

## SPOTLIGHT On Engagement, Innovation, & Impact



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## End of the Year: Celebration and Expectation

At the end of the year, it is normal to feel enthusiastic about the expectation of what the New Year may bring to us. Before we count down the days to a fresh start, let us look back at what we as an institution have accomplished this year. As recognition for our longstanding commitment to service, diversity, and excellence, SUNY Old Westbury has been formally



recognized as a university! The distinction of being a university speaks to our growth as an institution, and will allow us to attract more opportunities for students. Likewise, the School of Business's dedication to that same institutional excellence has been recognized with the bestowing of a prestigious distinction, the AACSB accreditation. The AACSB accreditation is one of the School of Business' most satisfying. This accreditation is a global signal of the quality in education that the School of Business provides, as it highlights our student centeredness, societal impact, commitment and more, with only 7.3 percent of all business schools in the world having this accreditation.

May the New Year be as fruitful as the last, filled with new opportunities and accomplishments for everyone!

## Welcome to New York's Newest University

SUNY OLD WESTBURY EARNS UNIVERSITY DESIGNATION

Changes official state education title from "State University of New York College at Old Westbury" to "State University of New York at Old Westbury."











## **Celebrations**

• On October 10, the School of Business Dean's Ambassadors had its meeting. As per Markwan Angulo, the purpose is to aid current and incoming students in the school of business by giving them insight on what courses to partake in to step into the school of business.



• The Accounting Society had its meeting on October 10. During this meeting, a recruiter from CohnReznick informed about internship/full-time opportunities, hold a LinkedIn training, and give insight into their firm.



• The Business Club, the SOB Ambassadors, the SOB Dean and the MMF Faculty host a meeting on November 15. During the meeting, some alumni had shared their advice with the students.





On Friday, November 3, 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 November 14, the SUNY Long Island PitchFest held its annual contest between Old Westbury, Stony Brook, and Farmingdale. Each team presented details of their product, business model, financing, profit forecast, staffing, and business plan to achieve competitive advantage. The finalist were: Team 1.
Christina Corye, SUNY Old Westbury; Team 2. Amanda Rebelo, Farmingdale State College; Team 3.
Matthew Camisa, Farmingdale State College; Team 5. Het Joshi, Stony Brook University. The distinguished Judges were: Derek Peterson, CEO, Soter Technologies; Erica Chase-Gregory, Regional Director at Small Business Development Center, Farmingdale State College; Kenneth Brown, Prof., First Year Experience, SUNY Old Westbury. Het Joshi won the first prize, and Matthew Camisa won the second prize.











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