

Bristol Community College names new Vice President for Academic Affairs

Suzanne Buglione, Ed.D. of Fall River, Mass., has been appointed vice president for academic affairs at Bristol Community College. Dr. Buglione, enters her new role after working at Bristol Community College for the past 7 years. She earned her Bachelor of Science in natural science and a Master of Education in health education, community health from Worcester State University in Worcester, Mass. and Doctor of Education in higher education leadership, administration from the University of Massachusetts Boston in Boston, Mass. She has worked in higher education for more than 20 years, as both an innovative leader and instructor.

As vice president for academic affairs, Dr. Buglione will provide professional leadership that fosters the highest teaching, learning and academic service standards, as well as student and institutional outcomes. Dr. Buglione will direct Bristol's academic programs and services, in alignment with the college's mission, goals and core values.

Prior to serving in her most recent role as interim vice president for academic, she held the position of the President's chief of staff, focusing her work on innovation and strategy for student success and institutional excellence. She has also previously served Bristol as the dean of the Lash Division for Teaching and Learning, where she was responsible for faculty and staff development, academic support, library resources, assessment, experiential education, mission, vision, goals and core values.

During her committed service as Bristol's interim vice president for academic affairs, Dr. Buglione has enhanced institutional effectiveness through assessment, reduced barriers to educational access, prioritized and promoted a learner-centered educational environment and created opportunities for the college to better understand diversity.

Through her demonstrated leadership as co-chair of Bristol's *New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) Steering Committee*, the college's *Interim Five-Year Report* was recently approved. She has also demonstrated her commitment to growing Bristol's Attleboro, New Bedford and Taunton locations by overseeing the development of business plans, with the college's deans, to ensure that academic programs and services are aligned with the unique needs of each location.

Dr. Buglione has presented widely and authored articles, chapters and a monograph related to the community college, the scholarship of engagement, adult learning, identity development and social justice, faculty development, shared governance and organizational culture. She is the recipient of the *NSEE Outstanding Experiential Education Research/Dissertation Award*, the *IARSCLE Honorable Mention Dissertation Award*, the *League for Innovation in the Community College's Roueche Excellence Award* and the *League for Innovation 2018 Patricia Cross Fellowship*.

Before coming to Bristol, she held positions as principal and lead consultant at *CommunityBuild*, formerly in Worcester and Fall River, Mass.; instructor in undergraduate and graduate education at Worcester State University, as well as progressive leadership roles in the development of a General Education Revision, First Year Experience and Outcomes Assessment in collaboration with the American Association of Colleges and Universities at Worcester State University.

In her spare time, Suzanne enjoys practicing tai chi.

About Bristol Community College

Bristol Community College is a leading resource for education and workforce development in Southeastern Massachusetts. Bristol has locations in Fall River, Attleboro, New Bedford, and Taunton, along with flexible online offerings that lead to an associate degree, a career ready certificate, or the ability to seamlessly transfer to baccalaureate colleges throughout the state and country. The college's Center for Workforce and Community Education provides customized training for businesses and the community including healthcare, workforce and sustainable initiatives, and corporate services. The Bristol Community College Foundation, a nonprofit organization utilizing community donations and partnerships, supports the college's mission to meet the lifelong educational needs of the community. For more information, [visit bristolcc.edu](http://visit.bristolcc.edu).