

## Paula M. Rooney



**Paula Rooney** was named the 13<sup>th</sup> President of Dean College in July 1995. Guided by her visionary leadership, Dean College has achieved exceptional growth over the last two decades. An unprecedented series of institutional initiatives and improvements has defined the College's Mission with exceptional enrollment growth, ambitious campus renovations and a consistently strong financial status. Dean College has received national recognition for "The Dean Difference" – the College's distinct model for student success with recent highlights, including:

- 95% of Dean College BA graduates completing their program in four years
- 95% of Dean graduates having jobs or were in graduate school within one year of graduation
- 98% transfer acceptance rate.

Dr. Rooney's goal is to enable each student to reach their potential and achieve their personal and career goals. In addition to her tireless efforts transforming Dean College, Dr. Rooney is also an active member of the community, serving on the Council for Higher Education Accreditation Board of Directors, the Hockomock Area YMCA Board of Incorporators and the New England Council Higher Education Committee. Additionally, she is a member of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts where she serves as treasurer and as a member of the executive committee. Prior to joining Dean College, Dr. Rooney was the vice president for student affairs at Babson College. She formerly held senior academic and administrative appointments at Reed College, Colgate University and Indiana University. She holds a bachelor's degree from Framingham State College and both a master's degree and doctorate from Indiana University.