NEWS & INFORMATION

Hazing Prevention & Awareness
The Stop Campus Hazing Act, which went into effect on Jan. 1, 2025, establishes new federal reporting requirements and definitions regarding incidents of hazing by student organizations. Additionally, the Act imposes policy and programming requirements regarding the prevention and awareness of issues caused by hazing, which are important for faculty and staff to be aware of. Please refer to this webpage for additional information: Hazing Prevention and Awareness | SUNY Potsdam. Questions? Contact Patrick Meldrim.

Cuba Summer Immersion Experience
The Lougheed Center for Applied Learning is now accepting applications for students interested in the Cuba Summer Immersion Experience. The program will run from June 2 to July 2. Students will earn six credits, and SUNY Potsdam professors will teach all courses. The total cost is $6,700, but very generous scholarships are available. Please pass along the link to any students who may be interested. This is a great opportunity for seasoned travelers, as well as for students inexperienced in travel.

Spring Internships
The registration deadline for Spring 2025 internships is Monday, Feb. 10. Students can schedule internship advising appointments with Internship Coordinator Max Grube by booking through Starfish. Appointments include searching for internship sites, contacting sites and completing a Handshake proposal, among other assistance. Helpful internship information is available on the Internships/Student Info page—downloading the new Internship Guide for Students is highly recommended!

The deadline for LoCAL internship stipend applications has been extended to Monday, Feb. 10. Any student who submits a new stipend application and receives an award will receive a single payment during the middle of the Spring 2025 semester. Note: Students must submit their internship proposal on Handshake prior to submitting a stipend application. Please visit the Internships/Student Info page to apply and contact Max Grube with any internship stipend questions.

Course Syllabi Requirements
As you prepare for the spring semester, please review the syllabus guidelines on the faculty resource page on the provost's website. This document outlines content that must appear on every course syllabus, per SUNY, NYSED, and campus guidelines. It also provides additional information you should consider including on your syllabus.

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Please note that in the absence of a campus-wide policy (as, for example, with attendance, disruptive classroom behavior, and use of artificial intelligence), the College cannot enforce sanctions unless the policy is clearly stated on the course syllabus. If you have questions, please reach out to Alan Hersker or your dean.

Writing Tutors
Writers' Block tutors provide students with one-to-one tutoring on any writing assignment, seven days per week. They won't edit a peer's work, but they guide the writer through planning, revising, and editing. Please encourage all your students to try out the Writers' Block tutoring service. If you'd like the Writers' Block to visit or support one of your spring courses, contact director Jennifer Mitchell. Services include a general introduction, specific class workshops, customized handouts, mandatory tutoring on specific assignments and more. Thank you!

Kilmer Research Grants
Individual student applications for Kilmer Research undergraduate research grants are now being accepted by the LoCAL on a rolling basis, including for the present semester. For application forms and more information, see the website.

SUNY Public Higher Education Conference
Registration is open and the agenda is available for Public Good U: Strengthening the Case for Public Higher Education. This conference explores the vital role of public higher education as a public good in the 21st century. The event will bring together educators, academic administrators, policy makers, and business leaders to address the challenges and opportunities facing public higher education institutions, students, faculty, and staff.

Spring 2025 Religious Holidays
Please remember that there are upcoming days of observance for our Jewish and Muslim community members. PACES Dining Services will have boxed meals available for students, to support their access to food during pre-dawn hours prior to the early morning start of fasting observances. Also, the Center for Diversity meditation room now includes prayer mats and prayer beads. Finally, all are welcome to check with the Center for Diversity for assistance with transportation to local places of worship during religious observations.

DDEI Spring Events
Lunch & Learn Series: Save the date for our next sessions with guest speaker Ron Milon! More information and a registration link will be available later this month.
- Civic Discourse (faculty and staff session): March 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Civil Discourse (student session): March 27 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. This session will focus on the student audience. Faculty members are welcome to bring their classes to the event. You will be

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able to register for class group attendance by reaching out to the CFD. Students attending independently will need to register via the registration link, which will be available at the end of the month on Get Involved.

