

John E. Jablonski, Ph.D.



John E. Jablonski is an accomplished and collaborative community college leader with 38 years of experience, including 13 years as a full-time faculty member and 25 years in executive leadership roles at three colleges. A first-generation college student and community college graduate, he demonstrates a profound commitment to the community college mission and a deep understanding of its vital role in student success and workforce development.

As Vice President for Academic Affairs at SUNY Adirondack, Dr. Jablonski has driven institutional innovation, increased student success, and championed faculty development. His leadership has resulted in the development of new academic programs, a branch campus in Saratoga County, and a state-of-the-art culinary arts center in downtown Glens Falls. He has also overseen initiatives that boosted graduation rates, closed achievement gaps, and introduced a prison education program, reflecting his commitment to equity and access. These accomplishments underscore his ability to communicate a vision and motivate teams.

Before his tenure at SUNY Adirondack, Dr. Jablonski demonstrated similar transformative leadership as president of Clinton Community College. He achieved record enrollment and led initiatives that earned the institution national recognition from *Washington Monthly* as one of the nation's "Best Community Colleges." He secured the largest grant in the college's history and the largest philanthropic gift. These successes expanded opportunities for students, highlighting his financial acumen and ability to build and diversify external revenue streams.

Dr. Jablonski's career is marked by extensive community engagement and strategic partnerships. He has supported programs that serve disadvantaged youth, people with developmental disabilities, and regional workforce development. He has served as president of the SUNY Two-Year Engineering Science Association and the SUNY Association of Chief Academic Officers. He has held roles with the Mountain Lake PBS Board of Trustees, the Twin Rivers Council Executive Committee, and the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He serves on the Glens Falls Hospital Affairs Committee and the Strategic Horizon Network.

Dr. Jablonski earned a Ph.D. in Educational Policy and Leadership from the University at Albany, where his research explored the impact of community colleges on rural quality of life. He also holds an advanced graduate certificate in Community College Leadership and teaches a graduate course on community colleges. He has served on Middle States external review teams for community colleges in New Jersey and in Maryland. His solid foundation in engineering, with degrees from Fulton-Montgomery Community College, Union College, and the University of Pennsylvania, reflects his innovative thinking and technical expertise. His early research in bioengineering contributed to advancements in orthopedic surgery and demonstrated his ability to apply interdisciplinary solutions to complex challenges.

Dr. Jablonski credits his accomplishments to the teamwork, goodwill, and dedication of the colleagues and partners with whom he has been privileged to work. He envisions SUNY Adirondack as a leader in accessible, high-impact education. His vision includes pioneering programs for adult learners, fostering an inclusive campus culture, and partnering with local businesses to create pathways to success for all students.