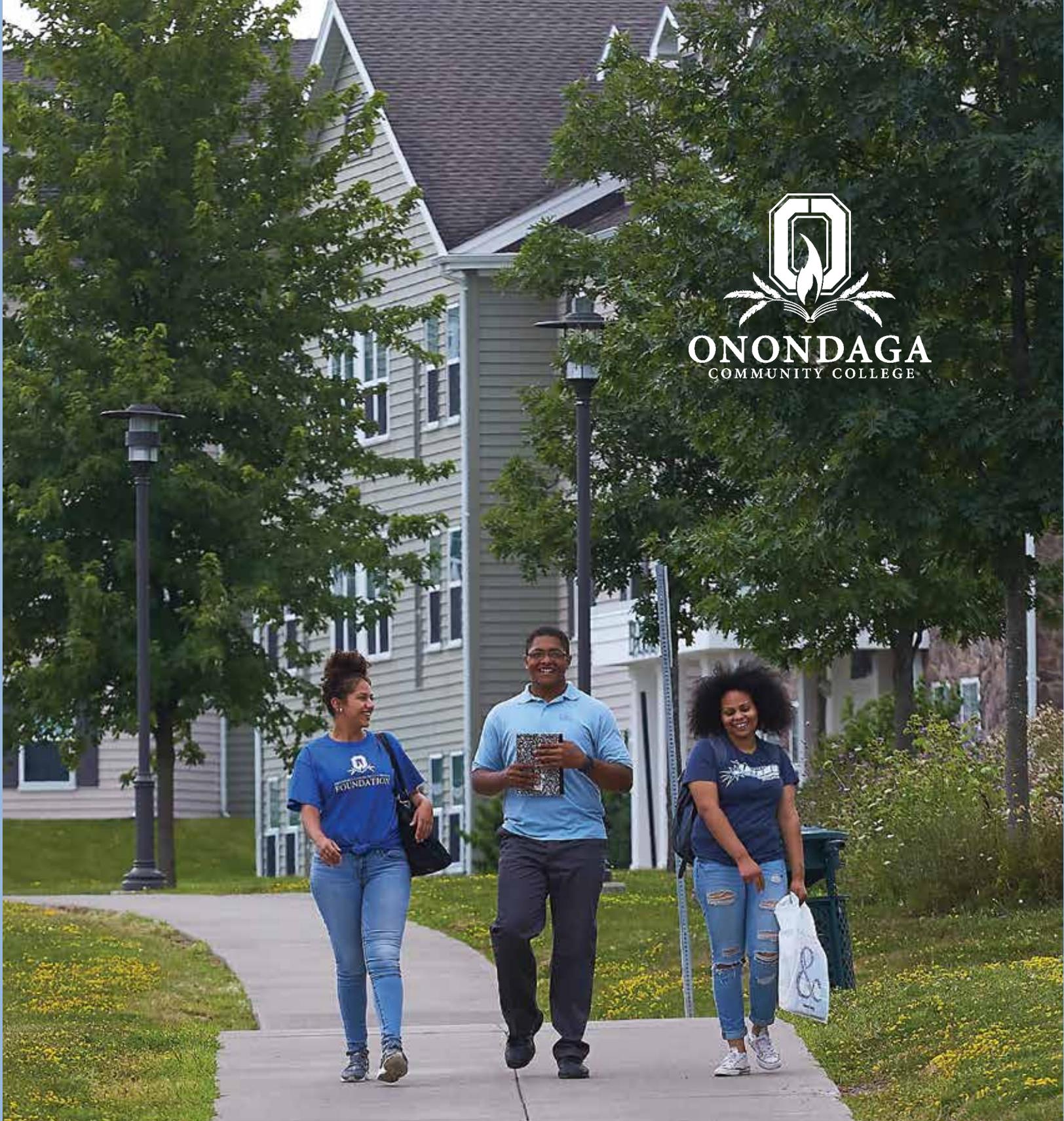




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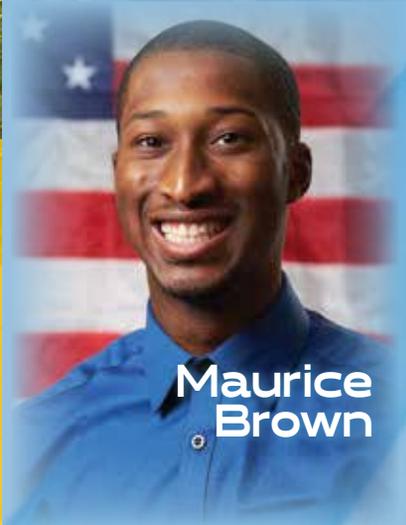
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Onondaga Community College's Mission is to be Central New York's partner in education for success.

