Good News from Across SUNY

The Power of SUNY

• On May 2, Chancellor Zimpher and Governor Cuomo announced the NYSUNY 2020 Challenge Grant Act to enhance the academic mission of each of SUNY’s four university centers and make the campuses premiere economic development generators in their region.

• On Dec. 13 and 14, Governor Cuomo and Chancellor Zimpher were on the University at Buffalo and Stony Brook University campuses to approve their respective NYSUNY 2020 plans. At the SBU signing, President Stanley also accepted the largest gift in SUNY history—$150 million from the Simons Foundation.

• In April, The Aspen Institute announced the 120 community colleges eligible to compete for its first $1-million prize to reward excellence at two-year institutions. The community colleges chosen represent the top 10 percent in the country, according to the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program, and included SUNY campuses at Erie, Canton, Corning, Niagara, Onondaga, and Hudson Valley.

• On May 17, Chancellor Zimpher launched the SUNY Report Card—an unprecedented evaluation tool that will publicly track the university’s systemwide performance as educator, job creator, community partner, and generator of boundary-breaking research. The Report Card represents a level of accountability New Yorkers—and most Americans—have never seen from a college or university, public or private.

• On June 1, the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government and the University at Buffalo Regional Institute released How SUNY Matters, the most comprehensive and detailed analysis ever undertaken of the economic impact SUNY has on New York State. Based on data collected for the 2008-09 academic year from all 64 campuses and system administration, the report points to SUNY as a key contributor to New York State’s economic future.

• Governor Cuomo’s Regional Economic Development Councils were announced in July. Chancellor Zimpher was appointed to the statewide Chairman’s Committee, and SUNY has a presence on every council, again playing a vital role to improve New York’s economy.

• On Aug. 2, Chancellor Zimpher announced the establishment of Strategic Campus Alliance Networks for SUNY colleges statewide. SUNY has since received widespread praise for this shared services venture, including editorial support from newspapers across the state.

• Nearly half of SUNY’s colleges and universities were named “military friendly” by a top-rated national military publication, G.I. Jobs Magazine.

• On Jan. 3, 2012, Kiplinger’s Magazine published its annual “Best Values in Public Colleges” list. SUNY schools to make the list included SUNY Geneseo at 11, Binghamton University at 12, Stony Brook University at 35, the University at Buffalo at 38, SUNY New Paltz at 54, SUNY Oneonta at 58, the University of Albany at 64, SUNY Brockport at 75, and SUNY Fredonia at 78.

• SUNY campuses statewide were recognized by the New York Academy of Sciences at a reception celebrating Research and Innovation in New York State in New York City. NYAS recognized SUNY’s contribution to research and innovation across all NY regions and communities. In September, Chancellor Zimpher was named chair of the Board of Governors of The New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS).

• Chancellor Zimpher was appointed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to serve as vice chair of one of four working groups recently charged with recommending changes to improve the culture and operation of Division I intercollegiate athletics.
• Chancellor Zimpher was one of 36 individuals in the country appointed to a new national commission tasked with reshaping the future of community colleges. The commission was appointed by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).

• On Sept. 27 at the New York State Capitol, Chancellor Zimpher joined former U.S. President Bill Clinton and Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to announce that New York has entered into investment agreements worth $4.4 billion with five leading tech companies to create the next generation of computer chip technology. Investments, including $400 million for UAlbany’s CSNE, will result in the creation and retention of approximately 6,900 jobs, including 1,550 additional high-technology positions at SUNY sites in Albany, Canandaigua, and Utica.

• SUNY’s inaugural Critical Issues in Higher Education conference, held Sept. 26 and 27 in Buffalo, was an outstanding success. SUNY brought together more than 400 education officials, business and industry professionals, community partners, and others from 28 states as well as Canada and France. The conference also generated approximately $600,000 in economic activity and tourism revenue for Western New York.

• Chancellor Zimpher joined SUNY Maritime cadets, faculty, and administrators in ringing the closing bell for the NASDAQ. The ceremony was part of a celebration of a donation by Wärtsilä, a marine solutions company based in Helsinki, of an engine to the college’s engineering program.

• In October, Chancellor Zimpher was nominated as chair-elect of the Board for CEOs for Cities, a national network of urban leaders dedicated to building and sustaining the next generation of great American cities. Her appointment was effective at the start of 2012.

• In December, Chancellor Zimpher was one of a dozen higher education leaders from across the country to meet with President Barack Obama, Education Secretary Arne Duncan, and senior White House staff about affordability and productivity in higher education.

SUNY and the Entrepreneurial Century

• Igor Lednev, an associate professor of chemistry at the University at Albany, is working toward improving crime scene investigators’ ability to identify biological stains by developing a portable device that uses laser light to instantly identify bodily fluids.

• Binghamton University researchers are developing ways to use human cues to improve the user-friendliness of computers and to help children with autism better communicate with computers. They have already been able to give a PowerPoint presentation using only their eyes to highlight content on various slides.

• Dr. Khurshid A. Guru, MD, director of robotic surgery at Roswell Park Cancer Institute (RPCI), and Dr. Thenkurussi Kesavadas, Ph.D., director of the Virtual Reality Lab and a professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at the University at Buffalo (UB), launched their first-of-its kind training modules that guide novice surgeons’ hands through every step of four key robot-assisted surgical procedures.

• A University at Buffalo study suggests that weight-loss surgery in obese diabetics could lower their risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease. UB researchers found that gastric bypass patients, when tested six months after their weight-loss surgeries, had less expression of genes that are thought to be precursors of the debris that clogs the brains of people with Alzheimer’s disease.

• A new computer screening tool developed and patented by a University at Buffalo physician is helping to detect severe obstructive sleep apnea in cardiovascular patients who have not yet been diagnosed with this common and potentially dangerous condition.

• A team from Stony Brook University won a prestigious R&D 100 Award—dubbed the “Oscar of Invention”—for the development of an energy-harvesting shock absorber that converts into electric power vibration, bumps, and motion experienced by the suspension of a vehicle or train. The regenerative shock absorber for cars can harvest over 100 watts from the vehicle’s vibrations under normal driving conditions.

• A species of tiny toads, which quickly became extinct in the wild after it was discovered in Tanzania, is thriving in a laboratory at SUNY ESF. Scientists at the college are studying the Kihansi spray toads in an effort to find ways to safely reintroduce the animals to the Kihansi River Gorge.
in southeastern Tanzania. Their story was featured in July’s National Geographic.

- SUNY received two grants totaling more than $4.3 million from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to support neuroscience and pediatric pharmacology and vision research as part of SUNY REACH, a collaborative research network of SUNY’s four academic health centers and the College of Optometry.

