

## ***From the Dean's desk***

*As we celebrate **Chancellor Kristine Johnson** at the helm of SUNY leadership, it provides us with the opportunity to examine the nature and role of great leaders in any organization. As the 13<sup>th</sup> Chancellor of SUNY, Dr. Johnson will lead a 70-year-old public education system with 64 campuses that educate close to half a million students from 180 nations, 3 million alumni, and more than 33000 faculty! The scope of a role such as this demands the metamorphoses of a manager into a true leader.*

***Vineet Nayar**, author of the bestselling "**Employees First, Customers Second**", a successful business leader himself and a well-respected leadership scholar, mentions some salient features of a valued leader that distinguishes them from managers. A leader...*

*... is an explorer for whom the unknown is a lot more exciting than the known.*

*... is someone who sees an opportunity in challenges.*

*... has irrationality in their expectation from themselves, their team, their idea, their company, and even the world at large.*

*... inspires people by pursuing a vision that gets people to jump out of their beds every day and go to work for an idea which is bold and unique.*

*... is emotional.*

*... has a higher purpose.*

*... is trustworthy.*

*... walks the talk.*

*... earns the right to lead.*

*Read more at [Vineet Nayar on 13 leadership ideas that will transform your life](#)*

*At **SUNY Old Westbury** it is our goal to educate future leaders that are lifelong learners capable of growing as leaders.*

*Sincerely,*

*Raj*

## ***Celebrations***

- **Raj Devasagayam** and **Dr. Calvin O. Butts III** attended the **SUNY Impact Foundation's Celebration Dinner** in honor of the Inauguration of SUNY's 13th **Chancellor Kristina M. Johnson, PhD** on 9/13/18 in NYC.



- On his own words, alum **Michael Genova** said, “As a graduate from the School of Business at SUNY College at Old Westbury in the class of 2011, I often find myself reflecting on my experience as a student at the campus. Most notable for me is the caliber of the professor group which operates with the highest level of professional, demonstrates industry specific knowledge, and the relationships that I have formed during my stay have carried into my professional journey. In my final semester at the college, I enrolled in a mentorship program and was selected as an intern with a global fashion company ESCADA in New York City. In 2012, I joined Citibank N.A as a Personal Banker. In 2015, I joined Flushing Bank and now serve as a bank officer and Branch Manager of the retail bank in Garden City. I thank the faculty of SUNY College at Old Westbury for giving me the tools to succeed in today’s competitive employment market, I always recommend the college in a very high regard to all of my family and friends.”
  - On her own words, alum **Tricia Genova** said, “Following my brother Michael’s footsteps and highly spoken words about the college, I graduated with M.S. in Taxation in 2015. During my experience, I not only expanded my knowledge, I gained everlasting relationships of now professionals who work in the same field. The atmosphere that is shaped on campus is always positive and encouraging for students. With amazing professors and peers, my experience holds great memories of success through the graduate curriculum. After graduating, I joined *R&D Tax Savers* as a Tax Analyst, whom specializing in tax incentives such as the Research and Development (R&D) tax credit and EPAct 179D deduction for our clients. With constantly emerging technologies and trends, our goal is to monetize this tax incentive on behalf of our clients. Articles I have authored were selected by *Thomson Reuters* that discuss tax topics and [R&D tax credit](#) opportunities among various industry verticals. The SUNY College at Old Westbury has prepared me for my career path and opened the doors to success and graduate studies in Accounting/Tax will always be highly recommended.”
- On the picture, Michael Genova, Dean Devasagayam, Tricia Genova



## Announcement

- SUNY Old Westbury will be participating in this year's **National Transfer Student Week (NTSW)** held from **October 15 – 19**. The events are organized to show appreciation, love, and support for our thriving Transfer Student population. NTSW is a national event sponsored by the National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students. You can read more about the event and NISTS [here](#).
- The **Fall Open House is scheduled for Saturday, November 10**. Prospective students and their families will be welcomed onto our beautiful campus and facilities, giving Old Westbury the opportunity to highlight all of the amazing opportunities it has to offer our students both inside the classroom, and beyond! The School of Business will be welcoming and informing the prospective students.
- Next week the School of Business will be hosting **Presentations Workshops** on Tuesday 10/2/18, and Wednesday 10/3/18. Students are encouraged to visit the [events](#) page to view the schedule and to register.
- On Friday, October 19, **Prof. Sara Williamson** will be presenting **To Share is Human: How “Sharing Size” Labels Diminish Sharing and Encourage Consumption** as part of the **Engagement, Innovation, & Impact** series.

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