

# Binghamton University Fall Full Faculty Meeting

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# Returning to campus

- Move-in Weekend Aug. 22-23 went well, with a few glitches
- Very high-quality incoming class
  - Average SAT of 1395; 94 average high school GPA
  - COVID presented challenges for assessing students for admission
    - SAT and ACT tests were postponed or canceled
    - Few if any high school extracurricular activities
    - Remote education affected class activities
- University Fest a great success
  - more than 200 campus clubs and organizations represented
  - More than a dozen local vendors



## Current enrollment

Total enrollment	18,091
Undergraduate	14,338
Graduate	3,753

New students	
First-year	3094
Transfer	979
Graduate	1395
New Students Total	5468

In state/ out of state/ international	
In state	15290
Out of state	1294
International	1499
Undeclared (not in state)	8
University total	18091

# COVID's impact on enrollment management

- Projected tuition and revenue targets were not met
  - Projected UG enrollment 14,747; actual 14,338
  - Projected grad enrollment 3,878; actual 3,753
  - Projected UG revenue \$63.6M; actual \$61.4M
  - Projected grad revenue \$20.3M; actual \$20.7M
  - *Net deficit: \$1.8M*
- In addition, no SUNY tuition increase 2021-24
- Revenue offsets:
  - student fee increases
  - TAP increases
- University will draw from reserves to cover deficit



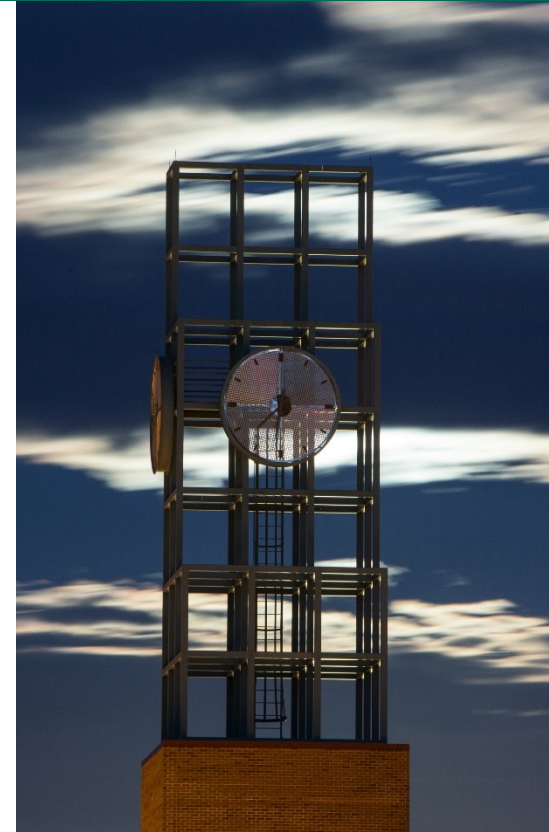
# Addressing year two of the pandemic

- Returning to (almost) normal
  - Vaccination requirements have made this a safer campus
    - 96% of students have shown proof of vaccination
      - 1.5% granted religious/medical exemption
      - 149 students without proof (as of Sept. 23) and will face sanctions
    - 73% of staff, 77% of faculty vaccinated
  - In-person classes
  - Extracurricular activities have resumed
- Ongoing precautions
  - Monitoring Delta variant outbreaks
  - Indoor masking and modified social distancing per CDC and NYS guidelines
  - Additional cleaning and sanitizing
  - Testing ramping up for students, faculty and staff — currently at 2,000/week but may go as high as 5,000/week
  - Maintaining continuity of academic work is crucial for students in quarantine/isolation



