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Melissa brings a varied background in sales to her new position as Director of Workforce Development at Belmont College. She has worked with locally owned businesses to nationally recognized companies. She looks forward to working with local companies to help them to meet the needs of an ever changing workforce.

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Lisa Orr, CPA began working at Central Ohio Technical College in November 2000 as the Director of Accounting, moving into her current role as Assistant Director for Business & Finance in 2006. Ms. Orr received her CPA in 2000, earned a Bachelor of Accounting degree from Franklin University in 1990, and an Associate of Accounting degree from Central Ohio Technical College in 1988.

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Bruce Weaver currently serves as Director of the Center for Student Success for The Ohio State University at Newark and Central Ohio Technical College. Prior to serving in this cost-shared position, Bruce served as Director of the Center for Academic Success for Central Ohio Technical College. Other experience in higher education includes serving as an adjunct instructor, a professional tutor, and a Tutor Trainer. Bruce has been involved with SSLI (Student Success Leadership Institute) since its inception in Ohio

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Yvonne Baker is the Interim Dean of the Business Technologies Division at Cincinnati State. She has been a full-time Accounting Professor and Co-op Coordinator with the College for over 19 years. She is a Certified Public Accountant and holds a Masters of Accountancy degree. She has also served as an advisor for the accounting program and coordinated the real estate certificate major. She is passionate about education and has served on a number of Cincinnati State committees including: Cincinnati State's Learning Outcomes Committee, AQIP, Building Community, Affordability and Efficiency Task Force, Tenure Committee, and Peer Mentoring.

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Cody Loew is the Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College and started April 2018. Prior to coming to Cincinnati State, he was the Assistant Director of the Success Center for Ohio Community Colleges at the OACC. He has extensive public sector experience through a career that includes service in local, state, and federal government, in addition to higher education and non-profit institutions.

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Crystal Jones is an Assistant Dean of the Business and Applied Technologies division at Clark State Community College. She provides support for the dean with daily operations, grant coordination and serves as the primary contact for student concerns and adjunct faculty within the division. Assist faculty in the development of program learning outcomes, assessment and program improvements. Assist and advise students in academic difficulty. Directs the division in the dean's absence.

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Dr. Melinda Mohler received her doctorate in Colonial American history from West Virginia University. She was a Visiting Assistant Professor at Marietta College and a fellow at the Gilder-Lehrman Institute of American history prior to accepting a position at Clark State Community College, where she has worked since 2013. Dr. Mohler is active in faculty leadership and has served as an officer in the Faculty Senate since 2015.

Columbus State Community College

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Kelly Hogan has been part of the Columbus State community for over 25 years. She served as an adjunct faculty member before accepting a full-time faculty position teaching developmental mathematics in 1994. After earning the rank of Professor, Kelly coordinated the collaborative efforts of the Developmental Education and Mathematics Departments to redesign the series of pre-college course offerings and accelerate students through remedial math work. Currently, Kelly serves as the Executive Director of College Completion where she leads the integration work of the college as identified in the College Completion Plan. Kelly and the Integration Team leaders and members thoughtfully engage in dialogue and planning around strategies, collaboration, and communication that will move the needle for all students and their success.

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Prior to joining the Columbus State in 2017 as a faculty member in the Computer Science department David spent over 20 years designing and developing high performance, enterprise class software and database applications for companies in the automotive, retail, and finance industries. David has held various roles in these organizations from manager, director, and vice president of business and systems. Since 2000, David also worked for various colleges and universities as an adjunct teaching in the areas of Computer Science, English, and the Humanities. In addition to teaching, creating new classes and programs of study in cloud computing, he is working on completing his PhD where his dissertation examines the role of social justice in the emerging AI field of Deep Learning.

