



Charter Schools Institute
The State University of New York

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Our mission is to cultivate an environment where strong public schools can take root and thrive.

A Message From the Executive Director



Kathryn Connell-Espinosa
Executive Director

To Our Friends,

As we mark the end of the 2023-24 academic school year, I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to lead the State University of New York (SUNY) Charter Schools Institute and continue its vitally important work to strengthen public education across the State. This past year has been filled with success and challenge, and it's been an honor to work alongside the SUNY Trustees, our talented staff, and each and every one of SUNY's 225 charter school leaders to create real educational opportunity for all the students and families that call a SUNY authorized charter home.

This past year, our SUNY schools once again proved to be among the strongest anywhere in the nation. On the most recent statewide assessments (from 2022-23), 81% of SUNY charter schools outperformed their district in English language arts ("ELA") and 87% in Math. In addition, 44 SUNY authorized charter schools scored in the top 10% of all New York public schools in ELA, and 49 scored in the top 10% in Math. This remarkable success is a testament to SUNY's rigorous approach to authorizing and the hard work of dedicated school leaders and staff. We are so appreciative of all your efforts.

In April 2023, the legislature allowed 14 charters to be granted within New York City. This milestone legislative action was made possible in part by the tireless efforts of advocacy partners and sector leaders. As a result, SUNY was able to grant five new charters to applicants that were previously granted in 2019 but withheld due to the charter cap. We look forward to this next wave of NYC charter schools opening their doors this fall. Together they represent more than 2,600 new seats for charter students over the next five years. This legislative breakthrough further afforded SUNY the opportunity to open up a new round open to applicants across all New York City and with it, the promise of thousands of additional seats for communities demanding higher quality educational options from across the five boroughs.

As we celebrate these successes, the Institute also firmly maintains an eye to the future. We are constantly evaluating our current practices, and are focused on five Strategic Priorities, including improving efficiency in all areas, contemporizing our organizational structure and culture, ensuring equity in our work, upgrading services and supports to schools, and strengthening our national reputation. For more than 20 years, SUNY has set the standard for charter school authorizing, illustrating how strong and rigorous authorizing policies and practices coupled with effective supports and resources can cultivate an environment where great public schools can take root and thrive. I look forward to working with our talented staff to turn these goals into a reality and ensure the success of all our SUNY authorized schools in the years ahead.

Ever upward.

Kathryn Connell-Espinosa
Executive Director

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Portfolio at a Glance

 **225**

SUNY Authorized Charter Schools

 **210**

Schools in Operation

 **114,000**

Students Served

Of the students served...

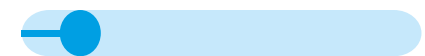
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Students with Disabilities



