



KEEPING THE COLLEGE DREAM ALIVE FOR NY'S WORKING FAMILIES

Facing a \$10 billion budget deficit and experiencing the worst economic downturn since WWII, the Assembly Majority prevailed in keeping a college education affordable for working families.

The Assembly Majority fought to:

- **ensure TAP grants** cover the cost of tuition at community colleges
- **restore funding for Community Colleges** by over \$18 million, helping hold the line on tuition and local property taxes
- **save SUNY Teaching Hospitals** by restoring \$60 million -- saving jobs and protecting critical health services for the communities they serve
- **preserve Nursing Scholarship Programs** by maintaining funding for the **High Needs Nursing Program (\$941,000)**
- **hold the line on SUNY tuition**
- **continue funding for SUNY/CUNY child care programs (\$1.197 million)**



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The Assembly Majority has consistently maintained a commitment to affordability and access to higher education despite tough economic times by:

- holding the line on tuition increases for students
- supporting public-private partnerships to encourage economic development opportunities
- investing in New York's colleges and universities and Educational Opportunity Centers and Opportunity Programs

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