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Former NYS Senior Official Assumes Rockefeller Institute Leadership Post

Albany, NY — Former NYS Director of State Operations Jim Malatras has officially assumed the presidency of the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, the Albany-based think tank for the 64-campus State University of New York system. Malatras will work closely with Director Tom Gais, a long-time Institute researcher. The position of president is newly created.

In his new role, Malatras will oversee an expanded mission for the Rockefeller Institute to better assist state and local governments, higher education, and other policy stakeholders in effectively navigating complex systems, programs, and public policy.

Malatras was selected to lead the Institute because of his extensive career experience in government and higher education. From 2007-13 and 2014-17, Malatras served Attorney General and Governor Andrew Cuomo in a series of positions of increasing responsibility, including leading the policy development and implementation for the governor as well as running the day-to-day operation of the NYS government. From 2013-14, he briefly left the Cuomo administration for SUNY System Administration, holding the positions of vice chancellor for policy and chief of staff. Prior to his time in the executive branch, he served in the legislature, both as policy analyst and legislative director for then-Assemblyman Richard Brodsky. No stranger to SUNY education, Malatras holds a B.A., M.A., and a Ph.D. in political science from the University at Albany and its Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy.

"I am thrilled that we are welcoming three-time SUNY alum Dr. Jim Malatras back to SUNY," said SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher. "Jim is uniquely qualified to serve as president of the Rockefeller Institute of Government as we look to expand its role in service to SUNY and New York State. I have every confidence that under Jim's visionary leadership, we will continue to raise the Institute's profile as a nationally recognized public policy think tank that helps SUNY recruit top-tier talent and train the next generation of thought leaders."

Echoing the chancellor's praise for Malatras is Carl T. Hayden, chairman of the Rockefeller Institute Board of Overseers, an advisory group created by Chancellor Zimpher to assist the Institute in its work. "Having Jim Malatras come to the Rockefeller Institute as its president at this time could not be more

fortuitous," the chairman said. "Through the historic efforts of the Institute's talented researchers and support team, this organization is poised to further extend its national reputation for excellence. I know that Jim Malatras has the career experience to take the Institute to new heights," he concluded.

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