



**JON ANDERSON, PH.D.**  
President  
Pennsylvania Western University

Anderson began his term as PennWest’s second president on July 1, 2024.

As the second-largest public university in western Pennsylvania, with 11,300 students and 188,000 alumni, PennWest embodies its mission of serving students and communities.

Anderson has built a career as a growth-oriented and collaborative academic leader. His experience includes leading multi-campus institutions, prioritizing student success, streamlining budgets, optimizing enrollment, and building shared cultures.

Before his appointment by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Board of Governors, Anderson was provost and vice president for academic affairs at Southern Utah University, a regional institution with more than 15,000 students.

His previous roles include provost and vice president for academic affairs at Middle Georgia State University, which has five physical campuses and an online division; and administrative positions at the University of West Georgia, where he was deputy provost and associate vice president.

As a growth-oriented academic leader, “Jon” is passionate about building on PennWest’s remarkable progress as a transformative institution and empowering students to achieve their goals and foster lifelong success.

Anderson visits all three PennWest campuses regularly. He and his wife, Kristy, along with their son Bryce, have made the president’s home in Clarion their primary residence; the family lives intermittently on the California and Edinboro campuses. The Andersons also have six adult children and seven granddaughters.

Anderson earned a Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of Kentucky, a master's degree in business education from the University of West Georgia, a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Utah State University, and an associate's degree from Ricks College.