

CIO LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

FEBRUARY 10TH – 11TH 2026



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Why Attend?

- Work with an experienced CIO mentor
- Personal 360 Leadership Skills Inventory Assessment Report
- Participation in virtual growth sessions throughout Spring 2025 and in-person Opening and Capstone events
- Develop and execute an applied learning project to advance you and your campus team
- Develop and refine executive presence skills
- Social learning and networking

Learning Objectives

The Chief Information Officer (CIO) Leadership Academy enables current and aspiring CIOs and IT leaders to strengthen their leadership ability by:

1. Gaining new understanding of their personal leadership styles;
2. Knowing when to use different leadership skills based on the situation;
3. Being able to articulate a vision and turn the vision into implementation;
4. Learning how to build and lead a team;
5. Developing new collaboration skills;
6. Refining their communication and executive presence skills; and
7. Advancing their understanding of key issues confronting CIOs (e.g., information security, institutional data management and new data-enabled student success technologies).

Intended Audience

- New and aspiring chief information officers, chief digital information officers and information technology directors.
- Current IT Practitioners, directors/assistant directors, assistant CIOs or research directors with significant responsibility for information services, including information technology, computing, software support, information security, data infrastructure, library services and so forth.
- Those who provide the coordination and leadership for ensuring quality and success of information-related activities on their campuses.
- Additional job titles may include Analysts, Heads of Technology, Deputy CIOs, Dean of IT, AVPs, Information Security Officers, Project Managers, Systems or Network Administrators or Managers, Lab and Classroom Technicians, etc.

Opening Events:

February 10th & 11th 2026 Off-site dinner

Day 1 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Day 2 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: SUNY Orange Community College

Office Hours with SUNY SAIL/NYSERNet:

February 16, 2026 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Drop in for 360 Assistance

Virtual Growth Session 1

February 25, 2026, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Wellness Session

March 11, 2026, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Office Hours with your Mentor:

March 16, 2026, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Mid-semester Growth Session

March 25, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Regional Meet Ups, Tentative

Virtual Growth Session 2

April 14, 2026, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Office Hours with your Mentor:

April 20, 2026, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Virtual Growth Session 3

April 29, 2026, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Capstone Event & Graduation

One day graduation event including presentation of applied learning projects

May 7, 2026, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: University at Albany

Nomination Process

Nominations will be accepted through the end of the calendar year (12/31/2025). Leaders may nominate high-potential individuals from their institution, or interested participants may self-nominate. A review committee will consider nominations and accepted individuals will be sent a registration link in early 2026.

Registration

The registration deadline is January 23, 2026.

Program begins February 10, 2026

SESSION DATES



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