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# National search underway for NCCC's next president

Submitted by Niagara County Community College  
Niagara County Community College (NCCC) has announced the launch of a national search for its eighth president, who will succeed Dr. William Murabito upon his retirement on June 30, 2024. The college's board of trustees has appointed Kevin Clark, chair of the NCCC board of trustees, to lead the search. Rounding out the search committee are:

- ✓ Kaelyn Ashton-Wells, NCCC student
- ✓ Lindsey Bax, faculty member
- ✓ Josh Blumberg, assistant vice president of academic affairs
- ✓ Michael Capizzi, community member
- ✓ William Ching'anda, NCCC College Association board member
- ✓ Matthew Clarcq, faculty member
- ✓ Louis Fontana, student housing board member
- ✓ Michael Freedman, community member
- ✓ Gregory Hood, community member
- ✓ Veda Jauch, NCCC student
- ✓ Stephen Kydd, technical support personnel association representative
- ✓ Jean Linn, library director
- ✓ Elizabeth Sachs, NCCC Faculty Senate president
- ✓ Laura Scarpelli, faculty member
- ✓ Sheila Smith, NCCC trustee
- ✓ Shawn Thompson, alumnus



- ✓ James Turner, NCCC Foundation board president
  - ✓ Gail Tylec, NCCC trustee
  - ✓ Kelly Walck, educational support personnel association representative
  - ✓ Rebecca Wydysh, Niagara County Legislature chairwoman
- The committee will work in conjunction with search firm RH Perry & Associates and will adhere to the SUNY presidential search policy guidelines. The search committee represents the diversity found in the NCCC community.
- The college expects to complete its presidential search in April. Dr. Murabito will be available to facilitate the transition, introduce the new president to

the campus, and support the new leader through their first months in office.

Dr. Murabito became the institution's seventh president in 2019 after having served in an interim role for two years. Under his leadership, NCCC has seen substantial upgrades to campus facilities. He directed completion of the \$25 million Learning Commons, which is a focal point of academic and social activity, in 2018. Recently, the college broke ground on an \$8.3 million building to house the Niagara County Law Enforcement Agency's programs.

Information and timeline information regarding the search will be periodically updated at [www.niagaracc.suny.edu](http://www.niagaracc.suny.edu).

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## Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 renames scholarship in honor of deceased member

Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 has renamed its college scholarship in honor of member Joseph H. Brautman, who passed away in July.

A press release stated, "A member of the Lewiston No. 1 family since 1994, Brautman is missed dearly for his long tenure of vol-

unteer work, warm smile and caring attitude. He served as an emergency medical technician and was active behind the scenes in a number of administrative roles, including as president for many years."

Lewiston No. 1 President Barry Beebe said, "Lewiston Fire Co.

No. 1 has an enormous, vested interest in the community, which we serve. As a result, we invest in the future by supporting educational endeavors within our fire company family."

"Joe was a beloved English teacher at Lewiston-Porter for many years. He was integral in our annual scholarship committee, and led the review and award of many scholarships over the years. Often times, a student at Lewiston Porter was the recipient of the fire company's college scholarship.

"It is in Joe's honor that this scholarship has been renamed the Joseph H. Brautman Memorial Scholarship, and in his memory we will continue to assist young adults in our community pursue higher education in our community."

For more information on the scholarship, visit [www.lfd1.com](http://www.lfd1.com).

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