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Four Successful Women Leaders Share Their Journeys

**Dr. Suzi D'Annolfo
Dr. Gladis Kersaint
Dr. Penelope Lisi
Dr. Karissa Niehoff**

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A Connecticut educator for thirty-eight years and a lifelong advocate for social justice, Dr. D'Annolfo was the first female athletic director overseeing the West Hartford school system. Throughout her career, she held several leadership roles in schools across Connecticut which eventually led her to the training of the next generation of school leaders at both CCSU and University of Hartford. She is a past recipient of the prestigious Milken National Educator Award and principal of a National Blue Ribbon school.

DR. SUZI D'ANNOLFO

Prior to joining the UCONN administration as dean of the Neag School of Education, Dr. Kersaint was the associate dean of Academic Affairs and Research at the University of South Florida and a noted professor of mathematics. During her tenure at USF, Dr. Kersaint served as director of the David C. Anchin Center and held the endowed chair in Education Innovation, promoting alliances and leveraging resources to create partnerships supporting innovation and advancement of teaching. She is the author of several books and has been published in a number of journals.



DR. GLADIS KERSAINT



Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership, Policy and Instructional Technology at CCSU, Dr. Lisi also serves as director of the CCSU doctoral program in Jamaica. Her work focuses on social justice and leadership in international settings. A past recipient of a Fullbright Scholarship, Dr. Lisi taught at the University of Iceland. Her experience includes teaching at both elementary and secondary levels. Dr. Lisi coauthored "Becoming a Multicultural Educator: Developing Awareness, Gaining Skills, and Taking Action" which won the National Association for Multicultural Education Book Award.

DR. PENELOPE LISI

Executive director of the CT Association of Schools-CT Interscholastic Athletic Conference since 2010, Dr. Niehoff's influence as an educational leader extends far beyond the borders of our state. Co-founder of the "Passing the Torch" Academy for Youth Sport Leadership, she served four years on the Education Committee of the US Olympics and was a delegate to Olympic academies in Greece and Canada. Dr. Niehoff serves as president-elect of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and is a member of several NFHS committees and task forces. She is involved in education advocacy and policy at both state and national levels. As CAS-CIAC Executive Director, Dr. Niehoff is only the 6th woman to lead a state high school athletic association in the nation.



DR. KARISSA NIEHOFF