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CUNY appoints first Asian American college president

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The City University of New York's Board of Trustees voted today to appoint S. David Wu as president of Baruch College — the first Asian American to serve as president of a CUNY college.

Wu, who holds a doctorate in industrial engineering, most recently served as provost and executive vice president of George Mason University in Virginia. He will start the position on July 1 at salary of \$457,000.

"I look forward to meeting and working with my colleagues, faculty, and students as we embark on a new journey and write the next chapter of Baruch's history," Wu said in a statement. "I am eager to explore Baruch's distinctive mix of academic strengths and successes, influential scholars, diverse student body, and invested alumni – together we can continue to build an exceptional model for urban higher education."

Wu is succeeding Mitchel B. Wallerstein, who has been president since August 2010.

Baruch is one of CUNY's oldest colleges, serving more than 18,000 students in its three schools, and has often received top rankings for its academic programs. CUNY's selection of Wu is the first presidential appointment under Félix Matos Rodríguez, who started serving as chancellor in May.

"Dr. Wu brings an impressive record of academic leadership and vision to the university," Matos Rodríguez said in a statement. "Baruch will benefit tremendously from his skills, energy and insights. We could not be happier that Dr. Wu has chosen to join the CUNY community, or prouder of the historical significance of his appointment."