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## Vision Statement

My vision for the Arts and Communication Department at SUNY Orange is rooted in a deep-seated belief in the transformative power of art and design to shape lives, challenge perceptions, and forge meaningful connections within our community. I am on fire for SUNY Orange, and I embrace the opportunity to create an educational environment that inspires innovation, nurtures talent, and prepares our students for a rapidly evolving creative landscape with unwavering commitment.

In the future, I see a department that continues to blossom and evolve by integrating the best of traditional artistic techniques with the latest advancements in technology. By embedding industry-standard software into our curriculum, we will ensure that our students are equipped with the practical skills and digital fluency required to excel in today's competitive creative industries. I am committed to promoting the ethical use of Artificial Intelligence within our programs, guiding students in understanding both the vast potential and the critical responsibilities that come with using such powerful tools. This balance of technological proficiency and ethical consideration is essential in cultivating a new generation of creative professionals who are not only skilled but also thoughtful and socially responsible.

Additionally, I am dedicated to mentoring students not just as an educator, but as an advocate for their personal and professional development. To this end, I will continue to

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adapt and develop new courses that respond directly to student needs and the evolving needs of industry. I envision courses that are not only theoretically sound but also rich in hands-on experiences, where students are encouraged to collaborate on real-world projects that challenge their creativity and technical skills. This approach to teaching and learning, which emphasizes design thinking principles, will equip students with the critical problem-solving skills and the capacity to work in teams that is necessary for success in a diverse range of professional endeavors. In an era where the creative industries are in constant flux, helping our students to stay current is essential. At the heart of this vision is a commitment to fostering an environment where every student feels valued, grows in creative confidence, and is inspired to push the boundaries of their creative capacity.

Overall, my vision is to cultivate an educational ecosystem that is both rigorous and nurturing, a space where theoretical knowledge meets practical application, where traditional craftsmanship is enhanced by modern technology, and where every student is given the tools and support to transform their creative aspirations into reality. I look forward to upholding the mission and vision of SUNY Orange.