

It's Your Future. Own It.

Choosing a college is a complex decision that has life-changing impacts. This fact is true whether you are a high school student selecting your first higher education destination, a current college student seeking to transfer for new opportunities, a parent trying to support your student in the best way you can, or a working adult exploring a new degree to unlock additional career potential.

Also true in every one of those situations is that your college experience is the next step on creating the life you want for yourself or your loved one. At SUNY Old Westbury, we call that "owning your future." By that, we mean we work to help our students set their own direction, to be what they believe they can be. "Own your future" is also an active challenge to our students to take ownership, to use their intelligence, commitment and drive to the best of their abilities.

A Strong Academic Foundation

Going to college is really all about you, the student. The focus of your education is not only about getting a job, building a network of friends, and seeing which internship, club or sport is best for you. These should all be positive outcomes, however, of an education that is about how you grow as a person through your studies and experiences -- what you learn about yourself and your future fit into the society and world we all share.

Because we believe questions like these are central to a strong academic experience, SUNY Old Westbury's more than 300 full- and part-time faculty members are committed to providing a vibrant liberal arts core for all students. Then, that core knowledge is put into action alongside instruction in our nearly 70 undergraduate and graduate degree offerings. In this way, ours is an atmosphere that cultivates critical thinking, empathy, creativity and intercultural understanding among our students whether they seek careers in accounting, public health, education, psychology, technology, communications and more.

Our commitment also extends to challenging students to take what they have learned on campus and demonstrate it in real-world environments. With a location convenient to both

Long Island's commercial centers and metropolitan New York City, Old Westbury offers students an array of internship experiences at leading organizations like CBS News, Grant Thornton, Sony Music, and more. Undergraduate students in the social sciences and natural sciences can conduct research usually reserved for students at the graduate level. Even as freshman, our students engage in community service by working with local schools, human service organizations, municipal agencies and more.

Our Complex, Diverse World

As recent local, national and international events suggest, ours is a community and world that is growing more diverse and complex by the day. Since its founding more than 50 years ago, SUNY Old Westbury has

been a college dedicated to embracing the diversity and complexity of the world around it while preparing students to succeed in their lives and careers.

Old Westbury students learn as part of a student body of 4,800 men and women where each person's culture,

religion, ethnicity, and more contribute to the discussions occurring in our classrooms. For more than 15 years, publications like U.S. News & World Report and USA Today have congratulated our college for the diversity of its student body. With an average class size of just over 20, our small class atmosphere is a large part of what makes time spent at Old Westbury so valuable.

Engagement as a part of this community gives our students a unique experience, where they gain confidence in their ability to question, speak, understand and engage in the world in which they live and work. Here, sharing differing points of view leads to learning, not confrontation.

Your Destination for Success

Since 2015 student enrollment at SUNY Old Westbury has grown 12 percent and applications for Fall 2018 entry are increasing by the

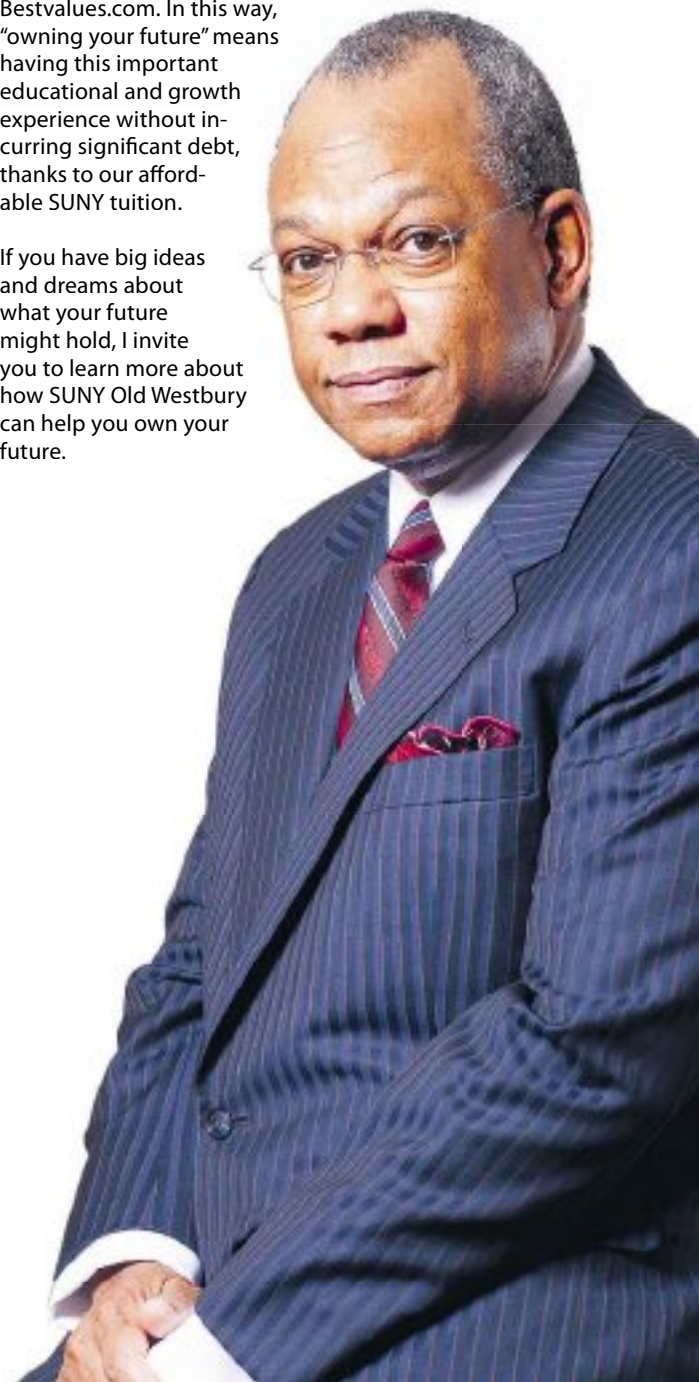
day. More and more students are responding to SUNY Old Westbury's combination of challenging academic coursework, commitment to the enriching value of human diversity, personal attention, real-world opportunities, and a vibrant campus life.

