



Dr. Kindred Murillo

**Southwestern Community College, Superintendent/President
Team Chair**

Dr. Kindred Murillo is the superintendent/president of Southwestern Community College District. She formerly served as the superintendent/president of Lake Tahoe Community College and as vice chancellor of administrative services for the Contra Costa Community College District. She began her higher education experience in 1996 when she was hired as a part-time faculty member, later to become full-time, at Desert Community College District. She was promoted to vice president of finance and administrative services when Copper Mountain Community College became a separate district, overseeing fiscal services, budget, facilities, maintenance and operations, and technology services. Dr. Murillo also served as the vice president of administrative services at Pasadena Area Community College District. She has served on 13 visiting teams and three special teams for the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges.

Dr. Murillo is a product of the community college system, graduating from Barstow Community College with a liberal arts degree. She went on to complete her bachelor's degree in business administration at Redlands University, and her master's degree in Organization Development at Pepperdine University. She completed her doctorate in Organizational Leadership at Pepperdine University.



Ms. Michelle Sower

**Lake Tahoe Community College, Dean of Instruction
Team Assistant**

Ms. Michelle Sower has been at Lake Tahoe Community College for over 23 years, serving in all levels: adjunct instructor, classified member, classified supervisor, full-time faculty, and most currently, as the dean of instruction overseeing all academic programs. Ms. Sower has spent the majority of her career directing the college's Child Development Center, while simultaneously serving as department chair and the only full-time faculty in the Early Childhood Education Department. She has extensive experience in curriculum and program development and approval, budget management, distance education, and enrollment management. Ms. Sower holds a bachelor's degree in child development and psychology from California State University, Chico and a master's degree in human development and family studies from the University of Nevada, Reno.



Ms. Diane Putnam

Cabrillo College, English Instructor

Ms. Diane Putnam is an English instructor at Cabrillo College on the Central Coast. She has taken courses at Fresno City College, Berkeley City College, CCSF, and Cabrillo College over the past 30 years. Ms. Putnam graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz with a double major in literature and American studies. She earned a master's degree in English from Northeastern University in Boston. Hired as Writing Center director and English instructor at Cabrillo College in 1998, Ms. Putnam has coordinated labs and tutoring services, taught English labs and lectures online, participated in the college Curriculum Committee and Faculty Senate, served as English Department chair, and coordinated college basic skills efforts in the early years of the BSI. Currently, she is faculty co-chair of Cabrillo College's accreditation team in preparation for their next comprehensive review in fall 2019.



Ms. Virginia (Ginny) May

Sacramento City College, Professor of Mathematics and Statistics

Ms. Virginia May is a professor of mathematics and statistics at Sacramento City College (SCC), one of four colleges in the Los Rios Community College District (LRCCD), where she has taught for more than 20 years. After earning both a baccalaureate degree and a master's degree in pure mathematics from California State University, Sacramento, Ms. May continued her work in math at UC Davis, advancing to candidacy for a doctorate of philosophy in mathematics. She has served in leadership positions such as the SCC Academic Senate president, Accreditation Faculty Tri-Chair at SCC, SCC Curriculum Committee faculty chair, and the LRCCD Curriculum Coordinating Committee chair. She is the president of the LRCCD Academic Senate, a north representative of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, and president of the Academic Senate Foundation for California Community Colleges.



Dr. Ann Wright

Hartnell College, Professor of Biological Sciences

Dr. Ann Wright has taught biology at Hartnell College in Salinas since 2001, following part-time positions at other colleges/universities. Before she started teaching, she worked for over 10 years conducting research in immunology at Stanford and UCLA, studying the structure and function of antibodies. Dr. Wright was an activity director for a Title III grant awarded to Hartnell to increase participation of underrepresented students in STEM careers. She has been actively involved in faculty leadership and governance for several years and currently serves on the Curriculum Committee and is first vice-president of the Academic Senate. She has served on the College Planning Council and serves on Hartnell College's Accreditation Council. She was a co-chair for Hartnell's most recent comprehensive self-evaluation and has served as a reviewer and researcher on several other reports from Hartnell to the ACCJC.



Mr. Felix Hernandez Jr.

Allan Hancock College, Vice President, Operations

Mr. Felix Hernandez Jr. joined Allan Hancock College in 2002. He has 18 years of senior administrative-level experience in community colleges, in addition to 16 years of management-level experience working in K-12. As an entrepreneur, he has owned five businesses, including furniture manufacturing. Mr. Hernandez is on the California College Facility Coalition (CCFC) board of directors and is a member of the City of Lompoc Economic Development Committee. His research interests include behavioral science with a focus study of conflict management and resolution. Mr. Hernandez earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration and management from the University of Phoenix; a master's degree in behavioral science, conflict management and negotiations from California State University, Dominguez Hills; and is a California State Licensed Contractor, B-General Contractor and C-20 HVAC.



