



DEAN OF MATHEMATICS, NATURAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES

EXECUTIVE SEARCH PROFILE

COLUMBUS STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Invitation to Apply

Columbus State Community College welcomes applications for the position of Dean of Mathematics, Natural & Social Sciences.

The College seeks a dynamic, student-first academic leader to serve the Division of Mathematics, Natural & Social Sciences. The successful candidate is committed to student success, access, and academic excellence in an evolving higher education landscape.

The Dean of Mathematics, Natural & Social Sciences position is a pivotal leadership opportunity for a visionary educator and strategist. As the academic leader of one of Columbus State's crucial divisions, the Dean of Mathematics, Natural & Social Sciences plays an integral role in advancing the College's mission, vision, values, commitments, and strategic pillars and shaping the academic future of Central Ohio.



WHO WE ARE ECONOMIC & STUDENT IMPACT

Columbus State Community College is Central Ohio's front door to higher education, preparing more than **41,000 students each year** for good jobs. Founded in 1963, we offer practical, hands-on higher education for Central Ohio and beyond.

41,000+ STUDENTS ANNUALLY

80% OF GRADUATES REMAIN IN CENTRAL OHIO

\$1.8B ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

Columbus State makes education accessible, affordable, and high-quality for students, whether they are recent high school graduates, adult learners, career changers, or transfer students.

We are the region's workforce engine, advancing economic prosperity by helping graduates prepare for good-paying jobs that meet employers' needs.

Students can choose from a multitude of programs, including associate degrees, a bachelor's degree currently the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and certificate programs. The downtown Columbus campus, Delaware campus, Regional Learning Centers in Dublin, New Albany, and Bolton Field, and online learning provide close-to-home opportunities for students across the region.

Columbus State is growing enrollment, developing new academic offerings, and solidifying investments in partnerships that expand opportunity across Central Ohio.

Columbus State Graduates Are Key to Central Ohio's Economic Growth

Columbus State addresses opportunities for underrepresented students with programs like **Columbus Promise** and **Buckeye Bridge**, while simultaneously partnering with Central Ohio organizations to provide students with direct connections to good-paying jobs.

ELIMINATING BARRIERS TO AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE

A pilot program has made Columbus State tuition-free for Columbus City Schools graduates, doubling the number of students enrolling directly from high school. Columbus Promise is expanding opportunity for students while expanding the talent pool for area employers.

MAKING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE TUITION-FREE

Starting in 2026, eligible Columbus State graduates can complete a bachelor's degree at Ohio State tuition-free. The Buckeye Bridge program is open to Ohio residents with incomes of \$100,000 or less.

80% OF COLUMBUS STATE GRADUATES REMAIN IN CENTRAL OHIO

Those Columbus State graduates now impact our community as healthcare professionals staffing city hospitals, engineering and IT professionals forging the next generation of industry in Columbus, and so many more professionals strengthening the talent ecosystem that drives our region's economic prosperity.

“ The College's \$1.8 billion annual economic impact is a direct reflection of its role as a nimble partner meeting ever-evolving workforce requirements. ”

— *The Columbus Dispatch*

How Columbus State Advances Central Ohio

Columbus State's strategic vision centers around our four core strategic pillars, which serve as the foundation for the College's Mission, Vision, Values, and Commitments. By prioritizing Student Success, Workforce Development, Community Impact, and Our People, and establishing strong partnerships with regional stakeholders, Columbus State will advance economic mobility for the many communities we serve.



STUDENT SUCCESS

We are a student-centered college that advances outcomes for the communities we serve through an intentional focus on teaching, learning, and holistic support.



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

We are the region's workforce engine, powering economic mobility for all through comprehensive career pathways and innovative employer partnerships.



COMMUNITY IMPACT

As the community's trusted partner, we extend our impact beyond the College's boundaries through connections that benefit our students and Central Ohio.



OUR PEOPLE

We are a community that works as a team to support our students, the broader community, and one another in a culture of mutual respect and professional growth.

Mission

To educate and inspire, providing our students with the opportunity to achieve their goals.

Vision

Columbus State Community College is Central Ohio's front door to higher education and a leader in advancing our region's prosperity.

Values

Leadership • Belonging • Equity • Partnership • Quality • Stewardship • Innovation • Continuous Learning • Student Success

Commitments

Columbus State Community College strives to foster an environment where everyone is welcomed into our learning and working community. We celebrate the humanity of every individual and value inclusive learning and working environments for all.

We commit to removing barriers and expanding access for all of our people while respecting their unique lived experiences. Ultimately, we center our growing community and our students' success in all of our work.

STATEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 3345.0216

- Columbus State educates students by means of free, open, and rigorous intellectual inquiry to seek the truth.
- Our duty is to equip students with the opportunity to develop the intellectual skills they need to reach their own, informed conclusions.
- Columbus State does not require, favor, disfavor, or prohibit speech or lawful assembly.
- Columbus State seeks to create a community dedicated to an ethic of civil and free inquiry, which respects the autonomy of each member, supports individual capacities for growth, and tolerates the differences in opinion that naturally occur in a public higher education community.
- Columbus State's duty is to treat all faculty, staff, and students as individuals, to hold them to equal standards, and to provide them equality of opportunity, with regard to those individuals' race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

MATHEMATICS, NATURAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES BY THE NUMBERS

41,000 Students Total Enrollment

Including recent high school graduates, adult learners, career changers, and transfer students.