Achieving our mission through:

- Student Access, Retention, Completion, Transfer
- Academic Excellence
- Student Engagement and Support
- Career and Workforce Advancement
- Responsible Stewardship of Resources
- Community Engagement

LAZER -



Robert Lane '17, Human Services

Robert was a homeless drug addict who was ready to die. Prison saved him. It's where he discovered the power of meditation, got sober and began his college education. He came to OCC, developed into an outstanding student and earned his degree on the way to becoming a licensed mental health counselor. "When I was in prison going to an actual college was a dream I never thought would come true. I'm honored to have earned my degree here."

Ryan Case '17, Music

Ryan began taking piano lessons at OCC during his junior year at Dolgeville High School. After graduating he became a full-time student, attending tuition-free thanks to the Frederick Marvin Scholarship, named in honor of the world renowned concert pianist who donated generously to the College's Foundation. "The professors here were wonderful. They helped me so much with everything. I'm so impressed with how much they cared about students." Ryan transferred to Roberts Wesleyan College.

**Natalia Montilla '17,
Mathematics & Science**

Natalia is a 2015 graduate of Nottingham High School who was co-leader of an OCC team which traveled to Texas where NASA Astronauts experimented with a student-created anchoring device. "I was so comfortable at OCC and was able to excel because of what I was surrounded by. There was always someone available to help." Natalia transferred to the Rochester Institute of Technology where she is pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering.

FOCUSED ON STUDENTS

Maurice Brown '17, Communication Studies

Maurice was a semester away from earning his degree when the Army Reservist was called to duty. After spending eight months serving at Guantanamo Bay he returned to campus. During his time at OCC, the Brooklyn native was President of the Politics Club and a delegate to Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders. Maurice was selected a 2017 Newman Civic Fellow and transferred to Syracuse University. "OCC helped me figure out I wanted to get into politics. I came here with an idea but now I know for sure."

Henry Humiston '17, Nuclear Technology and Electrical Engineering Technology

Humiston grew up in Liverpool and was diagnosed with ADHD at age 12. He earned a GED and became a professional drywall finisher. A back injury led him to rethink his career options. At his mother's urging, he enrolled in OCC. Humiston became an officer in the Student Association, was named top student in the Nuclear Technology major and chosen to be the student speaker at commencement. In June he began working at Nine Mile nuclear plant. "OCC was a life-changing experience for me and the best second chance a person could ask for."

Yajha Bowens '17, Human Services Deyquan Bowens '17, Music

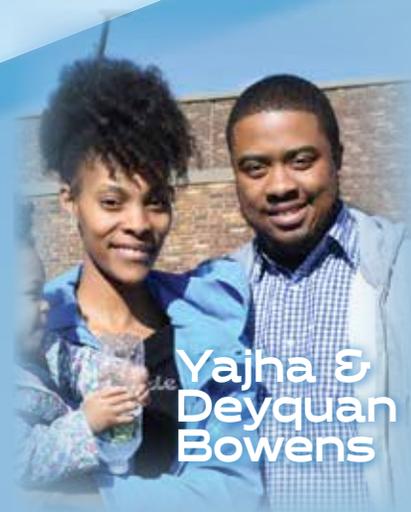
Eleven years after graduating high school, husband and wife Deyquan and Yajhan Bowens earned their college degrees together. They met at church, dated through high school, married and started a family. They began taking classes at OCC in 2006. "It was good to go to college as long as we did and later in life," said Deyquan. "It was important we finish to show our kids although you have stumbling blocks you can still be successful," said Yajha. "You shouldn't let anything stop you. Persevere!"

