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April

Student Success Newsletter

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Keep reading to find more!





Happy April!

Student Success Newsletter
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Welcome April!

Hello SUNY Empire! I am writing to introduce myself as the Executive Director of University Student Services. I joined SUNY Empire in February, after working most recently at SUNY Brockport.

My professional background includes topics on free speech, conflict resolution, and restorative practices. I am excited to serve the University in this role through helping students navigate conflict and address concerns they may have with SUNY Empire. I will also be leading training and workshops for your student organizations related to speech, University policies, and student conduct processes.

One initiative being worked on that I would like to plug is our Peer Mediation group. We are working with student leaders to develop and train a group that will be available to help students resolve conflicts amongst other students, with the goal being to help you address any issues at the lowest level possible before a concern escalates.



If you are interested in learning more, please do not hesitate to contact me using my contact information included below.

Personally, I live in Rochester with my partner and four young children. We love being outside and traveling. Once the weather is warm, I can be found riding my bike along the canal path or playing disc golf on one of the many courses in Rochester.

Please do not hesitate to reach out. I am available to assist with any concerns or questions you have or to just chat. If you are in Rochester, please come into the building and I will treat you to coffee. You can contact me at daniel.greer@sunyempire.edu.

Sincerely,

Dan Greer
Executive Director of
University Student Services

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Check here for important dates and upcoming events happening at the college. Links to these events and more can be found at [SUNY Empire Connects](#).

Workshop: The Value of LinkedIn
April 3 @ 12 pm

Workshop: Applying for Scholarships at SUNY Empire
April 4 @ 12 pm

Workshop: The Psychology of Action: Overcoming Procrastination
April 5 @ 6 pm

Fall 2023 Registration Opens
April 11

Workshop: Degree Planning Workshop
April 12 @ 4 pm

Workshop: Registration and Beyond
April 19 @ 6 pm

Workshop: Investing in Our Planet
(registration required)
April 24 @ 5:30 pm

Last Day of Spring 2023
April 28

First Day of Summer 2023
Full & Express Term 1
May 15

Commencement Ceremonies!

Rochester - May 10 @ 6 pm

NYC - May 26 @ 6 pm

Albany - June 4 @ 12 pm



*"You must be the
change you wish to
see in the world."*

Mahatma Gandhi

Presenting...



EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY

SUNY Empire State College officially transitioned to university status, becoming [Empire State University](#). President Lisa Vollendorf made the announcement on March 22 at a university-wide gathering in Saratoga Springs.

Have questions about what our new university status means?

[Read our FAQ about our new university status.](#)



In addition, Lisa Vollendorf was [inaugurated as Empire State University's sixth president](#). Chancellor John B. King performed the presidential investiture.

Vollendorf began her tenure at SUNY Empire on July 1, 2022.

If you would you like to watch the video of the inauguration, [click here](#).

**CONGRATULATIONS
PRESIDENT
VOLLENDORF!**



From SUNY Empire's

Student Government Association



The SUNY Empire Student Government Executive Board and Student Senate application deadline has been extended to April 9, 2023.

Participation in student government is an excellent opportunity to foster leadership, communication, teamwork, organization, and public speaking skills. These skills will help you navigate your studies and are also valuable outside the classroom.

Student Government offers great opportunities for students, including the following:

- Valuable connections and various ways to expand your network.
- Hands-on experience managing projects and organizing events.
- Development of transferable skills that can be included in your resume and increase your chances of being selected for internships or employment opportunities.
- Access to leadership and governance training, development opportunities, and other resources that can help you grow personally and professionally.

Click here to complete [the application](#)



Qualifications

- Interested candidates must complete an [application](#) and submit it by **April 9, 2023, at 11:59 pm.**
- To be considered for candidacy, students must be **currently enrolled** and plan on being enrolled in the **Fall '23 and Spring '24 term.** Applicants must be in good academic standing with a **minimum 2.0 GPA.**
- All listed positions are elected by the student body. **The election period begins on April 15, 2023.**
- Questions on any of the listed vacancies or election process can be directed to SGAElections@esc.edu.