Promote the Learning & Research Fair!
Please consider requiring or offering extra credit options for student poster presentations (individual or group) at the 2025 Learning & Research Fair, which will be held on Wednesday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any kind of academic or creative presentations are welcome, including class-based assignments, as learning and research is not just stand-alone "undergraduate research." We also encourage faculty members to send (or, better yet, bring) their students to visit the event. For more information, contact Tom Baker.

Sustainability Day & Green Living Fair
Please see the flyer for information on the 2025 Sustainability Day & Green Living Fair. For more information, contact Heather Sullivan-Catlin.

Seeking New Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Coordinator
The EAP is a confidential assessment and referral service for most SUNY Potsdam employees and their family members. The Coordinator will be responsible for referral of employees to outside resources, attending trainings, committee meeting, website resources maintenance, reporting monthly statistics, and campus communications. To apply for this position, please click here.

NNYLN Grant - Cultivating Holistic Student Support
This past fall, the College Libraries was awarded a $7,120 Northern New York Library Network action grant for a holistic wellness initiative to improve student well-being and academic success. Launching this spring, the program will provide wellness services and stress reduction via outreach programs, formal events, and equitable resources. For more information and to learn more about this program, please see this LibGuide or contact Christi Sommerfeldt.

ASSOCIATED COLLEGES OF THE ST LAWRENCE VALLEY EVENTS

The Associated Colleges of the St. Lawrence Valley is now accepting proposals for Faculty Seminars and Faculty/Student Dialogues to be held in Spring 2025.
- The **Faculty Seminar** program provides up to $1,000 to bring faculty from all four campuses together to exchange ideas, share scholarly interests, discuss curricular issues, promote faculty development, advance individual research interests, read works-in-progress, and on occasion, to host a guest speaker.

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- The **Faculty/Student Dialogue** program brings students and faculty together from the four campuses to collaboratively discuss issues they are studying in their courses. This goal is to provide students an opportunity to learn about their field of study or interest in a context other than the classroom, one that could be from an inter-disciplinary perspective. Up to $600 may be requested to support these discussions.

Please visit the ACSLV webpage for funding application details and submission guidelines. The deadline for applications is extended to Friday, Jan. 17. A list of past faculty seminars and faculty/student dialogues can be found here. Inquiries may be addressed to Karen Kus, executive director for the Associated Colleges of the St. Lawrence Valley.

KUDOS & CONGRATULATIONS!

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) is celebrating our recent graduates from SUNY Potsdam's Law Enforcement Training Institute (LETI): **Rosemary Batista**, **Kiera Johnson**, and **Woodly Eustache**. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

The Bridges program marked an impressive milestone with 84% of its students registered and returning this spring, highlighting their resilience and commitment to academic success! Kudos to all the students, and many thanks to **Maya Dufresne**, **Diana Valdez**, **Kathy Sherwood** and all who support the Bridges students!

Congratulations to **Roberta Greene** on being selected as the new Assistant Registrar. We're excited to have her expertise and enthusiasm in this new role and look forward to the contributions she'll bring to this position.

Please welcome **Lisa Hoover** as our new Title IX Coordinator and ADA Compliance Officer! Lisa attended SUNY Geneseo for her undergraduate degree, then received a JD and a master's in political science from Syracuse University in 2011, followed by a master's in library science in 2015. She is very excited to have the chance to work with students in a way that will draw on her legal knowledge. She loves getting to work with students one on one and having the opportunity to support their educational journey.

EOP is thrilled to announce the addition of **Ellen Simmons Tyo** as our new EOP Counselor! Welcome, Ellen!

If you or anyone in your area would like something included in the Academic Affairs Updates email, please send it to provost@potsdam.edu. The emails are sent around the 1st of the month when classes are in session. Your submission should include: a 3-4 word header; no more than

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75 words (including the 3-4 word header); a contact name and email; a link to more information (if available).

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