

Challenging Education: Extreme Learners

Are you an Extreme Learner?

In [Education Week](#), **Milton Chen** writes describing the notion of extreme learning and provides guidance on becoming an [Extreme Learner](#). Chen is the chair of **Panasonic Foundation** and a **Senior Fellow** at the **George Lucas Educational Foundation**. Chen explains that extreme learners may not be the people with the highest GPAs, but they love learning at its own sake and spend their lives seeking opportunities to learn new things. In addition, extreme learners forge their own path; they tend to be highly motivated and willing to go outside traditional pathways to pursue their interests. Chen posits that extreme learners constantly ask questions because they have a

strong sense of curiosity, and their interests tend to span fields across disciplines. Extreme learners find role models, mentors, and people whom they can learn from. Extreme learners use technology to support their learning and take full advantage of the internet's educational opportunities. Finally, Chen concludes that, extreme learners work on developing their soft skills of collaboration, leadership, and resilience.

SUNY Old Westbury is a comprehensive college founded on the interdisciplinary tenets of a liberal education. We strive to produce lifelong productive learners that one could label as being "Extreme Learners." We strive to bring out the potential of students that shapes them into "[Extreme Learner](#)." Our distinguished faculty is always accessible within and outside classrooms to serve as role models, guides, and mentors.

Sincerely,
Raj Devasagayam

Alumnus Visit

- Mr. **Alexander Harris** is scheduled to present on **Monday, November 11, at 9:40 AM in NAB 1100**. Mr. Hilton was an **SOB International Student** from **Denmark** who vividly recalls **SOB Faculty**. Alex is the Chief Operations Officer (COO) of [Christopher Cloos](#). The company have offices in Copenhagen and New York City and the eyeglasses are sold in more than 600 retailers globally in Europe, North America, South America and Australia. Alex has an interesting story to tell. **The SOB Business Club** is sponsoring the event.

Announcements

- **Partition Center Conference: Division, Reconciliation and Union**, and **2019 Partition Center Journal** release will be on **Saturday, October 19 at 8560 Parsons Blvd, Jamaica, Queens, 11432 (917-524-0035) from 9 AM to 1 PM**. **Speakers: Drs. Siddiqui, Das & Ebrahimi, & Islam & Roy**.

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- The college's **Open Access Task Force** and the **Library** are inviting to the **Open Access Week 2019** on **Monday, October 21**, or **Thursday, October 24**, during common hour (2:40 PM - 3:40 PM) in L-311 for a viewing of the documentary film - **PayWall: The Business of Scholarship** by Jason Schmitt. A brief Q & A discussion will follow. Light refreshments will be served.
- **Open Educational Resources (OER) & Creative Commons: An Introduction.** Tuesday, October 22, during common hour (2:40 PM – 3:40 PM). Most OER are openly released with Creative Commons Licenses that state specifically how the material can be used, reused, adapted, and shared. Learn more about OER and Creative Commons with librarian **Joanne Spadaro** in this 1-hour introductory workshop for faculty and staff. The workshop will cover: • What is OER? Why use OER? What is Creative Commons? Where to find OER?
- **National Transfer Student Week.** SUNY Old Westbury will participate in National Transfer Student Week from **Monday, October 21 to Thursday, October 24**. It is the week to support, to celebrate, and to thank transfer students, as well as the staff that support them. Here are the events that Transfer Services will be hosting throughout the week: **Monday, October 21**, Kick Off Event, **11 AM to 4 PM** in the Campus Center Atrium; **Tau Sigma National Honor Society Induction**, **7:30 PM** in the Student Union Multipurpose room A; **Tuesday, October 22**, Thank you Breakfast, **8:30 AM to 11:30 AM** in the Campus Center Atrium; **Wednesday October 23**, Fall Art and Craft Activity, **1 PM - 4 PM** in the Campus Center Atrium; **Thursday, October 24**, We ♥ Our Transfers Mixer, **1 PM to 4 PM** in NAB 1100.
- **Collaboration for Student Success 2019.** On **October 28-30th**, in Albany, **three SUNY communities of practice: Advising, Applied Learning, and Student Success** come together to identify strategies to ensure each student in SUNY is successful in their academic pursuit. Students can also apply to a Student Fellow at this year's event. **For More Information and to REGISTER visit:** <http://www.suny.edu/studentsuccesssummit>
- The **New York State Society of CPAs (NYSSCPA)** is hosting the **2019 Student CPA College Fest** on **Wednesday, October 30, 2019** from **3:00 PM to 8:30 PM** at **Chateau Briand**, Carle Place, New York. Students begin their experience with power sessions in critical soft skills such as **Building Client Relationships, Communication, Team-building, and Professionalism needed for the accounting industry**. The following are some of the public accounting firms that will attend: **Frankel Loughran Starr Vallone, Friedman, Gettry Marcus, Grassi, KVLSM, Marcum, Marks Paneth, Mazars, Nussbaum Berg Klein Wolpov, RS Abrams, Schwartz & Co, UHY, Wild Maney & Resnick**. Read more at [2019 Student CPA Fest](#).
- The **SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference (SURC)** is a multidisciplinary event hosted each year by different SUNY institutions. It brings together undergraduate student researchers and faculty mentors from across the SUNY system for activities, including sessions devoted to student presentations—oral, performance, artistic displays, and posters presentations—in all academic disciplines. SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and **SUNY Old Westbury will co-host SURC 2020 this coming April**. By bringing together students and faculty from across the state, **SURC helps realize the synergistic power of the SUNY system**.
- **SUNY Conference on Instruction and Technology (CIT 2020) Hosted by SUNY Oswego – May 26 – 29, 2020.** Online presentation submission is now open for the **29th Annual SUNY Conference on Instruction & Technology (CIT)**, sponsored by **SUNY FACT2 (Faculty Advisory Council on Teaching and Technology)**. This year's theme **The Shared University: Working Together to Prepare all Students for a Lifetime of Learning** is supported by the following tracks: **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Emerging Technologies and Digital Strategies; Measuring Effectiveness; Open Education; Pedagogically Speaking**. View [Track Descriptions](#), [Format Descriptions and Ratings](#). Submit your proposal at: <https://sunycpd.eventsair.com/cit-2020/cit20ab>. **Deadline for abstract submissions is December 31, 2019.**

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