

# Alphabet Soup

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**ALEPH** – The SUNY System Library Catalog powering the SUNYConnect program. ALEPH will enable universal borrowing between all SUNY campuses.

**ANGEL** - A course management system package in use on some SUNY campuses.  
[www.cyberlearninglabs.com](http://www.cyberlearninglabs.com)

**AST** – Alliance for Strategic Technologies. A collaboration between several U-wide programs with technology missions that seek opportunities to promote improved efficiency and team work between those U-wide programs.

**Avatar** – an Internet user's representations of himself or herself.

**Banner** - A software product that provides student information system modules (registration, housing, etc.) –a SunGard Corporation product.. [www.sungard.com](http://www.sungard.com)

**BC** – Business Continuity.

**BI** – Business Intelligence.

**Blackboard** - A course management system package in use on some SUNY campuses.  
[www.blackboard.com](http://www.blackboard.com)

**Blog** – Short for **Web log**, is a Web page that serves as a publicly accessible personal journal for an individual. Typically updated daily, blogs often reflect the personality of the author.

**CAO** – Chief Academic Officers

**CBT** - A general acronym for computer-based training, usually self-paced in nature.

**CCBOA** - Community College Business Officers Association.

**CCCAO** – Community College Chief Academic Officers

**CCIO** - Council of Chief Information Officers.

**CCSAO** – Council of SUNY Community College Chief Student Affairs

**CIT** - Conference on Instruction & Technology: An annual event dedicated to supporting SUNY faculty and staff in the effective use of technology. CIT is a program of the FACT<sup>2</sup> Committee, the SUNY Center for Professional Development, and the Provost's Office of Learning Environments. [www.cit.suny.edu](http://www.cit.suny.edu)

**CMS** - A general acronym for course-management software or systems. CMS software provides a way for instructional content, materials and activities to be put "on the web" to support teaching and learning.

**COA** - SUNY Computer Officers Association. [www.coa.suny.edu](http://www.coa.suny.edu)

**COIL** – Collaborative Online International Learning: A project to develop more online courses with an international dimension throughout SUNY. Courses are taught with a partner abroad and enroll students from SUNY campuses and institutions abroad.

**CSCIC** - NYState Office of Cyber Security & Critical Infrastructure Coordination.  
[www.cscic.state.ny.us/](http://www.cscic.state.ny.us/)

**CUNY** - City University of New York. [www.cuny.edu](http://www.cuny.edu)

**DOODLE** – Directors of Online/Distance Learning Environments. A special interest group focusing on program management of campus online learning programs.

**DR** – Disaster recovery

**EdTOA** - SUNY Educational Technology Officer's Association. [www.edtoa.suny.edu](http://www.edtoa.suny.edu)

**Ex Libris** - The vendor supplying the integrated library management system (Aleph 500) that powers SUNYConnect. [www.exlibris-usa.com/](http://www.exlibris-usa.com/)

**FACT2** – The Faculty Advisory Council on Teaching and Technology: Provides advice and consultation to the Provost. FACT<sup>2</sup> is a co-sponsor of CIT. [www.fact.suny.edu](http://www.fact.suny.edu)

**FACT ETC** – Emerging Technologies Sub-Committee: A sub-committee chartered to develop recommendations for supporting emerging technologies for both the campuses and the Provost's office at System Administration.

**FACT2-L** - An open listserv sponsored by the FACT<sup>2</sup> council available to all members of the SUNY community.

**FACT2adv** - A listserv for FACT<sup>2</sup> Advisory Council members.

**FACT2mem** - A listserv of FACT<sup>2</sup> Campus Committee members.

**FCCC** – SUNY Faculty Council of Community Colleges.

**FOIL** – Freedom of Information Act.

**ICCD** – Institute for Community College Development

**ISO** - Information Security Officer.

**ITEC** – Information Technology Exchange Center: Provides IT services, software distribution and support to campuses (Oracle, IBM, Compaq, Microsoft, etc.). ITEC also provides hosting, server management and support to university-wide programs. [www.itec.suny.edu](http://www.itec.suny.edu)

**LAIP** – Library Automation Implementation Program: Provides automated library systems to many SUNY campuses.

**LO** – Learning Objects: Computer-based instructional “components” that can be used and reused in various courses or contexts to enhance learning objectives.

**LOR** – Learning Object Repository: An online database of learning content in the form of Learning Objects.

**MERLOT** – Multimedia Educational Resources for Learning and Online Teaching: An international project focused on developing a repository of online learning objects and other materials based on a peer review process from discipline-based faculty communities.

**MOODLE** – - An open source course management system package in use on some SUNY campuses. <http://moodle.org/>. The commercial arm of Moodle is <http://moodle.com> .

