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Canisius College president appointed co-chair of Regional Economic Development Council

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Steve Stoute, president, Canisius College

In recent higher education news, the president of Canisius College took on another role, D'Youville University appointed a new trustee to its board, and a St. Bonaventure University program receives accreditation.

Steve Stoute to co-chair Economic Development Council

The president of Canisius College has been appointed co-chair of the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council.

Steve Stoute, who took over at Canisius in July 2022, will succeed Katherine Conway-Turner, who served as co-chair since 2019 and will retire as president of SUNY Buffalo State University at the end of the semester.

Born and raised in Trinidad and Tobago, Stoute immigrated to the U.S. in 2000 to attend Seton Hall University in New Jersey. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Seton Hall University, a master's degree in exercise and sport science from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

The council is co-chaired by Eric Reich, co-founder and longtime leader of Campus Labs, one of the region's first successful startups.

In 2011, 10 regional councils were established by the state to develop long-term strategic plans for economic growth. The councils are public-private partnerships.

D'Youville appoints a new trustee

D'Youville University's Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Abeer Eddib to the board for a three-year term that begins June 1 and ends in 2026.

Eddib completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Buffalo. Now, her focus is urogynecology; she's also certified in daVinci robotics.

"We are thrilled to have someone of Dr. Eddib's caliber join our board," board chairperson Joseph Cozzo said. "Her expertise and insight into health care employer needs will help guide us with

providing innovative, hands-on training for our students.”

St. Bonaventure School of Education earns accreditation

St. Bonaventure University’s School of Education received accreditation from the internationally recognized Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

Achieving the CAEP accreditation was a seven-year process, according to the college.

“Accreditation by CAEP means that our educator preparation programs meet a highly rigorous set of standards, that our graduates are well prepared for today’s classrooms, and that they are successful in the profession,” René Hauser, dean of the School of Education, said in a news release.

The accreditation is effective through 2030 and the CAEP will visit the university in 2029 to determine the continuance of accreditation.

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