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2019 Joint Legislative Budget Hearing for Higher Education

January 28, 2018

Part E, of the Governor's proposed budget, if enacted, will close all for-profit colleges in New York.

I speak for the underrepresented students in higher education, who attend and then graduate from New York Automotive and Diesel Institute's two associate degree programs.

On May 9, 2017, The Board of Regents voted unanimously, to confer degree granting authority to New York Automotive and Diesel Institute, the first non-degree institution in thirteen years to be recognized for excellence in preparing its students for occupations in transportation technology.

Consider the facts:

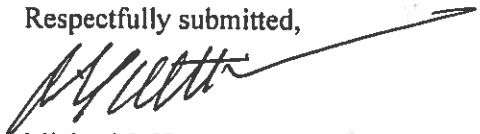
- Student population – 95% African American and Hispanic men.
- Over 50% on time completion rate.
- Between 80% to 90% placement rate.
- Average loan repayment amount – Less than \$20,000 upon graduation, with a degree.
- Master accredited by the ASE Education Foundation, at the highest level in all programs.
- Master accredited by the National Automotive Training Education Foundation (NATEF), the national accrediting body for all automotive, diesel and collision repair programs in colleges and universities throughout the country.
- Approved by Workforce Development.
- Approved by ACCES-VR.
- Approved by the Veterans Administration – currently educating over 50 veterans out of a student population of approximately 350. NYADI is designated as a "Military Friendly School".
- Successful implementation of the Eligible Career Pathway Programs for students without a high school diploma.
- Numerous partnerships with industry manufacturers and dealerships.
- *And much more...*

NYADI, the college of transportation technology, has incredible student outcomes and is a leader in automotive and diesel technology, as well as collision repair technology. As you know, Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs currently suffer from a severe shortage of qualified teachers. Graduates from NYADI's two associate degree programs are now also qualified to begin a career in teaching, thus meeting an urgent need, as described by the Board of Regents and the Board of Education. We must ask ourselves this; how will the transportation sector function without highly qualified technicians, now and in the future?

I am sure you would prefer a highly skilled and qualified technician working on your family car.

I extended to all committee members an invitation to visit our college and decide for yourself.

Respectfully submitted,



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