Annual Impact Report](#), which highlights a transformative year of professional learning across the system. Through strategic partnerships and innovative programming, CPD delivered high-quality, cost-effective development opportunities—saving campuses nearly \$1.5 million. From launching new certificate programs and leadership academies to supporting system-wide initiatives like the SUNY Transformation Fund and Public Good U, CPD continues to empower faculty, staff, and campus leaders. With over 12,000 registrations, 104 programs, and a growing digital presence, CPD's work reflects a deep commitment to excellence, equity, and lifelong learning.

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Lisa Raposo
Executive Director

We thank our partners and member campuses for their continued

Accelerate Campus Innovation with Microsoft Copilot Chat + Agents



Join us this November for a hands-on **Microsoft Copilot Roadshow** hosted across SUNY campuses.

In this interactive workshop, participants will:

- Explore how Copilot Chat, powered by GPT-4o, integrates securely into campus workflows.
- Learn to build Copilot agents that automate and streamline operations.
- Discover prompting best practices to get the most from Copilot.
- Understand the AI Adoption Curve and how to scale AI effectively across your organization.

Don't miss this opportunity to see how Copilot can transform the way your campus works.

Dates and Locations:

- Nov 3rd – SUNY New Paltz
- Nov 4th – Alfred State College
- Nov 5th – SUNY Cortland
- Nov 6th – SUNY Geneseo
- Nov 7th – Farmingdale State University

Cost is **free** to all SUNY faculty and staff!

[More Info](#)

Join the SUNY Inclusion Quest (IQ) Digital Accessibility Challenge

Help make SUNY more accessible for all! **The SUNY IQ Digital Accessibility Challenge** empowers faculty, staff, and students to stay up to date on accessibility laws, build skills to create inclusive digital content, and foster equity across campuses.

Get started by watching one of the three recorded Orientation Webinars, where we will walk through the three phases of the challenge: **Knowledge Building, Assessment & Review, and Remediation.**

Visit the link below for more info on how to get started!

[More Info](#)



Registration Open for Fall SUNY New Faculty Open Mic Program

Offered at **no cost to tenure-track faculty** at all 64 SUNY campuses, the New Faculty Open Mic is a biweekly Zoom series designed to support faculty in their first two years (since Fall 2023). Sessions run **every other Monday from 2–3 p.m., September 8th to December 1st**, and are not recorded.

Co-hosted by SUNY Empire State University's Center for Mentoring, Learning and Academic Innovation and the SUNY Center for Professional Development, this informal, participant-led program aims to:

- Build community and connection among new SUNY faculty!
- Provide peer support in navigating teaching, advising, scholarship, service, and more.

[More Info](#)



Connect with other SUNY Faculty Developers in Your Area this Fall!

The SUNY Center for Professional Development is

hosting a series of in-person meetings this fall designed for faculty and educational developers across the system. These highly interactive sessions will focus on sharing ideas, building connections, and providing practical strategies participants can bring back to their campuses.

Final date: November 7th – Fashion Institute of Technology

Time: 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Registration: \$30 CPD member fee (includes coffee and lunch)



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Project Management Fundamentals

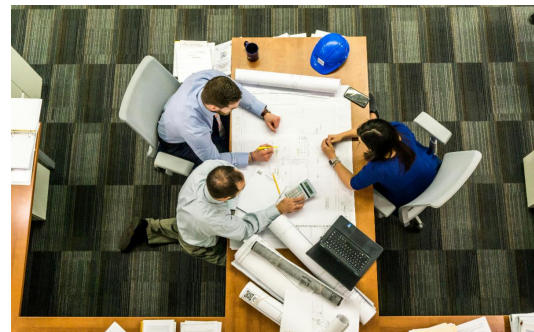
Live Online via Zoom

Dates:

- November 6th & 7th
- 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM EST

*Please note September dates have been filled

Learn the essentials of project management using the NYS PM Guidebook, V2. This 2-day workshop is ideal for SUNY staff new to managing projects or leading teams - no prior experience required.



Cost:

- SUNY CPD Members: \$150
- SUNY Campuses: \$180
- Others: \$250

[More Info](#)

Universal Design for Learning – Access for All Webinar Series Fall 2025



Virtual via Zoom – All sessions will be recorded and captioned

The SUNY CPD's Universal Design for Learning (UDL) initiative continues the [Access for All Webinar Series](#), a set of one-hour sessions focused on practical strategies for making course materials more accessible and inclusive.

