

Education/Self Sufficiency

 [Trocaire to launch first 4-year program](#)


Trocaire College is now more than just a 2-year school. The Catholic college in South Buffalo has announced plans to begin a four-year program in radiologic technology starting this fall. It would be the first bachelor's degree program offered at Trocaire, which has granted only associate degrees and certificates since Sisters of Mercy founded the institution in 1958.

 [Recession Spurs Interest in Graduate, Law Schools](#)

It took longer than some experts expected, but the recession and the resulting shortage of good jobs have spurred a jump in applications to law schools and a growing interest in graduate programs.

 [UB study is a call to action for the area's women](#)

The WNY Women's Fund will issue findings of a study, called "Pathways to Progress," a comprehensive assessment of the status of women and girls in this area. The study focuses on key areas where changes can make a huge difference in women's lives.


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 [Williams sees safety plan for Buffalo students](#)

A plan to improve safety for Buffalo students walking to and from school is being finalized. Superintendent Williams said the plan would likely include beefed-up police patrols, closer scrutiny of students who skip school and enhanced intervention efforts for students who are petitioned to Family Court.

 [Building and Strengthening State Data Systems to Measure Community College & Workforce Outcomes](#)

Calls for creating state data systems on postsecondary, adult education, and workforce development programs and employment outcomes in order to better serve low-income, low-skilled workers. Outlines barriers, effective systems, and policy recommendations.

 [The Economic Development and Workforce Development Systems](#)

Provides an overview of current U.S. strategies for and challenges in ensuring economic growth with adequate employment opportunities and preparing disadvantaged people for careers. Also summarizes goals, key stakeholders, and the policy environment.

 [Mary Travers Murphy named head of Family Justice Center](#)

Less than 2 weeks after leaving office, former Orchard Park Town Supervisor Mary Travers Murphy has a new job. She was named executive director of the Family Justice Center, a local agency that assists victims of domestic violence.


Philanthropy/Grantmaking

 [United Way is falling short on fundraising](#)

United Way of Buffalo & Erie County, trying to reverse a downward giving trend that dates back to 2002, remains short of its \$14.2 million campaign goal for 2009-10. But organization's new president remains optimistic that UW is close to turning around campaign.

 [Catholic Charities lowers annual appeal goal](#)

Catholic Charities of Buffalo officials, acknowledging effects of last year's economic meltdown, have lowered the agency's annual appeal goal. The agency will try to raise \$10.5 million this year.

 [Funder Collaboratives: Why and How Funders Work Together](#)

Provides overview of how collaborative funds get started, how they work, benefits and challenges for donors and grantees, and factors behind trends. Offers examples, case summaries, and tips and tools for effective collaboratives.

Regional Assets

 [Paterson wants to let SUNY control tuition](#)

Major reforms for NYS's cash-strapped public higher education system will be introduced in Gov. Paterson's budget next week, giving campuses more autonomy from state, including the coveted power to control their own tuition.

 [UB President John Simpson's reaction](#)

Not-For-Profit Management

 [Struggling Nonprofits Increasingly Consider Alliances, Collaborations](#)

As nonprofits across the nation struggle to meet rising demand with reduced funding, many are turning to collaborations, partnerships, and mergers.

 [Outsourcing Back Office Services in Small Nonprofits: Pitfalls and Possibilities](#)

Presents findings on small nonprofits' administrative, finance, and office supports; reasons and conditions for outsourcing as well as barriers; methods for evaluation; and guiding principles. Examines 3 models.

Community Health

 [Buffalo awarded grant to combat childhood obesity](#)

Buffalo is 1 of 41 cities in nation selected for a program to fight childhood obesity. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is providing \$360,000 grant to local partnership led by the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus for "Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities" Initiative.