Cuyahoga Community College

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Jason Januszewski works as the Director, Planning, Budget and Strategic Support at Cuyahoga Community College, where his responsibilities include directing the administration of the approximately \$300M college-wide operating budget, including variance analysis and revenue/expenditure forecasting. In this capacity, he manages the College budget department staff, including recruitment and hiring, evaluating work, motivating and coaching performance, and overseeing and directing the work of projects. Prior to working as the Director, Planning, Budget and Strategic Support, Jason worked as an internal auditor at Tri-C and Sherwin-Williams. Jason is a licensed CPA in that State of Ohio and received both his bachelor's degree in business and MBA from Baldwin Wallace University.

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Dr. Delia (Dee Dee) Pfister currently serves as the Associate Vice President, (Learning and Engagement) at the Metropolitan Campus of Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®). Before her career at Tri-C, Dee Dee served in both the corporate and higher education sectors. Among her many notable accomplishments, Dee Dee was nominated to participate in both the 12-13 Mandel Leadership and 12-13 Chair Academy for Leadership and Development programs. Dr. Pfister holds a doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) in higher education administration from Kent State University, a master's degree in interpersonal communication, a graduate certificate in women's studies, a bachelor's degree in organizational communication, and a minor in studio art.

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As the Dean of Curriculum and Instruction at Eastern Gateway Community College, Vanessa works closely with faculty and administration to develop affordable, cost savings for students by reducing curriculum and textbook costs. For the past year, Vanessa has been working with faculty on course design and the development of Open Educational Resources. After working as an Intervention Specialist for six years, Vanessa joined Eastern Gateway Community College as the Director of Student Support Services to help support students at the collegiate level. Vanessa holds a BA in Education and a Masters in Instructional Design from Western Governor’s University.

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Hello, my name is Ty-Juan Young-Bright and I am the Assistant Dean of Academics. I hold a Master of Health and Human Services and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Youngstown State University. I have been working at Eastern Gateway Community College for 10 years. I am the former Director of TRIO Student Support Services and Educational Opportunity the Centers at Eastern Gateway Community College helping students achieve their post-secondary and/or higher educational goals. Prior to EGCC, I was a Linkage Coordinator for the Youngstown City School District at East High School for the Governor’s Initiative to increase the graduation rates of high school students. I provided extensive academic and personal support for these students. I reside in Youngstown, OH.

Edison State Community College

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Dr. Amanda Bylcynski, Ed.D is an Associate Professor of History at Edison State Community College, where she has taught since 2010. Amanda is always looking for an opportunity to gain more knowledge. She has a Doctorate in Community College Leadership, master's degrees in History and Educational Technology, bachelor's degrees in History and Political Science, and graduate credits in Sociology and Women's Studies.

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Rachel Carlisle joined the Edison State staff in 2015 and currently serves as the Regional Campus Enrollment Manager for the college. Rachel's primary role involves providing outreach and enrollment services to meet the unique needs of the college's Greenville Campus. During her time at Edison State, the college has expanded from one regional location to three branch campus locations. Along with providing strategic insight to address regional campus growth, Rachel also helped develop and implement an innovative new outreach and advising model aimed at serving the needs of the college's growing population of College Credit Plus (CCP) students. This initiative, which provides onsite enrollment and advising services to students at partnering high school districts, began at the regional campus level and has now expanded to a college-wide service model.

Hocking College

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My name is Katie Austin and I am the Assistant Nursing Program Manager for Hocking College. I joined the Hocking College team in 2017 and have worked in the healthcare industry since 2006. After graduating from Hocking College with my ADN, I completed my Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Ohio University and my Masters of Science in Nursing from Grand Canyon University. My clinical background is in emergency care in the hospital setting. Before coming to Hocking College, I worked in a number of hospitals across the state of Ohio and taught Nursing at Ohio University. Currently, I hold certifications in advanced and traumatic care of both adult and pediatric patients. Nursing is my passion and I love impacting the future of healthcare through students on a daily basis.

