



Anastasia L. Urtz, J.D., serves as Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Onondaga Community College (OCC), an affiliated college of the State University of New York, enrolling 8500 students annually. Anastasia’s experience in higher education spans public, private, research, land grant, and community colleges, including leadership roles in academic and student affairs, business and legal affairs, cooperative extension, strategic planning, and fundraising. As Provost at OCC, Anastasia has led implementation of a guided pathways model of integrated student supports and fostered faculty redesign of the curriculum to reflect changing demographics and regional workforce needs, resulting in over 20 new programs in healthcare, science and technology, business, and the liberal arts over her tenure in this role. In addition, Anastasia has collaborated to strengthen the high school to college pipeline, engage adult learners, expand civic engagement, and foster student success. These efforts have led to enrollment gains (+14% since fall 2023) and contributed to Micron Technology, Inc. naming Onondaga Community

College as its community college partner in preparing technicians for a projected \$100B investment in semiconductor technology in Central and Upstate New York.

Anastasia also provides leadership to OCC’s external fund-raising, including oversight of grantmaking and the philanthropic work of the OCC Foundation. Throughout her career Anastasia has collaborated to secure tens of millions of dollars for institutional and regional priorities, such as: student support programs, curriculum development, facilities and equipment, and sustainability initiatives. Current projects include: a \$15M renovation to construct the Micron Cleanroom Simulation Laboratory and related technology teaching facilities; a \$32M healthcare renovation to support continued expansion of programs in health and community services disciplines; and leadership of a \$5M U.S. Department of Labor-funded healthcare consortium among 11 SUNY community colleges to expand and align programs to reach underserved individuals and areas of New York State.

Anastasia has served on dissertation committees and as adjunct faculty in public policy, law, and ethics, at St. John Fisher College and as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Education in the fields of student substance abuse prevention and community coalition-building. She has collaborated to earn individual and institutional awards and national recognition in the areas of student affairs, campus safety, first-year experience programs, and the “Box of Books” student equity project, which was a 2019 Top Ten Bellwether Award finalist. In August 2023, Anastasia was honored to participate in a roundtable discussion at the White House on collaborative strategies to prepare individuals for well-paying careers in the trades and advanced technology disciplines.

Anastasia was a 2017-2018 Fellow of the American Council on Education (ACE) and in 2022 was one of thirty women chosen nationwide by the ACE Women’s Network for its inaugural “Moving the Needle” mentorship program. Anastasia grew up in a dairy farming family in Central New York, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from The American University, Washington, DC, and earned her *Juris Doctor* from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Anastasia has a record of public service focused on rural community development, sustainability, the well-being of children and families, education, social justice, and the arts, including her current role as Vice President of CNY Arts, a regional arts council serving six counties. In addition, Anastasia plays Bb clarinet in the Silverwood Clarinet Choir and the Cazenovia Community Band.