The President’s List is SUNY Cortland’s highest honor for students who excel academically. It acknowledges students enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours who achieve grades of A– or better in each of their courses. In Spring 2019, 9.7% of the full-time student body reached this level of excellence.

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Beth Shiner Klein

Beth Shiner Klein has walked the path of a park ranger, a science-oriented elementary and middle school teacher, and an academic lecturer, having given talks aboard U.S. Navy Oceanographic Survey ships.

A 2016 recipient of the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Faculty Service, Klein is a professor of childhood/early childhood education in SUNY Cortland’s School of Education.

Klein, who joined the university in 1999, teaches courses in elementary science education and environmental studies. She also serves as the campus sustainability coordinator and the faculty coordinator for the Center for Environmental and Outdoor Education.

She has provided more than 100 professional development presentations and workshops in science, technology and environmental education.

SUNY Cortland has honored her numerous times for research and teaching. Klein wrote or co-authored many scholarly publications, including a 2015 book chapter on “George William Jeffers: Dedicated Teacher, Scholar and Change Agent,” in Going Back For Our Future II: Carrying Forward the Spirit of Pioneers of Science Education.

Klein has a Doctor of Education in Science Education from the University of Virginia.

Within the community, she is co-founder and board president of the group Sustainable Cortland. Klein and her husband, Karl, live in a home powered by solar panels on 11 acres where they maintain an organic garden and experiment with permaculture.