- The Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) established a new two-year, upper-division Bachelor of Science degree program in Entrepreneurship for the Fashion and Design Industries. The program, which started in Fall 2011, is the first of its kind in the New York City area.

- SUNY Geneseo Geological Sciences Professor Jeffrey Over received an $80,000 NSF grant for a two-year collaborative research project to examine reasons for the major biological extinctions that occurred during the Late Devonian period in geological history.

- Cameras supplied by SUNY ESF researchers have captured the first images of elusive snow leopards in a remote mountain range in Siberia. The cameras, equipped with motion sensors, captured photos of two snow leopards on a ridge in the Altai Mountains along the Russia-Mongolia border. The photos were featured in December by MSNBC.

- SUNY ESF Inventor Dr. James P. Nakas has developed an economical method to convert waste products from the biodiesel production industry into environmentally friendly and biodegradable plastics as a substitute for today’s petroleum-based plastics used in most consumer products.

- SUNY Optometry inventor Dr. Benjamin T. Backus is developing a device and method with the potential of helping millions of people by correcting reduced stereo vision due to misalignment of the eyes (strabismys).

- SUNY Cobleskill inventors David Waage and Douglas M. Goodale are developing improved and inexpensive systems for the conversion of waste from landfills into energy, allowing municipalities to dramatically reduce waste accumulation.

- Inventors at the University at Albany have made compounds that offer the potential for highly specific treatments of such neurological diseases as Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s syndrome, and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, Lou Gehrig’s disease).

- A University at Buffalo research team has developed a non-invasive method that uses Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) to detect Epithelial Ovarian Cancer (EOC) at an early stage.

- Researchers at SUNY Downstate Medical Center have developed a new test to identify birth defect risk and developmental disorders such as autism spectrum disorders, Rett syndrome, and cerebral folate deficiency (CFD) syndrome.

- Novel software invented by UB computer scientists and engineers aims to help consumers explore the vast world of online news without having to manually search for information of interest. The software’s algorithms learn from users’ reading preferences, automatically providing a personalized reading experience.

- Materials that shift between being transparent and opaque to infrared light could one day form the basis of “smart windows” that reflect heat only on hot days. UB researchers have fine-tuned one such material, vanadium oxide, in novel ways that have caught the interest of a U.S. building-products company that sees potential for vanadium oxide window coatings.

- UB researchers crafted a new X-ray imaging system that emphasizes patient safety by prioritizing the primary region of interest of the body. The system greatly reduces the radiation dosage over most of the field of view outside the region of interest while
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providing the necessary high-quality, real-time image within the area of interest.

- UB researchers developed a multispectral imaging technology that uses photopolymer reflection-grating filters to identify “true color.” This portable or hand-held technology can be used in remote sensing for military and defense applications; bio-imaging; and environmental, agricultural, food safety, and climate monitoring.

- Frederick Sachs is among UB inventors who have shown that GsMTx4, a peptide found in tarantula venom, may benefit sickle cell anemia patients. Scientists in UB’s School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences previously demonstrated that the peptide may help prevent muscle damage caused by Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

- The Levin Institute and the Department of Small Business Services announced in February that more than 1,000 New Yorkers had completed the Kauffman FastTrac® program, in which courses help entrepreneurs develop the skills needed to start and grow successful businesses.

- A Binghamton University faculty member with an interest in nanoscience was among just 43 researchers nationwide chosen for the Air Force’s Young Investigator Research Program. Changhong Ke’s work focuses on low-density, high-strength materials that could allow the Air Force to reduce the weight of vehicles such as fighter planes and spacecraft.

- SUNY ESF is partnering with the U.S. Small Business Administration on the e200 Emerging Leaders Initiative, which will provide 18 leaders of young, promising Syracuse businesses the knowledge they need to take their enterprises to the next level by giving free, intensive training to their chief executives.

- SUNY IT and Assured Information Security (AIS) launched a cybersecurity project, funded in part by Yahoo! and Empire State Development Corporation, to create a “malware laboratory” for student and faculty collaboration and research.

- Small and mid-sized businesses in Western New York now have an opportunity to get up to $25,000 in matching funds to create and retain jobs from a state-funded economic-stimulus program administered by the University at Buffalo.

- A Binghamton University program was created to help develop start-up companies locally. As part of the program, BU partners with startups and well-established companies will offer expertise and high-tech tools that aren’t readily available, with the hope of aiding in economic development and generating revenue for the university.

- The STC Center in Canandaigua has an agreement with Finger Lakes Community College to teach and train workers needed for high-tech production. The two-week program, to be launched in January 2012 at FLCC, will train people to be clean-room operators at STC, the Smart System Technology and Commercialization Center, which is affiliated with the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering at UAlbany.

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The Arizona-based company Valutek, a manufacturer of cleanroom supplies, will relocate its corporate headquarters and operations to the SUNYIT campus, creating 25 jobs.

**SUNY and the Education Pipeline**

- On Feb. 1, Chancellor Zimpher helped launch the country’s first National Cradle to Career Network, which is modeled after Strive. She was joined by Strive Managing Director Jeff Edmondson and U.S. Department of Education Assistant Deputy Secretary Jim Shelton for the launch.

- The following week, Zimpher and Edmondson met with 300 educators, community members, and elected officials in Minneapolis to present the Strive model in the Twin Cities, where achievement gaps between white and African American students are among the largest in the nation.

- On February 15, Chancellor Zimpher presented the national strategy for transforming teacher education at the Association of Teacher Educators annual meeting. She presented it again on February 25 at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Annual Meeting.

- Herkimer County Community College became the 15th community college to sign onto Empire State College’s Pathways Transfer Program, which allows a seamless transition for students into Empire State College’s bachelor’s programs.

- Thanks to a grant, “Bringing Theory to Practice,” from the Association of American Colleges and Universities, University at Buffalo’s Undergraduate Academies will be offering sophomores, in addition to freshmen, the chance to participate in civic-engagement projects in the Buffalo Public Schools.

- UB Graduate School of Education professors Doug H. Clements and Julie Sarama earned three new federal grants in the first quarter of 2011 for support of their nationally distinguished work on teaching math to hard-to-reach pre-kindergarten children.

- SUNY Potsdam teaching faculty and students worked one-on-one with 30 school children at Potsdam Middle School as part of the college’s 8th annual Mentoring Program.

- A delegation of our community college presidents and partners joined a regional summit at the Community College of Philadelphia, one of four summits across the country convened at the request of President Obama to highlight the importance of community colleges.

- A new partnership between Buffalo State College and two local high schools aims to get more students to college and, in some cases, provide direct scholarship money to students who enroll at Buffalo State.

