Invest in Opportunity:

- **Tuition Assistance Program (TAP):** Over a three-year phase-in period, increase the minimum TAP award to $1,000 (from $500), increase the maximum TAP award to $6,000 (from $5,165), and increase the TAP income eligibility ceiling to $110,000 (from $80,000). Expand TAP in lieu of expanding Excelsior Scholarships to high income families.
- **Higher Education Capital (HECap) Matching Grant program:** Restore funding for the HECap program at $30 million.
- **Direct Institutional “Bundy” Aid:** Increase support for not-for-profit colleges and universities by three percent ($1.1 million) commensurate with the increase in support for nonpublic K-12 institutions that is recommended in the Executive Budget.
- **Opportunity Programs:**
  - **Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP):** Increase HEOP to $42.43 million (from 2019 level of $35.53) to allow per student funding to increase to $8,400 (from $7,000) for students outside New York City and $9,000 (from $7,500) for students within New York City. Require any unused HEOP funds to be reinvested in current HEOP students.
  - **Science, Technology Entry Program (STEP) and its collegiate counterpart (C-STEP):** Increase funding to $33.4 million (from the 2019 level of $27.8 million).
  - **Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP):** Increase funding to $22 million (from the 2019 level of $18.4 million).
- **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Incentive Program:** Provide $1 million for a new cohort of STEM Incentive scholarship recipients, pursuant to Ch. 56 of the laws of 2018, which authorized STEM scholarships to be available to students attending private, not-for-profit colleges and universities.
- **Student Transition Assistance Year in New York (STAY-NY) Loan Repayment Tax Credit:** Enact the STAY-NY loan repayment tax credit which provides student loan relief while incentivizing New York college graduates to stay and work in New York.

Advance Resources to Promote World Class Institutions:

- **Centers for Advanced Technology (CATs) and Centers of Excellence (COEs):** Restore funding for New York’s 15 Centers for Advanced Technology (CAT) and the 14 Centers of Excellence (COE) by funding each Center at $1 million. Funding for COEs was eliminated in the Executive Budget, with a portion of the savings reinvested into the CAT program.
- **Prevailing Wage:** Provide sufficient flexibility in the application of prevailing wage requirements so that colleges and universities can afford to pursue job creating capital construction projects using tax exempt financing.
- **Preventing Sexual Assault on Campuses:** Provide an additional $350,000 in funding to allow private, not-for-profit colleges and universities to receive training through SUNY’s Student Conduct Institute (SCI).
- **Matching Grants Leverage Program:** Increase funding to $8 million (from the 2019 level of $6 million) for the NYSTAR Matching Grants Leverage Program to help leverage federal research dollars.

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