

New York's Public Honors College Graphic Treatment

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This supplement to Geneseo's Visual Style Guide was created to introduce the College as New York's Public Honors College. This new graphic treatment combines the existing logo with a tagline that distinguishes SUNY Geneseo as an honors college. The lockup provides our visual identity system with a variety of options in how it can be used and careful attention to these guidelines is key to introducing this new graphic treatment. This lockup is not a new logo to rebrand the College. The Office of Communications and Marketing is working on developing a plan for a future rebrand strategy that would be shared with the new College President, but in the meantime has created a lockup that still distinguishes the College as an honors college without a full rebrand, which involves a lot more strategic planning and more in-depth research. This guide is one of a number of resources developed by the Office of Communications and Marketing to help college departments and constituents present a consistent and high-quality appearance in publications and graphics across a number of media. For more information, please visit the office's webpage at https://www.geneseo.edu/comm_mark/style-guides.

GENESEO

The Geneseo wordmark was implemented in 2011 as the College's primary visual identity mark. It is set in the typeface Friz Quadrata with custom letter spacing.







In 2019 a new icon was introduced to provide a more distinctive appearance to the wordmark, creating a new Geneseo logo. The wordmark/icon combination has multiple vertical and horizontal combinations.

STURGES CLOCK

Set at 9:13, representing September 13, opening day for the institution nearly 150 years ago.

FOUNDING DATE

The year in which students first attended classes at Geneseo.

SHIELD SHAPE

Inspired by the shields in campus architecture, as well as the Knights' athletic logo.

STURGES HALL

The tower of Geneseo's most iconic building facing into each morning's rising sun.

GENESEE VALLEY

The rolling landscape of the neighboring river valley is represented, wih the embracing nature of the graphic evoking the College's strong sense of community.

The primary visual is of the clock tower of James V. Sturges Hall, located in the center of campus. Other elements draw from Geneseo's history, tradition, and the surrounding Genesee Rive valley.





In 2024 a new icon was introduced to provide a graphic solution to include the honors college distinction for the College. The honors college badge graphic has multiple color combinations that can be used based on where it will be displayed, but should only be used in certain circumstances specified later in this document.



New York's Public HONORS COLLEGE



In 2025, a lockup using the "New York's Public Honors College" tagline was introduced to distinguish SUNY Geneseo as an honors college. The logo lockup combination should be used whenever possible, and has multiple vertical and horizontal combinations, which are illustrated later in the document. The wordmark lockup should not be used by itself, but always with the icon.

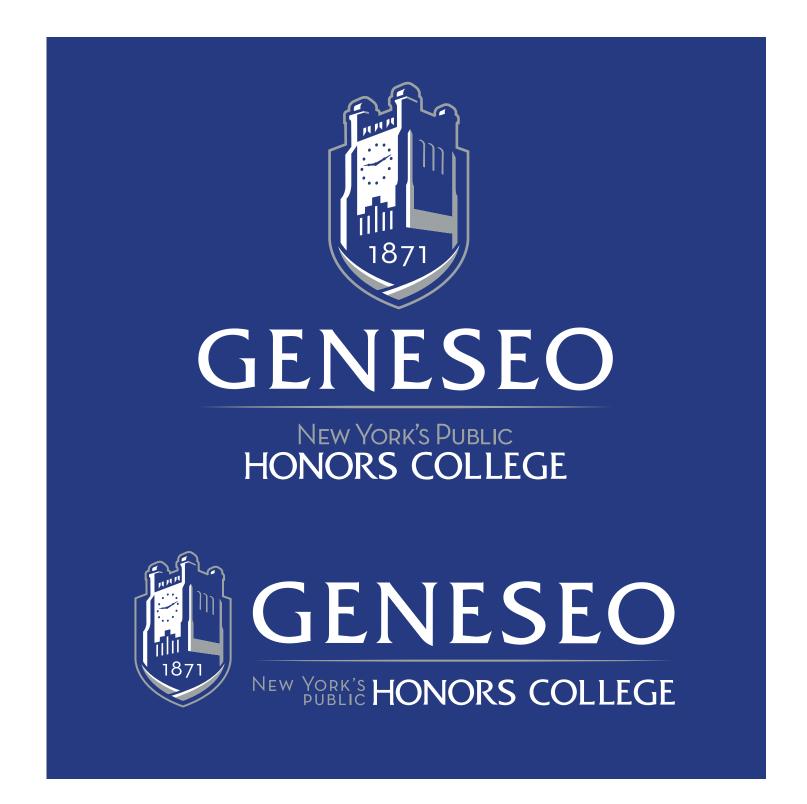


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The logo lockup can be arranged in a number of combinations, including horizontal formats. The lcon should always be placed on the leftside of the wordmark, and there should always be a line separating the Geneseo wordmark and icon logo from the honors college tagline.





