



## **NYSCC Member Success Story: The New York State Colleges Tobacco-Free Initiative**

The New York State Colleges Tobacco-Free Initiative (NYSCTFI)

The NYSCTFI is a statewide collaboration between the American Cancer Society, NYS Tobacco Free Community Partners, NYS Smokers Quitline, and the National Center for Tobacco Policy which works to encourage and support colleges to implement and effectively enforce 100% tobacco free campus policies. CTFI has coordinated a number of workshops across the state and has assisted numerous campuses to implement tobacco free policies. In 2011 and again in 2013, the American Cancer Society released a report call ["Tobacco Free U"](#) documenting the progress in the state towards tobacco free campus policies. In 2005, there were only two colleges known to be completely smokefree. CUNY implemented its 100% tobacco free policy on its 23 campuses in the Fall of 2012. The SUNY system initiated its tobacco free campus process on June 2012 when the Board of Trustees voted for a resolution to support making all SUNY campuses tobacco free. SUNY is now planning three conferences in late November to educate SUNY campus leadership about the critical process needed to prepare the campus and create a culture of compliance. To see the latest report, [click on the link](#).