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President of Rockland Community College, New York, Michael Baston personifies transformational leadership. Dr. Barton, former Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs for LaGuardia Community College, an Aspen Presidential Fellow for Community College Excellence and American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Pathways coach, supporting presidents and executive teams, is helping institutions build capacity as they seek to use guided pathways as a framework to integrate student success strategies already in place in the institution. His work in the field of student support services and success has been featured in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the *Atlantic*, *Diverse Education*, the *Community College Times*, the Education Advisory Board, MSNBC, and the book, *Handbook for Student Affairs in Community Colleges*. He serves on numerous advisory boards including Jobs for the Future (JFF) Policy Leadership Trust for Student Success, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Student Affairs Review Task Force, American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) National Community College Advisory Group, and the National Association for Developmental Education (NADE) Expert Panel, among others. Dr. Baston served for 10 years as the Dean of Student Development and Campus Life for the New York Campuses of Berkeley College. He also served as Senior Associate of Dougherty and Associates, LLP representing Iona College, Christian Brothers Institute, Inc. and other educational corporations. Dr. Baston holds an undergraduate degree from Iona College, a Juris Doctor degree from Brooklyn Law School and a doctorate in education in executive leadership from St. John Fisher College.