- An innovative program launched at Binghamton University will allow select students enrolled in nearby Broome Community College an opportunity to complete two years of coursework at BCC while living at BU and taking full advantage of what the Binghamton campus has to offer.

- The SUNY Learning Network received a $250,000 grant for a new initiative aimed at improving college readiness and completion, especially for low-income young adults. The grant is from Next Generation Learning Challenges (NGLC), and the funding will be used to identify and bring to scale new, technology-enabled approaches in helping students prepare for college and earn their degrees.

- In April, Chancellor Zimpher hosted a featured presentation on clinical teacher preparation and partnerships for improved student learning in urban schools as part of the Great Teachers for Our City Schools National Summit in Denver, Colo. The Chancellor’s presentation focused on how the new national teacher preparation model will help children in urban and rural communities across the country to do better in school.

- The National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded a nearly $600,000 five-year Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Scholarship grant to Purchase College to provide annual scholarships to freshmen, transfer, and continuing students over its five-year period.

- Chancellor Zimpher and Broome Community College President Kevin Drumm hosted a Southern Tier Education Pipeline Summit at the college in May—it was a first for the region, bringing together 80 local community leaders from pre-K-12, higher education, business, industry, and non-profits to help plan for the future of the area’s education pipeline.

- SUNY Oswego launched the system’s first multiple-major co-op program, which will place students in
full-time, paying jobs in their areas of interest for up to six months and give them an opportunity to obtain full-time work following graduation.

- Cayuga Community College started a new program this summer offering a range of courses to help people with teaching certificates and teaching assistants meet their state-mandated hours of professional development. Courses offered will include topics such as technology in the classroom, collaborative teaching, and dealing with difficult students.

- On Sept. 7, U.S. Under Secretary for Education Martha Kanter kicked off a nationwide “Education & the Economy” tour at Monroe Community College, where she and Chancellor Zimpher convened national, state, and local leaders in government, education, business, labor, and philanthropy for a forum highlighting promising practices in education reform.

- Fifteen Albany High School students received certificates celebrating their successful completion of the groundbreaking “NanoHigh” program, a first-of-its-kind partnership between the City School District of Albany and the University at Albany’s College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering.

- Cayuga Community College received a $25,000 Gateway to College National Network Innovation Collaborative grant in July. The funds will enable the College to create and pilot learning communities that link developmental courses with a student success course and mentoring support system.

- In August, the Ballston Spa School District and Hudson Valley Community College announced a partnership that allows high school students to earn their diploma, and up to 20 college credits concurrently, by attending classes at HVCC’s (Training and Education Center for Semiconductor Manufacturing and Alternative and Renewable Technologies) TEC-SMARC education facility.

- Motorola Solutions is funding a brand new collaborative program at Stony Brook University for high school students on Long Island called “STEM Tech.” The $125,000 grant from Motorola Solutions Inc, will enable an outreach after-school program that will serve as many as 300 students from high-needs school districts during the 2011-2012 academic year.

- FLCC received a $3.35 million grant from the NSF to roll out a national model for incorporating research into community college biology courses. It is the first time an NSF grant of this level has been awarded to a community college.

- A coalition of regional partners received $9.8 million from the NSF to expand a teacher-focused initiative to help change how science is taught in Buffalo Public Schools. The five-year program, led by the University at Buffalo, Buffalo State College, Buffalo Public Schools, and the Buffalo Museum of Science, is called the Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Partnership (ISEP).

- Buffalo State celebrated the opening of its new Community Academic Center Nov. 15. The CAC will house cradle-to-career programming for youth and families on Buffalo’s West Side. Programming will include tutoring, literacy coaching, a middle school girls’ program, after-school art classes, and English as a second language programs for the city’s rapidly growing refugee community.

- SUNY Oswego received a two-year, $300,000 NSF grant to develop a program that would attract talented science and math students to teaching and to retain them in the profession.

- A new partnership was announced between SUNY and Battelle Memorial Institute to activate regional hubs of the Empire State STEM Learning Network, a community-led collaborative advancing the interdisciplinary STEM teaching and learning to prepare all students across New York State for success in school, work, and life.

- Project MAST2ER (Mathematics And Science Teacher Training in Educational Resources) was one of 42 U.S. Department of Education grants funded through the Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA). MAST2ER is a collaborative effort between SUNY Fredonia and Dunkirk and Jamestown city school districts.

- The SUNY Oswego School of Education will establish an innovative teacher-training pilot program in nine high-need secondary schools in Oswego County, Syracuse and New York City.

- Over the summer, Suffolk County Community College had the largest community college contingent of eight STEM students who were awarded Community College Internships (CCI) and Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship (SULI) for research at Brookhaven National Laboratory.
On Dec. 7, Chancellor Zimpher and Clinton Community College President John E. Jablonski launched a cradle-to-career network in Clinton County. It’s the first time a rural community anywhere in the U.S. joined Strive Network.

SUNY and an Energy-Smart New York

- Part of the 74-foot Christmas tree that adorned New York City’s Rockefeller Center for the 2010 holiday season was turned into paper at SUNY ESF in April. The paper was used in commemorative bookplates and promotional materials for a Habitat for Humanity book titled *The Carpenter’s Gift*, which is about the need for people to help each other.

- Stony Brook University Hospital has greatly reduced its carbon footprint and by doing so has saved an estimated $169,628 in operating expenses, according to a semi-annual report by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

- Thanks to a renewable-energy project created through SUNY Cortland’s Regional Professional Development School program, electric cars are now able to power up at Tully High School using energy generated by the sun and the wind. The electric car charging station is believed to be the first of its kind based in a public school.

- A Duanesburg High School nanotechnology class received some hands-on experience at Fulton-Montgomery Community College’s new Demonstration Clean Room. Electrical Technology Professor Rich Prestopnik introduced the class to integrated circuit fabrication, and students were given a tour of the entire campus.

- Dr. Jacqueline Bennett, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry at SUNY Oneonta, was selected as a recipient of the 2011 Award for Incorporating Sustainability into Chemistry Education presented by the American Chemical Society’s Committee on Environmental Improvement. She was recognized for her work on developing a “green” imine synthesis as an authentic research experience for students in organic chemistry.

- In April, U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer announced a partnership between SEMATECH and the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering at UAlbany, along with the University of Central Florida. They secured a $57.5 million federal grant that will provide a boost to the U.S. Photovoltaic Manufacturing Consortium (PVMC) and increase the country’s share of the photovoltaic technology and products market, potentially creating millions of jobs over the next decade.

- The GE Wind Technology Lab at Hudson Valley Community College was dedicated in October, recognizing GE’s gift of two high-tech wind turbines and agreement to provide ongoing operational and technical assistance to Hudson Valley faculty.