Student Demographics in the Division of Mathematics, Natural & Social Sciences

20.0%

ADULT LEARNERS (AGE 25+)

60.6%

FEMALE

39.3%

IDENTIFY AS STUDENTS
OF COLOR

40.6%

AWARDED ANY
FINANCIAL AID

45.6%

FIRST GENERATION
STUDENTS

80.0%

STUDENTS ATTEND
DEBT FREE

Employees in the Division of Mathematics, Natural & Social Sciences

139

FACULTY POSITIONS

455

ADJUNCT POSITIONS

“ Student success drives the employee community at Columbus State. Throughout my years serving in higher education leadership, I've never seen anything like it. Employees show up ready to fight for students every day. It's contagious. ”

-David T. Harrison, Ph.D.
President of Columbus State
Community College



Modernization of the Learning Environment with Columbus State

Many of Columbus State's initiatives are rooted in community partnerships. Franklin County residents approved a \$300 million bond issue in 2020 that has already leveraged an additional \$150 million of federal, state, and private funding to improve options for Central Ohioans on our campus.

With these funds, Columbus State is undergoing a campuswide transformation that will enhance education and community through investments in learning environments, laboratories, and student-focused spaces that support student success, excellence, and innovation.

- Scheduled to open in January 2027, Franklin Hall is undergoing a \$31.5 million renovation that will create new and improved classroom and lab facilities for many classes.
- We've partnered with the **YMCA** of Central Ohio to bring students access to free childcare and a brand-new community center on the downtown campus.
- Our partnership to build **Opportunity Pointe** will provide affordable workforce housing on campus, with 20 units dedicated to Columbus State students.
- We've invested \$3.3 million to date to upgrade general education and specific in-demand programs.
- Completed in 2025, the Nestor Hall Auditorium underwent an \$11.4 million renovation to elevate the 13,300-square-foot performing arts education space.

Columbus Region



Columbus State Community College is nestled in the Discovery District near Downtown Columbus. Columbus is one of the fastest-growing cities in the Midwest, offering an exceptional quality of life and a welcoming blend of Midwest charm and big-city energy.

As a dynamic metropolitan hub, the city provides a wide range of cultural, recreational, and professional opportunities.

Since 2010, Columbus has led the Midwest's largest metropolitan areas in job creation, population growth, and GDP expansion.

The Central Ohio region is a thriving economic center, home to **15 Fortune 1000** headquarters, cutting-edge startups, world-class research institutions, and top-ranked colleges and universities.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

In 2023, as it celebrated its 60th anniversary, Columbus State Community College issued an updated strategic plan that built on its past successes and set the stage for the future. Though important work is underway, opportunities for leadership await the inaugural dean of the Division of Math, Natural and Social Sciences, whose contributions are central to the success of both the College and the City.

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Transformational Leadership

The Dean will provide visible, strategic, and transformational leadership to shape an innovative future for the division. Success will require pairing big-picture vision with close attention to departmental needs, programs, faculty, and staff. The role calls for a leader who understands CSCC's values and culture, can navigate a large and complex organization, and connects daily work to institutional goals that advance student achievement. Earning trust through transparency, fairness, ethical leadership, strong communication, active listening, consensus-building, and advocacy will be essential.

02

Student Success & Career Pathways

Student success should remain central to the dean's agenda, with a focus on retention, gateway-course completion, transfer opportunities, and career pathways. The dean should expand career exploration opportunities, create clear routes to completion, and ensure students receive support throughout their journey. Success will depend on evidence-based leadership that improves completion and access while maintaining high standards and academic rigor. The dean will need to understand the student population, focus on tangible results, strengthen retention strategies, and align programs with community and workforce needs.

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Collaboration & Partnerships

Collaboration is a central priority across institutional, divisional, and external relationships. The dean should build a partnership-first culture that reduces silos, strengthens cross-departmental and interdisciplinary teamwork, and supports internal partnering through faculty engagement, cross-program learning, and union collaboration. External partnerships with higher education, K–12 schools, industry, government, community, and board stakeholders should align divisional work with institutional priorities, workforce needs, and student-success goals.

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE DIVISION

Growing the Program Portfolio

Advances in math, natural science, and social science education will be achieved by aligning curriculum, assessment, transfer pathways, and workforce needs. To foster innovation and future-focused, experience-based learning, the division will promote purposeful use of emerging technologies, address AI's impact on education and careers, and raise industry and national awareness of the division's programs. The development and support of scalable practices will also be needed to prepare students for transfer, employment, and evolving educational demands.

