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Statements from the Ulster County Legislature on SUNY Ulster's Start-Up program at Tech City

(Kingston, NY) The statements below reflect the Legislators' positive reflection on SUNY Ulster being selected as one of only eight schools in the SUNY system selected to participate in Governor Cuomo's Start-Up NY program.

Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature, John Parete, "applauds Governor Cuomo and SUNY Ulster President Katt for expanding educational opportunities in Ulster County. Higher education improves an individual's quality of life and Community Colleges contribute to the growth and development of local economies by providing local jobs and infrastructure benefits that are especially important to rural areas, like Ulster County. I am a steadfast supporter of SUNY Ulster for their commitment to expanding educational programs and economic activity ensuring the next generation of professionals can live and raise a family in Ulster County. On behalf of the Ulster County Legislature, I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in this endeavor thus far and look forward to working with all stakeholders in the near future."

James Maloney, Deputy Chair of the Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit, "agrees this is a great new opportunity for SUNY Ulster and Tech City. Start-Up NY's encouragement of job creation in upstate will lay the foundation for future long term job creation. While we continue to compete with global markets, we must provide quality education for young women and men so they have the skills to meet today's demands."

"This SUNY Ulster/Tech City Start-Up opportunity is a perfect combination of innovation and economic rebirth that is needed for the greater Kingston area." added David Donaldson, Vice-Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature and Chairman of the Ulster County Legislative Program, Education and Community Services committee, "This is exciting news for Ulster County and for the Community College, in particular."