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## **Eastern Hires Information Technology Chief**

**Willimantic, Conn.** – Joseph Tolisano, former chief information officer at Holyoke Community College in Massachusetts, has been named chief information officer at Eastern Connecticut State University. Tolisano begins work on Jan. 18. And will report to Eastern President Elsa M. Nuñez.

At Holyoke Community College, Tolisano was responsible for developing, planning, budgeting and executing the college's long-range technology goals in telecommunications, distance learning, video networking, website and portal development. Previously, as Holyoke's director of academic computing, Tolisano managed the college's computer network and audiovisual center.

Before his retirement from the U.S. Air Force in 2003, Tolisano worked in various Air Force support and administrative roles in information technology systems, communications, training and financial operations management. Most recently, Tolisano was senior officer in the Connecticut Air National Guard's Connecticut Emergency Management Center developing state plans for the deployment of forces post 9-11.

Since 2002, Tolisano also has served as director of emergency management for the Town of Somers, where he recently was elected as a selectman.

Tolisano earned his Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Northeastern University and his master's degree in business administration from the University of Massachusetts.

Eastern Connecticut State University is part of the Connecticut State University (CSU) system and is the state's public liberal arts university. ECSU serves more than 5,000 students each year on its Willimantic campus. ###