Dates:

- Improving Accessibility in Audio and Video – Nov. 5th, 12–1 PM
- Developing Accessible and Inclusive PDFs – Nov. 19th, 12–1 PM

These sessions will explore ways to improve readability, engagement, and equity through better design of documents, presentations, media, and PDFs. Participants should have basic knowledge of creating accessible documents and slide decks.

For more information and other UDL offerings, visit the [Universal Design for Learning at SUNY website](#).

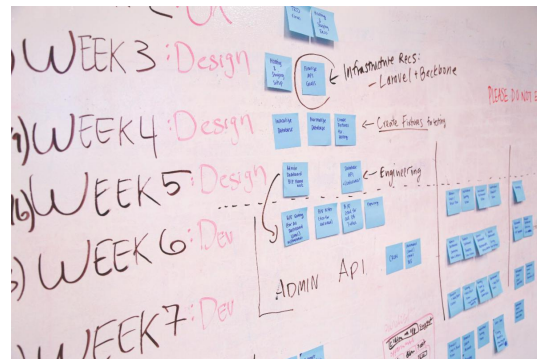
Questions? Contact cpdinfo@suny.edu

Advanced Project Management this Winter!

Take your project management expertise to the next level with the Advanced Project Management course. Designed for SUNY staff **who have completed Project Management Fundamentals**, this 2-day workshop covers advanced tools and techniques for managing complex projects.

Dates and Times:

- Thursday, December 11th, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM EDT
- Thursday, December 18th, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM EDT



[More Info](#)

Nominations Open for the CIO Leadership Academy

NOW is the time to nominate your IT colleagues destined for leadership for the **CIO Leadership Academy**!

The learning will **begin in February**, and participants will move through the cohort experience under the guidance of a seasoned CIO mentor through **May 2026**. SUNY scholarships will be available!

[Learn more](#) and [submit a nomination](#).



[More Info](#)

Nominations Open for the 2025 FACT2 Excellence Awards

The **SUNY Faculty Advisory Council on Teaching and Technology (FACT2)** is now accepting nominations for the 2025 FACT2 Excellence Awards through **December 8th, 2025**.

These system-wide honors recognize outstanding

achievement and dedication among faculty, instructional support professionals, and administrative leaders who advance teaching and learning through the innovative use of technology.



Awardees exemplify SUNY's commitment to excellence, access, and innovation—and will be recognized at **CIT 2026, hosted by Stony Brook University.**

Award Categories:

- Excellence in Instruction: Community Colleges
- Excellence in Instruction: State-Operated and Statutory Campuses
- Excellence in Instructional Support: Community Colleges
- Excellence in Instructional Support: State-Operated and Statutory Campuses
- Excellence in Administrative Leadership: Community Colleges
- Excellence in Administrative Leadership: State-Operated and Statutory Campuses

Learn more about the award criteria and submit your nomination by **December 8th, 2025.**

For questions, contact Dr. Janet Nepkie, FACT2 Awards Chair, at Janet.Nepkie@oneonta.edu.

[More Info](#)

Save the Date: SUNY SURC 2026

Mark your calendars! The 2026 SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference (SURC) will take place at two locations this spring:

- SURC West – **SUNY Fredonia, Tuesday, April 21st, 2026**
- SURC Central – **Upstate Medical University (Syracuse), Friday, April 24th, 2026**



Students and mentors from all academic disciplines are encouraged to participate in this showcase of undergraduate research and creative activity across SUNY.

More details will be shared soon—visit the link below for updates or email SURC@SUNY.edu with questions.

[More Info](#)

Call for Proposals – SUNY General Education Conference 2026

May 26th–29th, 2026 | SUNY Stony Brook

The **Conference on Instruction and Technology (CIT)** invites educators, technologists, administrators, and thought leaders from across SUNY and beyond to submit proposals for **CIT 2026.**

This year's theme, *Designing the Future of*

CIT 2026



Stony Brook University

Learning, highlights the transformative power of resilient teaching, innovative practices, and inclusive strategies that drive student success.

Share your insights, showcase successful models, and collaborate with colleagues shaping the future of teaching and learning.

Proposal deadline: January 9th, 2026, at 11:59 PM
Learn more and submit your proposal at cit.suny.edu.

