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Description

The State University of New York at Potsdam prepares students to act as engaged global citizens and to lead lives enriched by critical thought, creativity and discovery. As an inclusive scholarly community, rooted in our historic role in providing exemplary teacher and music education and our leadership in the fine and performing arts, we are committed to the liberal arts and sciences as an academic foundation for all students. With an abiding sense of responsibility to our region and to the world beyond, SUNY Potsdam fosters an appreciation of and respect for the variety of human experience.

The Potsdam Pledge

Being more than a collection of individuals, SUNY Potsdam is a community dedicated to the pursuit of common goals. While these goals can be elusive and controversial, the community described below reminds us not only of what we are seeking to become but of all that we share in common. Therefore, let it be known that SUNY Potsdam strives to be:

- An Educational Community sharing academic goals and in which students, faculty and staff work together to **strengthen teaching and learning**;
- An **Open Community** uncompromisingly **protecting freedom** of thought, belief and expression;
- A Civil Community expressing disagreements in rational and non-threatening ways and treating all individuals with **consideration, decency and respect**;
- A **Responsible** Community accepting obligations under clearly articulated principles of behavior designed to support the common good;
- A **Safe** Community respecting each other's rights, privacy and property;
- A Healthy Community respecting and promoting **physical and emotional wellness**;
- An Ethical Community reflecting **honesty, integrity and fairness** in both academic and extracurricular activities;
- **Diverse** Community celebrating our differences and learning from our diversity;
- A Socially Conscious Community seeking to contribute to the **betterment of** the campus, the

local community, the nation and **the world**;

- A Watchful Community remaining **alert** to the threats posed by hatred, intolerance and other injustices and ever-prepared to combat them.

Founded in 1816 as the St. Lawrence Academy, SUNY Potsdam has evolved through the years to become one of the nation's premier public liberal arts colleges. Our 4,200 students major in both professional and traditional arts and science degree programs, all of which have been infused with a liberal arts foundation to ensure Potsdam graduates are prepared to enter and succeed in an ever changing economy.

Our additional designation as one of SUNY's three arts campuses means that all students, regardless of their academic discipline, have opportunities to enjoy the nearly 300 musical, theatrical, dance, and visual arts events held annually on campus. The Crane School of Music has a well-deserved international reputation, while the completion and dedication of a new state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center later this year will further enhance our arts offerings and foster unique interdisciplinary experiences for students and visitors alike.

One hallmark of a SUNY Potsdam education is the opportunity for students to work closely with faculty on research projects. In fact, Potsdam is nearing completion of a 5-year Title III grant focused entirely on undergraduate student research, which has helped make the campus a national leader in this area.

And, of course, our location in the North Country, at the edge of the Adirondack Park and less than two hours from Ottawa and Montreal, provides unique opportunities for field trips, curricular enrichment, and student leisure activities.

As SUNY Potsdam nears its bicentennial celebration, it proudly continues its long tradition of educational excellence.

Diversity and Inclusion Action Coalition (DIAC)

SUNY Potsdam values diversity and inclusiveness in a number of ways. It's part of the college Mission Statement and our unique commitment to community, the Potsdam Pledge. It is embodied in our outstanding Center for Diversity, an office charged with providing all SUNY Potsdam students support both fitting in and standing out. The Diversity and Inclusion Action Coalition (DIAC) is another means by which the college puts words into action.

The work of the DIAC covers the breadth of the college experience - student life, academics, curriculum, leadership, community relations, programming, and much more. However, our overall goal can be summarized in one simple statement:

The DIAC assists SUNY Potsdam in reaching and maintaining the highest standards of excellence with respect to diversity.

Each year, the coalition seeks to assess and address the needs of the college community. We work to provide a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where all students are valued and any issues that arise are dealt with in a timely and effective manner.

- [View DIAC Members](#)
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If you would like more information about the DIAC or would like to be a part of the conversation, please contact Latesha Fussell, DIAC Chair, and Jennifer Mitchell, Communications Specialist, at diac@potdam.

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