



Dr. Angela Fairchilds – Team Chair has over 35 years experience in higher education including more than seventeen years as a leader in community colleges in both Arizona and California. Currently she serves as the President of Columbia College in the Yosemite Community College District. Dr. Fairchilds has previously served on multiple External Evaluation Teams on behalf of ACCJC. Among her greatest professional accomplishments is having led Woodland Community College to achieve Initial Accreditation through the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges to become the 110th Community College in California in 2008. Dr. Fairchilds is a first-generation college student who took her first college course at Cerro Coso Community College at the age of 26 years old. She holds a Bachelor of Science

in Management (magna cum laude) and an MBA in Information Systems from Golden Gate University, as well as a Ph.D. in Higher Education with emphasis in Community College Administration from the University of Arizona.

As a college leader, Dr. Fairchilds strongly believes in the importance of being involved in the community. She has a passionate and enduring commitment to community colleges and to the students and communities they serve.

Dr. Julianna Barnes – President, Cuyamaca College



Dr. Bertha Barraza has been employed at Mt. San Jacinto College since January of 2000. In her role as a counselor she has held various positions including Coordinator of the Puente program, EOPS Summer programs, and EOPS Coordinator. Dr. Barraza is also a professor in the following subjects, Sociology, Leadership and Guidance. In addition, Dr. Barraza has also served on the Budget, Student Services, Matriculation, Curriculum, Multicultural, and Basic Skills Committees. Other campus involvement includes her work with the Faculty Association as a Secretary and Negotiator. At the state level, Dr. Barraza served

two terms in the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges - Policy Committee.



Roanna Bennie has served as an academic administrator as dean or vice president for more than 20 years and is currently in the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District as the Vice President of Academic Services for Las Positas College in Livermore. She has previous served at Miramar College, Cuesta College, and Allan Hancock College. Prior to her administrative work, she taught at Monterey Peninsula College in Speech Communication. She has an extensive background in accreditation work including multiple Site Visits, ALO leadership, and lots of report writing!



Dr. Janet Fulks has a Masters of Biological Sciences with an Emphasis in Microbiology and a Doctorate of Education in Higher Education Leadership (Dissertation on Student Learning Outcomes). Janet served as a Biology faculty at Bakersfield College for 23 years. Recently, she has worked with the local high schools to create a better assessment and placement process and on research to assess outcomes in student support services and accelerated/compressed coursework. She is currently serving as Dean of Institutional Effectiveness for Bakersfield College.



Dr. Howard Irvin is the Vice President of Student Services at Los Angeles Southwest College, where he administers a comprehensive Student Services program and provides college-wide leadership for Student Success in all operational activities related to Student Services in divisions, departments and programs such as: Counseling, Assessment/Orientation, Outreach, Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, Athletics, EOPS/CARE, DSPS, CAFYES, Veterans Affairs, International Students, Career Services, Transfer, CalWORKs, Student Life, SSSP, Equity, Puente, UMOJA, and Tutorial Services. He has an extensive background serving in the California Community College System, beginning as an adjunct counselor and administration of justice faculty, EOPS Counselor/Coordinator, General Counselor, Department Chair/Acting Dean, and Dean of Counseling and Matriculation, Dean of Counseling and Enrollment Services, Dean of

Counseling Services, Dean of Student Development and Matriculation, Interim Vice President of Administrative Services, Interim President, and Vice President of Student Services. Educationally, Dr. Irvin earned a Ph.D. in Human Organizational Systems from Fielding Graduate University, and two Master's degrees, one in Counseling from San Diego State University and the other in Human Development, also from Fielding. Dr. Irvin possesses broad accreditation experience which includes the Assistant Accreditation Liaison Officer role, Chair and Team Leader of Standards II, IIB, IIC, and Co-Chair of Standards III and IV at six visiting team site visits for the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. Dr. Irvin conducts organizational management/teambuilding seminars both nationally and internationally and is frequently called upon to serve as keynote speaker at conferences and workshops on topics such as micro-aggressions/subtle forms of racism as a multicultural consultant.



Edward Knudson was chosen as the ninth president of Antelope Valley College in June 2013.

A native of Idaho, Knudson served in the Army during the Vietnam era, including three years as a non-commissioned officer. He worked for 11 years in the hospitality industry taking on hotel positions with increasing responsibility, eventually moving up to become general manager of full-service properties. In addition, he worked as a golf professional for public and private facilities.

He returned to college, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Oregon State University and a Master of Business Administration from Oregon State University.

His higher education career dates back to 1989 when he began teaching in the College of Business at Oregon State University. He also taught at the University of Georgia, Western Oregon University and several community colleges. He began full-time service in community colleges in 1993 as a faculty member in Business Management and Economics at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany, Oregon.

It was at Linn-Benton where Knudson made the transition into education management, serving as a department chair of business management and later as division director of business and computer systems.

In 2002, he accepted a position as dean of economic and workforce development at Bakersfield College. He was appointed vice president of academic affairs at Bakersfield College in 2006. He accepted a position as executive vice president at Moorpark College in 2009, where he served until 2011.

He continues to serve in the classroom periodically serving on the adjunct faculties of California State University – Bakersfield, and the University of LaVerne in their undergraduate and graduate business programs.



Jonah Nicholas – began his career in community college leadership in 2005. Since 2011, Jonah has worked for Contra Costa Community College District (4CD), first as the Director of District Finance Services and later as the Associate Vice Chancellor/Chief Financial Officer, his current position. Prior to working at 4CD, Jonah worked for five years at Wenatchee Valley College in the state of Washington as the Director of Finance. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Economics from Central Washington University as well as an MBA from Washington State University.

Ms. Kimberly Nickell

Professor Academic Development
Bakersfield College

Dr. Deborah Nolan

Distance Education Coordinator
College of the Sequoias



Georg Romero has worked in libraries and related fields for over 40 years. He received his Masters in Library Science in 1984 from the U.C. Berkeley School of Library and Information Science. He joined Cabrillo College in 1998 as a faculty librarian, becoming the library director in 2010. He was born in Los Angeles, California, and moved to the Santa Cruz area in 1971, now living in Watsonville, California, with his wife and cat.



Linda Wah is a Trustee of Pasadena Area Community College District. She chairs the Board's Legislative Subcommittee, and is a member of the Board Policies & Procedures Subcommittee. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the California Community College Trustees, (CCCT), and is a member of the Board of Governor's Strong Workforce Task Team.



Dr. Aeron Zentner is the Dean of Institutional Research, Effectiveness, Planning and Grant Development at Coastline Community College and a Board Member for the Research and Planning Group for California Community Colleges. Dr. Zentner has over a decade of combined experience in the delivering research driven assessments and planning strategies to increase organizational effectiveness across different institutions and organizations. During his work in the field, he has led and aided in the development of many comprehensive accreditation reports, institutional planning documents, research projects, and has served on accreditation visiting teams. Additionally, Dr. Zentner has taught courses in business law and has published over 30 articles in the areas of leadership, innovation, and change management.