

### Day 1

Monday, August 21

Location: SUNY Poly Utica,  
Peter J. Cayan Library - 2nd Floor

9:00 AM—4:00 PM

**HILT Faculty Development Symposium  
& Outcomes Assessment**

(See attached Agenda for details.)

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### Day 2

Tuesday, August 22

SUNY Poly Utica  
Student Center—MPR #1

9:30 AM —11:00 AM

**All-Faculty Title IX & EHS Training**

Katie Tynan, Title IX Coordinator

Sean Clive, Director of Environmental Health and Safety

11:15 AM—11:45 AM

**Joint Governance Briefing**

Zora Thomova

Co-Chair of Governance Council

12:00 PM—2:00 PM

**Student Affairs ~ Partners for Success  
(Recommended for all new employees.)**

Marybeth Lyons, Vice President for Student Affairs

Lunch included.

### Day 3

Wednesday, August 23

SUNY Poly Utica  
Student Center MPR #1

10:00 AM—11:00 AM

**Teaching Excellence**

William Durgin, Provost, Moderator

Lisa Berardino \* Kathy Dunn

Ryan Lizardi \* Kathryn Stam\* Zora Thomova

11:15 AM—12:15 PM

**Information & Learning Resources**

Andrew Bellinger, Chief Information Officer

Rebecca Hewitt, Associate Librarian

Rick Shelton, Director of Distance Learning

Elizabeth Tolman, User Services Manager

Kevin Volo, Instructional Technologist

12:30—Lunch

**Student Center Pub**

1:30 PM—2:30 PM

**Student Advising & Success**

Meghan Getman, Registrar

Brittany Hale, Assistant Registrar

Shannon Jones, Transfer Coordinator

Michelle Kent-Landes, Director of Student Success

Gina Liscio, Director of Admissions

2:45 PM—3:45 PM

**Degree Works for Advising**

Brittany Hale, Assistant Registrar

## **More Information At A Glance**

**Students Return**

Thursday, August 24—Sunday, August 27  
(Note: Utica Freshmen move in on Thursday)

Monday, August 28

**All Classes Begin  
Add/Drop Begins**

Monday, September 4

**Labor Day Holiday  
No Classes**

Thursday, September 7

**Convocation**

**Fall Campus Updates**

Dr. Bahgat Sammakia

**Town Hall Meeting**

Dr. F. (Shadi) Shahedipour-Sandvik

Wednesday, September 13, Albany

Thursday, September 14, Utica

### **Student Academic Warning Meetings**

Tuesday, August 29 @ 3:00 PM

Wednesday, August 30 @ 3:00 PM

Thursday, August 31 @ 1:00 PM

### **Individual College & Department Meetings**

Dates and details will be sent from your  
College & Departments.

## CONVOCAATION ADDRESS

**September 7**

12:15 p.m.

Wildcat Field House



**Guha Bala**

BBQ lunch to follow.

**Guha Bala**  
**President of Velan Ventures, Inc.**

*Guha Bala is President of Velan Ventures, Inc. an innovation investment company with a focus on video games and game related technology companies, and Velan Studios, Inc. a game studio that focuses on the discovery of new play patterns.*

*Previously, Guha co-founded Vicarious Visions with his brother, Karthik, in 1991. Vicarious has since grown to become an industry-leading game developer, helping to shape popular culture around the world. After leading Vicarious Visions for 25 years, the brothers transitioned out of the company in 2016 to become entrepreneurs again.*

*Guha enjoys mentoring start-up ventures and was honored as Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's "Entrepreneur of the Year" in 2013. Guha holds an AB in Chemistry from Harvard College, and an MBA from MIT's Sloan School of Management.*

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INSTITUTE

**FACULTY  
WELCOME**

***Schedule of Activities***

**Weeks of**

**August 21  
&  
August 28**

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