



Congress of Connecticut Community Colleges
Candidate Biography – Officer Elections 2019

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PHOTOS: Please submit a headshot photo (jpg or gif) 150 px wide x 200 px high. **VIDEOS:** You may create a short (2 minute or less) video for the 4Cs website.

Name: Maureen M. Chalmers

College: Northwestern

Office sought: President

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Statement: (no more than 100 words. Longer statements will be cut at 100th word.)

The 4Cs union deserves a capable, forceful leader during this turbulent time. Many looming issues can affect our members, campuses and collective bargaining rights. I believe I have the extensive set of skills necessary to become the 4Cs president. I am active at a leadership level in a broad range of 4Cs matters. The union has invested in my union education and I willingly gave my personal time to master them. I do this because I've benefitted from the union protections. I want to be a part of keeping our protections strong for members now and in the future.

Education:

Trenton State College, Deaf Education, B.S. 1984

The University of Connecticut, Communications/Audiology, M.A., 1987

Harvard University, School of Law, Trade Union and Work Life Program, Certificate, 2006

Professional Experience and Activities:

Communication and Instructional Specialist, Collegiate Education for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing program

Instructor, ASL Interpreter Preparatory & Deaf Studies Programs

Legislative Internship Program Mentor

Instructor, Public Speaking

Communication Facilitator, NCCC Student Senate

Advisor, Northwest Deaf Club

4C's Activities:

4Cs Vice President, CCPs Since 1995

SEIU Ethics Liaison, since 2008

Chapter Chair and Grievance Officer, Since 1990

Chapter Delegate, Since 1990

Statewide Governance Committee Chair (two years)

PAC member Since 1990

Representative Roberta Willis Campaign staff (all her runs for office)

Four Time Language Negotiation Committee Member

Three Time Language Negotiation Table Team Member

SEIU Convention Delegate

Willis Job Evaluator (5 Years)

4Cs Constitution and By-law review committee

4Cs Staff Personnel Committee

Membership drive to protect the union form Janus

SEIU Connecticut Council, Delegate

IT Consolidation Impact Discussions with BOR, in my role as CCP vice president

Trainings:

Harvard University, School of Law's Trade Union and Worklife Program

Training in negotiations, fiduciary responsibilities, social justice and history

SEIU Ethics Liaison Trainings

Multiple trainings to perform oversight of 4Cs resources and avoidance of conflicts of interest

SEIU Senior Member Political Organizer

Training in building relationships with legislators, and to train/support members' actions on behalf of the union

Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services

Mutual Gains Bargaining Training that improved the Union's strategy and voice at negotiations