Ms. Eve Kikawa
Santa Ana College, Dean of Fine and Performing Arts

Ms. Eve Kikawa is the dean of the Fine and Performing Arts Division at Santa Ana College. She manages the operations of the Nealley Library, while also overseeing the departments of art, dance, music and theatre, plus communications studies, communications and media studies and TV/video communications. She is involved in guided pathways and career ladder projects for the CTE areas of digital media, digital music, digital arts, intelligent lighting, and the business of entertainment. Ms. Kikawa has worked with art faculty to develop a certificate in mural painting, a Santa Ana tradition. She is a committee member for Santa Ana's Arts and Culture Engagement Project and reviews applications for city art grants. Ms. Kikawa holds degrees in modern dance from UCLA and has won numerous awards for her choreography, which has been performed by professional companies and colleges.



Dr. Tim Woods
Fresno City College, Dean of Instruction

Dr. Tim Woods has been working in higher education for 22 years. He earned his doctorate in applied management and decision science - information system management from Walden University. He has taught management, business administration, management information systems, organizational behavior, strategic leadership, conflict management, and business systems analysis. He was also vice president of instruction for Fresno City College after serving as the dean of instruction for business. He worked as the division dean for computers, technology, and information systems (CTIS) / career technical education (CTE) / economic and workforce development (EWD) for Foothill College. Prior to that, Dr. Woods was the campus college chair – regional dean for the College of Information Systems & Technology/Criminal Justice and Security for the University of Phoenix, Northern California Campuses.



Dr. Marilyn Flores
Santiago Canyon College, Vice President of Academic Affairs

With 17 years of experience in higher education as a dean, an associate dean, a program director, consultant, and researcher, Dr. Marilyn Flores brings a wide range of expertise to the role. Since 2013, she has served as the dean of the Library, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Division at Santiago Canyon College. Previously, she served as dean of arts, letters, and social sciences at Las Positas College. Additionally, she also served as an external evaluator for underperforming schools for Riverside and San Bernardino county schools. Dr. Flores has taught from K-12 to the graduate level. She received her Ph.D. in institutional leadership and policy studies from the University of California, Riverside. She earned a master's degree in education with a BCLAD teaching credential at UCLA and a bachelor's in liberal studies with a concentration in education and Spanish at UC Riverside.



Dr. Brenda Ivelisse

Kapi'olani Community College, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Dr. Brenda Ivelisse is a fourth-generation educator in her family, and has continued the tradition of challenging students to realize their voice and use it to speak out about things they care about. She has presented at universities across the nation on various topics from cultural competency to authentic leadership. Dr. Ivelisse has traveled to several countries to further enhance her understanding of the students she serves as well as showcase her work; she was a fellow through the Council of Educational Exchange in Amman, Jordan where she studied the plight of women in the Middle East. She has degrees from Washington State University and earned a doctorate at Oregon State University. She was a fellow for the National Hispana Leadership Institute's Executive Leadership Program and has taught college courses in Chican@/Latin@ studies and early childhood education.



Dr. Lan Hao

Citrus College, Director of Institutional Research, Planning, and Effectiveness

Dr. Lan Hao began her career with Citrus College in 2006 as the director of institutional research, planning and effectiveness. She currently oversees districtwide institutional research activities that support data-driven decision-making and assists the superintendent/president with core institutional planning. Dr. Hao co-chairs the Citrus College Institutional Effectiveness Committee and serves as the chair of the Institutional Research and Planning Committee. She has chaired two strategic planning work groups throughout the development and final production of the college's past and current five-year strategic plans. Dr. Hao is closely involved with the Research and Planning Group for California Community Colleges and the nationwide Association for Institutional Research. She received her Ph.D. in higher education administration and policy analysis from USC.



Dr. Joi Blake

Palomar College, Superintendent/President

Dr. Joi Lin Blake has over 30 years of progressive administrative and leadership experience in instructional and student services programs. She currently serves as the superintendent/president of Palomar College, and formerly served as president of College of Alameda in the Peralta Community College District. Dr. Blake's administrative and leadership positions have also included vice president of student services at Skyline College, dean of student development and matriculation at San Diego Mesa College, and policy assistant for the U.S. Department of Education, in the Offices of the Under Secretary, and Vocational and Adult Education. Additionally, Dr. Blake has administrative experience in instructional services and professional development. As a faculty member, she served as Academic Senate president.