

## **Dr. Susan Huard** **President, Manchester Community College**

Dr. Huard became president of Manchester Community College in July 2010 following a successful decade as the Dean of Learning and Student Development at Quinebaug Valley Community College in Connecticut, where enrollment increased more than 74% during her tenure.

As MCC's president, Dr. Huard is overseeing approximately \$9 million in capital building projects, from the college's first Student Center (\$6 million) to additions to the Automotive Technology Center, the Welding laboratory, and dedicated space to upgrade the Computer Science and Exercise Science programs. The college has hired its first Institutional Development Director, created new articulations with area colleges, and is participating in several major grants ranging from advanced manufacturing to health care.

Since assuming the presidency at MCC, Dr. Huard has become very active in the Greater Manchester community. Most recently, she was named to the Board of Directors of the Catholic Medical Center, and to the board of NH Jobs for America's Graduates (NHJAG). A member of the Leadership Greater Manchester Class of 2012, Dr. Huard also serves on the NH Scholars Advisory Board, and is involved in other endeavors that focus on her interest in programming for high school-aged students to build their aspirations for college. She is also a member of the New England College Council Board of Directors.

At QVCC, Dr. Huard's responsibilities covered all academic programs, as well as student development and support services, including outreach and job placement. She was instrumental in the creation and realization of the QVCC Middle College, a magnet charter school for at-risk high school on the campus of QVCC.

Prior to QVCC, Dr. Huard served as the Director of the Liberal Arts Division of Manchester Community College in Manchester, Conn., where she supervised and evaluated faculty and support staff, and oversaw budget management and curriculum development. She created a series of faculty seminars to explore diversity issues, chaired an initiative on developmental education, and developed the Outreach! program in collaboration with area high schools.

Earlier in her career, Dr. Huard taught at the middle and high school levels before earning both her M.A. in Reading, and later, her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction, from the University of Connecticut. After several years of teaching at Finger Lakes Community College in New York State, she began her administrative career there as Acting Director of Developmental Studies Division.

While in Connecticut, she was active in a variety of community service organizations, including: the Home Builders of Eastern Conn. Advisory Council, the state and regional levels of the Allied Health Education Council, Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Council (northeast and eastern regions), the Boy Scouts of America, the League for Innovation in the Community College, the International Reading Association, and many others. She has presented at a variety of regional and national conferences, and has published several papers in educational journals.

In addition to membership in Pi Lambda Theta (the most selective national honor society of educators), and Kappa Delta Pi (international honor society for education), Dr. Huard received the Connecticut Dream Award (2009) from the CT Home Builders Association, and several awards for teaching: the State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and Excellence in Teaching from the Manchester (CT) Community-Technical College Alumni Association.

