

Jay Quaintance
Chair, Sullivan 180 & President, SUNY Sullivan

Jay Quaintance was appointed President of SUNY Sullivan in 2017. Prior to this, he served as Assistant Secretary for Education in the Office of New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo from September 2014. His work there included Statewide P-12 and Higher Education budget, policy development, and implementation. Immediately prior to this, Jay served as Assistant Vice Chancellor and Assistant Provost for Community College Policy and Planning at the State University of New York. In that role, he provided system support to the 30 SUNY community colleges for the implementation of the SUNY strategic plan. His portfolio included coordinating efforts to advance many of SUNY's critical efforts within the community college sector to ensure student access and success with a focus largely on improving outcomes in the areas of college readiness, remediation reform, and workforce and workplace development.

Jay has following over 30 years of higher education experience in New York and New Mexico. Prior to joining SUNY System Admin, he served as the Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs at Schenectady County Community College where he oversaw the College's retention and enrollment management efforts. At SCCC he also served as Professor and Chair of the Department of Developmental Studies, taught developmental writing, and was Director of the federally funded TRIO Student Support Services program. Additionally, he founded the Schenectady Smart Scholars Early College High School.

Mr. Quaintance is also a member of the New Hope Community Board of Directors and has also served as president of the Board of Directors of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schenectady County, the Open Stage Media Advisory Committee, and is a past member of the Town of Niskayuna Planning Board and Zoning Commission.

"I try to stay active and maintain strong relationships. None of us can stay fully healthy alone and finding things to do with people you care about and who care about you is critical."

"The thing I love the most about Sullivan County, outside of the natural beauty (obviously!), is the incredible generosity and community that my family has found here. I honestly have not lived in a place where people who care look out for each other. Sullivan 180 is a huge part of this."