Katelyn Malecki '17, Business Administration

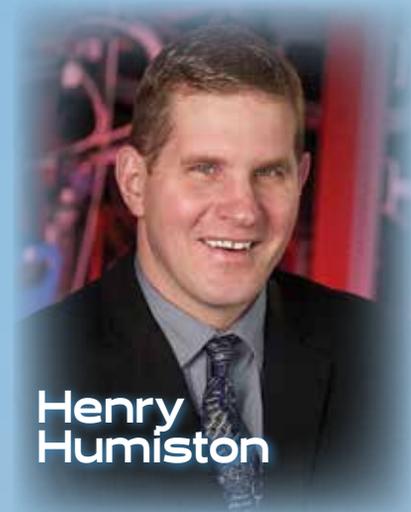
Katelyn is a 2015 graduate of Baldwinsville High School who served the OCC campus as Student Trustee, attending monthly Board of Trustee meetings and voting on resolutions. She was also a member of international honor society Phi Theta Kappa. "I really loved it here. I had so many wonderful opportunities. I met great people and had great classes." Katelyn transferred to the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City where she is majoring in Advertising and Marketing Communications.

Bianca Archange '17, Mathematics & Science

Bianca is a survivor of an earthquake in Haiti which killed more than 100,000 people. In 2011 she moved to Central New York, started learning English and attended Henninger High School. At OCC she excelled as a student and was inducted into international honor society Phi Theta Kappa. After earning her degree she transferred to SUNY Upstate Medical University. Her goal is to become a doctor. "OCC was my starting point. Everyone was so nice and so helpful. I will never forget OCC."



**Yajha &
Deyquan
Bowens**



**Henry
Humiston**



**Katelyn
Malecki**



**Bianca
Archange**



HEADLINERS



2017 Alumni Faces

Five distinguished former students were inducted into the family of "Alumni Faces" honorees. Each was selected in recognition of their professional achievements and contributions to the college and the community.

John DeVecchio '79

High School: Corcoran, class of '77
Major at OCC: Radio & TV
Profession: Television Director for the Golf Channel

Dr. Deirdre Hunter '02

High School: Jersey Village in Houston, class of '98
Major at OCC: Engineering Science
Profession: Professor of Engineering

Marthe JB Ngwashi, Esq. '03

High School: Nottingham, class of '94
Major at OCC: Business Management
Profession: Lawyer

Edward Riley

High School: Christian Brothers Academy, class of '72
Major at OCC: Architectural Technology
Profession: Real Estate Developer

Janet Riley '74

High School: Bishop Ludden, class of '72
Major: Nursing
Profession: Retired Nurse

Accelerating Development

OCC has become a statewide leader in the effort to help students succeed simultaneously in developmental and credit-bearing courses. The College was awarded a \$600,000 grant from SUNY's Performance Improvement Plan to support 10 community colleges as each either creates or improves its co-requisite model for teaching known as the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP). OCC started the ALP program three years ago and has seen significant improvements in student success rates in the courses.



All-State Students

Heather Flewelling and Haley Hurst were named USA Today Phi Theta Kappa All-State students based on their academic excellence and community service. Flewelling earned a degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities and Social Sciences with minors in Honors and Women's Studies. She transferred to Syracuse University. Hurst earned a degree in Mathematics & Science with an Honors minor and is now attending Binghamton University.

Cross Country National Champion

Nottingham High School graduate Abshir Yerow brought home a national championship when he finished first in the 5-mile race at the NJCAA Cross Country Championships. Yerow beat the second place finisher by just 1.1 seconds. He will earn a degree in Criminal Justice in May 2018.

Dr. Rahim Wins AACC National Award

Dr. Emad Rahim received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the American Association of Community Colleges. He was the third OCC alumni to be honored with the national award in the last four years. Rahim is a survivor of genocide in the Killing Fields of Cambodia. In college he overcame a learning disability which opened up a world of possibilities for him. Today he is an Endowed Chair and Director for the Project Center of Excellence at Bellevue University in Omaha, Nebraska.



Mission Accomplished!

A team of six students named the "Lazer-Nauts" participated in a design competition at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. Astronauts tested an anchoring device students designed and manufactured on the OCC campus. The test was a success and NASA stored the Lazer-Nauts design in its digital archives for future consideration. "We were so excited. This was a huge opportunity for us and the College," said team co-leader Natalia Montilla (Nottingham HS). She was joined on the Lazer-Nauts by team co-leader Brian Richardson (Liverpool HS), Nathan Johnson, Neil Minet, Allan O'Mara and Doug Weaver (Chittenango HS).

Student Leaders

Five students received SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence for combining outstanding academic achievements with exemplary accomplishments outside the classroom.

