



# SUNY POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

February 2, 2023

To SUNY Poly Faculty, Staff, Students, and Partners:

Recently, the [SUNY Board of Trustees authorized and directed me](#) to: “begin the process of creating a robust strategic plan along with local stakeholders strengthening the future of SUNY Poly Utica as the premier public Polytech school in the state and nation.”

We have started this initiative by establishing a Strategic Plan Steering Committee, and now I am excited to engage the entire campus community—students, faculty, and staff—as well as a number of our valued partners, in the process of identifying our institutional priorities and the paths to achieve them.

## You Are Invited: Co-Design Days

So that we may begin this critical effort together, [I am inviting you to participate in SUNY Poly's Community Co-Design Days starting on Friday, February 10, 2023](#). The day will feature workshops designed to elicit your feedback so that we can assess community values, strategic priorities, and specific objectives that we would like to see reflected in the Strategic Plan. Your participation will help guide SUNY Poly's future.

## RSVP Here to Take Part

Please fill out this simple form *by Wednesday, February 8* to RSVP and participate in the February 10, 2023, Community Co-Design Day: <https://forms.office.com/r/LQjRTS0X45>

## What to Expect

Session leaders will pose engaging questions and guide discussion amongst a wide range of SUNY Poly stakeholders. From these sessions the Facilitators will seek to obtain useful data to inform action related to the strategic priorities:

- Academic programs and educational experiences that are accessible and support regional needs;
- An inclusive, all-campus approach dedicated to student success;
- Research and scholarship at the leading edge of science, technology, engineering, and health sciences; and
- Dynamic external partnerships that serve the Mohawk Valley and New York State.

## Co-Design Days Schedule

All SUNY Poly faculty, staff, and students, along with our partners receiving this invitation are invited to take part in *both* morning and afternoon sessions to share your perspective. Details are provided below:

- **Friday, February 10, 2023:**
  - 8:30 a.m. Kunsela Lobby | Coffee and Pastries available
  - 9:00 a.m. Kunsela Auditorium | Morning Welcome
  - 9:20 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. *Strategic Priorities Round 1 / Participant's Choice to Attend:*
    - Academic Programs and Educational Experiences
      - Kunsela A131 | Session Leader: Daryl Lee
    - Research and Scholarship



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- Kunsela A133 | Session Leader: Valerie Fusco
- Student Success
  - Kunsela A129 | Session Leader: Brandon Misiaszek
- External Partnerships
  - Kunsela A135 | Session Leader: Kayla Blatchley
- 1:00 p.m. Kunsela Lobby | Hot Pretzels and Beverages available
- 1:30 p.m. Kunsela Auditorium | Afternoon Welcome
- *1:50 to 4:30 p.m. Strategic Priorities Round 2 / Participant's Choice to Attend:*
  - Academic Programs and Educational Experiences
    - Kunsela A131 | Session Leader: Andrew Gallup
  - Research and Scholarship
    - Kunsela A133 | Session Leader: Alexander Bulson
  - Student Success
    - Kunsela A129 | Session Leader: Doneilous King
  - External Partnerships
    - Kunsela A135 | Session Leader: Alyssa Steele
- **Friday, February 17, 2023:**
  - *Details will be forthcoming only if this second Co-Design Day is needed.*

## What Will Happen After Co-Design Days

Following these sessions, the Steering Committee and I will synthesize the input received and create a first draft of the strategic plan to transform SUNY Poly into the **premier public polytechnic institute in the state and nation**. The draft plan will prioritize near-term recommendations and corresponding resource requests to be shared with SUNY and elected officials.

To learn more about the Strategic Plan Steering Committee, as well as the process and timeline, please visit: <https://sunypoly.edu/about/office-president/strategic-plan-steering-committee.html>.

This is an exciting opportunity for all campus constituencies to be part of the discussion as SUNY Poly embarks on a new chapter and grows our reputation. I look forward to your attendance.

Sincerely,

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