

**Erik M. Clemons**

**CEO and President**

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**Professional:**

Erik Clemons is the founding CEO and President of the Connecticut Center for Arts and Technology (ConnCAT), a non-profit organization based on the model of Bill Strickland's, National Center for Arts and Technology, which is dedicated to creating empowering arts based educational environments for at-risk public school students and training programs for under and unemployed adults.

Erik has an extensive background in non-profit management, and organizational leadership. Prior to joining ConnCAT, Erik served as the Executive Director of Leadership, Education, and Athletics in Partnership (LEAP), providing academic and social enrichment programs to children and youth between the ages of five- twenty-three.

Erik is an Education Fellow at Aspen Institute, member of the Connecticut State Board of Education, Board Chair of Housing Authority of New Haven (HANH), Board of Directors at START Community Bank, Board of Directors at Elm City Market, Board Trustee at Yale-New Haven Hospital

Erik has a wife (Sharon), and four daughters (Kiara, Nyle, Nia, Kai)

**Education:**

Bachelor of Science (Sociology); Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT  
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