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Garrett McAlister serves as Vice President and Chief Information Officer at SUNY Westchester Community College, where he leads the college's strategic and operational technology initiatives. With over 30 years of experience in information technology across both higher education and the private sector, Garrett brings a forward-thinking, service-driven approach to digital transformation, cybersecurity, and innovation.

Since joining SUNY WCC in 2014, he has overseen the modernization of campus infrastructure, the expansion of digital learning environments, and the implementation of enterprise systems that support student success and institutional efficiency. In addition to his administrative leadership, Garrett is an adjunct professor of cybersecurity and an active member of the Westchester County Government Cybersecurity Task Force and the Center for Digital Education's Higher Education IT Strategy Leadership Council.

His prior industry experience includes senior IT leadership roles at Fortune 500 companies such as Comdisco, SunGard, Quest Diagnostics, and Thomson Reuters. Garrett holds a B.S. in Computer Information Systems, an M.S. in Management Information Systems, and a Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security Studies. He is also a graduate of the FBI Citizens Academy, the SUNY CIO Leadership Academy, and the Certified Government Chief Information Officer (CGCIO) program at Rutgers University's Public Technology Institute.