

Susan M. McConekey has distinguished herself as an outstanding contributor to and advocate for SUNY Ulster County Community College. Throughout her long tenure as a Trustee, it continues to be clear that Mrs. McConekey brings significant leadership experience and community relationships to support the development and success of the College.

She was first appointed to the SUNY Ulster Board of Trustees by Governor Pataki in 1996 and was re-appointed by the Governor in 2005. Over the past twelve years, her dedication to leadership on the SUNY Ulster Board of Trustees is evidenced by her serving as the Personnel Committee Chair and the Board Secretary, as well as the Vice Chair, a position she still currently holds.

Mrs. McConekey, who is entering her fourth decade of active volunteerism in Ulster County, is deeply committed to her community and has participated in a myriad of area boards and service organizations, including the Ulster County YWCA, the Ulster County Council of Girl Scouts, the Miss America Pageant Committee, the American Lung Association, and the United Way. Since 1975, she has been a member of the Junior League of Kingston, which she credits for launching her commitment to volunteerism.

Mrs. McConekey, who attended Ulster County Community College, is a graduate of the New York School of Homeopathy and is a member of the Homeopathic Academy of Naturopathic. As owner and Vice President of A. Carr and Son, Inc., in Kingston, she has 35 years of corporate business experience. Her leadership roles as businesswoman, community volunteer, former county legislator and city alderwoman, in addition to Trustee, have made her a dynamic spokesperson for the needs of community colleges and the importance of the work that the colleges do in their communities.

An avid supporter of the arts on campus, she supported the creation of SUNY Ulster's Artist-in-Residence program that features the wealth of artists living in Ulster County, from musicians to visual artists, dancers to songwriters. Her commitment to arts programming has been steadfast and unwavering as she truly understands that the arts enrich the cultural climate on campus and in the community.

Mrs. McConekey lives in Kingston with her husband, Robert. Her dedication to education and community service is evident in her impressive record. She has set a high standard for active and engaged participation and has, by personal example, advanced to a new level of participation that all Board members now have with all segments of the campus community.