Consider running for one of the following positions:

- SGA President
- SGA Vice-President
- SGA Treasurer
- SGA Secretary
- Student Senator for the following schools:
 - School of Arts and Humanities
 - School of Business
 - School of Human Services
 - School of Science, Math & Technology
 - School of Behavioral Sciences
 - Harry VanArsdale Jr. School of Labor Studies
 - School for Graduate Studies
 - School of Nursing and Allied Health

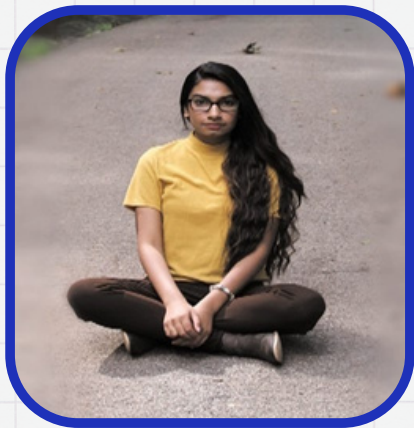
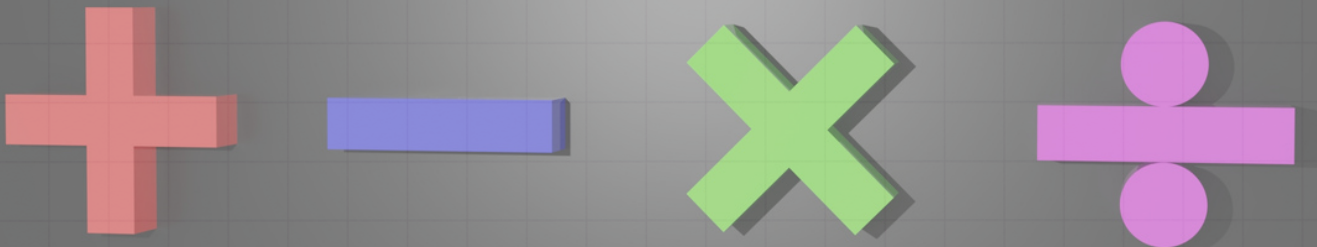
Visit the [Student Government Association \(SGA\) website](#) to learn more about each open position.

FROM THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT... MEET OUR MATH LEARNING COACHES!!

Are you taking a math course and looking for assistance? Meet with a SUNY Empire Learning Coach!
You can schedule your own appointment with a Learning Coach via TracCloud.

*If you need immediate help with math, our supplementary service [Tutor Me](#), provides on demand, live tutoring in math and many other subjects. SUNY Empire provides **two free hours of TutorMe services per week.***

Read below to learn more about our in-house math Learning Coaches!



My name is Gayatri Nakar and I work as a tutor for Mathematics and Computer Science at Empire State University and CUNY College of Staten Island. I have an associate degree in mathematics and computer Science. I am passionate about helping students comprehend challenging concepts in these fields.



My name is Jacqueline Vlymen. I am a mathematics professor and coach with over 15 years of experience helping students at Empire State University achieve their goals and dreams. I have a passion for coaching adult students, and I am committed to helping my students overcome obstacles and achieve success. My expertise ranges from algebra to Zoom with an emphasis on General Education mathematics.



My name is August Yang and I am a 2012 alumnus of Empire State University. I have a B.S. in Science, Math, and Technology with a concentration in Computer Science. I currently tutor math, science, and technology, including statistics, physics, chemistry, and some computer programming. I also provide tech support to students, including navigation of Brightspace and other university systems such as DP Planner and PLA Planner.

How to Check if You Have Additional Financial Aid Requirements

Now that you've already applied for financial aid for 2023-2024 by submitting your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), your New York State TAP application if you are a NY resident and your Aid for Part-Time Study (APTS) application if you are a part-time student and a NY resident, it's time to make sure you have no additional financial aid requirements!

Visit your [MySUNYEmpire](#) homepage and log onto Self-Service Banner by clicking the Financial Aid tab and My Financial Aid for the **2023-2024** year to view and satisfy any established requirement(s). Also be sure to view any Notifications from the Financial Aid Office that you may have in Self-Service. Doing these things will ensure the quick processing of your financial aid eligibility determination and package.

If you have already received your financial aid package for 2023-2024 and you wish to take out student loans, please make sure to visit Self-Service to accept your student loans. Active acceptance is required. We look forward to being your financial solution this year!

Interested in Accommodations?

