

**Dr. Dorey Diab**  
**Provost/Chief Academic Officer for Stark State College**

As provost and chief academic officer for Stark State College, Dr. Dorey Diab can relate to the wide range of challenges that our students bring to Stark State College. He has mirrored the complexity of those challenges in his own academic career.

As an immigrant to this country *fluent in Arabic and French*, he matriculated at Cuyahoga Community College and learned English while also mastering his academic studies. Dr. Diab brings strong empathy and passion for our students and their path to academic and career success.

Dr. Diab is a product of Ohio's public higher education system having completed the transfer module at Cuyahoga Community College. He earned a bachelor's of science in civil engineering from Cleveland State University, a master's in civil engineering from Cleveland State University, and a master's degree in business administration from Kent State University. His doctor of philosophy degree was earned through the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska in education studies-leadership in higher education.

At Rhodes State College, Dr. Diab's leadership experience has spanned academic program development in health care consortia with distance learning utilization, manufacturing, and implementation of the associate of arts and associate of science degrees. During his tenure at Rhodes State College, Dr. Diab has provided leadership in the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accreditation process. The report from the HLC visiting team recommended Rhodes State College for a full ten-year accreditation with no follow-up visits or reports required, including no required report on academic assessment. This accreditation team also recommended approval of Rhodes State College's offering of the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees as authorized by HB 219, a strategy emphasized in the University System of Ohio strategic plan as key to advancing the technical colleges.

While at Rhodes State, Dr. Diab also demonstrated strengths in linking grant funding opportunities and attainment to academic program development. Dr. Diab championed enrollment growth at Rhodes State and also led in establishing "Globalization and Diversity" as an academic competency of the college.

Dr. Diab brings statewide leadership within the Ohio Community and Technical Colleges having chaired the process for the submittal of the joint proposal by Ohio's technical colleges to Chancellor Fingerhut on the associate of arts and associate of science degrees, as well as the joint submittal by the technical and co-located campuses to the Higher Learning Commission. Dr. Diab is currently chairing the council of chief academic officers for all of Ohio's public community and technical colleges.

His career at Stark State College of Technology encompassed the positions of adjunct instructor, instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, and department chair of electrical/electrical maintenance/electronic technologies and executive director of emerging technologies. Dr. Diab also has experience in business and industry, having served as a senior design and engineering manager. While at Stark State College, Dr. Diab was chairperson of the Project Rebuild Board of Trustees and a graduate of Leadership Stark County.

"I am pleased to have Dr. Diab at Stark State as we broach a new era of opportunity under the University System of Ohio that will enable us to offer a comprehensive range of associate degrees, said Dr. John O'Donnell, president of Stark State. "Dr. Diab will be instrumental in helping us address economic and social challenges in Stark County that require Stark State College to be a primary partner in advancing the citizens, families, communities and businesses of our county through the strategic implementation of our mission and vision."