

Charles Knurek

Charles Knurek serves as the Director of Information Technology for Connecticut State Community College - Asnuntuck Campus, where he leads IT operations with a focus on innovation, efficiency, and security. In this role, he successfully guided the campus through the significant transition from Asnuntuck Community College to CT State Community College. His leadership during this process ensured a seamless integration of systems, enabling enhanced collaboration and operational efficiency across the statewide community college system.

As a key member of the IT Management Group for CT State Community College, Knurek works closely with senior leaders to align technology strategies with institutional goals. Beyond his technical leadership, he has chaired search committees, contributing to the hiring of critical personnel, and serves on the campus safety and threat assessment committees, helping to ensure the well-being of students, faculty, and staff.

Before joining Asnuntuck Community College in 2018, Knurek developed a diverse and accomplished career rooted in technical expertise and service. A veteran of the United States Navy, he served as part of Cryptologic Support Elements, working closely with the National Security Agency (NSA). During his military tenure, he gained invaluable experience in high-pressure environments that required precision, adaptability, and problem-solving expertise. This background laid the foundation for his success in civilian roles and continues to shape his leadership and technical approach.

Since transitioning to higher education, Knurek has leveraged his extensive knowledge of systems and network administration to modernize IT infrastructure and improve service delivery. Starting as a Technician, his problem-solving abilities and leadership skills quickly earned him recognition, culminating in his promotion to Director of IT. In this capacity, he has successfully enhanced cybersecurity measures, streamlined campus-wide technology operations, and cultivated a collaborative, growth-oriented culture within his team. His efforts ensure that the campus community benefits from reliable, innovative technology that supports teaching, learning, and administrative functions.

In addition to his professional achievements, Knurek has pursued academic excellence to strengthen his expertise. He earned a Certificate in Computer Networking from Manchester Community College in 2022, followed by an Associate of Science degree in 2023. Currently, he is nearing completion of his Bachelor of Science degree at Charter Oak State College, further demonstrating his commitment to lifelong learning and professional growth.

With a proven track record in leadership, problem-solving, and systems/network administration, Knurek brings a results-driven mindset to every challenge. His service in

the Navy instilled values of discipline, teamwork, and integrity, which continue to guide his professional endeavors. As a mentor and leader, he fosters a culture of innovation and professional development, ensuring his team remains forward-thinking and prepared to meet evolving technological demands.

If elected to NERCOMP's Board of Trustees, Charles will focus on solving complex problems and driving systemic progress by enabling robust professional development opportunities that empower member institutions to thrive in an ever-changing technological landscape.