Ours is a very rich, productive educational environment -- and one that is surprisingly affordable. Just this fall, SUNY Old Westbury was named one of the "Top 100 Most Affordable Colleges in America" by the website Bestvalues.com. In this way, "owning your future" means having this important educational and growth experience without incurring significant debt, thanks to our affordable SUNY tuition.

If you have big ideas and dreams about what your future might hold, I invite you to learn more about how SUNY Old Westbury can help you own your future.

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Best College Financial Aid Tips

Finding money for college can be a real challenge. But getting an early start and staying focused will help you and your child from incurring high education debt. If your child is a rising junior or senior, now is the time to hunt down scholarships and to prepare your game plan to navigate the financial aid process.

- 1** File early for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The application for the 2019-20 college academic year will be available on Oct. 1 (fafsa.ed.gov). Many colleges and grant programs award aid on a first-come, first-served basis, so you want to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible.
- 2** Complete the New York State TAP (Tuition Assistance Program) application with the FAFSA. This grant (does not have to be repaid) is available to students who are New York residents attending college in New York. The maximum annual TAP award is \$5,165.
- 3** Apply for the New York State Excelsior Scholarship (Tuition Free) Program (hesc.ny.gov/excelsior). Sign up for e-mail alerts. This first-of-its-kind program offers tuition awards (maximum of \$5,500) to New York students enrolled in SUNY or CUNY schools. Family income eligibility will increase to \$110,000 in 2018, and reach \$125,000 in 2019. See **Myth or Fact** below for more information.
- 4** Attend spring and fall college open houses. Take advantage of these one-on-one opportunities to talk to financial aid counselors about special requirements or family circumstances.
- 5** Keep track of college admission/financial aid deadlines. Use print or digital worksheets to be sure all materials and forms are completed and submitted on time.
- 6** Search for scholarships. The best money is free money. Be organized and focused: apply first for awards that are renewable. Never, ever pay for access to information about scholarships.
- 7** Review your Student Aid Report (SAR) to be sure there are no mistakes on financial aid. The SAR gives details about your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) and your eligibility for a federal Pell grant.
- 8** Consider federal work study. A part-time job on campus helps you earn money toward college expenses and can offer opportunities for mentorships.
- 9** Read your financial aid package carefully about loans. Federal Direct loans are usually the top choice of student borrowers because of the low interest rates and favorable repayment terms. Parents can borrow money via a Direct PLUS loan.
- 10** Yes, you can appeal your financial aid award, but negotiate nicely. Work with your college financial aid office if your family experiences a radical change in circumstances after filing the FAFSA.

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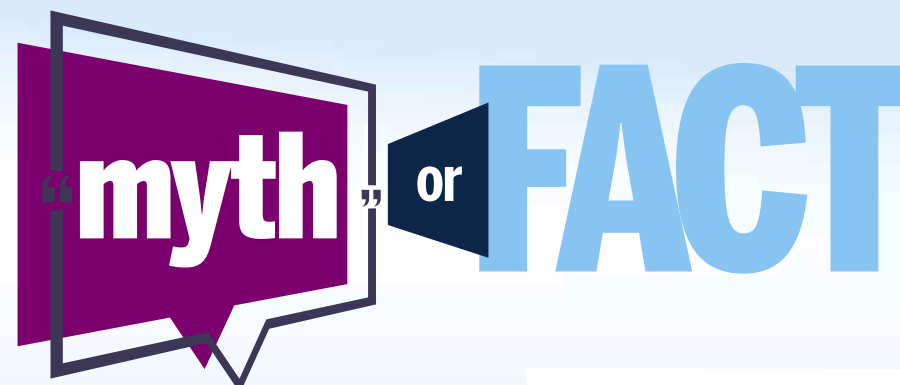
57%

OF FINANCIAL AID

85%

OF STUDENTS WERE AWARDED

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Okay, then I'll use my Pell Grant for room and board, and I'll use my Excelsior Scholarship for tuition!

FALSE: No can do. Excelsior is what's known as a "last-dollar" award, which means it kicks in only after other scholarships and grants are applied to your tuition bill.

If I already have a Pell Grant or help from the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), I can use Excelsior Scholarship dollars to cover books, fees, or that bill for room and board.

FALSE: Excelsior only covers tuition.

I'm in my late 20s. This scholarship is just for students who go straight from high school to college.

FALSE: There's no age limit, and students don't have to be recent high school grads. However, if you already have a bachelor's degree—or if you're in default on state or federal student loans—you don't qualify for the scholarship.

I decided to take a semester off and I want to transfer to a four-year SUNY or CUNY institution.

FALSE: Students must be attending college successfully and continually. No gaps. Also, students with previous college credits need to have the accumulated credits (based upon years attended) to qualify as an incoming transfer student.

I have a learning disability, and I can't complete 30 credits a year. I shouldn't apply for the Excelsior Scholarship.

FALSE: Students with disabilities will not be required to register full-time to get the scholarship. Talk to your college's office for students with disabilities about how to meet the modified requirements.

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