## Good news!

- Rankings and recognition
  - *U.S. News & World Report* rankings
    - #83 among national universities, #33 best public (up 8 places), best among all SUNY institutions
      - Tied with Colorado School of Mines, Michigan State University, the University of California-Riverside and the University of Iowa.
    - Ranked high in other categories:
      - value (#57, 35 places ahead of any other SUNY campus);
      - best undergraduate teaching (#42);
      - best for veterans (#46);
      - and social mobility (#90)
- City of Binghamton ranked #37 among “50 Best College Towns in the U.S.” by Parade Magazine
  - ~ Highlights include large student population and vibrant music and culture scene





# Faculty recognition

## SUNY names 2021 distinguished faculty

- Jaimee Wriston Colbert, distinguished professor of English and creative writing
  - Leading author in the field of eco-fiction
- School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Dean Gloria Meredith, distinguished professor of pharmaceutical sciences
  - For research and work as founding dean of two schools of pharmacy, including Binghamton's School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Pedro Ontaneda, distinguished professor of mathematical sciences
  - Research in topology and discovery of “manifolds” of negative curvature
- Mark Poliks, director of the Center for Advanced Microelectronics Manufacturing and distinguished professor of systems science and industrial engineering
  - Research in the field of electronics packaging and flexible and hybrid electronics



## Faculty recognition, continued . . .

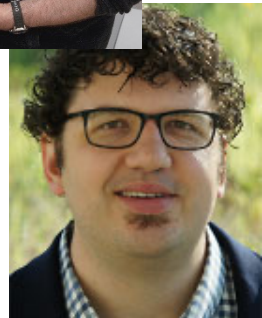
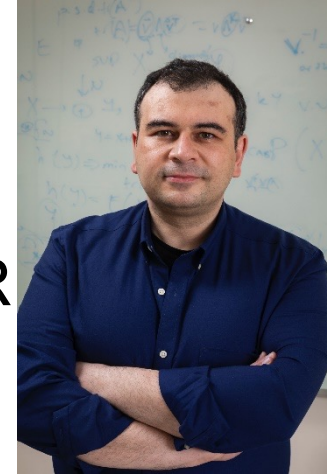
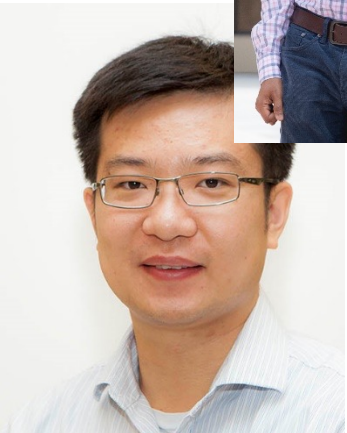
- Daryl Santos, vice provost for diversity and inclusiveness, and distinguished service professor of systems science and industrial engineering
  - Support of University diversity initiatives
- Distinguished Professor of Africana Studies Nkiru Nzegwu elected chair of SUNY Distinguished Academy
  - Platform focusing on:
    - increasing visibility of Distinguished Faculty's research, scholarship, teaching and Service
    - broader representation of disciplines, critical research areas, and the inclusion of Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) and female faculty
    - working with SUNY chancellor to increase mentoring of BIPOC junior faculty





# Faculty recognition

- Record seven NSF CAREER award recipients:
  - Computer science assistant professors Jeremy Blackburn, Aravind Prakash and Mo Sha;
  - Emrah Akyol, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering;
  - Jessica Hua, associate professor of biological sciences;
  - Nicholas Gaspelin, assistant professor of psychology;
  - John Swierk, assistant professor of chemistry



# Social equity on campus



- Harriet Tubman Center for Freedom and Equity opening today
  - Supporting faculty include Krishnaswami “Hari” Srihari, dean of the Watson college of Engineering and Applied Science and Mohammad Kasawneh, professor of systems science and associate director of Watson Institute for Systems excellence (WISE)
  - Center’s focus will be research focusing on:
    - Public history and equity, educational equity, and medicine/STEM fields and equity
  - Center is one of only a handful of university-based research centers focusing on equity and only one at a public university
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission issues report
  - Professor of History Anne C. Bailey and Sharon Bryant, director of diversity, equity and inclusion, Decker College, and associate professor, MPH and Nursing, co-chairs
  - Heard testimony regarding racial inequity on campus
  - Recommendations include:
    - increase hiring of Black Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC)
    - develop clearer policies and procedures to report racial incidents
    - strengthen academic and social supports for BIPOC population
    - develop a pedagogy and curriculum recognizing BIPOC in history and in community