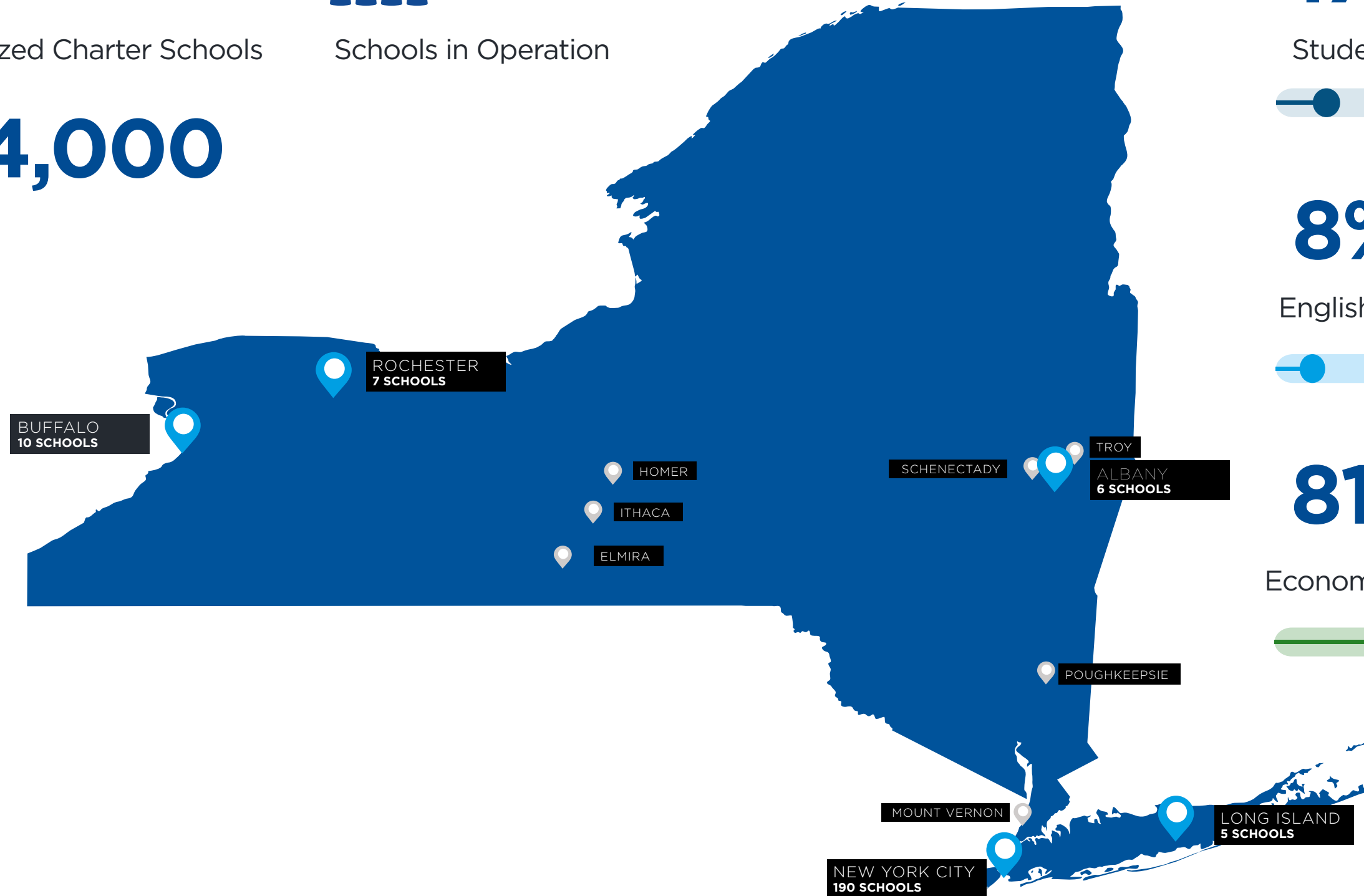
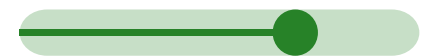
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English Language Learners



