

# Laura Ortiz, Ed.D.

## Provost and Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs Finger Lakes Community College

Dr. Laura E. Ortiz is an intentional, mission-driven, and equity-minded community college educator, administrator, and executive leader with more than 25 years of experience in comprehensive community colleges. Her career has included faculty, staff, administrative, and executive leadership roles at College of DuPage, Waubensee Community College, and Finger Lakes Community College, all grounded in an unwavering commitment to student success, institutional excellence, and community vitality.

Dr. Ortiz currently serves as Provost and Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at Finger Lakes Community College in Canandaigua, New York, where she is the College's Chief Academic Officer and Chief Student Affairs Officer. As a member of the President's Cabinet, she works collaboratively across the College to align strategy, operations, resources, and people in support of institutional innovation, community engagement, and student success.

Her leadership is grounded in holistic student success, inclusive excellence, and authentic care for students, employees, and communities. Dr. Ortiz works to cultivate student-centered pathways that connect learning to transfer, careers, and lifelong opportunity. She believes that the strength of community colleges is found in their dedicated faculty and staff, who work in partnership with employers, education partners, and community leaders to help students achieve their goals and strengthen the communities they serve.

Firmly committed to shared governance, organizational effectiveness, and creating an exceptional campus experience, her leadership approach is rooted in listening carefully, communicating clearly, building trust, and translating vision into action. She is active in professional and community service as a Higher Learning Commission Peer Reviewer, Secretary of the Seneca County Local Development Corporation, Called to Care Canandaigua volunteer interpreter, and English language volunteer with World Relief of Western New York.

Dr. Ortiz earned a doctorate in Higher Education and Organizational Change, a master's degree in Spanish, and a bachelor's degree in Spanish with secondary education certification. As an adult learner, she also completed community college certificates in legal interpreting and legal assistant/paralegal studies, as well as a graduate certificate in online learning administration.

Dr. Ortiz is the proud mother of two daughters, both Illinois community college graduates. She believes deeply in the transformative power of education to change lives, strengthen families, expand opportunity, spark innovation, and prepare learners to contribute meaningfully to their communities and the broader world.

