

**Venky Venkatachalam**  
**Dean of the College of Management**



Venky Venkatachalam, PhD, joined UMass Boston as the Dean of the College of Management for the 2022-2023 academic year, and he has been working daily to ensure his students succeed both inside and outside the classroom. Through cutting-edge curricula with an eye to the future and, his mentorship outside the classroom, he teaches all students interpersonal, communication, networking, problem-solving, and time-management skills, as well as how to cope with uncertainty.

“If my students succeed, I succeed—That’s the only definition of success,” he told me in our interview. “That’s why we are here.”

Coming to UMass Boston, he is dedicated to strengthening its brand and identity. As Boston’s only public business school, Dr. Venkatachalam believes that the College of Management stands out with its culture of caring, innovation, and celebration.

“We are the best kept secret in Boston,” he said, emphasizing that it was a common theme among all students and faculty that he’s been speaking to on campus.

But he hopes it won’t stay a secret. He aims for UMass Boston to be a one-stop shop for all of Boston’s economy—both public and private sectors. With strong belief in and support for his amazing students, he knows they will graduate into successful opportunities and careers to build Boston even stronger. That is why he works so hard to ensure the success of his students,

“Each and every student here is a brand ambassador,” he said. “I want them to say they got the best business education at UMass Boston. If they can say it, I feel I have done my job.”