



Always Ahead of the Curve

State of the Campus 2023

Firsts:

State School of Agriculture, est. 1906

- First post-secondary two-year college
- First state school of agriculture
- \$80,000 for the first building
- Five students in the first “recitation”



“I did not know there were so many inhabitants in all the North Country.”



Always Community-Minded

- Two Programs:
 - Agriculture (men)
 - Domestic Science (women)
- Trainings for rural teachers
- Farmers' Week
- Old Lantern Coffee House & Practice House
- Short courses (1926) for working farmers
- "Regional Council" (like advisory board)



Consistently Overcoming Challenges

- Director Dr. Kerry C. Davis declared the school a failure in 1908
- New building was intended for completion in 1906 but wasn't finished until 1908
- Faced potential closure in 1934-35

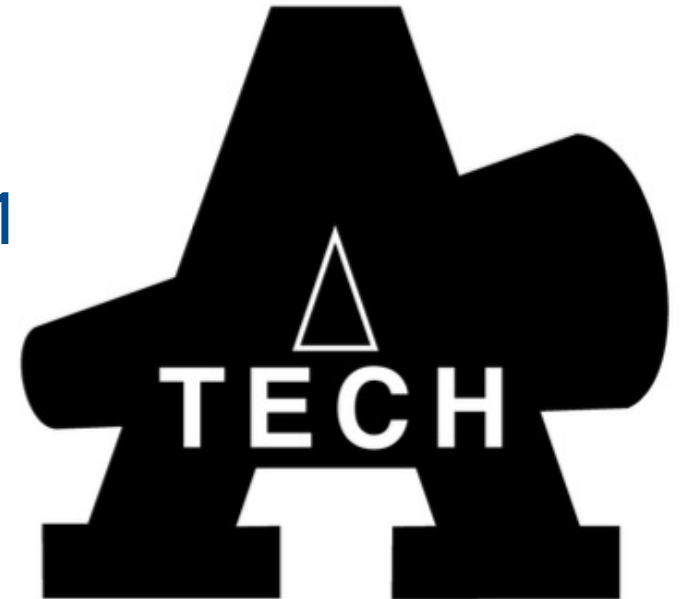


Van C. Whittemore
Persona non grata



Growth & Change

- First tech programs added in 1937:
Industrial Chemistry & Technical Electricity
- School of Agriculture --> Agricultural & Technical Institute (ATI), 1948
- Evening courses: Electrical Construction
- New Practical Nursing program for women
- Approved to offer Associates Degrees in 1951
- Accredited by Middle States in 1962



SUNY System

- New York was one of the last states to create a state university system
- The State University of New York was created to counter the “highly discriminatory” nature of private institutions
- ATI was among the first to join SUNY



Moving On Up

- SUNY ATI → SUNY Agricultural and Technical College at Canton (SUNY ATC) ,1965
- Need for new campus
- Bamboozling the Governor



Final Name Change: SUNY College of Technology at Canton (1987)



Ahead of the Curve: Academics

- Bachelor's Degrees in 1997
 - Added 29 Bachelor's degrees in 22 years
- Online Education Pioneer in SUNY – 2005
 - 23 fully online degree programs in 15 years



Ahead of the Curve – Student Life

- First Varsity eSports Program in SUNY
 - Founders of SUNY eSports League
 - First all-women collegiate varsity esports match
- Nationally-recognized in online student inclusion
- Among the first to offer Pet Wing – and a new Dog Wing this fall!



Ahead of the Curve: Facilities & Finances

- State-of-the-art athletic facilities in the Roos House
- Major renovations in Dana Hall, French Hall (underway)
- Strong financial management → strong reserves



Ahead of the Curve: Foundation

- First College of Technology to create a College Foundation (1993)
- Centennial Campaign 2006
- Kennedy Hall (2011)
- New Campaign beginning

SUNY Canton Foundation

The most successful fundraising campaign in the history of the College has been commemorated with a ceremonial wall exhibit proudly displayed in the Woodcock Conference Suite of the Richard W. Miller Campus Center. These two pages replicate the top half of the display showing some of the campaign's most memorable highlights, while page 16 duplicates the bottom half, which displays more than 3,800 donor names.

