From the Vice President

It is an honor and privilege to have joined Binghamton University in the role of vice president for advancement. I am proud to be collaborating with you — our alumni, donors, volunteers, advocates and friends — to make the University better every day.

Your support makes a significant difference as we advance on a number of fronts, including our strategic Road Map, enhancements to graduate and undergraduate education, faculty hiring and development, research initiatives and other improvements to campus.

As part of our Binghamton family, every gift you make matters because it tells us you are invested in our vision and plan for the future. Last year, individual supporters spoke volumes with record achievement for the Binghamton Fund, providing flexible, annual support. Those of you who included us in your planning for larger outright or estate gifts help us achieve our goals even faster.

I appreciate your involvement and pride in Binghamton. We are moving quickly on the path to premier, thanks to you. You remain an important partner. With your help, I look forward to building on this success.

Sincerely,
Jim Broschart, MBA ’92
Vice President for Advancement

From the Executive Director

The Binghamton University Foundation and its Board of Directors partner with the Division of Advancement and senior University leadership to raise funds in support of students, faculty and programs. Thanks to you, this important work is possible. And without you, it cannot happen.

We maintain vigilant oversight of funds raised and with your help, our investment portfolio now exceeds $100 million — a significant milestone that represents countless ways we can make a difference and advance Binghamton on its road to premier.

Thank you for believing in Binghamton and its bright future. Private support like yours ensures the University’s continued and successful growth.

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Executive Director, Binghamton University Foundation

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“All the students know that they have the program life force for me,” Lisman said at his retirement gala in May. “The experience of not only teaching and challenging them, but seeing the things they go on to accomplish, has been not only immensely rewarding but also a continuing affirmation of the belief I have had in their talents and their potential.”

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