

NCC Welcomes VP of Workforce Development & Community Partnerships

By NCC

BETHLEHEM, PA - Northampton Community College (NCC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Shawn C. Thomas, Ed.D. as Vice President of Workforce Development and Community Partnerships, bringing with her an impressive record of innovation and leadership in workforce education, adult learning, and economic development.

In this critical senior leadership role, Dr. Thomas will provide visionary, college-wide leadership to align the college's mission with regional economic development goals to support employers, prospective students, and communities throughout Northampton and Monroe Counties. This role is responsible for anticipating and providing solutions for the workforce development needs of partners in business and industry as well as community partners.

"Dr. Thomas brings a unique combination of strategic leadership, operational excellence, and deep experience in forming community and industry partnerships," said Dr. David A. Ruth, Ph.D., President of Northampton Community College. "Her passion for accessible workforce programs that meet the needs of our region will be a tremendous asset to our college."

Most recently, Dr. Thomas served as executive director of adult and continuing education and business engagement at Rowan College at Burlington County in Mount Laurel, New Jersey, where she led multiple departments within the Workforce Development division. Under her leadership, the college launched dual-enrollment GED programs which allow students to earn industry-recognized certifications and increase their employability.

Dr. Thomas holds a doctorate in higher education and organizational leadership from Nova Southeastern University, master's degrees from Holy Family University and Temple University, and a bachelor's from LaSalle University. She is a certified workforce development professional and has been an active leader in national and regional professional organizations, including serving as President-Elect of the American Association of Women in Community Colleges chapter at Rowan College.

With a proven commitment to equitable access, community collaboration, and lifelong learning, Dr. Thomas is poised to further NCC's mission of building pathways to prosperity through education.



Northampton County Sheriff's Department Warns of Phone Scam



David L. Doughty, Jr.
Northampton County Sheriff

By Jessica Berger

Northampton County, PA – The Northampton County Sheriff's Department is alerting the public to a phone scam involving individuals impersonating law enforcement officers.

The department has received reports of a caller identifying themselves as "Sergeant Walker" from the Northampton County Sheriff's Department. The caller falsely claims that the recipient has failed to appear for jury duty and may face arrest unless they pay a fee.

This is a scam. The Northampton County Sheriff's Department does not contact residents by phone to demand payment or solicit money in lieu of arrest.

Residents are urged to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious calls or solicitations to the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office by calling 1-800-441-2555 or by emailing scams@attorneygeneral.gov.

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Recovery Revolution's Annual Walk

The 2025 Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community will take place on **Saturday, May 31st, 2025** at **DeSales University**. **Participants can look forward to:** [URL:http://hcf.convio.net/recoveryrev](http://hcf.convio.net/recoveryrev)

- A beautiful day! The walk will be held rain or shine.
- A walkway accessible for strollers and wheelchairs.
- Food, beverages, music, activities, and prizes.
- A chance to win Gift Card prizes for every participant who raises \$50 or more in support of a participating organization, you will receive one raffle ticket.
- For every \$50 raised, one additional chance will be awarded. Prizes will be drawn at the end of the campaign.
- Prizes will be mailed directly to winners.
- Receive a Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community T-shirt if you donate or raise \$30 or more for a participating organization. T-shirts will be distributed on event day (while supplies last).
- Suggested Donation \$20 per person and \$40 per family
- Donate at: <http://hcf.convio.net/recoveryrev>



Onsite Registration and Check-In begins at 7:45 a.m. 8:30am Opening Ceremonies begin. The 5K walk will start at 9:00 a.m. on the DeSales University & the One Mile Fun Walk begins at 9:15 a.m. Please fill out the form below.

____ Walker ____ Virtual Walker (Can't attend but would like to support)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____ Password: _____

If no email, please supply a Username: _____

Phone: _____ Phone Type: Home or Cell

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ DOB: _____ Gender: _____

T-shirt Size : Small Medium Large X-Large XX Large

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