Centennial Campaign Co-Chairs
RONALD L. '59 and BLANCHE K. '06 WOODCOCK,
2009: Woodcock Conference Suite, 2009: Blanche K. Woodcock Alumni House

Centennial Campaign 2003-2009

Professor Emeritus
RICHARD W. MILLER,
2002: Richard W. Miller Campus Center

RACHAEL M. and son TIMOTHY J. '85 BAGLEY,
Inset-LEON E. BAGLEY '48, 2008: Leon and Rachael Bagley Endowed Scholarship Gift

Professor Emeritus
HERMAN W. KALBERER,
2003: Herman W. Kalberer Estate Gift

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NELTA M. and JOHN L. '49 HALFORD, SR.,
2005: John L. Halford, Sr., Lobby Dedication
2007: Halford HVAC/ARES Equipment Endowment

CAROL L. AND JOEL M. '59 CANINO,
2005: Joel M. Canino School of Engineering Technology

2006: SUNY Canton Centennial Campaign Gala

PRESIDENT
JOSEPH L. KENNEDY,
BLANCHE K. '06 and RONALD L. '59 WOODCOCK,
2004: Centennial Campaign Reception Hosted by the Woodcocks in Naples, FL

BERNARD C. '85 and JANE M. REGAN,
2006: Regan Flag Station, Bernard C. Regan Family Endowed Scholarship Gift

DR. G. MICHAEL and BARBARA N. MARESCA,
2007: Maresca Family Endowment for Nursing Education





Into the Future

**New Opportunities,
New Challenges**

New Opportunities with New Funding

- \$2.8M in New State Funding
 - \$940k - Transformational Projects (non-recurring)
 - \$1.1M - Operating Aid
 - \$33.9k – Student Food Insecurity
 - \$250k – Student Mental Health
 - \$250k – Students with Disabilities
 - \$193.6k - Internships



Transformation Investment Plan - \$940k

- Replicate CUNY's ACE/ASAP programs – additional advising and financial resources for limited cohorts
- Expand our successful Jump Start program
- Increase number of micro-credentials/non-credit courses
- Further develop Prior Learning Assessment program (PLA)



Support for Students with Disabilities - \$250k

- New positions: Assistant Director of Student Accessibility Services, Testing Coordinator
- Identify & upgrade additional space for the Office of Student Accessibility Services
- Implement Parents, Peers & Professionals Autism Transition Program



Support for Student Mental Health - \$250k

- New positions: Assistant Director of Counseling, Alcohol & Drug counselor, student assistants
- Additional programming to support mental health & wellbeing
- Professional development opportunities
- Mental health first aid training



Internship Enhancement Funds - \$193.6k

- New Internship Coordinator position
- Increase paid on-campus internships by 130%
- Provide funds for paid internships in public service and non-profit agencies
- Offer transportation to internship sites
- Add Uconnect (virtual career service for online students)



Addressing Food Insecurity - \$33.9k

- Changes include regular staffing of the Renzi Food Pantry and the addition of perishable foods (dairy, fruits, veggies)



Opportunity: Grants & Initiatives

- Office of Grants & Sponsored Programs is ready to help!
- Recent campus grant applications include NSF Enabling Partnerships to Increase Innovation Capacity (EPIIC) Grant - \$400k
 - Purpose: build research capacity & support on campus
 - Thanks to Dr. Michele Snyder, Dean of the School of Science, Health, & Criminal Justice for her leadership!



New Academic & Research Success

- Cybersecurity Program named NSA National Program of Excellence in 2023
- Faculty Excellence:
 - Dr. Kambiz Ghazinour has won several grants and business start-up competitions
 - Dr. Aksel Seitllari is capitalizing on his research to establish a new Center for Pavement Research



Opportunity: Entrepreneurship

- Upcoming Payson Hall renovation: Business programs & the on-campus Entrepreneurship Center
- Jubilee Plaza project moving forward – 45 apartments, commercial space, & the off-campus Entrepreneurship Center
- Dr. Lenore VanderZee has been named Vice President for Strategic Relations & Communications



Opportunity: Academic Programs

- Goals: Increase enrollment & enhance programs & resources
- No one-size-fits-all model
- Use New Initiative Process to seek funding if needed
- Creativity encouraged!



Optimizing Program Success: Early Childhood

- Successful stackable Associate's → Bachelor's degree program
- Non-credit program in workforce development partnering with the SBDC, NYPA, IDA, and SLC Childcare Council
- \$2.3M SUNY funding received for new Childcare Center on campus
- Program Director Dr. Maureen Maiocco awarded SUNY Distinguished Professor Rank in 2023



Challenges

- Funding still insufficient to meet needs
- More competition for fewer graduates
- Meeting students where they are:
 - Programs/courses in formats and at times that meet student needs
 - Recruitment & retention of utmost importance



*We have always had challenges. We have always been resilient.
Keep. Moving. Forward.*

