

## **Dr. Rai Kathuria**

### **Biography**

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Dr. Rai Kathuria is the Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs for the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. He joined the CSCU system in June 2022 with experience in system-wide efforts with faculty, staff, and administrators, bringing with him strategic, collaborative, and innovative leadership. At CSCU, he oversees the academic and student affairs portfolio for four Connecticut State Universities, one community college with 12 locations, and a 100% online state college.

Before CSCU, Dr. Kathuria was Assistant Vice President in the Office of the Executive Vice President for University Academic Affairs at Indiana University (IU). He was also the Director of the Office of Collaborative Academic Programs, IU Online, and a tenured associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Indiana University East, one of the seven campuses in the IU system. Dr. Kathuria created over fifty programs at IU, bringing in more than 2200 new students. He is a recipient of the Indiana University Bicentennial Medal, an honor given by the University system's President in recognition of distinguished and distinctive service supporting Indiana University's mission.

Dr. Kathuria holds a Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology. He was a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Biochemistry at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN, and at the Cancer Research Institute at Indiana University Purdue University in Indianapolis, IN. Dr. Kathuria also completed the Management Development Program at Harvard University. He holds master reviewer certification from Quality Matters™ and is a peer reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission. In addition to his experience, Dr. Kathuria is also a member of the Council for Undergraduate Research and Beta Beta Beta.