You May Qualify...

Are you a student with a chronic invisible condition that impacts your ability to attend to your studies?

You do not have to use a wheelchair, have vision or hearing loss, or have a learning disability to be eligible for accommodations. The effects of any diagnosed medical condition, including mental health conditions or impairments, may be significant enough to make you eligible.

If you aren't sure if you qualify, you can speak confidentially about your individual situation with the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services.

You can contact us using the information to your right!



Important Information

FAFSA Federal School Code:
010286

School Name:
SUC Empire State College

NYS TAP Codes:
Associate Degree: 0916
Bachelor's Degree: 0913

Financial Aid Deadline for Summer 2023: April 14

Questions?
800-847-3000
financialaid@esc.edu



Office of Accessibility Resources and Services

Melissa Zgliczynski, Director
Andrea Piazza, Specialist

800-847-3000 ext. 2244
Disability.Services@sunyempire.edu

ASK THE

REGISTRAR



It's the End of the Term, and I Feel Fine... Knowing the answers to common grade-related questions

by Amanda Lagoe, Assistant Registrar

As the Spring 2023 term enters its final weeks, you may be worrying about your final grades. Check out some grade-related questions students frequently ask at the end of the term. Our answers should ease your mind so you can focus on your studies.



WHAT IF I NEED AN INCOMPLETE?

If you need to request an incomplete in the final weeks of the term, you will need to do so online via the link in Self-Service Banner. Check out our [Incomplete Request Guide](#) for detailed instructions on submitting your request. Remember, according to college policy, students are only eligible to request an incomplete if they have consistently engaged in learning activities and successfully completed at least 50% of the work before the end of the course. Incompletes are granted at the instructor's discretion, so it's always a good idea to talk to your instructor to see if they will consider an incomplete.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY GRADE?

It takes a lot of time to grade all of your great work at the end of the term. Although you're anxious to see the grade as soon as possible, your instructor requires time to grade. Select the 'term bookmark' on the [academic calendar](#) to see the grading due dates. If the grading due date has passed and you have not received a grade (an NG outcome will show on your transcript), contact your instructor as soon as possible. If you have an incomplete in a course, you can expect your grade to be available seven days after the work due date set by your instructor.

WHERE CAN I VIEW MY GRADE?

Although it is tempting to use Brightspace to check your final grades, your official grade, as recognized by the university, is only found on your unofficial transcript. Located on your Student Profile in Self-Service Banner, your unofficial transcript is a comprehensive view of your academic record that you can access anytime. In addition to grades, your unofficial transcript provides your term and cumulative GPAs and lists your upcoming registrations. Need help viewing your unofficial transcript? You can view step-by-step instructions [here](#).

HOW DO I ORDER A TRANSCRIPT?

You can order a physical or electronic transcript by visiting the [transcript request page](#).

WHY DID I GET THIS GRADE?

Contact your instructor if you have any questions about your grade. Your instructor will be able to provide additional information. The Office of the Registrar can only view the final grade that your instructor submitted. We cannot tell you why you received a particular grade—only your instructor can do that.

WHEN WILL MY GPA AND TRANSCRIPT REFLECT A REPEATED STUDY?

To recognize a course as a repeated study, the final grade for the second attempt must be on your record. The Office of the Registrar processes repeat studies once grades are due for the term. You must submit a repeat study form if your first attempt was before Fall 2018.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I MADE THE DEAN'S LIST?

To qualify for the Dean's List, you must be an undergraduate student taking a minimum of four graded credits in a term and earn a term GPA of 3.75 or higher. It is important to note that an incomplete (IN) or an administrative withdrawal (ZW) will make you ineligible. The Dean's List is generated after the term's grading due date has passed, so you can expect to see it on your unofficial transcript shortly after that. You will receive a congratulatory email with a link to your certificate in the following weeks.

SUMMER 2023 STUDY GROUPS

Brooklyn, Hartsdale, Staten Island, and Virtual Study Groups



Study groups are available for summer term registration, which runs from **February 7 to May 14**.

In-person study groups are available at the college's Brooklyn, Hartsdale, and Staten Island locations, and virtual study groups are available to students anywhere. A complete listing of summer term study groups can be found on the study group web pages below:

- [Brooklyn](#)
- [Hartsdale](#)
- [Staten Island](#)
- [Virtual Study Groups](#)



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What are Study Groups?

