MISSION OF THE COLLEGE
[Approved by the governance body April 4, 2003]

Farmingdale State College, a campus of the State University of New York, is the only public college on Long Island to offer a comprehensive base of programs in the Applied Sciences and Technology. The College prepares students to be real-life problem solvers in traditional as well as emerging fields so that, upon graduation, their contributions to the economic vitality of the region, state, and nation are demonstrated. The educational experience at the College is centered on building a foundation of knowledge along with an appreciation of culture, ethics, aesthetics, and diversity that empowers the graduate for continuous intellectual and personal development throughout life. The dedicated faculty and staff create a supportive environment in which teaching and learning take place through research and service.

COLLEGE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
[Approved by the Planning and Budget Committee: October 28, 2008]

I. To provide students with a broad academic foundation, which includes an appreciation of culture, ethics, aesthetics, citizenship, cultural diversity, and the interrelationships among the applied arts and sciences, technologies, and society.

1. The College will cultivate students’ appreciation of culture, ethics, citizenship, multiculturalism, and diversity in course offerings and other campus activities.

2. The College will ensure that writing, mathematics, computing, analytical and critical thinking, and other competencies are primary objectives in academic degree programs and in courses across the curriculum.

3. The College will ensure that scientific and technological knowledge are primary objectives in academic degree programs and in courses across the curriculum.

4. The College will foster students’ intercultural competencies required for working in the global economy and in a diverse United States society.

5. The College will develop educational and research opportunities to support the goals of internationalization and globalization.

6. The College will encourage and promote diversity throughout the campus.

7. The College will increase outreach to other institutions of higher education through such means as articulation agreements and Study Abroad programs.
II. To offer affordable programs to academically qualified students which support their educational aspirations, meet the needs of regional employers, and promote the economic, social and cultural development of the region.

1. The College will offer new academic programs that serve the professional goals of students, the changing needs of a global society, and emerging industries and hybrid fields of research.

2. The College will increase retention by providing support services that improve student academic performance.

3. The College will offer, publicize, and award an increasing number of scholarships.

4. The College will create an honors program.

5. The College will offer more academic minors in four-year programs.

III. To provide a stimulating environment that results in student learning.

1. The College will support improvements in teaching and learning that bridge a teacher’s knowledge and understanding with student learning.

2. The College will involve students in experiential learning through student internships and volunteerism in local industries, government, and community organizations.

3. The College will offer students opportunities to engage in research and scholarly activities.

4. The College will offer opportunities to students for academic achievement through capstone or senior projects and presentations at campus conferences.

5. The College will regularly assess and revise courses, programs, and other campus activities.

IV. To promote scholarship and research that addresses the Mission of the College, benefits the larger society, and enhances teaching and student learning.

1. The College will support scholarship and research that addresses the Mission of the College and enhances teaching and student learning.

2. The College will provide funding for faculty and professional staff to participate in seminars and professional activities that support research and scholarly activities.
3. The College will support faculty and professional staff in the dissemination of current knowledge and technologies.

4. The College will recognize and reward outstanding accomplishments in the development of research and scholarship of faculty and professional staff.

5. The College will foster the scholarship of teaching that enhances student learning.

6. The College will provide funding for faculty to participate in seminars and other professional activities that support the advancement of the scholarship of teaching.

7. The College will recognize and reward the outstanding accomplishments of faculty in the development of new modes of and materials for instruction that enhance the learning process and benefit student learning.

V. To enhance student activities and services beyond the classroom in order to support and enrich learning and promote career, social, and personal development for diverse student populations.

1. The College will expand library and information resources.

2. The College will determine the needs of the 21st century student and provide appropriate support services to address these needs.

3. The College will encourage student participation in campus activities such as student government, newspaper production, clubs, performances and programs, honor societies, sports and other athletic activities, and multicultural events.

4. The College will determine and develop activities and programs that will encourage a sense of campus community.

VI. To provide a physical environment that supports and enriches teaching, learning, scholarship, and research.

1. The College will create a physical environment that is clean, attractive, modern, environmentally sensitive, healthy, and safe.

2. The College will provide up-to-date technology to enhance academic achievement and campus operations.

3. The College will continue to expand disability services throughout the campus.

VII. To foster an open and transparent campus environment in order to maintain the integrity of the Mission of the College.

1. The College will improve communication throughout the campus among all campus constituencies.

2. The College will expand and publicize student services.
3. The College will enhance and publicize campus operations and services.

4. The College will expand and publicize alumni relations.

5. The College will develop and publicize institutional research.

6. The College will include and consult with all campus constituencies in fulfilling the Mission of the College.

VIII. **To seek and provide ample resources to support the Mission of the College.**

1. The College will seek support from and work in partnership with alumni.

2. The College will seek support from and work in partnership with government and other public organizations.

3. The College will seek support from and work in partnership with private organizations.

4. The College will seek support from and work in partnership with non-profit organizations.

IX. **To encourage students to aspire to be exemplary citizens, scholars, professionals, and leaders in society.**

1. The College will increase continuing professional development opportunities.

2. The College will enhance lecture and performance series on campus.

3. The College will provide opportunities for volunteerism and civic engagement.

4. The College will provide opportunities for students to fulfill leadership roles.

5. The College will provide opportunities for career development.