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Michelle Coach has been appointed the Interim Chief Executive Officer at Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield, CT. On July 1, 2019, she is the first individual to hold that position at the college. Prior to this role, she served as the Interim Dean of Academic Affairs since January 2017.

Michelle began her career at Asnuntuck Community College in 2010 as a Biology faculty member. She has served as Science Coordinator and the Natural, Behavioral, and Social Science Department Chair at the college during her tenure as a faculty member. In 2011, she shepherded the Biology laboratories to a Biosafety Level 2 classification through inspections with the Department of Health. Having been a registered Microbiologist with the National Registry of Microbiology and 8-years of experience working in a FDA regulated lab, she instituted safe and effective practices in the Chemistry and Biology laboratories. She has written and published a Microbiology laboratory manual with activities from her work experience that is utilized by the Microbiology students of Asnuntuck Community College. She believes in creating enriching educational experiences for students that are cost-effective and use real life applications.

In 2014, Michelle was the winner of CSCU Excellence in Teaching awards for both ACC and the CSCU system. She has been an active member in many CSCU committees including Guided Pathways, Framework Implementation and Review Committee (FIRC), the Accessibility Advisory Council, Second Chance Pell Committee, and the Biology CT Transfer Articulation Pathway Committee, which she co-chaired. She has served on and co-chaired many committees on campus.

Michelle is the New England Regional Coordinator for Phi Theta Kappa and has received many awards from the honorary organization. She has served as a Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Scholar from 2017-2019. She presently holds an elected position on the Association of Chapter Advisors for Phi Theta Kappa and represents the Division I states. She has coordinated and facilitated over 8 Phi Theta Kappa regional conferences. She became certified to teach the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Development Studies curriculum in 2017.

Michelle has her B.S. in Biology from Westfield State University with a certification in Elementary Education. She earned an M.B.A. from University of Massachusetts and an M.S. in Biology from University of St. Joseph. She is presently pursuing her Ed.D. from NorthCentral University in Educational Leadership.

Michelle currently lives in Westfield, MA with her family. She has participated in many local boards including Westfield Youth Football and Amelia Park Children's Museum, coached Westfield Youth cheerleaders, and served as the PTO president at her children's schools. Also, she has judged the Distinguished Young Women of Greater Easthampton for five years and the Westfield Fair Pageant for two years.