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Norwalk Community College President David Levinson Announces His Retirement

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On June 30, David L. Levinson, Ph.D. will be retiring from his positions as president of Norwalk Community College (NCC) and vice president of community colleges for the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system (CSCU).

— *an announcement from* [Norwalk Community College](#)

A Westport resident, Dr. Levinson will preside over the college's commencement ceremony on May 21.

CSCU President Mark E. Ojakian has asked Dr. Levinson to stay on for an additional year to support ongoing system efforts. Dr. Levinson will serve as presidential fellow from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, contributing to CSCU's Students First initiatives.

“Dr. Levinson has been an exemplary leader at Norwalk for the past 15 years and served a critical role in the CSCU system since its formation in 2011,” Ojakian said. “I am pleased he will be staying on to help implement our critical student success efforts.

In particular, Levinson’s responsibilities will include:

- mentoring regional presidents and CEOs so that they are equipped to assume leadership roles in change management;
- identifying resources that can be leveraged to support Students First;
- contributing to curriculum development and reform efforts;
- collaborating with the Director of Research and System Effectiveness and other key staff to develop and implement a data infrastructure to support involvement in Achieving the Dream; and,
- assuring that all components of the Student First implementation plan align with NECHE accreditation standards.

CSCU President Ojakian has selected Cheryl DeVonish, Esq. to serve as the NCC interim campus chief executive officer, with responsibility for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the campus beginning July 1.

DeVonish has more than 14 years of public service experience and is currently serving as NCC’s chief operating officer. Prior to serving as the COO, she was NCC’s chief diversity & equity officer and special advisor to President Levinson.