Study Groups are a mode of study offered both onsite and virtually to small groups of learners. The instructor-led courses provide regular engagement with faculty and peers, giving students more structure with regularly scheduled in-person or virtual meetings. Virtual study groups meet using [Microsoft Teams](#).

Ecology and Earth Systems Field Research Residency

Summer 2023, Express Term One: 8 Weeks

Learn

Hands-on environmental science research techniques in the field

Meet

Faculty with dedicated experience in the areas of ecology and earth sciences

Explore

Terrestrial, forest and aquatic systems typical of New York state



This is a unique opportunity for students to work closely with experienced faculty to develop field and laboratory research and analysis skills that are invaluable in the environmental and earth systems sciences. During the time at the Muller Field Station, students will gain hands-on experience, become familiar with laboratory equipment, and apply this technology to fieldwork and data collection.

Students register for the 4-credit course, Ecology and Earth Systems Field Research (advanced, non-liberal) during the summer term and work online with the faculty instructors before and after the onsite meeting (camping) in Honeoye, NY.

Summer Express Term One: May 15 – July 7, 2023 (8 weeks)

Onsite meeting: June 9 – 11, 2023

Onsite location: Muller Field Station, Honeoye, NY

Cost: SUNY tuition and fees and a \$90 residency fee to cover camping, lab equipment and meals.

Registration: February 7 – May 14, 2023, through regular summer term registration. The course is found in the term guide under: ENSC-4600/CRN# 51749 (instructor: Nathan Whitley-Grassi) and ENSC-4600/CRN# 51750 (instructor: Kevin Woo).

For more information: Visit www.esc.edu/EcologyRes or email Ecology.Residency@esc.edu



Need help with your taxes? SUNY Empire has you covered!

**Tax day is
April 18, 2023!!**

FREE VIRTUAL TAX HELP

It's quick and easy! You only need basic computer skills and an active email account. They'll help you prepare and e-file your income tax return virtually during a webinar session at no cost.

You can schedule an appointment to meet with Tax Department employees who will walk you through your income tax returns, step-by-step, as you complete your own tax return.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE:

- ✓ If you earned \$73,000 or less in 2022, you qualify
- ✓ Safe and secure online tax software
- ✓ Use your own laptop, desktop, or tablet
- ✓ Must have access to a smartphone or webcam to verify your identity
- ✓ If you reside outside of New York State, you can get help with Federal only

Appointments will be offered 9:30am-12:30pm, and 1:30-4:30pm on the dates listed below:

- Monday, April 3 (in-person at Rochester location only)
- Tuesday, April 4 (virtual appointments)
- Tuesday, April 11 (virtual appointments)
- Monday, April 17 (in-person at Rochester location only)



[Click here to schedule your appointment](#)

SPRING STUDENT CONFERENCE



APRIL 13-15, 2023

The Desmond Hotel | Albany, NY

Registration is still open for the 2023 Spring Student Conference!

*Are you still on the fence about attending?
Here are some highlights:*

Develop New Skills

The conference will include pre-conference and concurrent sessions, including interactive workshops, panel sessions, academic research presentations, and more!

Share Your Own Knowledge and Talent

No matter what your major or career, presenting and public speaking skills are critical. The conference gives you the opportunity to hone your skills and share your research and passion with your peers. *This also includes students showing their work at our Academics, Artists, and Authors Showcase!*



Utilize Networking Opportunities

Research shows that students who are more engaged with their university community, they are more likely to graduate. The conference provides the tools and environment for students to developing networking game and build their professional contacts vital for their careers.

And More Importantly... Let's Have Fun!

It's not all business at the conference. One of the best things about the conference isn't something you will find in the program; it's the connections and lifelong friendships you'll make when you're there!

We hope to see you there!



***For more information, please visit
www.sunyempire.edu/student-conference***

Poetry Contest

Winner Announced!

Thank you to each person who submitted a poem for our National Poetry Month poetry contest. We appreciate you sharing your talents with us!

**Congratulations, Pam Doran with your poem,
*Riff on Nothingness***

You can read the winning poem and all other submissions on the pages below, with the winning poem listed first.