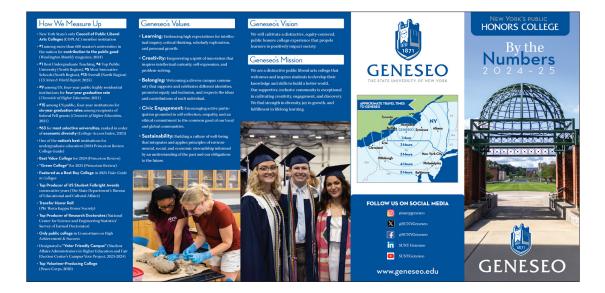
The icon should not be reversed for use on dark backgrounds, as the face of the tower should always be white. A white or gray outline is added to the icon for use on dark backgrounds.



The "New York's Public Honors College" can be used on it's own with or without the icon only if the materials the tagline is being used in has the Geneseo logo in use as well somewhere on the material. If the Geneseo logo is being used in the same space as the tagline, the icon should not be present with the graphic tagline since it would be repetitive; if the Geneseo logo is being used in a separate space from the tagline, the icon should be included.

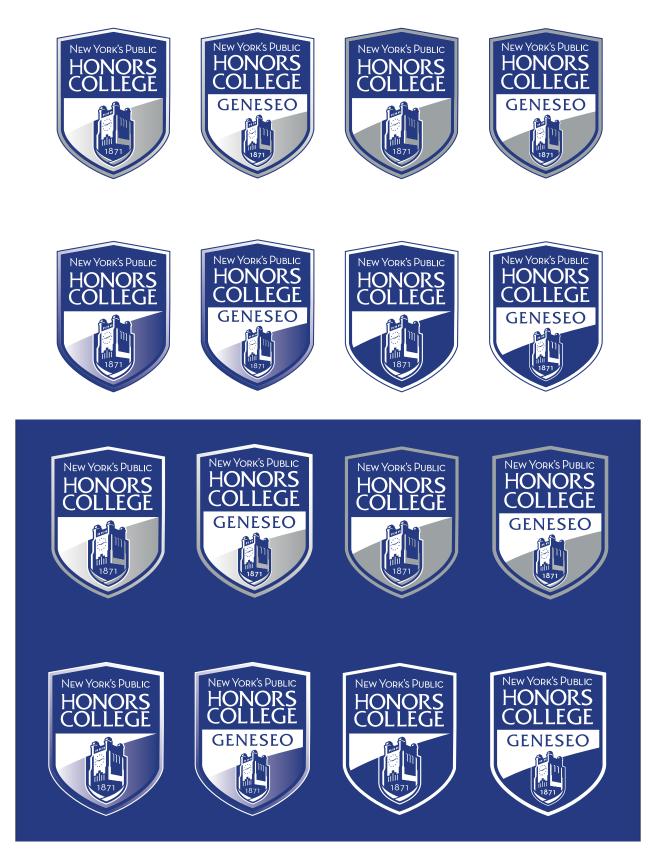


The secondary graphic in this Enrollment postcard is shown on the front with the icon because the Geneseo logo is not being displayed on the front. The Geneseo logo is being used on the back of the postcard.



The secondary graphic in this By the Numbers brochure is shown on the front without the icon because the Geneseo logo is is in use on the front. The Geneseo logo on the front does not include SUNY because that version of the logo is used on the back of the brochure.

Honors College Badge Graphic Combinations Geneseo New York's Public Honors College Lockup Style Guide



Honors college graphic badge color combinations on a light background and dark background. The versions of the graphic without the Geneseo wordamrk should only be used in tandem with the Geneseo logo. If the Geneseo logo is not being used elsewhere on the material the badge is being used on, the version with the wordmark should be used.







Some examples of where the honors college badge graphic has been used. This graphic is a secondary option to use scarcely and would be a case-by-case scenario on whether or not it can be used based on the circumstances of where it would be displayed.



Primary Version. One- and two-color on white and blue. Pantone 287, 422, white.

