2012-2013 Year in Review



Hurricane Sandy and Storm Relief Efforts. Hurricane Sandy was a significant storm that heavily impacted the College and many of the communities we serve. Although we were able to resume full operation one week after the storm, the college community remained sensitive to the fact that not everyone's situation immediately returned to normal.

Due to the protracted clean-up and restoration activities that took place following the storm, the College was closed for an entire week of classes. Such a closure has never occurred in our institution's history. Since the storm hit when we were already past the midpoint for the semester, there was no way to create a make-up schedule that would enable us to meet statewide SUNY requirements and deliver the required class contact hours. We chose to petition, and subsequently received approval, from the State University of New York, the State Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Education for relief in order to shorten our semester by seven days.



The College collected donations and raised funds for those impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

Fortunately, the College's planning and storm preparation enabled our institution to come through the storm successfully. The College owes a huge debt of gratitude to its essential staff members. Many of these individuals worked literally around the clock to bring our campuses back to full operation, even while dealing with the restoration of their own homes and neighborhoods. The College is fortunate to have such dedicated individuals on our staff, supporting our work in these key roles. I commend the work and effort put forth by our public safety and maintenance and ground crews from the Association of Municipal Employees (AME) units. They worked diligently to ensure the campuses would be safe when students, faculty and staff were able to return. I am also grateful for the conscientious work of our networking and telecommunications staff as they brought our systems back online. Select members from our Guild of Administrative Officers and exempt staff were also tapped as "essential" during the course of our recovery and did not hesitate to deliver on the work requested from them.

