

### ***Breaking Through, Moving Forward: Justice for Fraud Victims Project (JFVP)***

The ***Master of Science in Forensic Accounting (MSFA)*** is the only degree of its kind on Long Island. The mission of the program is to educate and train students to have the ability to engage in various anti-fraud techniques and practices, appropriately identify ethical issues, and lead in challenging positions. Graduates of the program can become auditors, forensic accountants, business valuation analysts, or work for the government as law enforcement agents.



In an increasingly technical environment, financial fraud has been a problem for many individuals on Long Island, and those most affected are often the ones who can least afford it. The ***Justice for Fraud Victims Project (JFVP)*** was started at SUNY Old Westbury in 2020 with the goal of offering victims of fraud across Long Island support in their pursuit of restitution while also providing vital skill-building experiential learning for graduate accounting and forensic accounting students of the College. The JFVP provides the community another example of how the programs at SUNY Old Westbury can have a societal impact on the lives of those most in need.

This program has students in the MSFA program, Case Studies in Forensic Accounting, work in teams to assist financial fraud victims in real-world cases where a full forensic accounting investigation would otherwise be too costly or time consuming. Ultimately, the JFVP aids victims of fraud, such as small businesses and not-for-profit entities, to obtain justice after suffering financial harm.

## ***SOB AACSB ACCREDITATION IN PROGRESS***

### ***Celebrations***

- ***Mr. Michael Pantell*** is an Accounting student working towards a bachelor degree in Accounting. His graduation expected is 2023 in May. He does his best to make sure he is going to succeed in life. With hard work, dedication, and determination he is achieving his goals. That work ethic and drive granted him the tremendous honor and opportunity of to obtain a full-time position Ernst & Young for the fall of 2023.



- On Friday, November 18, 2022, the **IRS Citizens Academy** event took place. With the assistance and oversight of **Certified Fraud Examiners** and other professionals, our learners were exposed to examples of methods by which frauds are perpetrated and learned how to quantify damages so cases can be prosecuted, all while getting valuable real-world experience in the field of **Forensic Accounting**.
- On Wednesday, January 11, the SOB hosted their annual retreat. This



year's well-received event focused on **Innovations in Curriculum** and was offered both in-person and virtually to SOB stakeholders. The morning workshops included an update on the SOB's preparation for the April 2023 AACSB visit and

informative presentations on the **Old Westbury Model** by **Dr. Cris Notaro**, Asst. Provost for Student Success and Administration, and **The Enrollment Landscape** by **Jeff Handler**, Interim VP Enrollment Services. During the afternoon, attendees participated in a facilitated workshop entitled "Who Are We" by **Dr. dt Ogilvie**, Sr. Advisor to Rochester Mayor Malik D. Evans on Economic Development & Urban Entrepreneurship. The highly interactive discussions and exercises focused on evaluating the external environment, understanding competition and how to plan for our future. It was a successful day for all.

## Announcements

- The ninth annual **SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference (SURC) 2023** Conference will be hosted on Friday, April 14, 2023 at SUNY Maritime. SURC brings together undergraduate students and faculty mentors from across the SUNY system for a full day of activities, including sessions devoted to student presentations (oral, performance, artistic displays, and posters), luncheon, keynote speakers, a SUNY Graduate School and Career Fair, and professional development workshops for students and faculty. The due date for **Abstract submission is March 1, 2023**. Read more at <https://sunycpd.eventsair.com/surc-2023/proposal-info-submission>.
- The SUNY **Faculty Advisory Council on Teaching and Technology (FACT2)** in response to the incorporation of **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)** in the curriculum and pedagogical approaches has scheduled Web Seminar: **What is Inclusive Teaching?** - April 6, 2023 - 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm; **Setting the Tone** - April 13, 2023 - 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm; **Creating a Welcoming Environment** - April 20, 2023 - 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm; **Giving the Students Tools for Success** - April 27, 2023 - 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Register at <https://sunycpd.eventsair.com/fact2websp/registration>.



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