

# Westchester Educational Opportunity Center Prepares for September Move to New 28 Wells Avenue Facility

**YONKERS, NY** – The Westchester Educational Opportunity Center (WEOC) is preparing for an exciting new chapter as it relocates this September to its new home at 28 Wells Avenue in Yonkers. The move follows a June 12 Soft Reveal that welcomed elected officials, SUNY leadership, and project partners for an exclusive preview of the facility, marking a significant milestone in the Center's 53-year history of expanding educational and workforce opportunities throughout Westchester County.

The new facility reflects WEOC's continued commitment to expanding educational opportunities and workforce development for residents throughout Westchester County. Located within the Studios at i.Park development, the approximately 44,000-square-foot center positions WEOC within a growing hub for innovation and community engagement.

The invitation-only Soft Reveal offered guests an early look at the new facility while construction continued and celebrated the partnerships that made the project possible. Hosted for New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, leadership from the SUNY University Center for Academic and Workforce Development (UCAWD), project stakeholders, and Westchester Community College leadership, the event highlighted WEOC's future home and the opportunities it will provide for students and the community.

Guests toured the facility and learned more about WEOC's continued commitment to providing tuition-free education, workforce training, and student support services that prepare individuals for college, careers, and economic mobility. Educational offerings include Allied Health, Healthcare Administration, Occupational Trades, High School Equivalency (HSE) preparation, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), College Preparation programming, workforce certifications, digital literacy, career readiness, and many other academic and workforce pathways.

The event featured welcome remarks from Dr. Ana E. Veras, followed by a guided tour of the facility. Remarks were also delivered by Lisa Jackson, Associate Provost and Director of the SUNY University Center for Academic and Workforce Development (UCAWD); New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins; and Lynne Ward, Executive Vice President of National Resources.

Among those in attendance were representatives from SUNY UCAWD, DASNY, National Resources, and Pustola Associates, whose collaboration has helped bring the new facility to life.

"This new facility represents far more than a new address—it represents a renewed investment in opportunity," said Dr. Ana Veras, Executive Director of the Westchester Educational Opportunity Center. "For 53 years, WEOC has transformed lives through education, workforce development, and student support. Our new home will allow us to expand that impact by creating an innovative, welcoming environment where individuals can gain the skills, credentials, and confidence needed to build brighter futures for themselves and their families. This milestone is the result of a shared vision and extraordinary collaboration among SUNY, Westchester Community College, DASNY, National Resources, Pustola Associates, and so many dedicated partners who believe in the power of education to transform lives."

Lynne Ward highlighted the significance of WEOC's arrival at the Studios at i.Park and the opportunities it creates for students, employers, and the broader community.

"WEOC joining the Studios at i.Park is a huge event bringing together young career people from many active business sectors. Success builds on success and this transformative move by WEOC is testimony to their forward-looking agenda and the positive impact the film and television productions have had on Downtown Yonkers," said Lynne Ward, Executive Vice President of National Resources.

WEOC's relocation comes as the Center concludes its 2025–2026 program year and prepares to welcome students into its new facility this fall. The move also coincides with SUNY UCAWD's celebration of 60 years of Educational Opportunity Centers across New York State. Since their creation, Educational Opportunity Centers have provided tuition-free education, workforce training, and comprehensive student support services, empowering hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers to improve their lives through education and employment.

About the Westchester Educational Opportunity Center

The Westchester Educational Opportunity Center (WEOC), part of the State University of New York's Educational Opportunity Center network and administered by SUNY Westchester Community College, has served Westchester

County for 53 years by providing tuition-free academic, workforce, and career training programs to eligible adults. WEOC empowers students through education, workforce development, career services, and comprehensive support designed to help individuals achieve educational attainment, secure meaningful employment, and improve their quality of life.

For more information about the Westchester Educational Opportunity Center and its programs, visit [sunyweoc.org](http://sunyweoc.org).

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SEE ATTACHED PHOTOS

Photo 1: Group Photo

Representatives from the Westchester Educational Opportunity Center (WEOC), the SUNY University Center for Academic and Workforce Development (UCAWD), DASNY, National Resources, Pustola Associates, elected officials, and project partners gather during the Soft Reveal of WEOC's new facility at 28 Wells Avenue in Yonkers ahead of its September opening.

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Photo 2: Student Affairs Tour

Guests tour the Student Affairs Department inside WEOC's new approximately 44,000 square foot facility at 28 Wells Avenue. The expanded campus will provide enhanced student support services in a modern environment designed to help students succeed from enrollment through career placement.

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Photo 3: ATTAIN Lab Tour

Guests visit the ATTAIN Lab during the facility tour, highlighting one of the many technology enabled learning spaces that will support digital literacy, workforce training, and student success at WEOC's new campus.

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Photo 4: Facility Entrance

Guests gather at the entrance of the Westchester Educational Opportunity Center's future home at 28 Wells Avenue as the guided tour begins during the Soft Reveal. The tour offered elected officials, SUNY leadership, and project partners an early look at the new facility ahead of WEOC's September relocation.

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Photo 5: Building Partnerships

New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins speaks with SUNY and WEOC leadership during the Soft Reveal of WEOC's new 28 Wells Avenue facility. The event celebrated the partnerships and collaboration that helped bring the new campus to life.

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Photo 6: Remarks – Ana Veras

Dr. Ana E. Veras, Executive Director of the Westchester Educational Opportunity Center, delivers remarks during WEOC's Soft Reveal, thanking elected officials, SUNY leadership, and project partners for their support in bringing the new 28 Wells Avenue facility to fruition.

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Photo 7: Remarks – Andrea Stewart Cousins

New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins delivers remarks during the Westchester Educational Opportunity Center's Soft Reveal at its new 28 Wells Avenue facility in Yonkers. Stewart Cousins joined SUNY leadership, elected officials, and project partners in celebrating WEOC's continued investment in education and workforce development.

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Photo 8: Remarks – Lisa Jackson

Lisa Jackson, Associate Provost and Director of the SUNY University Center for Academic and Workforce Development (UCAWD), delivers remarks during WEOC's 12 Soft Reveal at the Center's new 28 Wells Avenue facility in Yonkers.

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