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A Parent and Supporter's Guide to SUNY Oswego



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A MESSAGE FROM LISA EVANESKI

Welcome to SUNY Oswego. I have worked here for almost 15 years, and it is my favorite campus I have ever worked at! I am responsible for overseeing the prevention and response to sexual and interpersonal violence. Students and employees in our community get very involved in our workshops, events and prevention campaigns, and we have amazing swag! Tell your student to follow @ItsOnOz on **Facebook**, **Instagram** and **Twitter** for a chance to win a t-shirt. We also have a LakerLife page where your student can read about our events. My office is in Culkin 405, my phone number is 315-312-5604, and my email is lisa.evaneski@oswego.edu. Each semester we host many interns, so if this stuff interests your student, tell your student to not hesitate to email me. I can't wait to see you and your students soon. Go Lakers!

A PART OF OUR CAMPUS CULTURE

AZIZ SARISMASKOV, CLASS OF 2024

As your student(s) are preparing to move to SUNY Oswego, we want you to know how the institution promotes diversity and inclusion to ensure the safety of our staff, faculty and students. At Oswego, we value the diversity that we have on our campus and admire each student regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and/or gender. We ensure to recognize all of the different backgrounds that our student population comes from. Our goal here is to provide access for our students as well as their support systems. We value social justice, equality and equity, cultural competence, civil discourse, and active engagement.

Several annual programs exist on SUNY Oswego's campus to push these missions forward and have become a large part of our campus culture. It's On Oz encourages our student body to step up and say something, not look the other way, and take the pledge to help stop sexual assault. I am Oz are portraits of the faces of SUNY Oswego students, faculty and staff peer at viewers across campus from posters and digital signs, declaring with one voice: "I Am Oz!" to showcase the backgrounds in which all of our students come from. These are just two of the many programs that these offices provide throughout the year.

TITLE IX

At SUNY Oswego, our goal is to ensure the safety of our Lakers. Sexual and interpersonal violence of any kind is strictly prohibited on our main campus and Syracuse campus. The Office of Title IX at SUNY Oswego works with SUNY Oswego staff, faculty, and students to make sure that no individual on our campuses experiences sexual harassment. Title IX is a federal law that states “No person in the U.S. shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance” (Title IX 1972 Education Amendments). That also includes any event on or off-campus.

Our college prohibits sex discrimination, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, domestic violence, dating violence or any form of interpersonal violence. We encourage reporting these instances so the college can investigate and intervene when necessary, but we also look at the holistic approach in how we can support a student who may fall victim to these acts.

The Title IX office and Lisa work endlessly to provide outreach to our campus community and are a huge part of our campus culture. While these situations don’t happen often, we want to ensure our student body is aware of the resources and support available to them.

THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion, located in Culkin Hall, strives to create a community that can flourish by building relationships across differences. Our mission is to foster an environment that respects, embraces, and promotes cultural humility, civil discourse, and active engagement in developing an inclusive and vibrant community of transformational agents committed to positive change in the world. We strive to support all of our students, faculty and staff members so they feel appreciated and welcomed.

The work of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion includes student engagement, recruitment and retention, professional development, and policy input and development. We believe that understanding our own social and personal identity is the beginning of recognizing the needs and feelings of those with different life experiences. We encourage empathy, awareness, and cultural humility.

We encourage students who observe or experience a bias-related incident to report as many details as possible through our bias

reporting form found on the Student Conduct page. In this way, we can see ourselves better as a community and continually improve our work toward restorative and racial justice.



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Please note: SUNY Oswego’s official form of communication is college email. Please encourage your student to check their email daily for important messages from their academic advisor, campus offices, and more.