



Barry M. Maloney

President

Barry M. Maloney assumed the helm as the 11th president of Worcester State University, July 1, 2011. Prior to his tenure at WSU, Maloney served for nearly twenty years at Westfield State University including serving twice as Interim President and as Vice President of Student Affairs and Vice President of Advancement and College Relations.

Maloney has stated on numerous occasions that, “the student is the most important person on our campus.” He is passionate about student success and putting students first. Upon joining the WSU community, Maloney embarked on a “listening tour,” meeting with students, faculty, staff, alumni, neighbors, business leaders and community leaders. His goal was to learn as much as possible about the university, its partners and their needs.

Ensuring that students have a global experience is a top priority for Maloney. He is working to expand international and national exchange for WSU students and embracing all opportunities to, “bring the world to our campus,” through activities, lectures and events. He recognizes that the world is getting smaller and that students, no matter what career they pursue, will benefit from a global perspective.

The Princeton Review has designated Worcester State University a, “Best in the Northeast” school for eight consecutive years and as an, “America’s Best Value College,” for two years in a row. Worcester State University is the only Massachusetts State University with this designation. WSU is one of two Massachusetts State Universities to be listed in the top tier of the 2012 U.S. News and World Report Rankings.

WSU faculty provide unparalleled hands-on-learning and research opportunities to their students, both graduate and undergraduate alike. WSU continues to meet the needs of students through new program development including a joint agreement with the Mass College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Community Health-Pre Nursing and Bachelor of Nursing Degree, new visual and performing arts major. The university has established several centers including the The Dennis Brutus/Merrill Goldwyn Center for the Study of Human Rights, Latino Education Institute, the Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement, Center for Community Media and Global Studies and the Center for Teaching and Learning.

A native of Springfield, Mass., Maloney graduated from the University of Maine at Orono with a bachelor's degree in political science and public management, and a master's degree in public administration. Maloney is also a 2007 graduate of the Institute for Educational Management Graduate School of Education at Harvard University.

During his college years, Maloney worked as an aide for public officials including former Springfield Mayor (now U.S. Representative) Richard E. Neal. Maloney served on the board of the Westfield Boys and Girls Club; as a water commissioner for the City of Westfield, and is a former member of the Amelia Park Children's Museum and the Westfield Chapter of the American Red Cross. He has been active as a coach for youth basketball programs.

Maloney, his wife Laura, and their three children reside across the street from the university and are active in neighborhood, athletic and university events. Maloney's mother served as an elementary school teacher, his father as a school administrator. Maloney is the product of public education, his wife Laura served on the School Committee in Westfield and is a graduate of Westfield State University as is Maloney's father. The Maloney family is devoted to public education and public higher education