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Lea Wandling started at Hocking College in September 2015 as the Director of the Social Services, Corrections and Criminal Justice Program. She played an instrumental role in the creation and implementation of the new Criminal Justice Program. Since the launch of the Criminal Justice Program, she has served as the Director of the Criminal Justice Program and Department Chair for Public Safety Services. She has taught numerous courses in the Criminal Justice Program and currently serves as an advisor to the Criminal Justice students. Lea now serves as the Associate Dean for Public Safety Services. She also serves on the Academic Assessment Academy, Academic Affairs committee, and is the Chair of the Credentialing Committee. She holds a B.A. in Sociology/Criminology with a minor in Psychology from Ohio University and a master's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati.

Lakeland Community College

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Dr. Adam Cloutier has served Lakeland Community College as the Dean for Arts and Sciences since starting in July 2018. Prior to Lakeland, he was the Director for the Office of Academic Affairs, the Director for Teaching and Learning Services, the Coordinator of Retention, and a full-time mathematics faculty member at Henry Ford College in Dearborn, Michigan. Dr. Cloutier earned his doctorate in Community College Leadership from Ferris State University, a Masters and Bachelors in Mathematics from Michigan State University, and an Associate's degree from a community college in Michigan.

Kristina Willey



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Kristina Willey received her Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Master of Education in Adult Learning and Development from Cleveland State University, and she is currently pursuing her doctoral degree in higher education through The University of Toledo. Kristina has been serving in higher education for the past eighteen years. She was employed by Cleveland State University where she held several roles during her tenure, such as on-site program coordinator for the CSU/Lorain County Community College Partnership, partnership programs coordinator and assistant director of transfer recruitment and partnerships before joining the Lakeland Community College team in August of 2011.

Lorain County Community College

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Erika Fenik is currently in the role of Director of Institutional Planning and Engagement at Lorain County Community College. For nearly a decade, her work has encompassed assessment, reporting, analysis, and dissemination of student success data, strategic planning, and accreditation support. Outside of Institutional Research, she has been involved with Staff Council Executive Committee and Joint Salary and Benefits. Recently, her responsibilities have expanded to include Accreditation Liaison Officer for LCCC. As a part of her portfolio, she has worked on internal teams for national initiatives including Achieving the Dream, Completion by Design, and Frontier Set. She enjoys helping get new initiatives off the ground and sharing actionable findings to help the institution progress its student equity and completion agendas. Erika holds an Associate of Arts from Lorain County Community College, Bachelors of Science in Organization Communication from Ohio University, and a Master’s of Arts in Applied Communication Theory and Methodology from Cleveland State University.

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Jason Gibson has 10 years of higher education experience. He previously advised at Owens Community College and Cleveland State University. At present, he serves as the Interim Coordinator for Counseling & Advising Services, is the Student Development Coordinator, and teaches a first-year experience course at Lorain County Community College (LCCC), where he has also worked as an Academic Counselor, Advisor, and Student Success Coach. He has been actively involved with LCCC’s participation in Frontier Set, Completion by Design, and Achieving the Dream, as well as the institution’s advising redesign, and serves as the college’s representation on various Transfer Advisory Boards. Jason is a Licensed Social Worker and earned an Associate of Arts from LCCC, Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from Youngstown State University, and Master of Arts in College Student Personnel from Bowling Green State University.

Marion Technical College

Laura Emerick



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Laura Emerick is Director of Student Advising at Marion Technical College, where she oversees academic advising and orientation and provides leadership for retention and student success initiatives. Laura has been working in higher education for 14 years. Prior to joining MTC in March 2018, she held positions in academic advising, career services, first-year experience, and admissions at St. Cloud State University and the University of Iowa. She also has 7 years of experience as an adjunct instructor teaching career development, college success, and honors seminar courses. She holds a Master of Arts in Student Development in Postsecondary Education and a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Iowa, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Community Health from St. Cloud State.