- Binghamton University signed an agreement with Villanova University, University of Texas at Arlington, and 15 industrial firms to establish NSF’s Industry/University Cooperative Research Center in Energy-Efficient Electronic Systems (IUCRC E3S). The new center links the fields of information technology, telecommunications, electronic systems, and cooling equipment to solve issues of energy-efficiency in data center operation.

- UAlbany entrepreneurial MBA students unveiled their ideas to help local business cut energy costs at this year’s Going Green Globally (G3) program in May. This year’s subject was National Grid, a past sponsor of the G3 program. Student ideas included targeting CPAs and real estate agents to spread the word about their programs and using online billing as an opportunity to market them with real-life testimonials on the utility’s website.

- The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), SUNY ESF, and RadTech International established of a new research, development, and industrial testing center to help make manufacturing processes in New York State more energy efficient, environmentally friendly, and economical. NYSERDA will provide nearly $1 million in funding for the Ultraviolet Light (UV) and Electron Beam (EB) Process Curing Systems Technology Center in Syracuse, N.Y., which will leverage more than $1 million in SUNY and private capital from industrial partners.

- Finger Lakes Community College is launching a clean-room technician program. Beginning Jan. 2012, it will train clean-room technicians and equipment operators, in response to a decision by Moser Baer Technologies Inc., which recently announced plans to open at Canandaigua’s Smart System Technology and Commercialization Center, the nation’s first OLED manufacturing line.
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SUNY and a Healthier New York

• SUNY Upstate opened the Harrison Outpatient Surgery Center in downtown Syracuse, providing Upstate with the capacity to perform more than 5,000 outpatient cases annually.

• Stony Brook Children’s Hospital expanded its commitment to reducing the incidence of SIDS with a new program that helps to emphasize good sleep habits at home. Each baby discharged from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) is sent home with a HALO SleepSack, a wearable blanket that replaces loose blankets in the crib that can cover the baby’s face and interfere with breathing.

• Two UAlbany doctoral students in biomedical sciences at the School of Public Health won three-year fellowships to support their investigations into breast cancer. Jan Baumann will examine whether the growth of breast cancer cells can be altered through nutritional limitations, and Don Matthews will study the effects of Vitamin D on breast cancer, as part of these Department of Defense fellowships.

• Zhang Jie, professor of sociology and director of the Center for China Studies at Buffalo State, received a three-year $1.1 million grant from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) to conduct his second major study of suicide in rural China.

• In a pioneering initiative that will prepare a new generation of research physicians to be leaders in 21st-century health care, the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering at UAlbany and SUNY Downstate Medical Center established a first-of-its-kind, dual-degree program to provide world-class education and training in both medicine and nanoscale science and engineering, which will enable nanomedicine innovations designed to transform and enhance the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease.

• The American Chemical Society commemorated—by designating the SBU chemistry department as a historic landmark—the development of medical imaging technology now known as the MRI, which was developed by Stony Brook University Professor Paul Lauterbur 40 years ago. Professor Lauterbur was awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 2003 for this work.
• In March, Ghassan J. Samara, M.D., Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery, Division of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery at Stony Brook University School of Medicine, became the first physician on Long Island to use a high-tech robotic surgical system to perform surgery on patients with ear, nose, and throat (ENT) conditions, an approach that enables surgeons to operate with a better visualization of tissues, improved precision, and in a minimally invasive manner.

• The first seven-week class for the certified nursing assistant (CNA) program at Schenectady County Community College is underway. The college launched the program after it received a five-year, $11.2 million federal grant to train low-income New Yorkers for careers in the health care industry.

• A new multiple-sclerosis study out of the University at Buffalo debunks a theory about a potential cause for the autoimmune disease that had been embraced by patients around the world, who had turned to risky surgeries to unblock neck veins when drug treatments didn’t work for them.

• In an analysis of more than 1,300 human breast tissue samples, a team of Stony Brook University School of Medicine researchers discovered a possible role of the squamous cell carcinoma antigen (SCCA) in the progression of breast cancer.

• As they prepared to graduate in May, Erie Community College second-year nursing and respiratory care students worked together to apply all of the skills they’ve learned during a high-fidelity simulation training exercise held at the college’s state-of-the-art simulation technology training laboratory at its North Campus in Williamsville.

• In July, SUNY Upstate Medical University acquired Community General Hospital, providing the academic medical center with a west campus and more access for patient care, and saving nearly 900 jobs. The acquisition required the cooperation of various state agencies.

• Stony Brook University Medical Center is now offering a revolutionary new treatment to patients suffering from complex brain aneurysms, using a stent-like device that enables physicians at Stony Brook to treat some of the most complex and dangerous brain aneurysms using minimally invasive techniques. SBUMC is one of the only institutions nationwide with the ability to offer treatment with the device.

• Empire State College and the Glens Falls Hospital School of Radiologic Technology formed a partnership to ensure that aspiring radiography students can fulfill new state-required educational requirements for licensing.

• Researchers at Stony Brook University School of Medicine have discovered a laboratory method to expand adult hematopoietic stem cells (HSCs) using the SALL4 gene. Their findings define a new mechanism of stem cell self-renewal, providing a means to produce large numbers of HSCs that could be used to treat hematological malignancies and other blood disorders.

• SUNY Upstate Medical Center is building a new cancer center to put all its cancer services—for children and adults—in one location.

• SUNY Upstate & Binghamton University signed two agreements that call for the colleges to jointly offer, via video-conference, graduate level courses in neuroscience now offered at both universities, saving both campuses money and expanding access for students.

• SUNY Orange received a three-year grant of nearly $282,000 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to establish "Project Up!"—a program to increase awareness of the risk factors for suicide and promote the use of available campus and county mental health services.

• Stony Brook University Medical Center opened a new Valve Center that offers comprehensive treatment of valvular heart disease.

• SUNY Downstate acquired Long Island College Hospital, strengthening Downstate’s position as the hub of medical education in Brooklyn and clinical care for this borough of 2.5 million people.

• SUNY Downstate students scored spectacularly on their board scores—its College of Medicine students had a 99.5 percent pass rate on the U.S. Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 2 exam, compared to the national average of 97 percent.

• Cayuga Community College’s Nursing Program’s Class of 2011 achieved a 100 percent passing rate
on the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX), surpassing the national passing rate by 12 points and the state passing rate by 15 points. The Nursing Class of 2011 also had a 100 percent placement rate, with 100 percent of graduates seeking employment in nursing positions; 7 percent of the class continued onto a four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

- Nursing students at Onondaga Community College paused from their classes briefly in September to teach preschoolers enrolled in the college’s Children’s Learning Center about health promotion and prevention. In all, 28 preschoolers visited “stations” manned by 12 pediatric clinical nursing students, including one where students demonstrated proper bandaging technique on each child’s favorite stuffed animal.