81%

Economically Disadvantaged

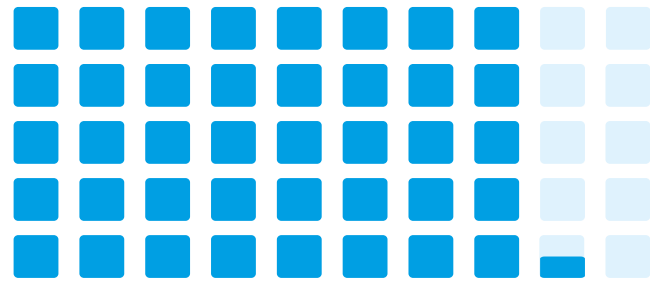


In the 2023-24 School Year

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

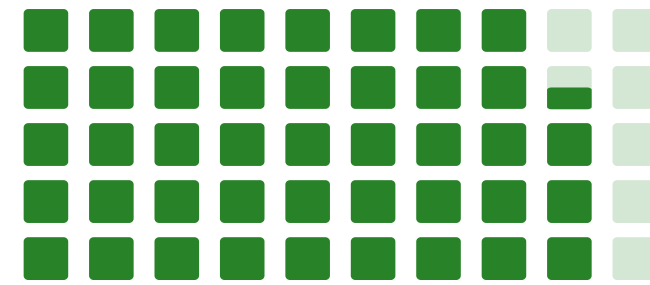
81%

of SUNY schools outperformed district of location in English language arts



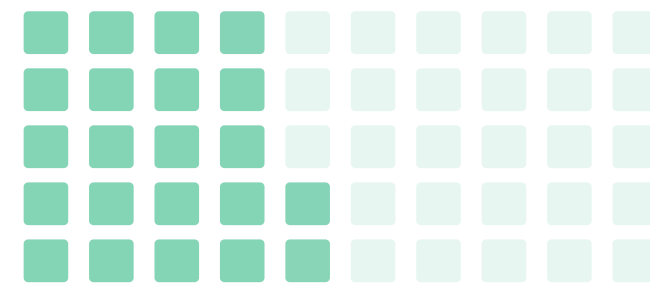
87%

of SUNY schools outperformed district of location in mathematics



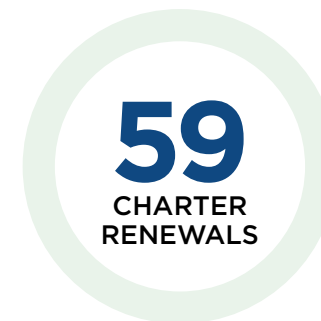
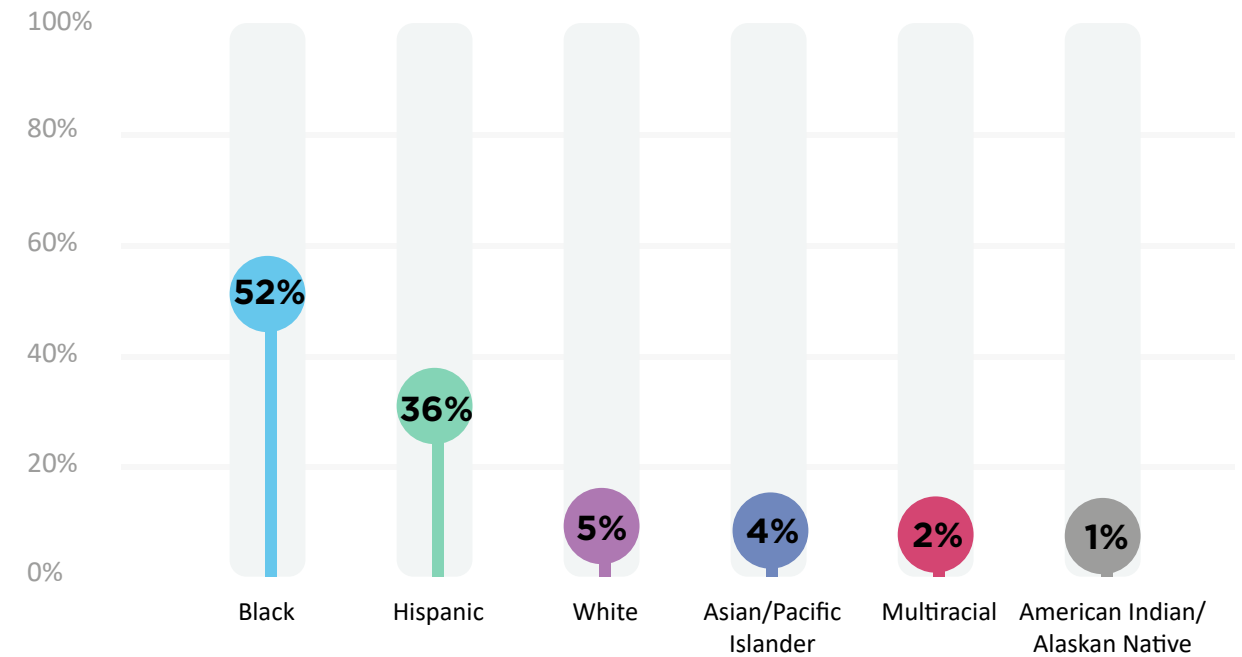
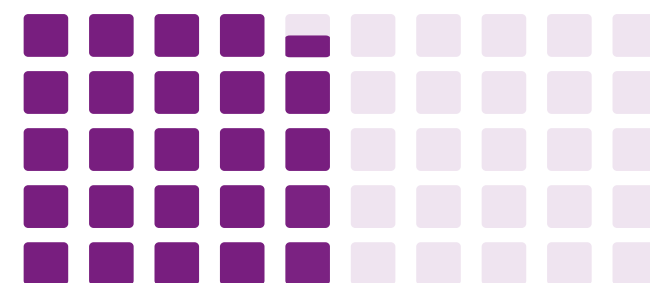
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SUNY schools scored in the **top 10%** of public schools statewide in English language arts



49

SUNY schools scored in the **top 10%** of public schools statewide in mathematics



* The five new charter proposals approved in October 2023 were originally approved by the SUNY Trustees pursuant to the 2019 Request for Proposals. At the time of their initial approval in March 2019, there was an insufficient number of charters available to grant in New York City to all applicant groups that were recommended for approval. Five applicant groups submitted updated proposal materials in response to the 2023 RFP Supplement and the SUNY Trustees voted to approve the updated proposals in October 2023.