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Tola Sanusi is a business faculty member in Technical & Professional Programs. She worked with the Royal Mail in the U.K and New York for 13 years and with Pfizer in New York for six years. She taught business education at Harding High School, Olentangy High School and as an adjunct for MTC. She has now been a full-time faculty member at MTC for two years. She earned an MBA from the University of Phoenix, B.S. and the College of Staten Island and BSc. from University of Greenwich. She is also a Certified Scrummaster. Hobbies include travel, fitness, cooking, Fandoms, reading, TV, cycling, & family.

North Central State College

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Dr. Kelly Gray currently serves as Dean of Health Sciences at North Central State College. Beginning as an adjunct faculty member at the college in 1994, she found her passion in community college education. She has been an advocate for Associate Degree Nursing at both the state and national level serving as Chair of the Ohio Council for Associate Degree Nursing Education Administrators, Ohio League of Nursing Action Coalition Steering Committee member, and a member of the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing Foundation Board. Dr. Gray is a fellow in the Academy of Associate Degree Nursing. She finds joy in helping students achieve success in their educational journey, and assisting faculty to develop their own passions in serving students and the community.

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Northwest State Community College

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Dr. Dan Burklo has been with Northwest State Community College (NSCC) for more than 17 years, where he started as an Engineering Technology faculty. Ten years ago, he transitioned to a Dean position and currently serves as the Dean of Math, Science, and Engineering Technologies at NSCC. Dr. Burklo earned his Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology from Purdue University (Fort Wayne, IN), his Masters of Science in Engineering from the University of Toledo, and his Ph. D. in Leadership for Higher Education from Capella University where his dissertation research investigates what motivates youth in Ohio to seek higher education in engineering fields. Dr. Burklo currently serves on the Ohio Transfer to Degree-Guaranteed Transfers Pathway initiative through the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) leading the Engineering Technology pathways. He serves as the Panel Lead for the Mechanical/Manufacturing Engineering Technology Transfer Assurance Guide (TAG). Dr. Burklo currently serves as the Chair for the Ohio Engineering Technology Educators Association (OETEA).

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Cassie has been with Northwest State Community College for five years. In her current role, as the Director of Advising, she oversees the Advising Center along with Accessibility Services. The Advising Center opened in 2018 with a campus initiative around student success and completion. She earned a Masters of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management from Bluffton University.

Ohio Association of Community Colleges

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Michael Evans serves as the Director of Workforce Partnerships for the Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC). He partners with Ohio's 23 community colleges and Ohio's business community to develop strategic partnerships and programs to align workforce training to the needs of business. In May of 2019, Mr. Evans was appointed to the State Apprenticeship Council where he is responsible for advising on policies and procedures for Ohio's Registered Apprenticeship system and helping Ohio businesses and the Ohio workforce grow with Registered Apprenticeship. Michael, who earned his associates degree from Columbus State Community College before completing his bachelor's degree from Ohio State University, worked in the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation since its inception in 2012. He has also served as a program administrator with the Ohio Development Services Agency and as a policy aide for then-Speaker Jon Husted.

Garratt Weber



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Garratt Weber currently serves as the Assistant Director of the Success Center at the Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC) where she helps inform strategies and coordinate resources that support Ohio's 23 community colleges through professional development and advocacy. Garratt also provides project management support for the Ohio Department of Higher Education's \$1.3 million Innovation Grant with Open Educational Resources (the Ohio Open Ed Collaborative), as well as the Center's holistic student supports redesign work and the dual enrollment pathways project. Garratt has 7 years of experience in higher education. Prior to joining the OACC team in 2017, she worked for the federal TRIO Upward Bound program at Ohio University as the Assistant Director. Garratt holds a Master of Public Administration from the Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs at Ohio University and a Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies from Ohio University.

