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Alan R. Davis, PhD.
President
SUNY Empire State College

Dear President Davis,

I am honored to take part in the celebration of SUNY Empire State College’s 40th anniversary and recognize the dedicated faculty and staff who have opened the doors of higher education to so many Rochester area residents over so many years.

Today, more than 3,500 Monroe County residents take advantage of the flexibility of independent study and the outstanding faculty mentors who guide their learning.

For many of these working adults, who juggle careers and families, attending class in the traditional classroom setting is a difficult proposition. SUNY Empire State College plays a critical role in providing access to higher education, so that people can earn a degree and get better jobs.

A better-educated workforce helps Rochester area businesses to grow, which means a stronger, more vibrant community for everyone.

I congratulate all SUNY Empire State College’s students faculty and staff, past and present, for their positive contributions and important accomplishments and I wish the college continuing success going forward for the next 40 years.

Warmest personal regards,

Joseph D. Morelle
Member of Assembly, 132nd District