

Dr. Andrew E. Dinniman

Dr. Dinniman received his Ed.D. from Pennsylvania State University, his M.A. from the University of Maryland, and his B.A. from the University of Connecticut. While an undergraduate at UConn, Andy served as President of his freshmen, sophomore, and junior classes, and as President of the student government in his senior year.

He continued his commitment to public service as State Senator (2006-2020), County Commissioner (1992-2006), and as a member of two school boards. For his public service and for his work as a professor at WCU, he has received more than 175 awards and recognitions. This October he is being presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the West Chester Area Chamber of Commerce.

During his four terms in the State Senate, Andy was Democratic Chairman of the Education Committee. Senator Dinniman represented the Senate on many boards and commissions, including the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority, Education Commission of the States, the State Board of Education, and both the Public Schools and Higher Education Building Authorities.

Dr. Dinniman was named Professor Emeritus at West Chester University in 2021. During his time at WCU he taught undergraduate courses including African American History, Racial and Ethnic Understanding, and Global Studies, as well as graduate courses in public policy. He has served as Director of both the Ethnic Studies Institute and the Center for International Programs. He has authored numerous publications, and he has given numerous workshops and presentations.

Andy has recently established the Together Endowment at WCU, which further reflects his passion and commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity. It is clearly evident that Andy Dinniman has had a transformative impact on WCU as well as on Chester County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.