Owens Community College

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Erica has worked at Owens since 2011 in numerous capacities. In addition to being the institutional liaison for the Higher Learning Commission, she is responsible for the campus library, e-Learning, the Downtown Learning Center campus and both the Aspire and TRIO Student Support Services grants. She is an avid community supporter, working with United Way, Perrysburg Schools, feeding centers and youth baseball and softball to name a few. She has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan and an MBA from Bowling Green State University. In her free time, she enjoys reading, playing softball and traveling.

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David Shaffer is the Executive Director of Students Services at Owens Community College. As Executive Director, Shaffer has a central role in the creation and oversight of retention focused strategies and oversees the leadership of the offices of Advising, Career and Transfer Services, Oserve (the college integrated student service center), Prior Learning Assessment, Records, and Testing Services. Prior to serving as Executive Director, Shaffer served as Registrar for Owens from January 2015 until December 2017. Shaffer has also served in other roles within Records and Student Accounts. Shaffer is a first-generation student and a community college graduate; holding an Associate of Applied Business in Accounting Technology from Owens and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Franklin University.

Rhodes State College

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Dr. Joseph Daniel Abbott, Jr. is the Chair of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Department at Rhodes State College. Dr. Abbott has twenty years of teaching experience and has been at Rhodes State College for the past four years. Dr. Abbott completed his doctorate of philosophy in sociology and a master's degree in socio-cultural foundations and educational thought at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Dr. Abbott's research interests include organizational behavior, curriculum and instruction, and the labor process. Dr. Abbott was born and raised in Florida, and he has been married to Yevgeniya Leontyeva-Abbott for nearly ten years.

Rhea Busick



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Dr. Rhea Busick is an Assistant Professor and Chair of the Physical and Biological Sciences Department at Rhodes State College. Rhea was born and raised in Amherst Ohio. After graduating from The University of Toledo with a PhD in Molecular and Cellular Biology, Rhea entered her first Postdoctoral Fellow at UNC Chapel Hill while concurrently teaching at Alamance Community College. She also lectured at Salem College while completing a second Fellowship at Wake Forest University. Rhea has over 13 years of teaching experience with the last four years at Rhodes State College also including administrative duties of Department Chair. In her free time she enjoys, quilting, gardening, and restoring her turn of the century farm house. Rhea lives in Dunkirk Ohio with her husband of 10 years, two pit bulls, and a chihuahua.

Rio Grande Community College

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Amanda Ehman is a Gallia county resident who works with Gallia, Jackson, Meigs and Vinton counties to establish educational community partnerships in the area. Amanda has played a role in admissions and outreach for over eight years at the University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College. She works closely with local industry to fit the educational needs of the community and assisted in the establishment of the Rio Grande Jackson Center. Amanda works with each Rio academic center for the recruitment and retention of students. Amanda is a Gallia Academy high school graduate and a two time Rio graduate earning a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and a Master's degree in Business Administration. Amanda serves on the Buckeye Hills Career Center Stakeholder/Institutional advisory committee. Amanda has served as a member of the Gallia County Chamber Board for 3 years and enjoys networking with local business owners.

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Sinclair Community College

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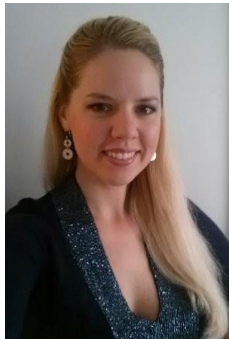
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Angela Fernandez began her career in higher education in 2014 after a professional career in juvenile justice. Angela began as an Instructor of Criminal Justice with focuses on completion, course development, and assessment in both face to face and online modalities. Angela was recognized for her exceptional pedagogical practices when she was awarded the Southern Ohio Council for Higher Education Excellence in Teaching award in November of 2018 and Ohio Magazine's Excellence in Education Award in December of 2018. Angela was also recognized as an up and coming leader in the Dayton region by the Dayton Business Journal as a Forty Under 40 class of 2019 inductee. Angela currently serves the college as Assistant Dean of Business and Public Services, Division Assessment Coordinator, and Pathway Specialist. When she is not working on professional endeavors, Angela enjoys traveling and learning about new cultures.

