



Sean Decatur became the 19th president of Kenyon College in 2013. Under his leadership, Kenyon has attracted its most diverse and academically talented incoming classes in history. Prior to assuming the Kenyon presidency, Decatur served as a professor of chemistry and biochemistry and as the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Oberlin College from 2008 to 2013. From 1995 to 2008, he was an assistant and associate professor of chemistry at Mount Holyoke College, where he helped establish a top research program in biophysical chemistry. He was a visiting scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 2004 to 2005.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Decatur earned his bachelor's degree at Swarthmore College and his doctorate in biophysical chemistry at Stanford University. Decatur was named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2017 and was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2019. He currently serves on the Science Education Advisory Board of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.