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The Daube Years

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Manchester Community College, the flagship institution of Connecticut's two-year college system, has flourished in so many ways during the nearly 21 years of President Jonathan M. Daube's leadership.

MCC's growth to some 16,000 students, its gleaming new buildings, the rising Great Path Academy magnet high school, the more diverse and engaged faculty, the success stories of so many who have been encouraged to find new and productive lives during their time as students at Manchester — all are testimony to a dedicated academic community, administrators, trustees and understanding state officials.

But much of the credit goes to the bearded educator with the British accent who will retire on June 30. We know Mr. Daube from his time as a visiting member of The Courant's editorial board more than 10 years ago — and remember how inquisitive and forthright he was. As college president, he has been an implacable, sometimes impatient, visionary advocate for the success of MCC and for the community college mission.

Manchester Community College is much the better school — and many thousands of its graduates are living more fulfilling lives — for Jonathan Daube's having been there.

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