A new and improved website

The Binghamton University Foundation website — binghamton.edu/giving — has a new look and feel, as well as additional features.

You’ll find more examples of how your support benefits students, faculty and the overall University. Information about the Binghamton Fund, how you can support it and the impact of your giving is also more prominent and easier to access.

We invite you to browse and explore the site, and we encourage you to keep checking back because content will change as we have new information to share.

As always, thank you for your support! Your help makes a difference.

Student enrollment surpasses 16,000

Bigger and better sums up Binghamton University and its strategic growth.

Using the University’s Road Map as a guide, student enrollment at Binghamton continues to grow — from a total of 14,746 in 2011 to more than 16,000 in 2013.

Increasing graduate-student enrollment, in particular, is an initiative of the Road Map, the plan to grow Binghamton into the premier public university.

As Binghamton grows larger in size and impact, President Harvey Stenger says an important part of becoming premier means enhancing research activities and graduate-student programs.

Increasing the number and value of scholarships, fellowships and other aid to enhance student recruitment, retention and affordability remains necessary as Binghamton continues implementing the Road Map and enrolling more outstanding students — including many who have financial need.

The Binghamton University Foundation remains a vital partner, raising critical financial support from alumni and other donors. Thanks to this support, the Foundation will distribute more than $2.5 million in scholarships, fellowships, assistantships, internships, awards and research grants to about 1,800 students in fiscal year 2013-14.

Meanwhile, the University is investing in infrastructure and hiring faculty to ensure students are successful.
Campus upgrades enrich Binghamton experience

Beautification projects and other campus enhancements do more than create a warm welcome and lasting first impression for students, parents and other visitors — they also reflect pride in Binghamton University, promote quality of life on campus and complement the University’s reputation for excellence.

Binghamton’s Road Map is the strategic plan that is guiding resource allocations and investment across the campus. As the University continues to evolve, the Binghamton Fund for Campus Enhancement provides much-needed support to balance growth and expansion with valuable green space.

More than 35,000 guests — including prospective and admitted students and their parents — visit campus each year, according to Joe Tiesi, senior assistant director and campus visits coordinator in the Undergraduate Admissions Office. The beauty of the Binghamton campus is one of the most frequent comments visitors note on surveys.

“First impressions matter,” Tiesi says. “It’s the feel of campus. Guests are welcomed by our students. That sense of community is enhanced because of the beauty of our campus.”

Binghamton offers much more than just beautifully landscaped grounds. Other amenities include the much-used bicycle racks on the main campus walkway and at other key areas. The racks encourage cycling as a mode of transportation and demonstrate one of the University’s many environmental sustainability efforts.

The Princeton Review’s annual “green rating” of colleges consistently receives top recognition in Binghamton University Foundation raises and contributes support to advance the University’s mission — awarding student aid, faculty support, program resources and other critical assistance.

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• Seventy-nine percent of Binghamton students earn bachelor’s degrees within six years. That compares to a U.S. average of 59 percent.
• More than half of Binghamton students go on to graduate or professional school.