- A California–based charity gave an infrastructure grant to the Upstate Medical University in November to support its participation in the Children’s Oncology Group (COG), a clinical-trials group supported by the National Cancer Institute. Participation allows SUNY Upstate pediatric cancer patients to participate in clinical trials and research projects.

**SUNY & the Vibrant Community**

- Chancellor Zimpher banded together the SUNY family to help those most in need following Hurricane Irene. A “SUNY Helps” fund was established to allow SUNY to award scholarships for affected students’ academic expenses and combine with local campus efforts to ease the burden of room and board.

- Hundreds of Binghamton University staff and students volunteered to shelter and feed more than 1,800 residents evacuated due to flooding from Hurricane Irene. The Red Cross shelter at the University’s Events Center housed up to 1,700 people after the rains hit.

- SUNY Cobleskill students led a donation drive in their community, resulting in the collection of food and personal items for flood victims as well as cash...
donations for students affected by Hurricane Irene. In addition, the SUNY Cobleskill Foundation established the SUNY Cobleskill Student Natural Disaster Fund to provide financial support for SUNY Cobleskill students who were directly impacted.

- About 500 public school children from across Western New York who have limited or no access to dental care received free treatment at the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine’s 10th annual “Give Kids a Smile” day.

- The SUNY Geneseo college/community organization Livingston CARES made its 20th trip to the Mississippi to continue Hurricane Katrina relief work. The group of 25 is continuing to repair homes and other structures damaged by the devastating storm. More than 500 volunteers have been on the work trips since they started in 2005.

- Farmingdale State College unveiled its new garden to the community. It features sustainable growing methods and serves as an outdoor classroom for students in the college’s ornamental horticulture program.

- The Town of Dickinson and Broome Community College struck a deal in April, in which the town agreed to sweep roads on the college’s Front Street campus twice yearly and in return, BCC will replace the brushes on the trucks and provide water for the cleanings.

- On April 30, Binghamton University took the campus to the community as it took over the Center Court of the Oakdale Mall in Johnson City. With over 30 displays, Binghamton’s presence included blood pressure screenings, small-business counsel, and college admissions information.

- In May, President Barack Obama recognized more than 600 colleges and universities across the country with his Community Service Honor Roll. Sixteen SUNY campuses were among them, including Stony
Broome Community College dedicated a new rock garden on campus in May. The garden showcases rock, mineral, and fossil samples that have been gathered over 30 years by students and faculty.

Many SUNY campuses were among 31 locations across New York State chosen by Governor Cuomo as sites for the 9/11 tribute exhibit called “New York Remembers.”

For the first time in recent years, SUNY System Administration had a presence at the Great New York State Fair. The SUNY booth provided information for current and prospective students as well as SUNY alumni.

A new initiative to bring high-profile artists, speakers, and other celebrities to Canandaigua three times a year began this fall at Finger Lakes Community College.

SUNY Cortland took control of HealthyNow Cortland County Weight Loss and Healthy Living for Teens program, a community program aimed at fighting childhood and teenage obesity. For the program, SUNY Cortland students will teach healthy living habits to local kids.

The American Red Cross recognized Mohawk Valley Community College in July for its continued and extensive support of on-campus blood drives. Over the past four years, SUNY colleges and universities increased the units of blood collected on campus by the American Red Cross from 10,000 in 2006 to 17,000 units in 2010—a 65 percent increase.

Faculty, residents, and students from the School of Dental Medicine at Stony Brook University provided free dental screenings and oral health education to more than 200 adults and children from area homeless shelters at the “Stand Up for the Homeless” event.

The SUNY Plaza building in downtown Albany was lit in purple for the entire month of October, as part of the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence’s (OPDV) “Shine the Light on Domestic Violence” campaign.

A SUNY Cortland fundraiser filled a 12-foot baby bottle with loose change to increase awareness for childhood hunger prevention. Money raised will support Doctors Without Borders, an international medical humanitarian organization that delivers emergency aid to people excluded from health care.

Monroe Community College was among 11 colleges nationwide selected by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) to participate in the Plus 50 Completion Strategy, an initiative to increase the number of students 50 and older who return to the classroom, earn credentials or degrees, and re-enter the workforce.

Corning Community College and Spencer Crest Nature Center officially merged, making CCC the only community college in the nation with a nature center, planetarium, and observatory.

SUNY & the World

SUNY opened a campus in Songdo, South Korea. SUNY Korea will be operated by SUNY Korea, LLC, which is funded by the Ministry of Knowledge Economy, the Incheon Free Economic Zone, and the Metropolitan City of Incheon. The campus will offer graduate degrees—with a strong focus on research—in Computer Science, Information Systems, and Technology Systems Management.

As Haitian citizens struggled to achieve some normalcy a year after the devastating January 12, 2010, earthquake, its structural engineers and architects are using what they learned from University at Buffalo experts to rebuild the country. UB held seminars over the past year in Haiti, some in 100-plus degree heat, to show Haiti’s group how to incorporate seismic design into their work.

SUNY Fredonia was one of 10 institutions of higher learning across the U.S. designated to participate in a U.S. Department of Education-funded program designed to develop new learning partnerships with China.

A grant through Banco Santander and SUNY will enable 30 students in science-related fields to study at Oswego’s global laboratories in Brazil over the next two years. Thirty $5,000 scholarships will
be given as part of the grant and will make possible a nearly all-expenses-paid, four-to-eight-week opportunity for coursework and research at one of SUNY Oswego’s Global Laboratory partner universities in Brazil.

• Computer scientists at the University at Buffalo developed the world’s first software system that enables the processing of documents in Urdu, the national language of Pakistan and one of the five most-spoken languages in the world.

• Binghamton University signed an MOU with Vellore Institute of Technology in India to establish a range of academic and research collaborations, and partnered with Vishwakarma Institute of Technology (VIT) to develop an engineering-research center that will join the two campuses in a new global collaboration. The center is a first of its kind for the university and directly connects BU to a range of high-level companies in a foreign country. The expectation is that the center will be fully self-sufficient within three years.

• While the U.S. celebrated Women’s History Month in March, Dr. Eloise Linger, an associate professor of Politics, Economics, and Law at SUNY Old Westbury used her sabbatical to tour South Africa, sharing her research on the role of women in Cuba with colleagues there.

