



## **Dr. Patricia Benson**

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Dr. Patricia Benson is the Chief Executive Officer at CT State Community College Housatonic located in Bridgeport, CT. The CT State Housatonic campus serves Bridgeport High School and various surrounding high schools that reflect the diversity of the region.

As a first-generation college graduate, Dr. Benson's career in higher education spans over two decades, with significant leadership roles that have prepared her to guide the Housatonic campus toward achieving its strategic goals. Her pathway to CEO has been marked by exemplary achievements in fiscal management, academic affairs support, and workforce development initiatives.

Dr. Benson also serves as a Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) evaluator and assists higher education institutions with their accreditation efforts by reviewing and providing recommendations for the Planning, Resources and Institutional Improvement standard.

Dr. Benson holds a Bachelor's degree in accounting from Hampton University, a Master's degree in management from LaSalle University and a Doctor of Education degree in Higher Education Leadership from Wilmington University.