

Walsh College names new president

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Walsh College has named Marsha Kelliher as its seventh president and chief executive officer, Ed Gwilt, chairman of the board of trustees, announced in a press release.

Kelliher comes to Walsh from Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Penn., where she serves as dean of the Sigmund Weis School of Business. She will succeed outgoing president Stephanie W. Bergeron, who [announced her retirement last spring](#). Kelliher will begin her role in April 2017.

“Marsha unites proven experience launching and growing academic programs with a clear vision that will benefit Walsh as we set the standard for business education in southeast Michigan,” Gwilt said in the press release. “We are fortunate to have a candidate who so positively represents the qualities of real-world management, practical expertise and confident leadership that we prize.”

Since joining Susquehanna University in 2013, Kelliher spearheaded the development of four new majors, led the redesign of the school’s London program, initiated a Women’s Leadership Symposium in New York, and led the reaffirmation of the business school’s AACSB accreditation. Previously, she spent 19 years at St. Edward’s University in Austin, Texas, where she held numerous leadership roles, including dean of the School of Management and Business, and oversaw graduate and undergraduate business programs.

Kelliher holds a Master of Laws degree in Labor and Employment Law from the University of San Diego and a Juris Doctor from South Texas College of Law. Her bachelor's degree is from Indiana University.

“Walsh College is well-known for its dedication to delivering a focused education rooted in the demands of today’s business world,” Kelliher said in a press release. “I look forward to building upon Walsh’s foundation to support the evolution of academic programs and core initiatives, and working closely with faculty and staff to ensure the success of our students across the region and in their careers beyond.”

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