

Dr. Sharale W. Mathis



Dr. Sharale W. Mathis is an innovative, strategic and inclusive leader with over 20 years of higher education experience in both academic and student affairs with a deep commitment to faculty and staff empowerment. Currently, Dr. Mathis serves as Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs at Holyoke Community College (HCC) in Massachusetts implementing a "One Team" framework to increase student success through an equity-supported lens to advance student outreach, enrollment, retention, and overall success.

Dr. Mathis has led the development, revision and implementation of academic student support programs, reorganizations of academic and student affairs divisions and collaboration with workforce development programs in alignment with community partners. She works intentionally and strategically with Institutional Advancement offices to develop innovative programs and initiatives. Dr. Mathis has presented on her experiences at panel discussions, workshops and conferences on leadership, strategic planning, Open Educational Resources (OER), community college teaching experiences & modalities, classroom technology, online education, assessment and student success.

In addition to her role as an educator, she volunteers on community, state, national, professional and higher education advisory committees and boards. Currently, she serves on the American Association of Community College Commission on Institutional Infrastructure and Transformation, National Council on Black American Affairs - Northeast Connecticut Chapter, EAB Community College Research Advisory Council and appointed to the University of Hartford's College of Education, Nursing & Health Professions Board of Visitors. Dr. Mathis is a Thomas Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership Fellow. Most recently she was elected Chair of the Massachusetts Community College Chief Academic Officers Council.

Mathis holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Hartford, Master of Health Sciences in Biomedical Sciences from Quinnipiac University, and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Eastern Connecticut State University. Dr. Mathis also completed the Yale School of Management Executive Education, Women's Leadership Certificate program.