



Dr. Heather F. Perfetti, President
Middle States Commission on Higher Education
Biographical Note

An experienced, high-level executive with a demonstrated and diverse history of working in complex educational environments, Dr. Heather F. Perfetti became President of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education on July 1, 2020, following one year as President-Elect. Over the course of her career, she has made an impact in numerous areas of higher education, including academic and student affairs, faculty affairs, legal and regulatory affairs, strategic planning, policy development, and innovative, organizational change management. She joined the Commission as a Vice President liaison to institutions in January 2015, served as Vice President for Legal Affairs and Chief of Staff in July 2017, and was then elevated to Senior Vice President in July 2018. In 2022, she was ranked No. 39 on *City & State Pennsylvania's Higher Education Power 100 List*, recognizing the most powerful educators in Pennsylvania, and she was ranked No. 31 on *City & State New York's 100 Power List* of the most powerful people in New York's higher education community in 2021. The 2021 publication *Exemplars of Assessment in Higher Education: Diverse Approaches to Addressing Accreditation Standards* featured Dr. Perfetti's foreword. Also in 2021, she participated in the United States Department of Education's negotiated rulemaking through the *Affordability and Student Loans Committee* as a primary negotiator representing accrediting agencies. Dr. Perfetti holds the following academic credentials: Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), Juris Doctor (J.D.), Master of Science (M.S.), and Bachelor of Arts (B.A.).