
Alumni Newsletter - Here's the latest at SUNY Empire!

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Check out the latest news and events here in our alumni e-newsletter. We invite you to email us at alumni@sunyempire.edu with news, updates, and story suggestions. We hope to hear from you!

Come watch the NY Yankees in Florida!



Join President Lisa Vollendorf and fellow alumni at spring training next month as we watch the NY Yankees play ball! SUNY Empire will be in Florida for two Yankee games. Ticket prices include premium seating, dinner, and drinks. Each alumnus can bring up to three guests.

NY Yankees v. Tampa Bay Rays

Date: Friday, March 6, 2026

Time: 5:05 p.m. | First pitch: 6:35 p.m.

Location: George M. Steinbrenner Field, Tampa, FL

Tickets: \$75.

[Buy tickets](#)

NY Yankees v. Washington Nationals

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2026

Time: 4:30 p.m. | First pitch: 6:05 p.m.

Location: CACTI Park, West Palm Beach, FL

Tickets: \$85

[Buy tickets](#)

Meet Christina Rajotte, New Director of Annual Giving

Christina Rajotte has joined the Office for Advancement as the director of annual giving. She will oversee the office's annual fundraising efforts, with an eye toward growing The Fund for Empire State University.

"I'm excited to join the SUNY Empire community and support student success by raising critical funds that bridge the gap between tuition costs and student



needs," commented Christina. "I look forward to connecting with you, our alumni, hearing your stories, and partnering with you to create opportunities for the students who come next."

Rajotte brings decades of experience in development, fundraising, communications, and marketing to Empire State University, most recently as chief development officer for Whitney Young Health and its affiliate, Equinox, Inc., both in Albany, NY.

She spent several years in development and marketing roles exclusively for Equinox. Rajotte also held similar roles for the Center for Disability Services, Wildwood Programs, and The Community Hospice. She also served for six years on the Board of Education for Shenendehowa Central School District in Clifton Park, NY, advocating for non-traditional learning pathways and on-campus mental health services. She is a graduate of St. John Fisher University, with a degree in communications and journalism.

Job Fairs Coming this Spring



Whether you're looking for a job, changing careers, or have positions to fill, SUNY Empire's Career Services invites you to attend one of our upcoming job fairs. The fairs will be held in Rochester, Buffalo, and Saratoga Springs and feature a variety of employers.

For more information, visit [Career Services](#).

Questions? Contact: Anita DeCianni-Brown at anita.brown@sunyempire.edu.

Commemorating Black History Month



A Soundtrack for Liberation: Bob Marley, Ruha Benjamin, and the Power of Imagination

Join us for a multimedia presentation that explores the intellectual and artistic connections between Bob Marley's revolutionary lyrics and Ruha Benjamin's "Imagination: A Manifesto." The event is part of the university's Reason & Respect series.

Date: Monday, February 23, 2026

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.

[Join the webinar.](#)

Black Women in Law Enforcement: A Panel Discussion



Join us at our Manhattan location for a panel discussion featuring women who have risen to positions of authority in this male-dominated profession. The event is hosted

by the Black Male Initiative, a student club.

Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026

Time: Doors open at 11 a.m.

Location: 4 Park Ave., between 33rd and 34th streets

Please [register](#) in advance. For information, email: david.fullard@sunyempire.edu.

International Women's Day: Vjosa Musliu '08

Vjosa Musliu '08, who graduated from the University of New York Tirana, Empire State University's international partner in Albania, will speak to the SUNY Empire community about her new book, "Girlhood at War: Interpreting War and Liberation in Kosovo, on Monday, March 9 at noon, ET, in honor of International Women's Day. the book is about her childhood during the Kosovo War in the late 1990s.



The conversation will be facilitated by [Jenny Mincin, Ph.D.](#), an associate professor in SUNY Empire's Master of Public Administration and social public policy program.

Please [register](#) for the webinar to get a link.

[Read Vjosa's story](#)

Visit our [Alumni Events](#) page to find out what else is happening and when!

Attention International Alumni



Are you engaged in research, teaching, or other scholarly activities in southeast Asia? The SUNY/CUNY Southeast Asia Consortium (SEAC) wants to hear from you.

The group links faculty, students, alumni, and surrounding communities with the goal of building collaborations and networks across New York, and between the U.S. and southeast Asia.

SEAC offers conferences, fellowships, grants, webinars, workshops, and other programs.

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