



Dr. Nicole Esposito is a nationally recognized leader in higher education and most recently served as Chief Executive Officer of Manchester Community College in Manchester, Connecticut. She previously held executive leadership roles at Springfield Technical Community College and has served as a professor and department head in social sciences at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

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College. Dr. Esposito has extensive expertise in strategic planning, institutional accreditation, compliance, statewide curriculum reform, and management of multimillion-dollar budgets, including leading a major college reaccreditation effort in 2022.

A prominent advocate for equity at the state and national levels, she has driven statewide policy changes to promote anti-discriminatory practices and mandated training for executive leaders in higher education. Her leadership has been recognized with the American Association for Women in Community Colleges Mildred Bulpitt National Woman of the Year Award, a Special Congressional Recognition for advocacy in higher education, and Connecticut's Angela R. Andersen Memorial Award.

Dr. Esposito is a National Board Member At-Large for the American Association for Women in Community Colleges and is broadly engaged in public service, including as a Regional Commissioner for the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women and Girls. She also has deep roots in mental health and community outreach through her work as a clinician serving at-risk youth and operating a psychotherapy and consultation practice focused on underserved communities.