Hassina Adams

Hometown: Johannesburg, South Africa
Major: General Studies with an Honors minor

Heather Flewelling

Hometown: Oswego
Major: Humanities & Social Sciences with minors in Honors and Women's Studies

Ashley Haskins

High School: Sandy Creek
Majors: Nuclear Technology and Electrical Engineering Technology

Chloe Hoffman

High School: Fayetteville-Manlius
Major at OCC: Liberal Arts & Sciences – Humanities + Social Sciences with an Honors minor

Betheny Witherell

High School: Mexico
Major at OCC: Mathematics & Science



Remembering A Leader

The College paid tribute to one of its founding fathers when it renamed a residence hall in honor of Ephraim E. Shapero. He was a former Chair of the Onondaga County Legislature whose support played a key role in the establishment of OCC in 1961. The College's four residence halls house nearly 900 students, all of whom are members of Living Learning Communities (LLC). An LLC provides students who share common educational, social or extracurricular interests the opportunity to live, work and study together.

Fulbright Scholar on Faculty

Professor David Bzdak was named a Fulbright Scholar. He taught Philosophy at a university in India as part of an international educational exchange program. Bzdak also took classes and developed a course on Indian Philosophy which he brought home to OCC in time for the fall 2017 semester.

Men's Lacrosse Wins 10th National Championship

The Men's Lacrosse team won its 10th NJCAA National Championship. The Lazars defeated the Howard (MD) Dragons 15-14 to complete an undefeated season. The College's primary outdoor athletic facility was named Chuck Wilbur Field at Lazer Stadium in honor of the Men's Lacrosse Head Coach. In 16 seasons at OCC he has a 251-15 won/loss record. Wilbur is a 1995 graduate of Cicero-North Syracuse High School.



Surgical Tech Best in New York State

OCC's Surgical Technology students did it again! For the fifth year in a row 100% of the students enrolled in the program passed the national exam. No other program in all of New York State can claim that level of success. Students who become surgical technologists function in association with nurses and surgeons to help provide high-quality care of the surgical patient.

Driving Into The Future

Electric vehicle maker Tesla is bringing a job training program to OCC's Automotive Technology major. Degree-earning students will have the opportunity to participate in the program which could lead to employment with Tesla. The program is part of Tesla's overall plan to build stores and repair facilities in Upstate New York.

Designing Learning for All

The Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Academy provided training to 34 OCC faculty and 7 Employment Development & Workforce staff to advance their understandings of the diverse learning of OCC students with and without disabilities. The Academies assisted these faculty and staff members in using the UDL framework to make their instructional practices more accessible, relevant and inclusive. Faculty and students who have used and been exposed to UDL-based instructional practices have noticed increased student engagement and success.



CAMPUS



SUNY Chancellor Visit

New SUNY Chancellor Kristina Johnson made her first visit to OCC in November. During her time on campus she met with students, College administrators, area high school superintendents, elected officials and other area college presidents.

Cutting-Edge Facilities

OCC reinforced its commitment to provide students with the best facilities to learn and work.

- The year-and-a-half long renovation of Coulter Library was completed, resulting in a 30% increase in student use. Improvements include more seating, computers, study rooms, technology, cell phone charging lockers and a cafe.
- Upgraded facilities for Hospitality Management majors include a new student-run restaurant, retail location, bakery kitchen with smart screens for more effective group instruction, a new demo kitchen, student study area and an updated locker room.
- The College completed its campus-wide replacement of outdoor lights. Approximately 540 LED lights were installed in place of old metal halide lights. The new lights use 75% less energy.

Flags Of Our Students

Flags from dozens of nations representing the diverse background of the OCC student population were installed in the Gordon Student Center. The colorful additions were the product of honor society Phi Theta Kappa's College Project.



Sand Mandala Exhibit

Tibetan monks created a sand mandala in the Great Room of the Gordon Student Center. Members of the campus community spent hours watching the monks place millions of bright colored grains of sand into a circular pattern. At the end of the week the mandala was dismantled during a ceremony, symbolizing the impermanence of life.

Achieving The Dream

The College continued its focus on helping students who need help the most. As part of our affiliation with the Achieving the Dream National Reform Network we made several improvements aimed at increasing student success, the most notable of which includes the hiring of a new Director of the First Year Experience and the addition of embedded tutors to a critical Biology course, Anatomy and Physiology. This course is a gateway to many health and STEM-related programs.

