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To:  
SUNY Applied Learning Liaisons  
SUNY Opportunity Program Directors  
SUNY Chief Student Affairs Officers  
SUNY Chief Academic Affairs Officers  
SUNY Career Development Organization  
SUNY COIL Liaisons  
SUNY Student Assembly

Dear Colleagues,

The SAIL Institute is proud to announce the creation of the **SUNY Student Leadership Academy**. The academy will prepare the next generation of civically engaged leaders by providing them with the skills, knowledge, and tools needed to successfully navigate and improve an increasingly diverse and fractured community. This Academy, designed and delivered by professionals from across SUNY, leverages the collective assets of the system to provide a unique learning and networking opportunity for SUNY students.

The SUNY Student Leadership Academy is a three-day immersive experience where students learn together through a unique combination of classroom instruction, team challenges, and immersion visits with local and national leaders in New York's capital. Each year, the Academy will be centered around a grand challenge designed to support students in learning how to collectively tackle a pressing issue currently facing society, while also learning about vision setting, cultural intelligence, community impact, and stakeholder engagement. This year's cohort will focus on addressing how campus communities can collectively work toward achieving the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

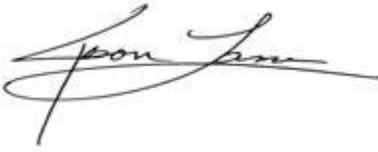
The Academy will take place **June 3-5, 2020** in New York's Capital City, with the University at Albany serving as the host institution, including providing lodging opportunities.

The SAIL staff will be hosting a virtual information session regarding the Student Leadership Academy on March 3 at 2:00 p.m. for **campus representatives**. The information session will provide an overview and include an open-forum Q&A.

If you have questions about the program, I encourage you to reach out to the SAIL Institute's Leadership Development Manager, Merissa McKasty, at [merissa.mckasty@suny.edu](mailto:merissa.mckasty@suny.edu) or 518-320-1835. You can also

visit our [student leadership page](#) for more information. Thank you for your consideration. We hope to see your campus represented at the 2020 Student Leadership Academy!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Lane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jason E. Lane, PhD  
Executive Director