The University at Albany is seeking $20 million in capital funding to transform the former Albany High School – a 106-year-old midtown landmark – into the new home of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (CEAS).

With undergraduate engineering enrollment up 133 percent and the hiring of 20 new faculty members, UAlbany’s engineering college is in demand and already growing far faster than projected. Now CEAS needs a 21st-century home to ensure this remarkable growth continues. The fully renovated Schuyler Building will cement the engineering college’s role as a powerful engine of access to academic excellence and economic opportunity on an urban campus in the heart of New York’s capital city.

A model of smart, sustainable development through the adaptive reuse of a historic building, it’s no wonder the Schuyler Building was designated by the Capital Region Economic Development Council as a priority project for the region. Through partnerships with the city, industry, K-12 educators and other key community stakeholders, CEAS in the Schuyler Building will also be a model for how campuses can leverage SUNY’s academic excellence to become nodes of economic and community development for the advancement of all of New York State.

UAlbany’s Schuyler Building project is engineering opportunity in the following ways:

- **Access:** Among SUNY’s four University Centers, UAlbany has the highest percentage of students historically underrepresented in engineering careers. Those students now have access to a world-class engineering education at the value provided by a public research University, making CEAS not only a ladder for economic mobility but for much-needed diversity in STEM fields.
The Schuyler Building at the University at Albany: Engineering Opportunity

- **Neighborhood revitalization**: Located on the Downtown Campus, the Schuyler Building represents UAlbany’s biggest investment in the heart of the city of Albany in decades; and through a close partnership with the city, renovation and restoration of this key neighborhood asset will help catalyze private investment in an important midtown corridor.

- **Economic development**: The job market for engineers is booming, and CEAS will supply companies with a well-prepared workforce to fuel the growth of the regional and state economies. The college’s partnership with a nearby technology and arts incubator being developed by the local business community, meanwhile, will help seed businesses that will become the employers of tomorrow.

- **Academic excellence**: CEAS is central to UAlbany’s largest academic expansion in 50 years – an expansion concentrated in high-demand areas like cybersecurity and engineering. The Schuyler Building will house a college whose students are academically among the strongest at UAlbany and a faculty that has already secured $5.2 million in external research funding.

Despite the challenges associated with reviving a century-old landmark, the University’s decision to locate CEAS in the Schuyler Building was an intentional and transformational one. UAlbany is committed to its role as an inclusive and engaged anchor institution and to serving as a model of how SUNY campuses can be beacons of growth in their students’ lives and their host communities.

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