About our judge

Mindy Kronenberg, a mentor in the Humanities and the Arts at Empire State College, is an award-winning poet and writer whose work has appeared in hundreds of journals and books and been included in art installations world-wide. She is the editor of Oberon poetry magazine and the author of *Dismantling the Playground*, *Images of America: Miller Place*, and *Open*, an illustrated book of poems.



Riff on Nothingness

By Pam Doran



How do you tell your story? An encapsulation of the past or foresee the future?

Now is a center that moves and has already slipped away.

I am occurring from what has occurred, plus the devil cut the brakes.

The uninhibited life is creative and unimpeded. I ask no one but myself where we are going. We could look in the rearview mirror to watch the road disappear or downshift and explode.

Candles to illuminate and fire to warm, winter nights are long drawn.

Unpassable roads slow down a fast world to a thinking pace. Move the snow to stay impatient, or watch it fall to stay home. Iced windows close the world away, so thoughts follow around the house. What if? How come? Maybe.

Open the door to the minty breath and stand barefoot outside. The shock will jar you into life again, away from the ghosts.

Can You See Me?

By Shannon Mulstay

Standing on the sidewalk, busy bees rushing here and there

Phones are grasped as their lifeline to connect.

Can you see me?

Do I exist outside the phone, laptop, or notebook?

I am not a hashtag, widget, or social media.

Can YOU see ME?

Fall down the rabbit hole and discover who I am.

Mirrors in each face

Emotional platitudes, heights unreached...

Woman, Survivor, Victim, student...

Can YOU see ME?

Step outside and feel the touch...

Look inside my eyes and not my skin.

Who am I? Today, Tomorrow, Yesteryear...

Where am I going? Where have I been?

Can YOU see ME?

Put down your phone.

No Facebook. No Twitter. No TikTok.

Take my hand.

Feel my touch.

Walk beside me.

Whispered voices carried on the wind.

I see you but do you see ME!?

Mom, Love Hurts

By Brielle Watts

Trigger Warning

Mom, I finally see your eyes
They glow like the sky
Although I can't understand you
I know we'll get by

Mom, you cried again
Your skin is blue
Your eye is black
I know Dad hit you

Mom, where is dad?
I think he's gone
The big policemen just walked in
They asked what I'd drawn

Mom, I'm finally a teen
But you forgot again
A drink on your lap
A pill and a pen

Mom, I've learned this is love
With an angry hand
You and Dad show it with force
I'm sure to understand

Mom, the ambulance was called
You were not breathing
Your bones were broken
Dad promised he's not leaving

Mom, today was your funeral
Dad didn't shed a tear
He kept saying he loved you
Love is nothing to fear

Mom, I got married
I know he loves me
He shows me everyday
Even with my burns that are third degree

Mom, I just had a baby
The doctor asked me about my head
I said love hurts but nothing happened
As I heavily bled

Mom, I'm sorry
I wish I could've learned
Love is not supposed to be like this
For my child, I am concerned

Mom, I'm so happy to see you
Although I wish I weren't here at thirty-one
It seems so pretty up here
I don't see the scars from the gun

Mom, our lives have ended
Now we're just souls
Life had its positives
But mom, we had future goals

PRODiG Pipelines to Academia Committee Selects Two Student Representatives

The SUNY Empire PRODiG Pipelines to Academia Committee selected SUNY Empire students, **Ayodele Ajose** and **Michele Plesh**, to join the committee. The Pipelines to Academia Committee student representatives will provide a student voice for the committee and help create additional pathways for students who envision a future in academia. The representatives will also participate in recurring virtual meetings and collaborate with faculty, staff, and administrators to develop initiatives for students that pave the way to careers as SUNY faculty.

PRODiG (Promoting Recruitment, Opportunity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Growth) is a system-wide initiative that aims to increase the number of historically underrepresented faculty at SUNY, including women in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields. SUNY Empire joined this initiative in 2019 and built the Scholars Program as a pathway for students pursuing careers in academia.



Images of Ayodele Ajose (left) and Michele Plesh (right)

Meet Ayodele

Ayodele Ajose is a SUNY Empire undergraduate student studying psychology. He currently works as a program coordinator with challenged individuals. Joining the PRODiG Pipelines to Academia Committee has reflected Ayodele's desire to help individuals who might not be able to help themselves or speak for themselves.

