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Columbia-Greene Community College Names Victoria L. Walsh, Ed.D, As President

WALSH, C-GCC'S PROVOST AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, BECOMES C-GCC'S SEVENTH PRESIDENT



HUDSON, N.Y. – (June 3, 2025) – The State University of New York Board of Trustees today appointed Victoria L. Walsh, Ed.D., as president of Columbia-Greene Community College.

Dr. Walsh will become C-GCC's seventh president,

succeeding President Carlee Drummer, Ph.D., who assumed her post on July 8, 2019. Walsh's appointment will be effective on or about July 1, 2025.

Dr. Walsh is an executive leader with extensive experience in higher education, specializing in strategy development, change management, and leading institutional transformation. She has a proven track record of leading teams and organizations to achieve their educational mission and vision through innovative solutions and strategic initiatives.

Dr. Walsh is currently the provost and senior vice president of academic and student affairs at Columbia-Greene. In this role, she leads academic programs and administration, enrollment management, institutional effectiveness, and oversees the holistic student experience. She was instrumental in working with campus leadership in the development and implementation

of the campus' Institutional Sustainability Plan, which promotes internal efficiency and provides opportunities for institutional growth.

"It is a great honor to recognize Dr. Victoria Walsh as the new president of Columbia-Greene Community College. The college's Board of Trustees and the communities of both counties have had the privilege of working with Dr. Walsh in her current role as provost and senior vice president of academic and student affairs. It came as no surprise to us that after a rigorous search that included candidates from across the country that it was Dr. Walsh who was the clear choice for the role of president, leading our efforts to build a vibrant, innovative and, most importantly, sustainable future at the college," said Doreen Parsley Davis, vice chair of the Columbia-Greene Community College Board of Trustees and chair of the presidential search committee.

"I am deeply honored and grateful to be appointed as the next president of Columbia-Greene Community College," said Dr. Walsh. "I look forward to partnering with all stakeholders to build a renewed vision focused on student success and greater prosperity for the local communities of Columbia and Greene Counties. I have come to know C-GCC as a vibrant academic community poised for innovation and building programs, which benefit all students. Our students are at the heart of all we do at C-GCC; it is exciting to continue to work



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with them in realizing their aspirations and dreams. I look forward to increasing our work with SUNY where there are immeasurable possibilities for growth in new academic programs, workforce development pathways, and serving an increasing adult learner population. C-GCC's future is strong, and I am delighted to partner with the Board, the campus community, and local partners to increase the impact of this institution of higher education in the coming years."

"There is a place at SUNY for every New Yorker, and with increasing levels of State investment, our community colleges are providing in-demand academic programs and robust supports to give New Yorkers everything they need to succeed in earning their higher education," SUNY Chancellor John B. King Jr. said. "My congratulations to the Columbia-Greene community on today's appointment."

The SUNY Board of Trustees said, "SUNY's community colleges are engines of student success and upward mobility and play a vital role in our state's economic growth and workforce development. We

are grateful to the search committee at Columbia-Greene for bringing a strong candidate to move their campus forward at this exciting moment for New York's community colleges."

She has led strategic external initiatives that have advanced the institution through philanthropy and enrollment-generating partnerships. She has extensive experience forging mutually beneficial relationships with key institutions and political influencers. This diversity of practice enables Dr. Walsh to lead across departments and in interdisciplinary ways. She is a peer evaluator for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and is a member of the New York State Chief Academic Officers' Association.

Dr. Walsh holds a Doctor of Education from Maryville University, a Master of Arts from University of Durham, UK (Ustinov College), a Bachelor of Arts (honors) from University of Durham, UK (St. Aidan's College) and a Bachelor of Arts (honors) from University of Durham, UK (Ushaw College).

For more information about C-GCC, please visit columbiagreene.edu.

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About Columbia-Greene Community College: A campus of the State University of New York (SUNY), Columbia-Greene Community College (C-GCC) is a comprehensive, two-year institution offering a variety of transfer and career programs leading to the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, and Associate in Occupational Studies degrees, as well as micro credentials, one-year certificate programs, and specialized courses geared toward community interest.