* The achievement data presented above reflect results from the 2022-23 administration of New York State ELA and mathematics exams.

Year in Review



Bronx Charter School for Excellence 2

In September, Bronx Charter School for Excellence 2 was recognized by the U.S. Department of Education with a National Blue Ribbon. Pictured: Ms. Sharleen Morris, Elementary School Principal (left), and Ms. Adije Okpo, Middle School Principal (right).



Brooklyn Emerging Leaders Academy Charter School

BELA's Women's Symposium on Afrofuturism in March brought together women from all careers to engage in intimate conversations with student leaders.



NYC Autism Charter Schools

NYC Autism Charter School's annual All Star Baseball Game was held at the Field of Dreams on Friday, May 17.



Zeta Charter Schools - New York City

Zeta Charter Schools - New York City received a grant from the Save the Music Foundation to provide students with brand new cellos, violas, and violins.



DREAM Charter Schools

DREAM Charter Schools partnered with Brigaid, an organization dedicated to improving school food services, to launch a from-scratch food program to provide high quality, healthy, and free meals to more than 1,000 students this school year at its 20 Bruckner campus.



Leaders In Our Neighborhood Charter School

Seniors Hayden Asiedu (left) and Geoff Adom (right) were selected Posse Scholars from among 3,000 high school nominees nationwide.



Success Academy Charter School - Bronx 3

Ninety-one scholars from 16 Success Academy (SA) Charter Schools traveled to Columbus, Ohio for the 2024 National Elementary Chess Championships, with SA - Bronx 3 and SA-Hudson Yards taking home first place trophies. Pictured above: SA Bronx 3 Scholars in Ohio.



Tapestry Charter School

September 2023 marked the start of the first full academic year for Tapestry Charter School's new \$2.7 million multisport athletic complex, funded by the Buffalo Bills, the NFL Foundation, and the Ralph Wilson Jr. Foundation. The complex is open to both students and the surrounding community.

College Acceptance

Forty-three SUNY authorized charter schools enrolled approximately 3,600 seniors in the 2023-2024 school year. SUNY authorized charter schools continue to meet their goal of providing students with skills to gain access to top colleges and universities, including acceptances at 53 SUNY campuses. The following is a sampling of the colleges and universities into which the Class of 2024 at SUNY authorized charter schools were accepted.

- Adelphi University
- Alabama A&M University
- Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Albertus Magnus College
- Albright University
- Albion College
- Alderson Broadus University
- Alfred University
- AMDA College and Conservatory of the Performing Arts
- American University
- Appalachian State University
- Arizona State University
- Augustana College
- Aurora University
- Babson College
- Bard College
- Barnard College
- Barry University
- Baruch College
- Bates College
- Belmont University
- Benedict College
- Bentley University
- Berry College
- Bloomfield College
- Boricua College
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bowdoin College
- Bowie State University
- Bowling Green State University
- Brandeis University
- Brown University
- Bryant University
- Cal State-Fullerton
- California Lutheran University
- Caldwell University
- Canisius College
- Case Western Reserve University
- Cedar Crest College
- Central Connecticut University
- Central State University
- Chatham University
- Chestnut Hill College
- Chicago State University
- Claflin University
- Clark Atlanta University
- Clark University
- Clarkson University
- Clemson University
- Cleveland State University
- Coe University
- Colby College
- Colgate University
- College of Holy Cross
- College of Mount Saint Vincent
- College of Staten Island
- Columbia College-Chicago
- Columbia College- South Carolina
- Columbia University
- Concordia College
- Connecticut College
- Cornell University
- Coppin State University
- Culinary Art Institute
- CUNY - Baruch College
- CUNY - Borough of Manhattan Community College
- CUNY - Bronx Community College
- CUNY - Brooklyn College
- CUNY - College of Staten Island
- CUNY - Fiorello H. LaGuardia Community College
- CUNY - Hostos Community College
- CUNY - Hunter College
- CUNY - John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- CUNY - Kingsborough Community College
- CUNY -LaGuardia Community College
- CUNY - Lehman College
- CUNY - Gutman Community College
- CUNY - Medgar Evers College
- CUNY - New York City College of Technology
- CUNY - Queens College
- CUNY - Queensborough Community College
- CUNY-School of Labor and Urban Studies
- CUNY - Stella and Charles Guttman Community College
- CUNY - The City College of New York
- CUNY - York College
- Curry College
- Daemen University
- Daemen College
- Dartmouth College
- Dean College