Ayodele shares his favorite quote from the late Brazilian former professional footballer Pelé to express his motivation to join the committee: "Success is no accident. It's hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love what you are doing or learning to do."

Meet Michelle

Michele Plesh is a current SUNY Empire MBA student. Michelle raised three children and returned to school to earn her MBA after her children grew up and left home. She worked in business after earning her bachelor's degree from SUNY Buffalo State. After gaining some work experience, her career path led to human resources, working in talent acquisition, employee relations, and training and development. She is now in a leadership position at Excelsior Orthopedics in Buffalo, NY, as the director of Human Resources and Organizational Development.

Regarding her motivation to join the committee, Plesh said, "I want to have more experience working in diverse groups. I identified this committee as an opportunity for me to learn and grow as well as enrich my experiences as a student, employee, and human being. On a larger scale, I believe in systematic approaches to change and respect the school for committing resources to make an objective change to diversify its faculty—and I believe I can make valuable contributions to help reach its goal."

MUSEUMS ACROSS NEW YORK WITH STUDENT DISCOUNTS OR FREE ADMISSION

You may recall in our March issue, we included some of the incredible museums in New York City that offer student discounts and/or free admissions. We didn't want our other beautiful cities to get left out, so below you will find just some of the museums throughout the great state of New York that offer a student discount and/or free admission. As always, [you can click here to obtain your Empire State University student ID.](#)



BUFFALO:

- [The Buffalo History Museum.](#) Pay What You Wish admission (recommended price is \$10). Free admission every third Friday of the month.
- [Burchfield Penney Art Center.](#) \$5 with valid student ID. Free admission on the second Friday of every month.
- [Martin House.](#) \$5 self-guided tour for students on April 4. \$10 tours for students all other days of the year.
- [Arts Access Pass.](#) Visit the website to see if you qualify for a pass that will provide free or low-cost cultural opportunities across western NY for you and your family.

ROCHESTER:

- [Eastman Museum.](#) \$7 with valid student ID. Free admission for SNAP and EBT cardholders and their families, free admission for military personnel and their families.
- [Susan B. Anthony Museum & House.](#) \$5 with valid Student ID.
- [Memorial Art Gallery.](#) \$9 with valid Student ID. Half-price admissions Thursdays after 5 pm. Free admission for NYS SNAP cardholders.

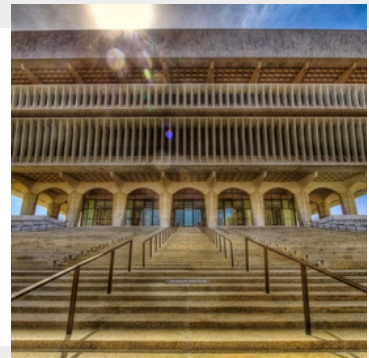


SYRACUSE:

- [Everson Museum of Art.](#) \$8 with student ID. Free admission every third Thursday of the month from 5-8 pm
- [The Erie Canal Museum.](#) Suggested donation of \$10.
- [Onondaga Historical Association.](#) Free and open to the public.
- [Syracuse University Art Museum.](#) Free

ALBANY/SARATOGA SPRINGS:

- [The New York State Museum.](#) Admission is free; suggested donation of \$5 per individual or \$10 per family.
- [Albany Institute of History and Art.](#) \$8 with valid student ID.
- The [University of Albany Art Museum.](#) Museum is free but visitor parking is \$5.
- [Saratoga Springs History Museum.](#) \$5 for students with valid ID.
- [National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame.](#) \$10 with valid student ID.



LONG ISLAND:

- [Long Island Museum.](#) \$5 with valid college ID.
- [The Heckscher Museum.](#) \$5 suggested donation. Free admission on the first Friday of the month (excluding April 2023).
- [Nassau County Museum of Art.](#) Mansion admission: \$5 with valid student ID. It is free to access the arboretum, trails, and sculpture garden.

BONUS!! CORNING:

- [The Rockwell Museum.](#) \$6 with valid student ID.



BE ONE WITH NATURE AND...

VOLUNTEER AT YOUR LOCAL PARK!



