

GENESEO

Marks of Distinction in Student and Campus Life

Leadership Development

- The Geneseo Opportunities for Leadership Development (GOLD) Program is considered to be a best practice in student leadership development nationally. It has been awarded the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) **Bronze Award of Excellence, and it has been named an Exemplary Practices and Model Program** by the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) and a “**Model of Excellence**” by University Business magazine in winter 2016. The GOLD **Cocurricular Transcript** was cited as a **model for documenting student learning outside of the classroom** in The Bulletin of the Association of College Unions International (ACUI).

Multicultural Programs

- The College’s diversity education program **Real World Geneseo** was awarded the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) **Bronze Award of Excellence** for 2012 for program innovation. Real World Geneseo was also one of the four recipients of the SUNY Council of Chief Student Affairs Officers 2012 **Outstanding Student Affairs Program Award**.

Student Life

- The **Knight Time Rewards Program**, launched in February 2017 to encourage student attendance at College events, was recognized by the **Rochester Chapter of the American Marketing Association** with its **2017 Pinnacle Award** in the category of “Small Budget Campaign: Not-For-Profit.” The program rewards students for their loyalty as fans of Geneseo athletic teams as well as for supporting other events on campus.
- **Geneseo Late Knight** was honored by the Association of College Unions International at its 2008 annual convention in Anaheim with the first-ever **Staff-Driven Program of the Year Award**.
- The **MacVittie College Union’s** student manager program was featured in a sidebar to the article “Facility Professionals Develop Outcomes-Based Education for Student Employees” in the May 2008 edition of The Bulletin, published by the Association of College Unions International (ACUI), as a **model for staff development**.

Volunteerism and Civic Engagement

- In 2017, the Andrew Goldman Foundation named Geneseo one of 13 campuses nationally in its *Vote Everywhere Program* to receive **Voter Friendly Campus recognition** from the **Campus Vote Project (CVP) and NASPA**, the National Association of Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. The two organizations recognized participating institutions for planning and implementing practices that encouraged students to register and vote in the 2016 general election and in coming years. Geneseo’s extensive voter engagement efforts were also recognized at the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. in 2017. Geneseo received the Bronze Seal Campus rate increase of over 10% from the 2012 election.
- Washington Monthly magazine ranked SUNY Geneseo **first overall among the nation’s 673 master’s universities for its contribution to the public good** in 2017 across three broad categories: social mobility (recruiting and graduating low income students), research (producing cutting-edge scholarship and PhDs), and promoting an ethic of service to country. This is the fifth year in a row that Geneseo has been in the top five colleges and universities in the rankings.
- Geneseo has been named to the **President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll**, sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, in each year since the award was established in 2006, and has been honored “With Distinction” in 2007, 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2015.
- In the **Peace Corps’ 2016 rankings of the top volunteer-producing colleges** and universities across the country, **Geneseo ranks 14th** among medium-sized colleges. Fifteen alumni are currently volunteering worldwide, and since the Peace Corps was established in 1961, Geneseo had 286 graduates join the Peace Corps.

University Police

- In 2015, SUNY Geneseo’s **University Police Department received accreditation** from the **New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Council** on its first attempt. With this recognition, SUNY Geneseo’s University Police Department becomes the ninth within SUNY to be accredited.

To be considered for accreditation, agencies must demonstrate that they meet or exceed 132 standards identified by the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). Conducted over a two-year period, the accreditation process included an on-site visit by peer assessors.

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Health and Wellness

- In 2014, the College earned the Jed Foundation “**JedCampus**” seal of distinction for its commitment to student mental health. The Jed Foundation is a leading resource for college and university **suicide prevention** in the United States. According to the Jed Foundation, “The seal represents a school’s commitment to student mental health and substance abuse prevention and showcases that the school employs a comprehensive, campus-wide approach to mental health, substance abuse and suicide prevention programming.”
- The College Alcohol and Other Drug Student Advocates were recognized with the 2015 **student group award** at the annual **New York State College Health Association (NYSCHA)** conference. This award recognizes students who have made contributions to the health of their campuses and/or NYSCHA.
- The Lauderdale Center for Student Health and Counseling obtained reaccreditation from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. The Center has been accredited since 2000.

Intercollegiate Athletics

- Geneseo’s cross-country and swimming and diving teams have won more SUNYAC championships than any other college.

The women’s cross-country team has won **seven straight conference championships** and the men’s cross-country team have won **eight of the last nine**. Each team has won three consecutive NCAA Atlantic Regional Championships. In 2017, the men’s team finished eleventh and the women’s team finished sixth in the NCAA national championships.

The men’s swimming and diving team has **won 20 of the last 22 SUNYAC championships**, and the women’s swimming and diving team has won ten consecutive conference championships.

- The Geneseo women’s tennis team has won the SUNYAC championship seven years in a row and has **competed in the NCAA championships in nine of the past eleven years**.
- The Geneseo Department of Intercollegiate Athletics was a recipient of the **National Association of Division III Athletic Administrators/Jostens Community Service Award** in January 2013, the fifth time in eight years the department received this honor for its ongoing community service activities.

Campus Living

- **Monroe Hall**, which was reopened in January 2013 after a comprehensive renovation, was awarded **Gold Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) certification** by the United States Green Building Council.
- Geneseo’s Gender Neutral Housing Program, established in 2009, was recognized by the SUNY Council of Chief Student Affairs Officers (CCSAO) as one of the four recipients of the **2012 SUNY Outstanding Student Affairs Program Award**.
- Geneseo’s Inter-Residence Council was named by the **Northeast Association of College and University Residence Halls (NEACURH)** as the 2016 **School of the Year**. To receive the “School of the Year” award, an organization must demonstrate excellence across a broad spectrum of criteria, including the organization’s commitment to community service, effectiveness in addressing challenging issues, and intensity of involvement and participation at the campus, regional and national levels.
- In 2008, Residence Life instituted the **You Belong** program to specifically focus on the successful transition of transfer students to Geneseo, which was cited in the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) publication *Developments* and the National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students peer reviewed Monograph on Best Practice as a model practice for addressing the needs of transfer students. The SUNY Council of Chief Student Affairs Officers (CCSAO) named You Belong as one of four recipients of the **2010 SUNY Outstanding Student Affairs Program Award**. In 2012, “You Belong” was recognized with the National Orientation Director’s Association (NODA) Region IX **Innovative Program Award**. This award is presented to recognize innovative and **effective approaches that help** college officials **meet changing student needs**, and to call attention to promising practices **worthy of emulation** across higher education.

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