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Dear Colleagues,

Hundreds of SUNY students suffered devastating property losses as a result of Hurricane Irene and Lee, which prompted massive flooding in the eastern half of the state. The storms left many without their residences, clothing, and their school materials.

To begin meeting their needs, the Chancellor's Office has established a new initiative, SUNY Helps. In a recent letter to the campus presidents, she wrote:

"Though physical damage to campuses was relatively minor, some of our students' families have not been so fortunate. Some students have been left with nothing but what they brought when they arrived on campus. Entire families have been left homeless or were otherwise significantly impacted.... We have established a SUNY Helps fund for students most affected by Hurricane Irene.... All money will be awarded as scholarships for the affected students' academic expenses and will be combined with local campus efforts to ease the burden of room and board. As you know, SUNY's size enables us to have extraordinary collective impact – and with full participation this is an opportunity to put that power to work for New Yorkers in need."

We join with Chancellor Zimpher in an appeal to each of you to give a little – or a lot – as your conscience and circumstances dictate. You may donate securely online via PayPal at www.suny.edu/sunyhelps. If you'd like to give via check, please make payable to "SUNY Research Foundation—SUNY Helps Fund" and send to SUNY Helps, SUNY Chancellor's Office, 33 West 42nd Street, New York, New York, 10036.

For additional information on SUNY Helps or if you have any questions, please direct your concerns to Juliette Price at (518) 320-1261 or Juliette.Price@suny.edu

To quote the Chancellor, *"In the spirit of kinship and community," we ask "the SUNY family to band together to help those most in need."*

Sincerely,

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