

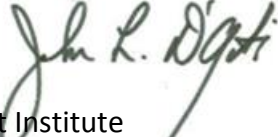


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To: CEOs/Presidents of Colleges and Universities in the Finger Lakes Region

From: John L. D'Agati 

Subject: Closure of Everest Institute

You may be aware that Everest Institute in Rochester suddenly ceased operations as of Monday, April 27. We were advised that over 300 students were enrolled in classes at the time of the closure. Additional students, who were not active during the term, will be affected as well.

This is a difficult time for Everest's students, and it is particularly hard for those students who were within one term (or even one course/internship) of completion. We understand the Institute has arranged opportunities for students to receive their transcripts and to confer with representatives from other institutions identified by Everest. Nonetheless, these students are facing significant disruptions in their education programs and may contact your institution for guidance on continuing their studies.

I encourage you and your institution to assist these students in identifying options for comparable programs and to minimize any barriers for transfer and/or program completion, consistent with your administrative and academic policies.

A listing of the programs offered by Everest Institute is available through the public access point to the Inventory of Registered Programs located on the Department's website at <http://www.nysed.gov/heds/IRPSL1.html>.

Thank you for supporting these students as they seek to continue their work towards their education goals.

c: Leslie E. Templeman, Director, Office of College & University Evaluation