

Dr. Pamela R. Edington, Woman of the Year 2018



An experienced educator and administrator with 35 years of service at community colleges, Pamela R. Edington, Ed.D. assumed the presidency of Dutchess Community College in August 2014.

Key educational initiatives that Dr. Edington is advancing as president include increasing the number of Dutchess students who complete a degree, developing additional programs of study to meet emerging workforce needs in the mid-Hudson Valley, growing civic and community engagement programs that offers opportunities for students to deepen their academic learning while helping to meet community-defined needs, and enhancing strategic relationships with local partners to enhance the educational pathway in Dutchess County from pre-K through college.

Dr. Edington has distinguished herself in both the community and on the DCC campus as an accessible, energetic and passionate visionary gifted in creating linkages between people and organizations to leverage resources and facilitate positive change. She enjoys engaging with students, faculty, staff and the community, and is committed to enhancing life in the mid-Hudson Valley.

Prior to leading DCC, Dr. Edington served for nine years as Dean of Academic Affairs, and then Provost, of Norwalk Community College in Connecticut. Previously, she worked for 19 years at Middlesex Community College in Massachusetts, first as an Assistant Professor of Sociology, then Division Chair and ultimately Dean of Social Science and Human Services.

Dr. Edington holds an Ed.D. in Educational Policy, Research and Administration from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, an M.A. in Sociology from the University of Notre Dame and a B.A. in Sociology from the College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, Collegeville, MN.