

# THE PRESIDENT'S POST



John Maduko,  
President, CT State  
Community College

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Greetings, Colleagues and Friends,

The New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE), at its June 16 meeting held in York Harbor, Maine, voted to grant initial accreditation to Connecticut State Community College effective July 1, 2023.

For over seven years, thousands of stakeholders and tens of thousands of hours have made this momentous plan a reality.

We are very pleased with the commission's decision to approve our candidacy, which officially allows for the consolidation of our 12 legacy community colleges and the launch of Connecticut State Community College as a singly accredited multi-campus institution.

While there is still much work to be done through a continuous improvement process, this announcement marks a pivotal milestone in our college's early history in establishing our mission of transforming lives and communities here in the great state of Connecticut through higher education.

We are thankful and humbled for the commission's acknowledgment that CT State clearly complies with all nine of NECHE's Standards of Accreditation, signifying a quality institution.

We now await the official letter from NECHE at the beginning of next month that will outline a series of steps to ensure we maintain our progress and prepare for a site visit on our campuses in the Spring of 2025, followed by a focus evaluation in the Fall of 2027.

Our next steps will be to continue finalizing the technical and regulatory aspects of the merger, prepare to welcome CT State's inaugural class this fall semester, address the concerns around the logistics of the merger, and work in partnership with our faculty and staff to stabilize the initial aspects of our new college.

Many thanks to the faculty, staff, and administrators from across our campuses and in New Britain who tirelessly worked to help CT State satisfy and comply with NECHE's standards, our colleagues in the CSCU shared services departments of finance, IT, general counsel, human resources, and facilities for their support and involvement throughout the process, our Board of Regents and President Cheng's office, and last, but not least Drs. Michael Rooke and Mary Ellen Jukoski for their leadership in managing the progress report process.

Please click the link below to view NECHE's public statement on CT State's approval for initial accreditation.

<https://www.neche.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Public-Statement-Connecticut-State-Community-College-June-19-2023.pdf>

In Partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Maduko".

**John Maduko, M.D. (he/him/his)**

**President**

**Connecticut State Community College**

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