

## **Patricia Thompson**

Patricia Thompson joined State University of New York (SUNY) System Administration in 2010 as the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Financial Aid Services, where she serves all 64 SUNY campuses. Patricia currently leads SUNY's Smart Track Initiative, an innovative and comprehensive university wide approach to default prevention through student retention.

Prior to joining SUNY, Patricia spent over twenty years at New York State's financial aid agency, Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC). During her tenure at HESC, Patricia held numerous positions relating to the administration of New York State (NYS) and federal financial aid programs. She also served as Grants Administrator for two federally sponsored grant programs, Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) and College Access Challenge Grant (CACG).

Patricia began her career in financial aid in 1987 as the Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Genesee Community College, where she also served as the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Coordinator and Veterans' Counselor.

Patricia has been recognized for her service to the New York State Financial Aid Administrators Association (NYSFAAA). She was awarded the President's Award by the New York State Organization of Bursars and Business Administrators (NYSOBBA) and the President's Award from the SUNY Financial Aid Professionals (SUNYFAP).

Patricia is a proud SUNY graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree from SUNY Fredonia. She also holds a Master of Science in Public Administration from Sage Graduate School.