Spring has sprung in most areas across the state! And as the weather warms, flowers burst from the ground and cleaning is in high gear. It's also a great opportunity to cultivate fresh starts –mentally, physically, and even to give back to the ecosystems in our communities.

*Here is a list of volunteering opportunities with **NYC Parks Stewardship program**.*

BROOKLYN

(all events are from 10 am – 1 pm)

- April 1 [Kaiser Park Coastal Cleanup](#)
- April 7 [Ecology Park Spring Awakening Gardening](#)
- April 8 [Marine Park Reforestation](#)
- April 15 [Bedford Stuyvesant Street Tree Care](#)
- April 16 [Calvert Vaux Park Coastal Cleanup](#)
[Wild Seed Farming with NYC Parks](#)
- April 22 [East New York Street Tree Care](#)

BRONX

- April 2 [Riverdale Park Tree Planting](#)
9 am - 12 pm
- April 8 [Longwood Street Tree Care](#)
9 am - 12 pm
- April 15 [Pelham Bay Park Rodman's Neck Coastal Cleanup](#) 9 am - 12 pm
- April 22 [Pelham Bay Park Forest Restoration](#)
9 am - 12 pm

MANHATTAN

(all events are from 9 am – 12 pm)

- April 14 [Inwood Hill Park Forest Restoration](#)
- April 22 [Harlem Street Tree Care](#)

QUEENS

- April 1 [Alley Pond Park Tree Planting](#)
9 am - 12 pm
- April 1 [Street Tree Care with Super Stewards, Edgemere](#) - 9 am - 11 am
- April 7 [Idlewild Park Forest Restoration](#)
9 am - 12 pm
- April 22 [Alley Pond Park Planting](#) - 9 am - 12 pm
[Street Tree Care with Super Stewards, Bellerose](#) - 12 pm - 2 pm
[Street Tree Care with Super Stewards Jackson Heights](#) - 9 am - 11 am
- April 28 [Kissena Park Tree Planting](#) - 9 am-12 pm

STATEN ISLAND

(all events are from 10 am – 1 pm)

- April 7 [Greenbelt Native Plant Center Seed Increase Program](#)
- April 16 [Floyd Bennett Field Seed Sunday](#)
- April 20 [Greenbelt Native Plant Center Tour/Gardening](#)
- April 22 [Conference House Park Tree Planting](#)

Now, for the rest of NY – we did not forget you!
*For opportunities across the state, please check out volunteer events on the **New York State Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation** site ([link here](#)).*

INTERESTED IN BEING A MEMBER OF
SUNY EMPIRE'S

LGBTQIA+ ✨

Student
Club? ✨

If you would like to join us or have
any questions, please email our
Administrative Advisor,
Josh Boardman
Joshua.Boardman@sunyempire.edu

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Esports Update

Playoffs for our esports teams begin the week of April 10 in the SUNY and ECAC Leagues. As of March 20, here are the updated rankings. The team names and players are listed below.

SUNY Empire's Squads:

Call of Duty Modern Warfare Team 1 - (6-1) in 1st place (SUNY)

Led by: Philippe Gold Azour, Maria Tappa, Jake Macheda, Joanne Williams, and Saryna Neary

League of Legends 5vs5 Squads - (3-4) (ECAC)

Led by: Jimmy Segretto, James Onley, Noel Surman, Thomas Ramos, Jennifer Isler, Matthew Berge, and Randal Tam

Call of Duty Modern Warfare Team 2 - (1-5) (SUNY)

This team is also led by: Philippe Gold Azour, Maria Tappa, Jake Macheda, Joanne Williams, and Saryna Neary

Super Smash Brothers 1vs1 - (3-4) (SUNY)

Lead by: Diya Krishman

Fortnite Duo's Team (ECAC)

Led by: Sam Hackborn, Anthony Cirino, and Taylor Baugh

Hearthstone 1vs1 - (2-5) (ECAC)

Led by: Catherine Meyers

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF
OUR SQUADS HEADING
INTO THE PLAYOFFS!**

STOCK UP ON YOUR EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY GEAR!

For the month of April,
you can receive FREE
SHIPPING at the SUNY
Empire gear store.

[Click here to shop!](#)

FREE SHIPPING 

WITH A MINIMUM PURCHASE OF \$75
ONLY FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES

OFFER VALID APRIL 1ST - 30TH

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