• From friendliness to academic satisfaction, a survey has SUNY Plattsburgh topping the charts among international students. The 2010 International Student Barometer ranked SUNY Plattsburgh first in the world when it comes to making friends, and the campus led all other U.S. institutions in satisfaction with overall learning environment.

• In June, SUNY announced a bold new global recruitment initiative intended to bring direct benefit to SUNY by using new international student tuition revenue to fund rapid expansion of scholarships to students, grants to faculty, and more. SUNY’s agency recruiting channel will be used to increase international enrollment by 14,000 students over the next five years, to approximately 32,000 across all 64 campuses. If objectives are met, within five years, SUNY will be able to offer more than 3,000 study abroad scholarships per year and 125 faculty internationalization grants, and fund many other campus internationalization activities.

• Monroe Community College is one of 18 U.S. colleges participating in the International Partnership Program (IAPP), an initiative developed through support by the U.S. Department of Education to increase the number of international partnerships between higher education institutions in the United States and Brazil, a country that has become one of the world’s leading economic powers.

• SUNY and the Peace Corps announced a new partnership that will allow SUNY graduate students to earn academic credit for two years of Peace Corps service overseas. The agreement is the first of its kind between the Peace Corps and any statewide university system.

• SUNY New Paltz was named the winner of the 2011 Innovation Award, chosen by the Diversity in Global Education Network (Diversity Network). The Innovation Award is the first of its kind to honor institutions for creative and effective work in diversifying education abroad.

• Binghamton University joined Harvard University and UC-Berkeley as one of only three universities in the U.S. to receive Overseas Leading University Program for Korean Studies (OLUPKS) Grants from the Academy of Korean Studies. The five-year grant, valued at $1 million, will support academic and research exchanges and learning in Korean Studies.

• The SUNY Levin Institute and the Center for an Urban Future issued the first comprehensive report on the impact of globalization on New York State, “New York in the World.” The report, based on more than a year of research and more than 150 interviews with people across the state, takes an in-depth look at the myriad ways globalization has impacted New York and each of the state’s major metro regions.

• Sixty youth and adults from sub-Saharan Africa will be visiting SUNY Plattsburgh next year as part of a new U.S. State Department grant, which was awarded to the college and to the Program for African Growth through Education, also known as PAGE Inc. It was the only one of its kind to be given in 2011.

• A new course at Cayuga Community College improves area health professionals’ ability to communicate with the growing number of non-English-speaking members of the community. The college offers a for-credit Spanish for Health
Professionals course for students enrolled in the school’s nursing program or considering other degrees in the health care field.

- During the weekend of October 21-23, five decades of alumni from Buffalo State’s historic study abroad program converged on campus for a reunion and celebration of the program’s 50th year. The UB program is the oldest continuous study-abroad program in the SUNY system and encompasses students from other campuses as well. Since its inception, a total of 2,117 students have participated.

- Pioneering research by Fredonia State College Geosciences Professor Gary Lash placed him on Foreign Policy Magazine’s “Top 100 Global Thinkers” list for 2011. Among the top 20 on the list are President Barack Obama, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, Facebook Founder Mark Zuckerberg, and Microsoft Founder Bill Gates. Lash, together with Penn State colleague Terry Engelder and Texas oilman George Mitchell, ranked 36th.

- The UAlbany student group Third World Impact was recognized nationally by Newman’s Own Foundation for its efforts to build a primary school for more than 500 students in Uganda.

Congratulations

- When the Black Eyed Peas performed at the Super Bowl XLV half-time show February 6, 2011, Purchase College Professor David Grill was serving his 7th run as lighting director for one of the most watched shows in the country.

- Purchase College professor Joseph Skrivanek was honored at the White House in January 2011 and given the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring. Prof. Skrivanek founded the Baccalaureate and Beyond Community College Mentoring Program, which helps community college students from underrepresented minority groups transfer to four-year colleges and complete their bachelor’s degrees in the sciences.

- Esther Takeuchi, Ph.D., SUNY Distinguished Professor and Greatbatch Professor of Advanced Power Sources at the University at Buffalo, was one of nine living inductees into the National Inventors Hall of Fame. Takeuchi developed the battery that enabled implantable cardiac defibrillators (ICDs).

- Genesee Community College President Stu Steiner received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce in April.

- Buffalo State opened a new $45 million Student Apartment Complex at the beginning of the 2011-12 school year. The 125-apartment, 500-bed facility provides upper-division, graduate, and transfer students with a fully furnished, state-of-the-art campus dwelling in the heart of Buffalo’s cultural corridor. It is Buffalo State’s largest addition to campus student housing since the early 1970s.

- Yu David Liu, a Binghamton University computer scientist with an interest in “green” software development, received the NSF’s most prestigious award for young researchers as part of the Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program.

- Students from Binghamton University, Stony Brook University, SUNY Geneseo, and University at Buffalo earned the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, which honors exceptional undergraduate researchers who intend to enter math, science, or engineering fields.

- Sarbajit Banerjee, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry at the University at Buffalo, was one of 11 scholars in the U.S. to be awarded a Cottrell Scholar Award from the Research Corporation for Science Advancement. The awards recognize early-career scientists who are leaders in integrating science teaching and research at leading U.S. research universities.

- In April, Upstate Medical University broke ground on a $72 million, 158,000-square-foot expansion of the Institute for Human Performance (IHP) that will expand cancer research and create jobs.

- SUNY Potsdam celebrated the groundbreaking of its $41 million Performing Arts Building, the first new academic building to be constructed on the SUNY Potsdam campus since 1973.

- SUNY Fredonia broke ground on a $60 million science center in September. The 92,000-square-foot building, scheduled to open in 2014, will be the single largest facility investment in the campus’ history.

- Binghamton University opened its new Engineering and Science building in November. The $66 million, two-story glass, metal, and stone building features state-of-the-art, flexible student and research laboratory space, as well as suites for new
business start-ups and offices that support the university’s ongoing and expanding industry partnerships.

- Jamestown Community College’s new science center, which opened in November, features cutting-edge technology and facilities for courses in biotechnology, environmental science, biology, chemistry, physics, geology, engineering, math, and other disciplines throughout the college.

- SUNY Orange opened Kaplan Hall—the first new classroom building the college has opened since the 1970s. It includes a nursing wing for the college’s renowned nursing program. SUNY Orange was the first community college in the nation to offer a two-year nursing degree.

- A crowd of 150 gathered at the SUNY Global Center in Manhattan in March to recognize SUNY College at Old Westbury President Calvin O. Butts III for his recent receipt of an honorary doctorate from his alma mater, Morehouse College.

- Margaret M. McGovern, MD, Ph.D., Physician-in-Chief, Stony Brook Long Island Children’s Hospital and Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatrics, Stony Brook University School of Medicine, received the Distinguished Service to Children Award from the Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS) for her demonstrated commitment to children and dedication to their continued well-being.