[More Info](#)

Call for Proposals – General Education Conference 2026

April 9th–10th, 2026 | Saratoga Springs, NY

The SUNY System Administration, University Faculty Senate, and Faculty Council of Community Colleges invite proposals for the **SUNY General Education Conference**. Join colleagues from across SUNY to share ideas, best practices, and innovative approaches to general education.

This year's focus includes **DEISJ, Civic Discourse & Engagement, AI Literacy, Sustainability, and Intersections across the Curriculum**.

Proposals due: November 16th, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.

[More Info](#)



Instructor Spotlight: JoAnna Brosnan

We're excited to shine a spotlight on **JoAnna Brosnan**, SUNY System Administration, Institutional Research — and an inspiring instructor in SUNY's Business Intelligence (Student Data) Workshops – Introductory & Advanced.

JoAnna helps participants navigate the SUNY Data Warehouses, giving learners access to a wealth of data regardless of their department or role. Her workshops provide a hands-on opportunity not only to learn how to use the warehouses but also to see how peers across SUNY are leveraging data to improve their practices.



Why Business Intelligence? Why now?

"The BI Introductory workshop is necessary to be able to access the SUNY Data warehouses, which is valuable regardless of what department or area you are in - there is a LOT of data at our fingertips. These workshops grant the opportunity to not only learn how to use and navigate the SUNY warehouses, but how your peers and colleagues are using the data as well. As a student, every time I took one of the two courses as a refresher, I learned something new not only from the instructor, but was also inspired by others to conduct differing analyses."

Participants in JoAnna's workshops can expect:
Practical skills for navigating and using SUNY Data Warehouses
Collaboration and learning from peers across departments
Supportive instructors and classmates to help when challenges arise

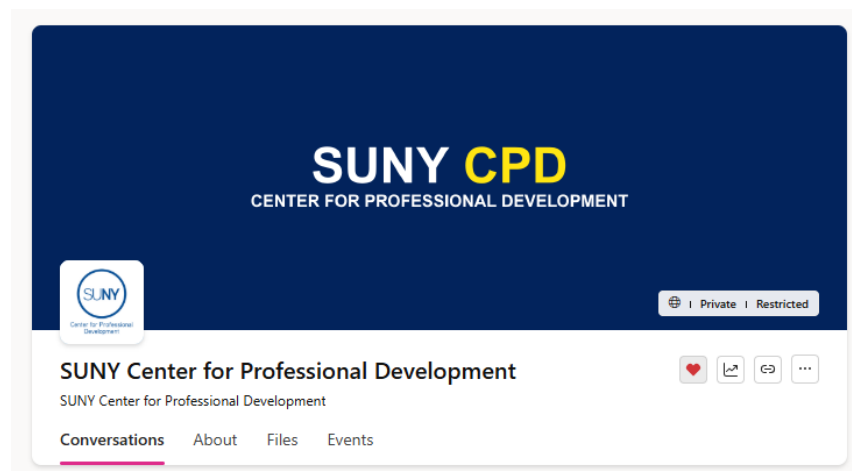
Reflecting on teaching, JoAnna shares:

"Something I'd like to highlight - Just like when learning ANY new application, tool, etc., there may be moments where you become frustrated - reach out to either of the BI instructors, we're happy to assist! Your classmates are invaluable resources, too! Also, take the time to learn where the data is coming from, especially when drawing large conclusions =>."

Thank you, JoAnna, for your dedication to helping SUNY professionals unlock the power of data and improve student outcomes!

More Info on SUNY
BI

Connect, Share, and Collaborate on Viva Engage!



Did you know? The SUNY Learning Commons on Viva Engage is your members-only space to connect with colleagues from across the SUNY system!

In the Commons, you'll find:

- Communities of Practice and Groups focused on shared interests or professional roles
- Topic-based groups where you can dive into specialized discussions
- Spaces to share photos, updates, and event highlights
- And the option to request new groups for projects, initiatives, or emerging topics

We already have an active SUNY CPD group—and there are many other channels where you can:

- Ask questions
- Share resources and best practices
- Celebrate successes and milestones

Access is open to **anyone with a Microsoft email**, but to keep groups focused and relevant, you'll just need to fill out a short form to be added.

Ready to get involved? Click the button below to see our active communities.

Let's keep building our SUNY community together—one conversation at a time!

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