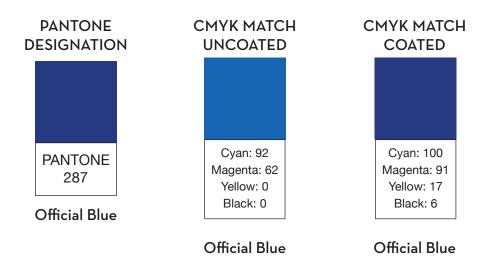


Secondary Version. One- and two-color on white and blue. Pantone 287, 422, white.

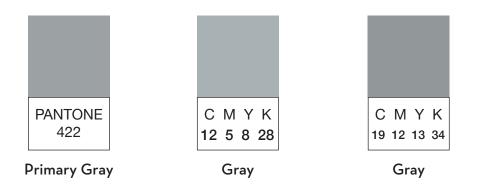


Secondary Version 2. One color version only. Pantone 287, white.

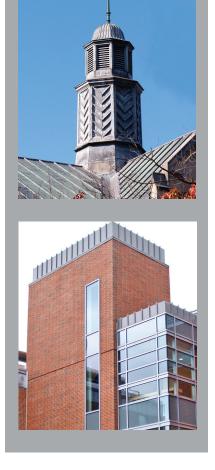
Pantone 287 (blue) and Pantone 422 (gray) are the designated colors, with combinations shown above. There are also less detailed versions (middle, bottom) available for smaller reproductions. The smallest version (bottom) would only be reproduced in one color. Print Colors Geneseo New York's Public Honors College Lockup Style Guide

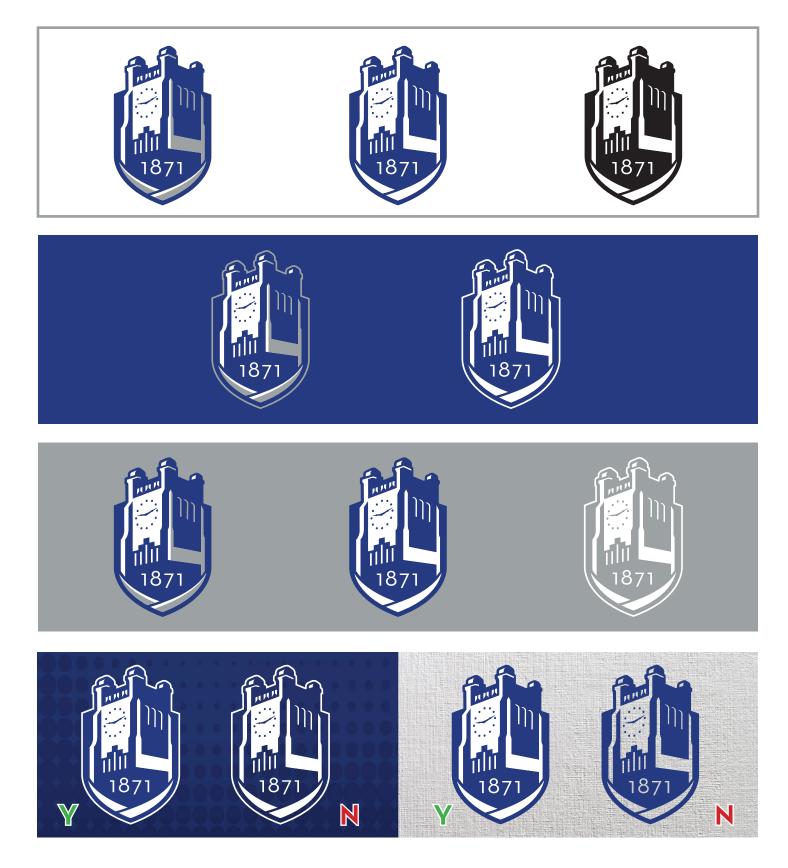


Pantone 287 is the official blue of Geneseo and should be the primary color used for prominent headline or titles, or color bars and/pr prominent copy in publications and graphics. References to Geneseo "Blue and White" date back to the 1800s.



The secondary color of gray references the athletic logos as well as features in campus architecture.





Shown here are the color options on various-colored backgrounds. As noted, the face of the tower should always reproduce in white, regardless of the background color. When using on photos or patterned backgrounds, use a version that provides a solid field. The background image/pattern should not show inside the frame of the shield shape.



The honors college logo lockup is available for use on redesigned letterhead and business cards. The envelope design will reamin the same with the original SUNY Geneseo logo.



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Generic powerpoint templates are available for download.

Department Subranding with Wordmark and Icon Logo Geneseo New York's Public Honors College Lockup Style Guide



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Office, department or division names can be combined with the Geneseo wordark and icon in the arrangements shown above.