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Todd Leach

Chancellor, University System of New Hampshire

Todd J. Leach, Ph.D. is the seventh Chancellor of the University System of New Hampshire (USNH), New Hampshire's four-year public higher education system comprised of the University of New Hampshire, Plymouth State University, Keene State College and Granite State College. The combined operating budget of USNH is in excess of nine hundred million dollars per year, and the system touts one of the best public returns on investment with the lowest per-capita state support and one of the highest degree attainment rates of any public system, as well as the lowest student loan default rates of any public system in the country. Dr. Leach also serves as Chair of the NHCUC Board of Directors.



Sr. Paula Marie Buley

President, Rivier University

A member of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Immaculata, PA, Sister Paula brings to Rivier more than twenty-five years of experience in higher education administration. Formerly Executive Vice President of Administration at Seton Hall University, she has served in senior roles at Anna Maria College, Mount St. Mary University and Immaculata University. She holds an Ed.D. in Higher Education from the University of Pennsylvania, an M.A.L.S. in Catholic Studies from Georgetown University, and an M.B.A. from Villanova University. Sister Paula also serves as the Vice Chair of the NHCUC Board of Directors.



Steve DiSalvo

President, Saint Anselm College

Steven R. DiSalvo, Ph.D., is a longtime leader in higher education and philanthropy with a history of executive positions at colleges and universities throughout the United States. The tenth president of Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH, and its first lay president, Dr. DiSalvo joined the college in July of 2013 after serving as president of Marian University in Wisconsin. At Saint Anselm, he has advanced the college's national reputation through scholarship, athletics and via the prestigious New Hampshire Institute of Politics operated by the college. He also serves as Treasurer of the NHCUC Board of Directors.



Patricia Lynott

President, University College, Southern New Hampshire University

Patricia "Patty" Lynott grew up in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. She attended Trinity College in Illinois for her undergraduate degree and then moved on to the graduate program in Northern Illinois University before finally receiving her PhD from Loyola University in Chicago. She has dedicated more than a decade to SNHU as Provost and in November 2017 she became the President of University College. Before coming to SNHU, Lynott worked at Elmhurst College located in Elmhurst, Illinois.



Ross Gittell

Chancellor, Community College System of New Hampshire

Dr. Gittell holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy from Harvard University, a Master's in Business Administration from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Chicago. Prior to his appointment as Chancellor at CCSNH, he was the James R. Carter Professor in the Department of Management at the Whittemore School of Business and Economics at the University of New Hampshire.



Michele Perkins
President, New England College

Serving as New England College's fifteenth president, Dr. Michele Perkins has built a successful record of higher education leadership and transformation to strengthen, energize, and grow New England College. Dr. Perkins was appointed president in 2007. Her tenure as president has been highlighted by renewed strategic planning, curriculum innovation, financial well-being, campus improvement and expansion, significant enrollment growth, and robust external support.



Kim Mooney
President, Franklin Pierce University

Dr. Kim Mooney '83 became the sixth President of Franklin Pierce University on August 1, 2016. With the distinction of being both the first female and the first alumna to serve in the role, President Mooney has inspired an exciting new era at Franklin Pierce under the guiding principles of collaboration, communication, and community. President Mooney has infused the University with a spirit of innovation, encouraging faculty and staff to imagine new ways to engage and educate through experiential learning, research, internships, co-ops, and volunteerism in preparation for life on the other side of a university degree.



Don Birx
President, Plymouth State University

Donald L. Birx, Ph.D., became the 15th president of Plymouth State University on July 31, 2015. Dr. Birx served as the chancellor of Pennsylvania State University, Behrend College, and was responsible for the quality of the college's academic programs in teaching, research and service, and its overall operations, including strategic planning, human resources, enrollment management, fundraising, marketing, alumni and community relations, intercollegiate athletics and outreach.



James Dean
President, University of New Hampshire

James W. ("Jim") Dean Jr. was appointed the 20th president of the University of New Hampshire effective June 30, 2018 after a national search that concluded with a unanimous vote of the University System board of trustees. Dean most recently served as executive vice chancellor and provost at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, where he was a professor of organizational behavior. Prior to serving as provost, Dean was dean of UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School, where he launched a highly-ranked online MBA program that increased revenue by millions of dollars. He earned his Ph.D. and master's degrees in organizational behavior from Carnegie Mellon University. He received his bachelor's degree in psychology from The Catholic University of America.



Charles Monahan
President, MCPHS University

A 1962 graduate of MCPHS University with a bachelor's degree in pharmacy, Charles F. Monahan Jr. became the fifth president of MCPHS University in 1997 after 35 years as a practicing pharmacist and successful businessman. Prior to his inauguration as president, Mr. Monahan served as a member of the University's Board of Trustees for eighteen years and spent the last six years as the chairman of the board.



Melinda Treadwell
President, Keene State College

Dr. Treadwell, an alumna of Keene State and the first in her family to attend college, began serving as interim president of Keene State on July 31, 2017 and announced as president on October 29, 2018. Dr. Treadwell originally joined Keene State as a faculty member in 2000. Later, she also served as interim provost. Prior to returning to Keene, Dr. Treadwell served as CEO and provost of Antioch University New England.



Susan Stuebner
President, Colby-Sawyer College

Susan D. Stuebner took office July 1, 2016 and is the ninth president of Colby-Sawyer College. With more than 20 years of experience in higher education, she brings considerable knowledge about strategic planning, collaborative decision making and institutional effectiveness. Most recently, she was the executive vice president and chief operating officer at Allegheny College in Meadville, PA, where she supervised financial services, human resources, development and alumni affairs, student affairs, college relations, admissions, financial aid, retention and enrollment planning.



Mark Rubinstein
President, Granite State College

Before being named president by the University System of New Hampshire Board of Trustees in 2015, Dr. Mark Rubinstein spent 17 years at the University of New Hampshire. Under Dr. Rubinstein's leadership, Granite State College has consistently been ranked in the top-100 of U.S. News & World Report's annual list of online degree programs. It has also been ranked in the top-15 of Washington Monthly's Best College's for Adult Learners.



Lucille Jordan
President, Nashua Community College

Lucille Jordan, President of Nashua Community College since 1997, is a leader who is creative, energetic and committed to continued improvement of higher education. She has achieved national and state recognition for her commitment to community service, civic responsibility, developmental education and business and industry partnerships. Under the leadership of President Jordan the college has added a wellness center and dining hall, an academic building for the health, sciences and humanities, a 300 seat state of the art auditorium, and the Walter Peterson Library.



Shawn Fitzgerald
Provost & Campus CEO, Antioch University

Dr. Shawn Fitzgerald was selected to serve as Provost and Campus Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at Antioch University New England in June 2018. As campus chief academic officer and chief operations officer, Fitzgerald provides comprehensive leadership for all educational programs and activities of the campus, promoting quality and progressive educational vision. He is responsible for the administration of all campus operations, strategic academic planning, and works closely with all other University leadership, offices, and campuses to establish campus strategic priorities.