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Vision Statement

My vision for the Arts and Communication Department at SUNY Orange is guided by a deep belief in the transformative power of art and design to prepare the next generation to thrive in times of complexity and change. Art challenges perceptions, nurtures imagination, and creates meaningful connections, making it central to the mission of SUNY Orange. Community colleges have always played a vital role in cultivating opportunity and resilience, and I believe our department is uniquely positioned to help students build the skills, knowledge, and creative capacities they will need to flourish in an uncertain future. I am committed to fostering an environment where innovation is encouraged, talent is nurtured, and every student is equipped to navigate a rapidly shifting creative landscape.

Looking ahead, I see a department that continues to evolve by combining the richness of traditional artistic practices with the latest advancements in technology. By embedding industry-standard tools in our curriculum and encouraging students to explore them with curiosity and discernment, we will ensure they develop both practical fluency and critical awareness. I will continue to integrate thoughtful exploration of Artificial Intelligence, helping students understand both its potential and its ethical responsibilities. This balance of creative proficiency and reflective practice will prepare a generation of artists and communicators who are not only technically capable but also socially responsible and ready to contribute meaningfully in uncertain times.

My role as an educator extends beyond the classroom into advocacy for the personal and professional growth of our students. I will continue to design and adapt courses that respond to their needs and to the evolving demands of industry. These courses will remain rooted in theory while also emphasizing experiential learning, giving students opportunities to engage with real-world projects that test their creativity and problem-solving skills. By integrating design thinking principles and collaborative practice, we will prepare students to work with resilience, adaptability, and purpose across diverse professional settings. In a time when creative industries are in constant transformation, helping students remain agile and future-ready is essential.

At the heart of this vision is a commitment to building an educational culture that is rigorous and supportive, where traditional craft is expanded by new technologies and where every student is given the resources to pursue bold creative aspirations. My goal is to cultivate an ecosystem that inspires students to grow in confidence, curiosity, and skill, while preparing them to engage with the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow. In doing so, I look forward to advancing the mission of SUNY Orange and ensuring that our graduates are ready to flourish in the complex world that awaits them.