



Dr. D. David Conklin
President, Dutchess Community College
Biographical Sketch

Dr. D. David Conklin became the President of Dutchess Community College in September 1992.

Born and raised in Pennsylvania, Dr. Conklin earned his doctorate in higher education from New York University and his master's and bachelor's degrees from The Pennsylvania State University. He has published several articles on community colleges, and has been a presenter at numerous regional and national conferences including the College Board National Forum, the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools Annual Conference, and the American Association of Community Colleges Annual Conference.

Dr. Conklin has a long history of volunteer service to our region. He currently serves on the board of directors of Vassar Brothers Medical Center and Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC). He has served as chair of the Empire Zone Administrative Board and the Dutchess County United Way, and in other board leadership capacities with the Saint Francis Hospital Board of Trustees, the Community Foundation of Dutchess County, the Hudson Valley Philharmonic, the Hudson Valley Council of Boy Scouts of America, the Mid-Hudson Civic Center and the former Poughkeepsie Area Chamber of Commerce. He serves on the College Board National Advisory Panel and is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Association of Community Colleges' Commission on Economic and Workforce Development, and the New York Community College Association of Presidents (Treasurer). Dr. Conklin is listed in several Who's Who editions, including Who's Who in America and Who's Who in Education.

Under Dr. Conklin's leadership, DCC has become one of the most highly regarded community colleges in the State University of New York system. In a recent SUNY survey, DCC students gave the College top marks for quality of education, availability of instructors outside of class, library and classroom facilities and dozens of other important factors.

During Dr. Conklin's tenure:

- Enrollment has grown from fewer than 7,000 students to more than 10,000
- More than 20 academic programs have been added to the curriculum, bringing the number of A.A., A.S., A.A.S. and certificate programs to 64.
- The College's collection of both indoor and outdoor artwork has grown to \$2.65 million in value and been recognized with the Dutchess County Arts Council Award for Artwork

in Public Places and the Dutchess County Executive's Award for Arts in Education.

- The DCC Foundation grew from \$280,069 in assets to nearly \$7 million, enabling the College to award more than \$110,000 a year in scholarships to high-achieving continuing and graduating DCC students.
- A two-year, full-tuition scholarship was established – through the generosity of Charles E. and Mabel E. Conklin – for Dutchess County students who graduate in the top 10% of their high school class.
- Facilities have been added, renovated and enhanced to better serve students, including:
 - Allyn J. Washington Center for Science and Art – constructed.
 - Hudson Hall – renovated to house a state-of-the-art library and classrooms.
 - Student Services Center created to offer students convenient access to offices including Admissions, Registration, Financial Aid, Student Accounts and more.
 - Bowne Hall – renovated to feature geothermal heating and cooling, and house administrative offices and classrooms.
 - More than 110 “smart” classrooms and labs that offer the latest instructional technology – created.
 - DCC's first on-campus residence hall was constructed and opened in August 2012. The College Board of Trustees named it Conklin Hall in honor of Dr. Conklin's 20 years of service and leadership in turning the vision of an on-campus residence hall into reality.

Dr. Conklin is particularly proud that DCC has become the college of choice for the residents of Dutchess County. Approximately 39% of the county's college-bound high school students attend DCC.