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(Bloomberg) -- Linda Mills will take over as New York University's president later this year, becoming the school's first female leader.

Mills, 65, who has served as NYU's vice chancellor for more than a decade, will succeed Andrew Hamilton, the New York City school said in a statement on Wednesday.

"One of the wonderful things about NYU is that, even after dedicating 24 years of my life to this extraordinary university, there is always more to discover," Mills said in the statement.

"I am eager to meet so many more of NYU's remarkable people; I intend to step into this new role with fresh eyes, excited to see the university and all its possibilities through their unique perspectives."

Mills, a published author and filmmaker, joined NYU as an associate professor of social work in 1999. She went on to become senior vice provost for global programs and university life. She focuses much of her work on trauma and bias, and the university says she's known for her groundbreaking research on domestic violence.

Hamilton, 70, announced his resignation in April and said he would rejoin the school as a chemistry professor after he officially steps down on June 30. He took the helm in 2016 after serving as the vice chancellor of Oxford University.

Many top US colleges recently announced leadership changes.

Last month, Columbia University hired economist Nemat "Minouche" Shafik as its next president. In October, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology tapped Duke University

Provost Sally Kornbluth as the school's next leader, and Harvard University named Claudine Gay as the Ivy League's first Black president in December.

Six out of the eight Ivy League schools will have female presidents starting this fall.

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