Building a People-Centered Culture

A strong people-centered culture will depend on regular communication, genuine listening, morale-building, visible leadership, and respect for differences across programs. The dean should lead change by “doing with and not to,” learning Columbus State’s ways of working, and supporting faculty as they re-envision teaching and address student challenges collaboratively. Protecting shared governance, delegating thoughtfully, sharing responsibility, and attending to workload balance and practical support for faculty and staff will also be essential.

Leading Through Transition

As the division emerges from the former arts and sciences structure, establishing a new division identity will require cultivating cohesion across departments, as well as connecting MNSS effectively with other college divisions. Successful leadership will require managing complexity through organizational alignment, assessment, thoughtful onboarding, forward planning, and collaborative strategies, while helping people understand how their roles fit within the evolving institutional structure.

Strengthening Resources & Operational Excellence

The division’s ability to achieve its strategic goals will depend on whether its operational systems can sustain the work of teaching, assessment, and student support. Improving completion, maintaining academic standards, and preparing students for transfer and employment will require aligning resources, staffing, technology, and administrative processes with the daily realities of instruction. This work will also require careful attention to budget pressures, faculty hiring and retention, workload balance, systems planning, and the practical support of faculty and staff needed to navigate change effectively.



The Opportunity

The new Dean of Mathematics, Natural and Social Sciences (MNSS) will be an innovative, strategic, collaborative academic leader who is student-centered and committed to advancing Columbus State's mission. As a champion for the College and this newly formed division, the Dean will have a deep understanding of how to lead a division of multiple, diverse departments with a breadth of offerings that create opportunities for cross-collaboration among disciplines. The Dean will focus on academic excellence and pathways, student success rates, and increased collaboration with academic departments to create an educational ecosystem.

Reporting to the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and partnering closely with the President, the Executive Vice President, the President's Cabinet, and leaders across the College, the Dean will guide the division's strategic direction, serving thousands of students each term as they pursue their educational aspirations. The successful candidate will be able to set direction, build momentum, lead best practices, and manage change to achieve greater success in the division and at the College.

The most competitive candidates will have a strong record of leadership success; a minimum of a master's degree from an accredited institution and at least five years of progressive leadership experience are required; a PhD and experience in higher education leadership are preferred; a degree in one of the division's disciplines or a related field are preferred. Teaching experience preferred.



Successful Candidate Will Also Demonstrate:

- Evidence of understanding the community college mission; proven ability to be student-centered and provide an accessible college education with a strong focus on academic quality, student success, and completion.
- Deep knowledge of the evolving landscape of higher education and its impact, particularly in community colleges in the State of Ohio.
- Demonstrated experience in strategic planning and change management; ability to create a shared vision and key strategies that advance innovation, support teaching and learning, and align academic programming with current as well as emerging educational and workforce development needs in Central Ohio.
- Capacity to lead and align strategic enrollment management, student success strategies, teaching and learning, and academic innovation to achieve successful student outcomes.
- Exceptional skill in financial planning, management, and decision-making to meet department needs and maintain fiscal stability; capacity to support and lead other resource development efforts, such as grants.
- Proven ability to build positive faculty and staff relationships, champion inclusive, innovative academic environments, supervise assessment and curriculum activities, and address key resource needs to achieve strategic goals related to teaching and learning, improved student success, persistence, and completion.
- Track record of building strong internal and external partnerships to expand educational opportunity for students, enhance transfer, increase workforce development programs, and support economic development within communities.
- A collaborative, inspirational leadership style, demonstrated through the ability to motivate, listen, be visible, compassionate, and accountable; capacity to actively engage within the division, across the college, and with the community to build trust and nurture a strong sense of community.
- A deep understanding of collective bargaining and shared governance; demonstrated experience in developing productive working relationships with faculty, staff, and administrators to support academic excellence, student services, collaborative decision-making, and effective communication across the college.
- Working knowledge of emerging technology, such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other technologies, relevant to academic programming, student learning, and instructional labs; the ability to remain current and support assessment of emerging technologies for appropriate use in an educational setting.
- Effective and clear oral and written communication skills, including the ability to communicate effectively with and relate to a wide range of stakeholders.
- Demonstrated skill in critical thinking and problem-solving; evidence of being decisive and utilizing quantitative and qualitative data to inform decisions.
- Strong work ethic and ethical conduct; a great sense of humor; and an appreciation for working with a team of committed professionals.

NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

We will begin reviewing applications for the Dean of Math, Natural & Social Sciences immediately and continue until an appointment is made. To ensure full consideration, applications should be received by October 12, 2026, and must include:

- A letter of interest that addresses the opportunities and experiences as described in this position profile;
- A resume or curriculum vitae; and
- Five professional references with email addresses, telephone numbers, and a description of the candidate's relationship with each reference listed. References will not be contacted without prior authorization from the applicant.

Columbus State Community College is being assisted by AGB Search. Application materials should be submitted through the AGB Search portal system here: [Columbus State Community College Dean of Math and Natural Sciences](#)

Please direct nominations and expressions of interest or any questions regarding the application process, to: CSCCDeanMathNatSciences@agbsearch.com

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