

Katia Passerini, Ph.D., a nationally recognized knowledge management scholar with extensive higher education experience, was appointed the Provost and Executive Vice President at Seton Hall University in February 2020.

Previously, Passerini served as the Lesley H. and William L. Collins Distinguished Chair and Dean of the Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies at St. John's University. As the chief academic officer of the Collins College, the largest undergraduate college at St. John's, Passerini was responsible for strategic and operational planning, faculty and staff recruitment, academic program and curriculum development, and fundraising. During her tenure as dean, she grew enrollment at the College, launched an array of new academic programs, and raised student retention and success to new heights. She also served on several senior-level committees, including the President's Advisory Committee; Provost Committee on Academic Prioritization; the Academic Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Committee; and the Academic Technology Governance Committee.

Prior to St. John's University, Passerini served as the interim dean and then dean of the Albert Dorman Honors College at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). In this position, she served as the college's chief academic officer and was responsible for strategic planning, operational management and business process improvement, student recruitment and fundraising. At NJIT, she also served as a full professor and the Hurlburt Chair of Management Information Systems in the Martin Tuchman School of Management.

Passerini earned a doctoral degree in Information and Decision Systems from George Washington University, a master's degree in economics (equivalent) from the University of Rome II -Tor Vergata, a master's degree in business administration from George Washington University, where she was a Fulbright and Bank of Rome Scholar, and a combined bachelor's/master's degree in political science from LUISS University in Rome.

As the Provost/EVP and Seton Hall's chief academic officer, Passerini coordinates the efforts of a Senior Associate Provost who co-facilitates the administration of academic programs and management of the Division of Academic Affairs; an Associate Provost with responsibility for strategic planning, accreditation and assessment; an Associate Provost for Strategy and Finance; and an Associate Provost for Academic and Graduate Affairs and Institutional Research. Additionally, the deans of the 10 colleges and schools, library, and the Division of Continuing Education and Professional Studies report to Passerini.