



In 2024, **Chris White** was named SUNY's first Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Upward Mobility. In his role, he is responsible for providing strategic vision and leadership in creating and implementing workforce development initiatives, solidifying external partnerships, and ensuring seamless coordination across the SUNY System. Chris has a background in workforce development, communications, and public policy, serving most recently as Deputy Commissioner of Workforce Development at the New York State Department of Labor. There, he oversaw 100 career centers and a team of 1,100 employees. His career has included several statewide outreach and education campaigns, including New York State's \$15 minimum wage, closing the gender wage gap, subminimum wage, and workplace sexual harassment prevention. Chris attended Ithaca College and has a background in journalism and digital media, having worked in strategic marketing and communications.