Common Read

Alumnus John Dau's memoir, "God Grew Tired of Us," is the subject of the campus-wide, year-long Common Read. In it Dau shares his harrowing experience surviving the brutal horrors of Sudanese civil war and his adjustment to life in America. After 14 years on the run Dau immigrated to the United States. He earned a Humanities degree from OCC in 2005 and today runs the John Dau Foundation which provides healthcare and nutrition programs to the citizens of South Sudan.



OCC Advantage

The Onondaga Central School District joined Solvay and East Syracuse Minoa in OCC Advantage, a new and unique college-readiness and scholarship program. Students who earn a “C” average and show improvement while achieving other benchmarks will be eligible to attend OCC tuition-free. Members of the Class of 2020 will be the first to have the opportunity to attend OCC tuition-free.

Starting College Early

OCC continued to expand the opportunities for high school students to work toward a college degree. Students from a total of nine districts came to campus five days a week and took college courses.

Students from four Oswego County High Schools are taking class on campus thanks to the generous support of the Shineman Foundation. A \$30,000 gift is funding learning opportunities for 34 students from APW, Mexico, Phoenix and Pulaski.

Military Friendly

OCC was named a Military Friendly School for its outstanding service to student-veterans. The college has a full-time Office of Veterans Affairs. It serves nearly 300 student-veterans and their spouses each semester.

No Space for Hate

The College adopted the theme, “No Space For Hate #One OCC” to show support and unity with all members of the campus community. Signs echoing the theme were prominently displayed across campus in an effort to let all students know OCC is a welcoming and safe space for learning.

Partners in Education

During the 2016-17 academic year the College began a partnership with Syracuse’s McKinley-Brighton Elementary School aimed at helping students think about career opportunities and higher education. Administrators and faculty members made regular appearances at the school and worked with students. McKinley-Brighton students also had the opportunity to spend a day on the OCC campus and experience hands-on learning in numerous academic departments. The program was so successful it was expanded for the 2017-18 academic year to include Syracuse’s Meachem and Roberts Elementary Schools.

Developing the Workforce

The college’s Economic and Workforce Development (EWD) Department continued to build workforce training programs that allow individuals to increase both their technical and soft skills in specific industries where there are opportunities for living-wage jobs with career pathways.

- The college-owned “With Love” restaurant on Syracuse’s north side transitioned from a Pakistani to Burmese menu to reflect the change in the entrepreneur-in-residence.
- EWD began a Medical Billing Program, also on Syracuse’s north side.
- It held an 8-week long manufacturing boot camp on the main campus.
- EWD developed a second manufacturing boot camp which was held in a “Mobile Learning Lab” in Madison County.

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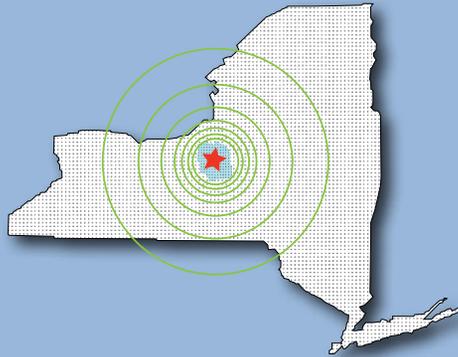
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ECONOMIC IMPACT

Onondaga Community College is creating a significant positive impact on the business community while generating a return on investment to students, taxpayers and society. Those are among the findings in a study of the College's impact completed in April 2017 by Economic Modeling Specialists International. The report highlights OCC's impact on:

The full report can be found at sunyocc.edu under "About the College."



STUDENTS

Each dollar students invested in their education will result in a \$5.80 increase in lifetime earnings. Students' average annual return on investment is 18%.

ALUMNI

The accumulated contribution of former students currently employed in the regional work force amounted to \$378.1 million in added income during the analysis year.

CNY

During the analysis year OCC and its students added \$496 million in income to Central New York's economy—approximately equal to 1.3% of the region's total gross regional product.

TAXPAYERS

Every dollar of taxpayer funding resulted in \$6.70 in benefits, translating to a 19.1% return on investment.

SOCIETY

For each dollar spent on an OCC education during the analysis year, society will receive a cumulative value of \$17.20 in benefits.