Chancellor Dannel Malloy is leading the University of Maine System’s pursuit of a unified accreditation to better serve the students and people of Maine. A former Mayor and Governor, Dan Malloy brings 22-years of public service as a chief executive to the work of reforming public higher education in Maine.

Shortly after his July 1, 2019 appointment the Board of Trustees directed Chancellor Malloy to report on accreditation options that could significantly increase collaborative, multi-campus academic programs. Focused on the needs of students and preserving UMS campuses where they are, the Chancellor led a robust campus engagement directed by a set of guiding principles that include transparency, shared governance, and good faith negotiations.

In January of 2020 the Board formally authorized Chancellor Malloy’s recommendation to pursue a unified accreditation from the New England Commission on Higher Education for the University of Maine System to provide relevant academic programming to students in ways that use faculty, technology, and resources most efficiently across the System. A substantive change application demonstrating how the University of Maine System, with its universities acting together, will meet NECHE’s Standards for Accreditation is being developed for June 2020 submission with broad opportunities for community engagement and input.

Chancellor Malloy is leading the University of Maine System’s student and state-focused response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Continuity of instruction planning started early in 2020 enabled Maine’s public universities to transition 210,000 credit hours to distance instruction over spring break to protect student and community health.

Under Chancellor Malloy’s leadership students of the University of Maine System have been supported through the disruption of campus-based operations with robust faculty and staff engagement and academic accommodations and technology investments with great success. 26,847 University of Maine System students – 98.5% of the 27,266 students enrolled at the start of the semester – persisted with their classes and course of study despite the COVID-19 disruption of campus operations and the transition to distance instruction.

Before becoming Chancellor Dan Malloy was a two-term Governor of Connecticut. During his tenure the state created 124,000 private sector jobs and prioritized structural reforms to improve the state’s long term fiscal health.

Dan Malloy is the former Rappaport Distinguished Visiting Professor at Boston College Law School and taught undergraduate political science for twelve semesters as an adjunct professor at the University of Connecticut. He holds a B.A. in Political Science, Sociology from Boston College and is a graduate of Boston College Law School.

In 2016 Dan Malloy was honored as the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award recipient for defending the U.S. resettlement of Syrian refugees amid security concerns following the November 2015 terrorist attacks in Paris and personally welcoming a family of Syrian refugees to New Haven, Connecticut. Other recipients include U.S. Presidents Barack Obama, George H.W. Bush, and Gerald Ford.

In 1982, he married his wife, Cathy, whom he met while they were students at Boston College. They have three sons, Dannel, Ben, and Sam.