Brandy Mariani



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I have been at Sinclair for nine years this August. I started as a student worker in the Bursar office working my way to part-time and then full-time. I have two degrees from Sinclair, an Associate of Liberal Arts with a drawing and photography focus as well as an Associates in Business Administration. My Bachelor's degree is in Financial Management from Franklin University. After obtaining these degrees I took a new position in the Purchasing department as the Assistant Manager. This past October I started my MBA and should be finished in the next couple months. In November, I started my current position as the Operations Manager at Sinclair's new Centerville location. I have been involved in my committees during my career at Sinclair such as Retention by Design, UAAMP mentoring, GEAR Mentorship, Financial Literacy, Wellness Fair and Staff Senate. On a personal note, I am bilingual (English & Italian), ambidextrous, and love traveling.

Southern State Community College

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For the past 6 years, I have been a faculty member at Southern State Community College. I teach Physics, Math, and Engineering courses. I currently sit on the college's engineering advisory board, curriculum, program review, adjunct, and assessment committees. I am a second generation educator. I learned early and often from my father, a biology teacher for 30+ years, the value of education, how to teach, and how to get the best out of someone else. I am active in Scouting, as an Eagle Scout I am a mentor, role model, and leader for all boys and girls in scouting. The most important ideal I learned from my father is '...when treating people, fairness is paramount above all else, but fairness does NOT correlate to equality'.

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Stark State Community College

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My name is Drew Felberg and I am the Director of Student Services for Stark State College in Akron, OH. Previously I was the coordinator for the one-stop Gateway Center at our main campus in North Canton, OH. I have held many roles over my 14 years in student services with my main background being financial aid. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Stetson University with a minor in Human Resources. In my free time I enjoy volunteering in the community for Stark County Hunger Task Force, The Pro Football Hall of Fame, Maggie's Mission Dog and Horse Rescue and currently hold the position of Chairman of The Pro Football Hall of Fame Canton Repository Grand Parade.

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Andy Stephan started at Stark State College in 2012 and is currently Dean of Arts and Sciences. During this time, he also served as the campus lead for the Completion by Design grant and was a member of the OACC 2013 Developmental Education Taskforce. Prior to this position, Andy was a faculty member and department chair of mathematics at St. Charles Community College near St. Louis, MO. Andy is a veteran whose love for community college education developed from his personal experiences at a community college after leaving the military. Because of the second chance that was given to him through the community college mission, Andy went on to earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in mathematics and is currently working on his dissertation in higher education.

Terra State Community College

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My name is Melissa Ramirez. I am the Assistant Dean for the Allied Health, Nursing and Human Services division at Terra State Community College. My journey at Terra State began in 2011 as an Academic Administrative Assistant and shortly after I was promoted to serve as the Division Coordinator for the Allied Health division. Presently, I am in the state of transitioning into serving a different role at TSCC. I am now working to help provide support for our new Vice President for Academic Affairs and academic divisions. I am excited to begin my new role outside the division office and I am looking forward to a new challenge. I am not quite sure what to expect, but I am keeping a positive mindset by looking at change as an opportunity to grow and learn new things. I earned my Master's degree in Education focusing on Higher Education Administration from The University of Toledo. During my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, watching movies, and watching my kids play sports.

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My name is Ann Sergent and I am the Interim Dean of the Business, Humanities, and Industrial Technologies Division at Terra State Community College. I started my journey in education teaching 7-12 history. In 2011, I began teaching as an adjunct instructor and absolutely loved it. I have been in higher education ever since. I have held several different roles in higher education including adjunct instructor, academic and career advisor and assistant dean. I love working for a community college and what it has to offer students and the community and am looking forward to continuing my career in higher education. In my spare time I love to camp, read, and spend time with my husband and fur babies.

Washington State Community College

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