

## PRESIDENTS' forum

suny college at old westbury



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### Preparing Students To Go Farther

SUNY College at Old Westbury's advertisements read "Discover Your Future." That's just what happens when students enroll at our small, public college. Why do I feel comfortable saying that? Because we see our students excel every day on our beautiful 604-acre campus.

Whether a career as an attorney, teacher, accountant, corporate leader, scientist, journalist, therapist or artist lies in their future, Old Westbury's 4,400 students are educated in an environment that demands academic excellence while offering the close interaction that fosters the self-confidence students need to prepare themselves for the next stage in their lives.

#### Dynamic Academic Programs

In all, the college offers more than 60 undergraduate and graduate degree programs at the affordable price of SUNY tuition. From education to psychology, communications to computer science, Old Westbury's programs are designed to provide the skills students need to achieve their career and personal goals.

How strong are Old Westbury's programs? Our School of Education is one of only 46 in New York State to earn approval from the prestigious National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. Also, students of the accounting program in our School of Business have won the annual Long Island College Accounting Challenge every time they have entered.

At the graduate level, Old Westbury offers 15 master's programs that are designed both for professionals seeking to advance in their fields and those seeking a new career. Our programs in Accounting, Adolescence Education, Mental Health Counseling, and Taxation are taught by members of the Old Westbury faculty and working professionals, providing an excellent mix of academic and real-world insight for students.

#### Putting The Liberal Arts To Work

Of course, Old Westbury is about more than just career preparation and skills development. Yes, with a location convenient to both Long Island's commercial centers and metropolitan New York City, Old Westbury offers students an array of internship experiences at leading organizations like CBS News, Grant Thornton, Sony Music and more. Our commitment to the liberal arts keeps us focused on helping students become well-rounded, critical thinking members of society, which are the characteristics of true leaders no matter the era, issue or industry. Our goal is to provide the social, practical, and analytical tools that will enable you to become a pillar in your community, to be recognized for the virtue of your deeds and ethics, and to flourish as part of an increasingly diverse, internationally savvy marketplace.

Guiding students as they learn and grow is a faculty of men and women who are leaders in their fields. Of the college's more than 150 full-time professors, 85 percent hold the highest degree in their discipline. These are men and women who are recognized around the globe for their excellence. For instance, Mac Adams, distinguished professor of Visual Arts, was named this year a winner of the prestigious Pollock Krasner Foundation grant, and Associate Professor Carolyn Cocca of Politics, Economics and Law and Assistant Professor Jermaine Archer of American Studies are recent winners of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

#### Successful Students

All of these elements – dynamic degree programs, intense faculty interaction, a commitment to character – have combined to ignite both the professional preparation and personal growth of its students over SUNY College at Old Westbury's nearly 50-year history.

Numbering now more than 23,000 strong, graduates of Old Westbury are working and leading in positions throughout our region, across the nation and around the world. Some attended as full-time students. Many worked during their Old Westbury years to support themselves and their families. Most are people like your friends and neighbors, men and women who recognized the need for a quality education and continue to work today to make life better for themselves, their families and their communities.

So ask yourself, where do you want your college education to take you? If you answered "farther than I thought I could go," then you are the student SUNY College at Old Westbury is seeking.

For more information about the undergraduate and graduate degree offerings at SUNY College at Old Westbury, contact the college's Office of Enrollment Services at 516-876-3073 or visit us online at [oldwestbury.edu](http://oldwestbury.edu).