

Presidential Announcement

Press Conference to Introduce the New President of Erie County Community College



ERIE COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PA



Meet Dr. Christopher Gray, founding President of Erie County Community College. Learn more about his visionary leadership and record of educational innovation.

10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 8, 2021

Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership

1128 State Street, Suite 300, Large Conference Room

Erie, PA 16501

The Erie County Community College of Pennsylvania (ECCCPA) Trustees announced Dr. Gray's appointment on June 30th 2021 following a national search to identify the founding president.

"Dr. Gray will step into the presidency with confidence and experience and with the strength needed to build ECCCPA and launch a path of excellence and service for all of Erie County," said Board Chairman Ronald DiNicola. "At such a critical time in the development of the College, he brings leadership and innovation."

Dr. Gray will take the helm of ECCCPA on July 14, 2021.

For more information:

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Please RSVP for this event in order to reserve a seat.

ECCCPA complies with all CDC guidance and recommendations regarding COVID-19 safety precautions.

Christopher Gray Biography

Dr. Chris Gray, currently Vice President of Academic and Workforce Development at McHenry County College, is a purpose-driven, entrepreneurial educator. Gray believes in the ability of the community college to change individuals' career trajectories and empower regional growth through economic development.

A graduate of a community college himself, Gray has taught speech and theatre in higher education for twenty years. He holds a Master's degree in theatre and a PhD in Educational Administration and Foundations with a research area of Theatre Assessment.

In recent years, Gray has been collaborating with local high schools implementing Dual Degrees where students earn an Associates degree while simultaneously completing their high school diploma; creating industry councils to bring individual businesses together to collaborate, share resources, and guide the college on industry trends; removing barriers to enrollment which has resulted in long-term enrollment growth at a time where overall college enrollment has plummeted, and collaborating with city and economic development leaders to attract new manufacturing to the region by ensuring a highly-trained welding workforce.

Gray is an active member of his community serving on boards of local Chambers of Commerce and arts organizations. He gives back to his community through involvement in numerous volunteer and service activities. Gray is the proud father of two sons, Andrew, a community-college graduate and law student and Jacob, a high school student (and future community college graduate).