**New York Network** - provides video production and satellite transmission services to SUNY and State government; operates SUNYSAT and related services. [www.nyn.suny.edu](http://www.nyn.suny.edu)  
**NYSHEI** - New York State Higher Education Initiative: A member-governed organization of public and private academic libraries and institutions in the state. NYSHEI fosters collaboration among academic libraries to enhance research and educational resources. It facilitates access to collections and assists New York's member institutions to address changing modes of scholarly communication. [www.nyshei.org/](http://www.nyshei.org/)

**NYSUT** – New York State United Teachers. [www.nysut.org](http://www.nysut.org)

**OIT** – Office of Information Technology at SUNY System Administration.

**OLIS** – Office of Library and Information Services: The SUNY unit with responsibility for LAIP and SUNYConnect. <http://olis.sysadm.suny.edu/default9.asp>

**PD** - Professional Development: Grant program sponsored by the State of New York/United University Professions Joint Labor-Management Committee that funds professional development activities; provides training to improve job performance; assists employees in developing their full professional potential; and prepares them for advancement. [www.uup.lmc.state.ny.us/pdsumm.htm](http://www.uup.lmc.state.ny.us/pdsumm.htm)

**RF** – Research Foundation of SUNY: The RF is a private not for profit educational corporation that provides faculty, students and staff with the flexibility necessary to focus on research and other sponsored programs funded by federal and state governments, private sector companies and nonprofit foundations. <http://rfsuny.org>.

**RSS** – Really Simple Syndication is a lightweight XML format designed for sharing headlines and other Web content. <http://www.webreference.com/>

**SBII** – SUNY Business Intelligence Initiative

**SCAP** – Student Computing Access Program.

**SCLD** – SUNY Council of Library Directors.

**SunGard** - A software company that produces the BANNER product. [www.sungardhe.com](http://www.sungardhe.com)

**SICAS** – Student Information and Campus Administrative Systems. A SUNY organization that makes modifications and improvements in the SCT Banner products to meet SUNY requirements for reporting and general use within the SUNY community.

**SICAS Summit** – Annual conference sponsored by the SICAS Center for SICAS and their campus members to share updates on products and services and showcase best practices within their community.

**SL (Second Life)** – an Internet-based virtual world where users interact with one another through avatars, providing an advanced level of a social network service combined with general aspects of a metaverse.

**SLAM** – SUNY Library Automation Migration Program.

**SLN** – SUNY Learning Network: A program of integrated services and support for the development and delivery of online courses and degree programs on SUNY campuses.  
[www.sln.suny.edu](http://www.sln.suny.edu)

**SLSC** – SUNY Library Support Center.

**SOL Summit** – an annual conference hosted by SUNY Online Learning for online instructional designers, directors of online learning, and those interested in online learning environment support, services, and best practices.

**STC** – SUNY Technology Conference: An annual event jointly sponsored by COA, TOA, and EdTOA. [www.stc.suny.edu](http://www.stc.suny.edu)

**SUBOA** – SUNY Business Officers Association.

**SUHRA** – State University Human Resource Association

**SUNY** – State University of New York. [www.suny.edu/](http://www.suny.edu/)

**SUNY CPD** – SUNY Center for Professional Development (*formerly SUNY Training Center*): A system-wide organization that promotes the use of leading-edge educational technologies throughout the State University. The center makes available hands-on training on a diverse list of multi media systems and hundreds of software programs for SUNY staff and faculty.  
[www.cpd.suny.edu](http://www.cpd.suny.edu)

**SUNYConnect** – The SUNY-wide virtual library initiative. <http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/>

**SUNYConnect Advisory Council (SAC)** - The governing body for SUNYConnect. (Formerly LASG - Library Automation Steering Group)  
[www.sunyconnect.suny.edu](http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu)

**SUNYLA** – State University of New York Librarians Association.

**SUNY LI** – SUNY Leadership Institute

**SUNYNet** - SUNYNet Technology Services: Designs, implements and operates networking services for the campuses and program providers. The term also refers to SUNY's private data network, or intranet, which originated in 1988. SUNYNet today is a VPN, (virtual private network)

consisting of a collaborative set of LAN and WAN services using encryption and prioritization on a commercial Internet provider's backbone. [www.sunynet.suny.edu](http://www.sunynet.suny.edu)

**SUNYSAT** - SUNY-wide satellite network providing support for videoconferences, distance learning and other educational activities. Every SUNY campus has a SUNYSAT downlink, now equipped to handle analog or digital receptions.

**TLT** – Teaching Learning and Technology: A program of services and information for the SUNY community on a wide variety of issues related to enhancing classroom based teaching and learning with web-based and other technologies.

**TOA** – SUNY Telecommunications Officer's Association. [www.toa.suny.edu](http://www.toa.suny.edu)

**UFS** – University Faculty Senate. [www.ufs.suny.edu/](http://www.ufs.suny.edu/)

**UUP** – United University Professions: The union representing 21,000 faculty and other professionals on 29 SUNY campuses. UUP is affiliated with the New York State United Teachers and the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO. [www.uupinfo.org](http://www.uupinfo.org)

**Web2** - A web-based search engine for the Multilis Online Patron Access Library Catalogs. It is in use by all LAIP libraries.

**Web 2.0** – A term describing the trend in the use of worldwide web technology and web design that aims to enhance creativity, information sharing, and collaboration among users.

**Web log** – A website that displays in chronological order the postings by one or more individuals and usually has links to comments on specific postings.