

HCC welcomes new affirmative action officer

Holyoke Community College recently announced that Nicholas D'Agostino is its new affirmative action officer and Title IX coordinator.

D'Agostino comes to HCC after working for nearly 12 years as an equal employment opportunity and affirmative action professional in Connecticut, most recently as the associate in diversity and equity at Central Connecticut State University and before that as an EEO specialist with the Connecticut Department of Children and Families.

He started at HCC on Monday, Jan. 29.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to join the HCC team," said D'Agostino.

"Taking the leap to leave one institution to join another is never easy, but I believe HCC was the right choice for me. I look forward to building upon HCC's strong foundation and hope to contribute in a meaningful way to the future of the college and our community."

A longtime advocate for equity and social justice with a focus on LGBTQ issues, D'Agostino has been an Anti-Defamation League anti-bullying trainer for more than 10 years and has a long association with True Colors, a



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support and advocacy group in Hartford for LGBTQ youth, which he has served as board president. He has either led or participated in hundreds of affirmative action and discrimination investigations during his career.

He holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Quinnipiac University and a master's degree in counselor education with a specialization in student development in

higher education from CCSU. D'Agostino and his husband live in Wallingford, Conn.