Welcome to SUNY Empire State College, and congratulations on choosing Empire as the place to pursue your studies. As a SUNY Empire student, you are part of a proud legacy of innovation and flexibility in higher education.

Since SUNY Empire's founding in 1971, our students have worked with faculty mentors to develop flexible academic schedules that fit their busy lifestyles. With an average age of 35, our students are active and engaged learners who are often working at jobs, raising children and fulfilling community obligations, all while taking classes. Our goal is to provide each of our students with a personalized learning experience that fits their schedule and meets their academic needs.

At the heart of all we do is our students and their studies. SUNY Empire currently has more than 18,000 students, who come from throughout the state, across the country and around the world.

Our undergraduate degrees are diverse and range from addiction studies, business, and nursing to the arts and labor studies. We offer graduate degrees and advanced certificates in education, nursing, liberal arts and science, and business, management and leadership. In 2021, we are launching our first-ever doctoral program, an Ed.D. in educational leadership and change. We are also introducing new master’s degrees in public history and applied analytics, as well as an advanced certificate in corporate board leadership.

The diversity of our offerings is evident in our 91,000 alumni, who excel in industries ranging from health care and the military to the performing arts and library sciences. We maintain a vibrant connection with our alumni, many of whom remain engaged in SUNY Empire’s institutional mission, and serve as mentors and resources for our students.

Together, the SUNY Empire State College community stands united around a singular mission: to provide innovative, flexible and quality academic programs that empower people and strengthen communities. I hope you will now consider yourself a vital part of that mission and take advantage of all we offer. On behalf of the entire SUNY Empire family, I wish you the best of luck as you begin your journey at SUNY Empire.

Sincerely,

Nathan Gonyea, Officer in Charge

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