

# New Paltz: A Degree ... and an Education

In a rapidly changing professional landscape that demands creativity and ingenuity, SUNY New Paltz embraces a distinct mixture of liberal and professional education. With nearly 100 undergraduate majors to choose from in the liberal arts, natural and social sciences, fine and performing arts, teacher preparation, business, engineering and other professional programs, including digital media and communication disorders, New Paltz students earn degrees that open doors to lifelong career opportunities.

At New Paltz, you are encouraged to explore and take intellectual risks to find your passion, to begin your path and to find your voice. This journey in self-enrichment and discovery is fostered through lessons in open-mindedness, imagination and a broad spectrum of perspectives and opportunities that reach far beyond the classroom. Here's a sampling of those opportunities:

**The Honors Program** provides an enhanced intellectual experience in a climate conducive to interaction among highly motivated students and faculty. Honors seminars emphasize dialogue between students and faculty over lecture-based instruction, and everyone is expected to come to class to actively participate in debate and discussion.

**The Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Program** supports connections between undergraduate students and dedicated faculty mentors. Through the Undergraduate Research Experience, our students work one-on-one with faculty in their fields of study, develop independent research skills and take on many of the same responsibilities they will encounter in the professional world.

**The Student Research Symposium** provides an opportunity for student scholars in all disciplines to have their various research projects recognized and celebrated at a special on-campus event. Additionally, students are eligible to receive travel funds to present their research at professional and academic conferences across the nation. New Paltz consistently experiences a 100 percent acceptance rate to present at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research.

**BFA/MFA Exhibitions** give student-artists who are candidates for Master of Fine Arts (MFA) or Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degrees the opportunity to present their creative thesis projects in four successive week-long exhibitions at the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at New Paltz, one of the largest museums in the SUNY system.

**The Business Plan Contest**, a course available to both



undergraduate and MBA students each spring, offers business majors the chance to work in teams to research, develop and present quality business plans. Teams of students partner with mentors in diverse professional fields and work together in a simulation of real-world strategic planning. Past student participants say the contest is a great opportunity to gain experience that cannot be learned in the classroom and acquire skills necessary for career development.

**The Harrington STEM Lectures**, sponsored by the School of Science and Engineering, are part of a series of colloquia on major topics of current scientific interest. Each of these lectures is designed for a general scientific audience, and all are given by recognized scholars from universities, businesses and organizations around the country who are available to meet with faculty and students on the days of their visits.

**"Without Limits: Interdisciplinary Conversations in the Liberal Arts,"** sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, is a series of expert lectures, panels and other events highlighting the College's proud heritage of faculty expertise and vital education in the humanities and social sciences, with a goal of inviting campus and community partners to investigate the meaning and role of liberal education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

When New Paltz students **Study Abroad** they gain a better understanding of self—what they are capable of, who they are and how they relate to the world around them. Students develop skills for the 21<sup>st</sup> century global economy and job market, and gain new knowledge and an enhanced understanding of how the world works. New Paltz is proud to offer more than 80 international programs through its Center for International Programs, which has a strong track record of helping students obtain financial aid support.

**The SUNY Global Engagement Program** provides students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in the extensive international affairs conducted in New York City, through working relationships with some of the many major international organizations that call the City home. New Paltz students who participate in this program have interned for organizations such as the Clinton Foundation and Doctors Without Borders, with a number securing

permanent employment after graduation.

**The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)** is a New York State-sponsored program designed to assist students who show potential for academic success at the college level, yet demonstrate both an academic and financial need for assistance in order to attend college. EOP at New Paltz, the second-largest opportunity program in the SUNY system, recently received \$290,000 to expand its program thanks to a SUNY Investment and Performance Fund award. Moreover, through a collaboration with the Center for International Programs, EOP was awarded the Andrew Heiskell Award from the Institute of International Education and received the Noel-Levitz Retention Excellence Award for its Freshman Year Experience retention program.

**The Center for Innovation in Education at New Paltz (CIE@NP)** is the new, SUNY-backed downstate innovation hub helping expand clinically-rich preparation of teachers and leaders. The CIE@NP's mission is to advance collaboration, enrich curriculum and enhance clinical practice across all levels of learning. It achieves these goals through the implementation of Collaborative Exploration Learning and Leadership Spaces (CELLS) in classrooms spanning the Hudson Valley, New York City and Long Island. The CELLS are supported by 21<sup>st</sup> century instructional technology that inspire inquiry-based teaching and learning: collaborative, multi-disciplinary curriculum development; classroom simulation; and 3D printing.

The College's **200-plus clubs and organizations** offer students the opportunity to get involved. Guided by our student-centered philosophy, New Paltz promotes co-curricular opportunities and encourages student participation in all aspects of campus life. Through purposeful programming, we challenge our students to get involved, learn to lead and develop social responsibility within a diverse campus community.

New Paltz is **nationally ranked among the nation's top public colleges** by a variety of highly regarded publications. *Princeton Review* named the College to its 2016 list of "Best Colleges: Region by Region" and *Kiplinger's* named New Paltz to its 2016 list of "100 Best Values in Public Colleges." *The Business Journals* ranked New Paltz among America's 75 best public colleges and universities in the most recent installment of its annual list. Moreover, *The U.S. News and World Report* declared New Paltz No. 4 among all public regional universities in the North region.