

## Purchase College, SUNY | Office of the President

Dear Campus Community,

Greetings on the first day of Spring, and the eve of Spring Break!

It has been wonderful to see our community enjoying the outdoors again, whether making music, playing games, or simply catching up. The campus is alive with activity, from the Great Lawn to the Main Plaza and beyond! It is a welcome contrast to the winter that is finally behind us. I want to thank everyone for their patience and resilience in the face of this winter's challenges. I am grateful for the way that our community met these challenges and supported one another through the winter. We are continuing to make steady progress to strengthen our campus systems and address immediate needs while planning for the future, all with the goal of ensuring a safe, comfortable environment for everyone at Purchase.

As you enjoy Spring, I hope that you find time to recharge in preparation for the exciting weeks ahead. From senior projects and performances to campus celebrations, there is so much to look forward to, all culminating in our Commencement on May 15th. In the meantime, please enjoy some highlights from our community.

**Michael E. Steiper**

President

**New Interactive Lab on Campus**

As part of our [Taproot grant, we opened an Interactive Media Lab in the Library](#). This expansive creative space strategically and intentionally integrates technology across the arts and includes podcast studios, computers, and 3D Printing labs that are open to the entire campus.

### **New Partnership with Yonkers Partners in Education**

We're excited to announce a new partnership with the Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE) that will help us to recruit more talented high school students to Purchase. [Read more in the Yonkers Ledger](#).

### **Welcoming and Celebrating First Gen Students**

We are proud to announce The Purchase Trendsetters, a SUNY-supported program designed to recognize, celebrate, and support first-generation college students. Many thanks to Jessica Bullock, Associate Director of Student Engagement and Involvement, for developing this program, which she hopes will “serve as a model for supporting first-generation students across all colleges.”

### **Alumni Visitors**

We are always delighted to welcome alumni back to campus!

Just recently, Grammy winners [Samara Joy '21 and Kendrick McCallister stopped by to perform](#) with Conservatory of Music students and Prof. Pete Malinverni! [Journalism alum Ellie Houghtaling '19 visited](#) to share more about her work as a breaking news editor of The New Republic. We are so grateful to these incredible alumni for all they do to inspire, mentor, and encourage today's students.

Of course, our upcoming [Alumni Weekend](#) which will take place May 1 to 3, is an excellent opportunity for all of our alumni to return to campus to reconnect with one another.

### **Purchase at the Oscars**

Geeta Gandbhir '92 recently made Oscar history as the only woman to be nominated for two major documentary awards in the same year! She was nominated for Best Documentary Feature Film category for *The Perfect Neighbor*, and Best Documentary Short for *The Devil is Busy*, which she co-directed with fellow Purchase alum Christalyn Hampton '91. [The two became friends at Purchase, a testament to the creativity and collaborative spirit here.](#)

### **Purchase Athletics Unveils Brand-New Softball Complex**

Purchase Athletics officially opened its brand-new softball turf complex earlier this month. Not only is this a new home for our softball team, it doubles as a lacrosse and soccer field, giving our student-athletes and the entire Purchase community a chance to use it all year round! Please join us on March 27th at 3 p.m. for [the next softball home game!](#)

### **Launching Careers through the Career Development Center**

Our annual Job Fair welcomed more than 65 employers to meet with our students. We were especially happy to meet so many alumni who came to campus to hire current Purchase students. If you missed the job fair and are still looking to hire for your organization, [please let us know how we can help.](#)

### **Giving Back Tastes Good**

The campus community celebrated a \$25,000 donation from Chartwells that is helping to strengthen the Purchase College Food Pantry. We're proud of this partnership and grateful to all our volunteers and staff working on addressing food insecurity on campus. [Learn more about how True Burger sales in the Hub support this effort.](#)

### **Sharing News and Staying Connected**

If you have news, accolades, or stories to share or plan to visit, please be in touch!

Current community members, reach out to: [media@purchase.edu](mailto:media@purchase.edu).

Alumni, please contact: [alumni@purchase.edu](mailto:alumni@purchase.edu).

Please stay tuned for upcoming newsletters and follow us on social media to stay engaged with Purchase.

Find us on Instagram at: [@purchasecollegepres](#) and [@purchasecollege](#)

Follow us on LinkedIn at: [President Steiper](#) and [Purchase College](#)

Good news! We've recently revived [our TikTok account](#). Follow us there for the latest trends and behind-the-scenes videos.

Don't forget to tag us in your own Purchase related content and use the hashtags [#purchasecollege](#) and [#sunypurchase](#) for all content and [#proofofpurchase](#) for alumni stories.

Have a wonderful spring break!

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