# Campus oversight of University Police Department

- Campus Citizen Review Board
  - Established following murder of George Floyd and subsequent calls for police reform
  - Goal was to foster safety and inclusion while building campus trust with University Police Department (UPD)
  - CCRB report focuses on six areas: Community Policing, committee engagement and outreach, mental health, selection and training, policies and procedures, and arrest records.
  - Implementation committee formed
    - Will focus on increasing UPD's Community Policing Program's visibility
    - Increasing UPD's diversity and opportunities for campus feedback
    - Adding body cameras and developing policies for their use
    - Enhanced de-escalation and anti-bias training and improve mental health interventions

# Support for victims of sexual abuse

- Violence, Abuse and Rape Crisis Center (VARCC) grand opening held Sept. 14
- Amy Ziezula, deputy Title IX coordinator
- Students advocated for VARCC following concerns about campus climate during summer of 2020
- Provides a welcoming and supportive central office for reporting and supporting victims of sexual assault of all genders:
  - Social and legal advocates, Office of Student Conduct, Residential Life, counseling
  - Liaisons with Binghamton Crime Victims Assistance Center, University Police, Interfaith Council, Decker Student Health Services
- Sexual assault prevention and education
- Other steps to address concerns include hiring of two new sexual assault counselors and creation of Title IX Council



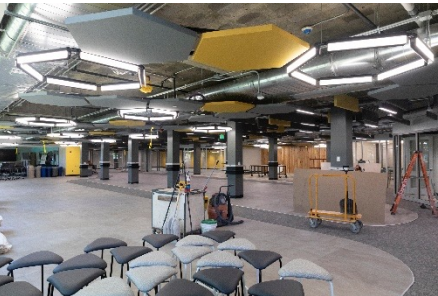


# Comprehensive gifts campaign

- Anticipating public launch on campus April 9, 2022
- Campaign has already raised \$140 million of its \$190 million goal
- Campaign Committee chaired by Howard Unger '82, managing Partner of Saw Mill Capital
- Committee also includes highly visible and experienced alumni Tony Kornheiser, Billy Baldwin, Stephanie Courtney, Bob Swan (former CEO of Intel), Rob Goldstein (CFO of Blackroc) and Jay Walder (former CEO of Virgin Hyperloop and the MTA)
- Campaign aligns with University priorities
  - Support for faculty:
    - endowed faculty positions, research seed grants, research infrastructure, innovative pedagogy.
  - Support for students
    - high-impact experiences including internships, First-year Research Immersion, capstone projects and scholarships.
- Campaign has attracted 20 seven-figure gifts, most recently to fund a new welcome center for campus



# Campus improvements



- Hinman Dining Hall
  - renovated and expanded
- Science 2 and Science 4
  - Offices, labs, mechanicals, recladding
- Bartle Library and Science Library
  - Renovating
- Innovation Lab
  - Co-located with the Zurack Family High-Technology Collaboration Center in the Glenn G. Bartle Library
- Health Sciences Campus
  - Decker College building fourth and fifth floors finished
  - Land purchased for greenspace
  - 18 park rehabbing and seeking partners
  - Research and Development facility in design
  - Ford Family Wellness Center out to bid
- Baseball Stadium
  - Projected completion date early 2022





# Administrative changes

- School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences dean Gloria Meredith
  - Named founding dean in 2015
- School of Management dean Upinder Dhillon
  - Named Koffman Scholar of finance in 1997 and dean of the School in 2001
- Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Donald Nieman
  - Named dean of Harpur College in 2008, named executive vice president and provost in 2012







Questions?