- Stony Brook University Medical Center was recognized by the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems (NAPPH) as a recipient of the 2011 NAPPH Safety Net Patient Safety Award. The award is given to organizations for implementing evidence-based patient safety initiatives and specifically to the Medical Center for its efforts in the reduction of severe sepsis mortality.

- Professor John Milnor of Stony Brook University won the $1 million Abel Prize for mathematics, for “pioneering discoveries in topology, geometry and algebra,” according to the prize committee, which also said his “profound ideas and fundamental discoveries have largely shaped the mathematical landscape of the second half of the 20th century.”

- On June 10, Buffalo State celebrated the groundbreaking of a new $38 million Technology Building—a three-story, 87,000-square-foot facility that will serve as the new home to the Computer Information Systems and Technology departments.

- Buffalo State College announced the establishment of the Robert A. and Dorothy Stender Sweet Physics Scholarship Fund, thanks to a $1.7 million bequest by the Sweet family. It is the largest gift to Buffalo State specifically designated for scholarships in the university’s history.

- Purchase College Opera received a first-place award for its world-premiere production of Confession in the National Opera Association’s Chamber Opera Composition Competition. This biennial competition recognizes new compositions of chamber operas.

- Two SUNY Cortland university police officers received national recognition for successfully administering CPR to a visiting parent who had stopped breathing and had no pulse. Officers David Coakley and Adam Koehler ’07 were awarded the 2011 International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) Award for Merit.

- SUNY Upstate Medical University received the 2011 Business of the Year Award from the CenterState Corporation for Economic Opportunity. The award recognizes Upstate for creating new economic opportunities, making new investments, and being engaged in the community.

- SUNY Upstate Medical University Professor James Dwyer, Ph.D., was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship grant to teach bioethics at the Medical School of National Taiwan University in Taipei.

- State Senator Joe Robach honored Monroe Community College President Anne M. Kress, as a 2011 Woman of Distinction.

- SUNY Fredonia President Dennis Hefner received the Chautauqua Leadership Network’s 2011 Leader of the Year award.

- Stony Brook University Hospital was named the third most beautiful hospital in America, by Soliant Health.

- Payscale.com recognized SUNY Maritime as one the nation’s top producers of graduates placed in high-earning jobs. The study found SUNY Maritime’s mid-career median salary to be $109,000 and starting median salary to be $57,300.

- The University Photographer’s Association of America (UPA A) Board of Directors presented their Board Appreciation Award for “significant impact on the profession of photography in service to higher
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education,” to Dr. Cliff L. Wood, president of Rockland Community College.

- Dr. Lilianne R. Mujica-Parodi, an Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering in the Stony Brook University School of Medicine and the Director of the Laboratory for the Study of Emotion and Cognition (LSEC), was named by President Obama as a recipient of the Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE), the highest honor bestowed by the United States government on science and engineering professionals in the early stages of their research careers.

- The nation’s longest serving community college president was celebrated at a Westchester Community College fundraiser. Dr. Joseph N. Hankin began serving as president of the SUNY institution in 1971. At the college event commemorating his four decades as president, more than $600,000 was also raised for student scholarships.

- Suffolk County Community College’s Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S–STEM) program was selected by the NSF to be highlighted in their national Division of Undergraduate Educational programs brochure.

- Students from the SUNY College at Old Westbury School of Business won the annual Long Island College Accounting Challenge for the third time in as many tries.

- SUNY Potsdam’s Crane Opera Ensemble won first place in the nation in the 2011 American Prize for Operatic Performance Competition, for its production of L’Enfant et Les Sortileges.

- In May, Empire State College opened its 35th location in Troy, N.Y.

- Empire State College became the only U.S. higher education institution member of the global Open Educational Resources University.

- Five FIT students won scholarship awards from the Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA) - the organization of the most prestigious designers in America. The five FIT winners represent one third of the 15 scholarships offered by the CFDA.

- Devinder Mahajan, Ph.D., a Professor in the Materials Science & Engineering Department and Co-Director of the Chemical and Molecular Engineering Program at Stony Brook University was named a Jefferson Science Fellow, an honor given to only 13 individuals last year and 66 since its inception in 2003. He is the first Jefferson Science Fellow recipient from SBU.

- University at Buffalo physicists and one engineer have received the NSF’s most prestigious award for junior investigators, bringing nearly $1.5 million in new research dollars to Buffalo.

- Cayuga Community College and the Institute for the Application of Geospatial Technology (IAGT) received a Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award at the Esri International User Conference in San Diego, California. Cayuga Community College and IAGT were one of only seven K-12 institutions or universities and community colleges recognized.

- The national Excelencia in Education initiative recognized the University at Buffalo’s chemistry department as one of America’s top programs for increasing degree completion among Latinos in higher education at the graduate level.

- SUNY Canton celebrated the grand opening of two new buildings: The $26 million Grasse River Suites residence hall, with apartment-style suites and single occupancy rooms; and the $45 million Roos House athletic center, featuring a fitness center with brand-new equipment, a lap pool, a field house, an ice arena, locker room facilities, and athletic department office space.

- Scheduled for completion in the summer of 2013, the Science Center at Hudson Valley Community College will give students access to newly developed technologies and equipment in use in today’s biotech and bio-manufacturing industries.

- Toby Ring, a SUNY Geneseo senior, won a national leadership award from Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, the largest Jewish campus organization in the world. The award goes to five students each year who display exemplary leadership on their campuses by inspiring others.

- SUNY Cobleskill Professor of Business Administration and Accounting Charles Moran was named to Smart Money magazine’s “Power Thirty in Finance.” The list includes some of the most recognizable names in the financial industry, including Ben Bernanke, chairman of the Federal Reserve.”
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Reserve Board; Chief Executive Officers Daniel Akerson of General Motors, Tim Cook of Apple, Jim Skinner of McDonald’s, and Jeff Weiner of LinkedIn.

• For the first time, 34 apprentices from the United Association of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union No. 1 graduated from SUNY Empire State College’s Harry Van Arsdale Jr. Center for Labor Studies with Associate of Science degrees.

• Onondaga is one of eight community colleges nationally—and the only community college in the northeast—to have been awarded an $80,000 research grant, from the League for Innovation in the Community College, to study the effects of social media on student success.

• Herkimer County Community College completed its Elements Campaign to secure 2.6 million dollars for renovation of the science laboratories and a new roof on Johnson Hall.

• Engineering Science students from Monroe Community College won the national American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) design competition for the third year in a row.