- Defiance College
- Delaware State University
- Delaware Valley University
- Denison University
- DePaul College
- Dickinson College
- Dillard University
- Dominican University New York
- Drew University
- Drexel University
- Duke University
- Duquesne University
- D'Youville University
- East Carolina University
- East Stroudsburg University
- Eckerd College
- Elmira College
- Elizabeth City State University
- Elon University
- Emory University
- Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts at New York
- Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham
- Fairleigh Dickinson University-Camden
- Fayetteville State University
- Fitchburg State University
- Fisher College
- Fisk University
- Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University
- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Florida International University
- Florida Memorial University
- Florida State University
- Fordham University
- Franklin and Marshall College
- Franklin Pierce University
- Full Sail University
- Furman University
- Gannon University
- Georgian Court University
- Georgetown University
- Georgia State University
- Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus
- Georgia Southern University
- George Washington University
- Gettysburg College
- Goucher College
- Grand Canyon University
- Guilford College
- Guttman Community College
- Hamilton College
- Hampshire College
- Hampton University
- Harim College
- Harrisburg University of Science and Technology
- Harry S Truman College
- Hartwick College
- Haverford College
- Hawaii Pacific University
- Hendrix College
- High Point University
- Hilbert College
- Hobart & William Smith Colleges
- Hofstra University
- Hollins College
- Houghton College
- Howard University
- Hunter College
- Husson University
- Indiana State University
- Iona College
- Ithaca College
- Jackson State University
- Johnson C. Smith University
- Johnson & Wales University
- Juniata College
- Keiser University
- Kennesaw State University
- Kent State University
- Keuka College
- Lafayette College
- Lebanon Valley College
- Lehigh University
- Le Moyne College
- Lenoir Rhyne University
- Le Salle University
- Lesley University
- Lincoln University
- Lincoln University-Pennsylvania
- Long Island University
- Louisiana State University
- Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College
- Loyola University
- Lycoming College
- Lynn University
- Madonna University
- Maine College of Art & Design
- Manhattan College
- Manhattanville College
- Marist College
- Marymount Manhattan College
- Marywood University
- McDaniel College
- Mercy College
- Medaille College
- Methodist University
- Merrimack College
- Michigan Technology Institute
- Michigan State University
- Middlebury College
- Mitchell College Mohawk Valley Community College
- Molloy College
- Montclair State University
- Monmouth University
- Monroe College
- Monroe Community College
- Montclair State University
- Moore College of Art and Design
- Morehouse College
- Morgan State University
- Morrisville State College
- Mount Holyoke College
- Mount Saint Mary College
- Muhlenberg College
- Naugatuck Valley Community College
- Nazareth College
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- New England College
- New York Institute of Technology
- New York University

