

Dr. Lavonne Ansari

Interim Chair, NFTA

Dr. Ansari is an experienced educator, healthcare administrator, with more than 25 years of combined experience. She has a diverse background working in areas of equal opportunity and affirmative action compliance, workforce development, higher education and community-based health care and hospital administration. Throughout her career, Dr. Ansari has been steadfast in her commitment to serve communities that have historically been underserved.

She has also served the community as associate director of the Education Opportunity Center at the University at Buffalo, associate director of the BRIDGE Program and director of Rehabilitation Occupation and Recreation Therapy for Psychiatry at Buffalo General Hospital. In addition, Dr. Ansari has several years experience working with community agencies conducting a variety of outreach and educational workshops, which include health and wellness, cross cultural communications, multicultural training, cardiovascular and health studies. She has been a relentless advocate fighting to improve children's education, especially within the City of Buffalo.

Currently, Dr. Ansari is the CEO and Executive Director of Community Health Center of Buffalo, Inc., which strives to improve the health and quality of life serving both Erie and Niagara County residents. Prior to her recent appointment as CEO, she was Vice President of Operations and Director of Equity and Diversity at Niagara County Community College.

Dr. Ansari is a member of various local and national boards. She is well known for her advocacy work in the areas of health, education and human rights.

Dr. Ansari and her family are residents of the City of Buffalo.