• In the spring of 2011, Monroe Community College student Carolyn Spencer was named one of the top community college students in the nation and selected as a member of the All-USA Community College Academic Team. This distinction is achieved by only 20 students from more than 1,600 nominations and 800 community colleges nationwide.

• SUNY Delhi was the reigning American Culinary Federation Hot Food Champions through July 2011. The college’s culinary program prepared and served dessert to high school students in conjunction with the Governor’s State of the State address January 4, 2012.

Athletic Achievements

• Monroe Community College’s women’s lacrosse team captured its second straight National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) national championship.

• Five ESF students were among the 20 students named to the U.S. Collegiate Athletic Association's All-Academic Team. All five are members of the ESF Woodsmen's Team, which competes in traditional timber sports.

• SUNY Cortland ranks 8th nationally among 430 NCAA Division III teams in the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings. SUNY Cortland is one of only five colleges in the U.S. to place in the top 20 every single year since the rankings were first compiled in 1995-96.

• At Clinton Community College the women’s soccer team won the Division III National Championship and earned a number 1 national ranking. Clinton Community College’s Athletic Department was recognized as “Community Champions in Tobacco Control for 2011.”

• Casey Buie, an Advertising and Marketing Communications major at FIT, became the national champion in the High Jump, Outdoor Track and Field, First Team All-American.

• After sweeping the Region XV Championships, the FIT Women’s Tennis Team finished third in the country. Jessica McHugh became the National Champion, 6th flight singles, First Team All-American.

• The FIT Women’s Volleyball Team became the Region XV Champions and then went on to finish eighth in the country.

• Onondaga Community College won the NJCAA national championship in men’s lacrosse for the fifth time in six years.

• Morrisville State’s western team was crowned Intercollegiate Horse Show regional champion in March, and the Morrisville State men’s lacrosse team took the title for an undefeated North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) record.

• Herkimer County Community College’s men’s soccer team won the NJCAA Division III National Championship. It was the 8th national championship for the Herkimer men’s soccer program.

• At SUNY Maritime, the men’s soccer team was Skyline Conference Champion, and the college earned the Mid-Atlantic Conference Rifle Championship.

• In May, UAlbany’s women’s lacrosse team won the America East (AE) Championship. Nikki Branchini was chosen America East Conference Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. She’s the first UAlbany
female to be honored with the award since the school joined the league in 2001-02.

- The UAlbany track and field, cross country, softball, and women’s volleyball teams also won AE championships.

- SUNY Fredonia track and field’s Nick Guarino won 3 NCAA titles and was named the winner of SUNYAC’s Molnar Award for the second consecutive year.

- Alfred State College’s Women’s Cross Country team was NJCAA Division III National Champion.

- The SUNY Oswego men’s ice hockey team made it to the NCAA Frozen Four for the third time in five seasons, and had a first-team All-American in goalie Paul Beckwith and second-teamer Ian Boots.

- Stony Brook’s football team claimed its first outright Big South Championship, giving SBU the Big South’s automatic bid to the NCAA Division I Football Championship for the first time in school history, and the women’s cross country team won its fifth straight AE Championship.

- The University at Buffalo men’s swimming and diving team won their first ever MAC Title, surpassing schools such as Eastern Michigan and Miami (OH), which had combined to win every title since 1976, and the wrestling program sent six wrestlers to the NCAA Championships.

- Erie Community College captured Region III NJCAA championships in both men’s hockey and bowling in 2011.

- In 2010-11, SUNY Geneseo teams won 65.0 percent of their contests with 180 wins against 96 losses and four ties. The Knights won six SUNYAC championships—women’s field hockey, men’s swimming & diving (their 13th straight), women’s swimming and diving, men’s cross country, women’s basketball, and men’s outdoor track and field—on their way to finishing second in the SUNYAC Commissioner’s Cup standings for overall sports performance in the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC).

- Five of SUNY Geneseo’s coaches earned SUNYAC Coach of the Year awards in 2010-11.

- Eleven Binghamton athletic teams earned perfect scores of 1,000 in the single-year NCAA Academic Progress Rate (APR) data for 2010-11. Teams were: men’s basketball, men’s cross country, golf, men’s tennis, women’s cross country, women’s lacrosse, softball, women’s soccer, women’s tennis, women’s indoor track & field, and women’s outdoor track & field.

- This winter, the Purchase College Panthers captured their second Skyline Conference Women’s Swim Tournament Championship and back-to-back Skyline Conference Men’s Basketball Tournament Championships.

- SUNYIT Wildcats won the North East Athletic Conference men’s soccer championship.
• The Farmingdale State Rams made 2 holes-in-one at the DIII NCAA Golf Championships at Grandover Resort in Greensboro, N.C. This marked the first hole-in-one in 10 years at NCAA Championships and the first time-ever a team made two.

• The Farmingdale State women's soccer team won its 5th straight Skyline Conference Championship, and the baseball team won its 4th straight Skyline Championship.

• Farmingdale State Freshman Alexandra Bentz went 13-0 for the women's tennis team in Fall 2011, the first undefeated record in program history.

• The SUNY Sullivan men’s basketball team was Division XV champions and placed third in the NJCAA Division III.

• At Buffalo State, the men’s basketball team was SUNYAC champion and advanced to NCAA “Sweet 16”; the men’s indoor track & field team won its first-ever SUNYAC championship; and the women’s indoor track & field team won its third consecutive SUNYAC championship.

• Corning Community College Athletics earned two NJCAA awards: the Region III Sportsmanship Award and the Region III Community Service Recognition Award.

• The Niagara County Community College volleyball team won the NJCAA title.

• Onondaga Community College received the NJCAA Region III Sportsmanship Award.

• The SUNY Canton Kangaroos Athletic Program began its NCAA exploratory year, the first step in a process the college hopes will eventually lead to provisional and full-fledged Division III membership.

• The SUNY New Paltz women's soccer team qualified for the NCAA Division III championship tournament for the first time after earning their first-ever SUNYAC championship title.

• The ESF Mighty Oaks men's cross-country team won the U.S. Collegiate Athletic Association Championship.

• The Monroe Community College women's lacrosse team won its second straight NJCAA national championship and the MCC golf team captured its third straight NJCAA Division III championship.

• The Alfred State College western equestrian club team won the grand championship at its first Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) show.

• The Herkimer County Community College men's soccer team won the program's 8th Division III NJCAA championship and the program's 22nd consecutive Region III championship.

• Herkimer County Community College inducted its first class into the new Athletic Hall of Fame in September. The inaugural class included five inductees who have made extraordinary contributions to the College through intercollegiate athletics.

• Erie Community College took home both the 2011 Men’s NJCAA Hockey Championship and the 2011 Men’s NJCAA Bowling Championship.

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