- Niagara University
- Nichols College
- Norfolk State University
- North Carolina A&T State University
- North Carolina Central University
- Northeastern University
- Northern Illinois University
- Northwestern University
- Notre Dame of Maryland University
- Notre Dame-Ohio
- Nova Southeastern University
- Oberlin College
- Occidental College
- Ohio State University
- Olin College
- Onondaga University
- Oral Roberts University
- Pace University
- Paul Smiths College of Arts and Science
- Penn State University
- Pennsylvania College of Art & Design
- Pennsylvania College of Technology
- Pomona College
- Pratt Institute
- Plymouth State University
- Purdue University
- Quinnipiac University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Ramapo College of New Jersey
- Regis University
- Rhode Island College
- Rice University
- Rider University
- Roanoke University
- Robert Morris University
- Roberts Wesleyan College
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design
- Roger Williams University
- Rowan University
- Rosemont College
- Russell Sage College
- Rutgers University
- Rutgers University-Camden
- Sacred Heart University
- Saint John Fisher College
- Saint Joseph University
- Saint Leo University
- Saint Louis University-Madrid Campus
- Saint Peter's University
- Salem College
- Sarah Lawrence College
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- Seton Hall University
- Shaw University
- Siena College
- Simmons University
- Skidmore College
- Smith College
- South Carolina State University
- Southern New Hampshire University
- Southern University and A & M College
- Spalding College
- Spelman College
- Stanford University
- Stetson University
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Stockton University
- St. Andrew's University
- St. Bonaventure University
- St. Francis College
- St. John's University
- St. Lawrence University
- St. Thomas Aquinas College
- SUNY - Adirondack Community College
- SUNY - Alfred State College
- SUNY-Albany
- SUNY - Binghamton University
- SUNY - Brockport
- SUNY - Broome Community College
- SUNY - Buffalo State
- SUNY - Canton
- SUNY - Clinton Community College
- SUNY - Cobleskill
- SUNY - College of Environmental Science and Forestry
- SUNY - College of Technology at Alfred
- SUNY - College of Technology at Canton
- SUNY - College of Technology at Delhi
- SUNY-College of Technology-Morrisville
- SUNY - Columbia-Green Community College
- SUNY - Corning Community College
- SUNY - Cortland
- SUNY - Delhi
- SUNY - Dutchess Community College
- SUNY - Erie Community College
- SUNY - Farmingdale
- SUNY - Fashion Institute of Technology
- SUNY - Finger Lakes Community College
- SUNY - Fredonia
- SUNY - Fulton-Montgomery Community College
- SUNY - Genesee Community College
- SUNY - Geneseo
- SUNY - Herkimer Community College
- SUNY - Hudson Valley Community College
- SUNY - Jefferson Community College
- SUNY - Maritime College
- SUNY - Mohawk Valley Community College
- SUNY - Monroe Community College
- SUNY - Morrisville
- SUNY - New Paltz

- SUNY - Niagara Community College
- SUNY - Old Westbury
- SUNY - Oneonta
- SUNY - Orange County Community College
- SUNY - Oswego
- SUNY - Plattsburgh
- SUNY - Polytechnic
- SUNY - Potsdam
- SUNY - Purchase College
- SUNY - Schenectady County Community College
- SUNY - Stony Brook University
- SUNY- Sullivan Community College
- SUNY - The College at Brockport
- SUNY - Tompkins Cortland Community College
- SUNY - University at Albany
- SUNY - University at Buffalo
- SUNY - Westchester Community College
- Susquehanna University
- Swarthmore College
- Syracuse University
- Talladega College
- The College of New Jersey
- Temple University
- Tennessee State University
- Texas State University
- Trinity College
- Trinity Washington University
- Tufts University
- Tuskegee University
- Tusculum University
- The College of Saint Rose
- The New School
- The Pennsylvania State University
- Thomas Jefferson University
- Touro College
- Towson University
- Trocaire College
- Truman State University
- Union College
- University of Akron
- University of Alabama
- University of Bridgeport
- University of Arizona
- University of California-Davis
- University of California-Riverside
- University of California-Santa Cruz
- University of California -Merced
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Colorado
- University of Connecticut
- University of Delaware
- University of Dayton
- University of East London
- University of Hartford
- University of Houston
- University of Kentucky
- University of La Verne
- University of Maine
- University of Maryland-College Park
- University of Maryland and Eastern Shore
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst
- University of Massachusetts-Boston
- University of Memphis
- University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
- University of Mississippi
- University of Mount Union
- University of Nebraska
- University of Nevada
- University of New Hampshire
- University of New Haven
- University of Notre Dame
- University of North Carolina - Charlotte
- University of North Georgia
- University of Oregon
- UNC at Pembroke
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Redlands
- University of Rochester
- University of Puget Sound
- University of San Francisco
- University of Scranton
- University of Southern California
- University of Southern Florida
- University of Southern Maine
- University of Tampa
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Ursinus College
- Utica College
- Valencia College
- Vassar College
- Vaugh College of Aeronautic Engineering, Aviation, and Technology
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Villa Marie College
- Villanova University
- Virginia State University
- Voorhees College
- Wagner College
- Wake Forest University
- Walsh University
- Washington State University
- Washington & Jefferson College
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wells College
- Wellesley College
- Wesleyan University
- Western Connecticut State College
- Western New England University
- Western Virginia University
- Westfield State University
- Wheaton College
- Williams College
- Wingate State University
- Winthrop University
- Winston-Salem State University
- Worcester State University
- Xavier University
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