
[FacultyStaff] Governor Kathy Hochul's Historic Announcement at SUNY Fredonia

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Dear Campus Community,

Happy Thursday!

On Monday, June 3, we were honored to host Governor Kathy Hochul, the 57th Governor of New York State, as she made an announcement about the future of the Brooks-TLC Hospital. As you may know, there were plans in development from 2017 to commit \$74 million in New York State funds to build a new hospital facility. Unfortunately, the funding plan was disrupted by the impacts of COVID-19, and on Monday, Governor Hochul announced the release of the funds along with a Brooks-TLC and Kaleida Health partnership plan. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Governor Hochul for making these funds available and for choosing SUNY Fredonia as the location to make this historic announcement.



This is tremendous news for our campus and the entire region as many other rural healthcare facilities are finding it necessary to close due to financial reasons. In addition to securing reliable and high-quality access to healthcare for our immediate community and the county, the new facility will also attract additional economic investments and is another demonstration of New York State's commitment to our campus and the community.

Access to a modern hospital makes a big difference in offering assurances to the students who come to learn with us, their parents, and our employees, and this will enhance our efforts at SUNY Fredonia to attract and retain students and highly qualified employees.

To that end, I want to extend my gratitude to the SUNY Fredonia leadership, university senate, leadership of Kaleida Health, members of the AFL-CIO WNY Area Labor Federation, elected officials (both former and current), many community members, and other individuals behind the scenes for the roles that they played in advocating for a new hospital. I am very appreciative and thankful for the leadership provided by the Brooks TLC Hospital staff and board members toward the achievement of this outcome.

Let me conclude with offering special thanks to the staff of the Office of Governor Kathy Hochul for their collaboration with SUNY Fredonia in making this a momentous occasion. Thank you to the University Police Department, and the staff in campus life and facilities services for the heavy lift behind the scenes. I want to thank the members of university leadership, including the cabinet members, college council members, and shared governance representatives, who were able to join us and celebrate Governor Hochul's announcement.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Very truly yours,

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