

**SUNY TRUSTEE EDWARD F. COX TO SPEAK AT SUNY DELHI'S
86th COMMENCEMENT**

DELHI, NY ... State University Trustee Edward F. Cox will give the keynote address at SUNY Delhi's 86th annual commencement exercises at State University of New York College of Technology at Delhi on Saturday, May 17, at 1 p.m. in the Farrell Hall Gymnasium.

“Edward Cox serves as the technology sector liaison on the SUNY board of trustees,” said President Candace S. Vancko. “That’s why we are so pleased that he will be addressing our students. He’s extremely knowledgeable and an advocate for Delhi and the Colleges of Technology.”

A Harvard Law School graduate, Cox is a partner with Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler LLP and has served on the SUNY Board of Trustees since 1995. He serves on the New York State Commission on Judicial Nomination and is the founder of the New York State’s Corporation Advisory Task Force. Cox also is the chairman of the New York State Council of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and is a founding director and former chairman of the Student/Sponsor Partnership for underprivileged inner-city high school students.

SUNY Delhi students will also play a prominent role in commencement. Students of the Year—Aaron Moriarty, Associate Degree recipient, and Gerald Stannard, Baccalaureate recipient—and Student Senate President Jason Goldberg will speak.

SUNY Delhi’s Class of 2003 includes approximately 800 candidates for baccalaureate degrees, associate degrees and certificates. This year marks the most comprehensive number of four-year

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programs to confer at SUNY Delhi, including the first class of students who have completed four years in Information Technology and in Culinary Arts.

Prior to the conferring of degrees and certificates, President Vancko will present three SUNY Delhi faculty and staff members with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence, the most prestigious honor given by the State University. Award recipients include Dr. Lynn Domina, associate professor of liberal arts and sciences; Robert Seibert, associate professor of Hospitality Management; and Michele DeFreece, director of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP).

This year, SUNY Delhi has added a community service element to its commencement festivities. The college's honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, is part of a nation-wide effort known as "Project Graduation." Students and their families are being invited to bring a non-perishable food item to commencement, with contributions being turned over to the local food pantry or service organizations dedicated to helping young children succeed.

SUNY Delhi College Council Chair Benjamin Nesbitt '65 will welcome the assembly. Beth Anne Roy, EOP counselor, will sing the national anthem and the college's alma mater.