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Dr. Duffy arrived at SUNY Adirondack in 2013 as its 7th President with significant experience in New York State higher education. Prior to her current position, she served for seven years as Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Services at Onondaga Community College and six years as Dean of Enrollment Management at Cayuga Community College. Prior to that she held positions in high school counseling and college admissions in the Capital District.

She holds an Ed.D. in Executive Leadership from St. John Fisher College. Her research centered on student retention at community colleges and her dissertation was titled: *A Mixed Methods Study of Community College Students on Academic Probation: The Limiting Effect of Academic Doublespeak*. She also earned a M.S. in Guidance and Counseling from Russell Sage College and a B.S. in Business Administration from SUNY Brockport.

Kris has assisted the college in securing nearly \$33 million in state and county support and grants to improve nursing, science, and tutoring facilities and improve services to students. The college's SUNY 2020 grant was utilized to enhance its workforce training events, services to the small business community, and create its first Center for Entrepreneurship.

Nearly 90,000 square feet of facilities have been constructed or renovated over the past 2 years and the college's new, state-of-the-art Culinary center and student-run restaurant, *Seasoned*, opened in downtown Glens Falls in September, 2018. This project was the first of Governor Cuomo's Downtown Revitalization Initiative projects completed in New York State.

Through the careful development and implementation of an active strategic plan, *The Adirondack Agenda*, the college has experienced increases in graduation rates, gains in its student diversity, and developed important partnerships with K-12 and local workforce leaders. New support service programs have transformed the college's ability to break down barriers to success by intentionally and intrusively attending to in class and out of class challenges. The college secured new funding to create an Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), a highly successful New York model to support students in need of substantial financial and academic support. In addition, the college created its community hub—a one stop center that includes a food pantry, professional clothing closet, and staff to help connect students with community services and programs that address issues of hunger, homelessness, healthcare, transportation and other non-cognitive needs.

Kris is involved with the community through several board positions. She is currently a member of the Glens Falls Rotary, YMCA of Glens Falls board, Warren County Economic Development Council, and Saratoga Economic Development Council, and was recently appointed to the Glens Falls National Bank board of directors. She serves on executive committee of the New York State Community College Association of Presidents as its secretary. She also teaches part-time for the University at Albany in its Community College Leadership Graduate Certificate Program.

Kris's engagement in SUNY Adirondack's community has led to new donors, partnerships, and increased recognition of the college's tremendous impact in the region. She was honored with the Community Champion award from Hudson Headwaters Health Network in 2016.

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