

## WHO'SWHO Leaders in Education



Gregory O'Connor is executive vice president and CFO at Farmingdale State College in Farmingdale. O'Connor is responsible for providing the campus with essential administrative, financial and operational services through his leadership of more than 20 departments, as well as college-related organizations, such as the Farmingdale State Development Corporation and the Broad Hollow Bioscience Park. O'Connor also oversees campus-wide student health services, as well as the offices of student activities and campus recreation. He has also provided oversight to enrollment management and the admissions office from 2022 to 2024.

Farmingdale State College has enjoyed remarkable success over the last decade, O'Connor said.

"FSC is among the fastest-growing school in the SUNY System, propelled by student-centric programs, great outcomes and capital improvements," he said. "In recent years, we have added new degree programs in emerging fields including business, computer science, health care and energy; funded an honors scholarship program in all four of our schools; secured funding for a new building to support our computer sciences and information systems programs; increased our fundraising efforts to provide a broader range of scholarship aid; and achieved Carnegie Foundation Classification for civic engagement."

"In 2023, FSC received two federal designations by the U.S. Department of Education, providing increased federal funding for programs to recruit and retain minority undergraduate students that will assist them from admission to graduation." O'Connor said.

Prior to joining FSC in 2017, O'Connor was director of New Ventures at the SUNY Research Foundation where he was the principal contact for campuses seeking strategic direction and support for industry partnerships, venture capital engagement, real estate development and collaborative research partnerships. He has served on several corporate boards including Downstate Technology Center, Inc., Long Island High Technology Incubator, Inc., the Accelerate New York Seed Fund and BHBP.

O'Connor earned a master's degree from the University at Albany and a bachelor's degree from Binghamton University.

Farmingdale State College offers 46-degree programs focused on emerging, high-demand and relevant careers to help prepare the next generation of leaders in technology, engineering, business, healthcare, science and the arts. With nearly 10,000 students, FSC is SUNY's largest college of applied science and technology. More than half of its graduating seniors leave debt-free and 94 percent are employed 6 months after graduation or enrolled in graduate school

FSC is home to Broad Hollow Bioscience Park, which supports the development of biotech start-up companies and partners with surrounding businesses and research institutions along the Route 110 Business Corridor. FSC's engaging student experience, highly inclusive campus and sustained commitment to accessibility, affordability and student support, helps make the college one of the best values in higher education.