

The Bulletin

Campus News for the SUNY Cortland Community

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This has been a challenging few weeks for all of us. Although our habits and rhythms have been disrupted, SUNY Cortland's mission to work as a community to help all students reach their educational goals remains as strong as ever.

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic may have changed the ways we work, study and live, but it shouldn't alter our greater destination.

Please continue to be kind and support one another. Please ask for help if you are struggling. Students and faculty, please give each other positive feedback to make distance learning as successful as possible.

We understand you may have questions about everything from academics to economics to mental health. [Our COVID-19 information page](#) may provide answers and our faculty and staff are here to assist you as well.

There is plenty of good news to share with the SUNY Cortland community:

- [Transformations](#) will exist this year in a digital form to showcase scholarship, research and creative activities of our students.
- Melissa Moran, a senior biology major from Garnerville, N.Y., is [working on the front lines of the COVID-19 response](#) in Rockland County. Moran, who hopes to become a physician assistant after she graduates, is working in an urgent care facility near her home.
- SUNY Cortland senior Ryann Hudson, a national Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow, [shared her experiences of working](#) for the presidential campaign of former Vice President Joe Biden.
- Alex Meyers '13, the first student to matriculate from SUNY Cortland's biochemistry program, is currently working on his Ph.D. in molecular and cellular biology at Ohio University. When COVID-19 prevented him from entering campus labs, [he set up his NASA-backed research](#) on how seeds develop in low-gravity environments in his own kitchen.
- This spring, 10 students will be inducted into Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society. They are Alessandra Barilli, Alyssa Berrent, Dalton Carver, Christina Christie, Emeilya Erway, Danielle Jaghab, Stevie Kinzey, Michaila Larsen, Danika Svendsen and Katherine Tenempaguay.
- The following students will be inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honor Society, this spring: Marissa Dovi, Amber Gratereaux, Hannah Hall, Kailey Merrill, Genesis Minaya, Alyssa Mittermeyer-Parkman, Zachary Nogid, Paul Otto and Jaleesa Ventura.
- For the third consecutive year, SUNY Cortland was the only public university in New York state named to the [Transfer Honor Roll of Phi Theta Kappa](#), an international honor society.
- Nance Wilson, Literacy Department, coauthored an article titled "[Fostering preservice and in-service FLA teachers' digital practices for addressing climate change](#)," that was published in the journal *Contemporary Issues in Technology and Teacher Education*.
- Thomas Wirth, a lecturer in the History Department, had his work on the 1918 flu pandemic in Philadelphia cited in [The Washington Post](#). *JSTOR Daily* had previously featured his work in November 2019 and a condensed version of his research can be found in [The Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia](#).

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Thank you and be safe,
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