



**Chair**

**Dr. Tod Burnett**

President  
Saddleback College

A results-oriented leader with a distinguished career in the public sector, Dr. Tod A. Burnett has served as president of Saddleback College since August 2008. As president, Dr. Burnett is the chief executive officer of the college managing an \$87 million annual budget and 1,350 employees that currently serve over 40,000 students each year from the south Orange County community.

Prior to serving as President of Saddleback College, Dr. Burnett was appointed in 2006 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as Vice Chancellor of the California Community Colleges overseeing strategic planning and communications and developing the system's first emergency planning and preparedness program.

Previously, Dr. Burnett served two years as the Governor's Deputy Appointments Secretary where he advised on making political appointments to hundreds of full and part-time positions in state government. Prior to joining the Governor, he was appointed by President Bush as Director of State and Local Government Relations for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency serving under Administrator Christie Todd Whitman and before that was appointed by Mayor Richard Riordan to serve four years as Commissioner on the City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works.

Dr. Burnett holds an Education Doctorate Degree in Organizational Leadership from Pepperdine University, Master of Business Administration from the University of Southern California and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California, Riverside.



**Assistant**

**Ms. Sophie Miller-Gilliland**

Manager, Office of the President  
Saddleback College

Sophie Miller-Gilliland is the Manager, Office of the President at Saddleback College. Sophie has worked at the South Orange County Community College District since 1990. She began working in the Office of the Chancellor and Board of Trustees and then transferred to the Office of the President in 2000. For the past 15 years Sophie has worked with three different presidents at Saddleback College and since 2009 has worked with Dr. Tod Burnett, Palomar Accreditation Visiting Team Chair and she is serving as the Team Assistant.



**Faculty**

**Mr. Leslie Hubbard**

Instructor, Accounting  
Solano Community College

Les Hubbard has been an Accounting Professor at Solano College for 35 years, 25 Adjunct and 10 Full-Time. Currently he is the lead Accounting Professor and CTE/Business Division representative on the Academic Senate.

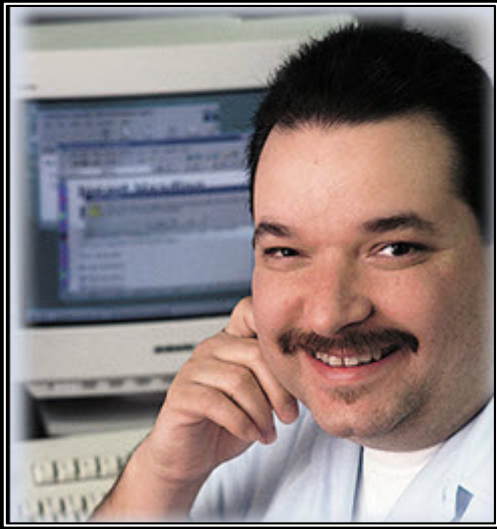


**Faculty**

**Ms. Sydney Larson**

Professor, Early Childhood Education  
College of the Redwoods

Sydney Fisher Larson is Professor of Early Childhood Education at College of the Redwoods in Eureka, CA. While at CR she has served on the Academic Senate, Division Chair and Interim Vice President of Instruction. She is the president of California Community College Early Childhood Educators (CCCECE), serves as the higher education representative on the California State Advisory Council on Early Learning and Care and serves on the Humboldt First5 Commission.



#### Faculty

### **Mr. Mario Tejada, Jr.**

Faculty, Chair of Distance Education  
Diablo Valley College/San Ramon Valley Campus

After college I went to work at a software company as a hardware and software tech, a network tech, a programmer, a help desk tech and finally as a trainer.

I spent the next 2 years as an independent consultant working for the Contra Costa Water District and the non-profit organization [IFES - the International Foundation for Electoral Systems](#), which is the world's premiere election assistance organization, providing countries with the technical advice and tools they need to run democratic elections.

My first assignment was to South Africa to help with the 1994 Nelson Mandela elections. I worked in Ghana with the Ghanaian Electoral Commission designing and training their IT staff in preparation for the 1997 national elections.

I was hired by Diablo Valley College in 1996 and I am an instructor at Diablo Valley College's San Ramon Campus in the San Francisco bay area. I currently teach in the Computer Information Systems, Computer Networking Technologies and Computer Science areas. I teach courses in traditional, hybrid and online formats. I have been teaching online for approximately 14 years.

I am the current Chair of the Distance Education Committee, Co-Chair of the Student Learning Outcomes committee, a member of the President's Accreditation Advisory Committee, the DVC Technology Committee, the District's Learning Management System Work Group, the District's Distance Education Council and a past member of the curriculum committee (6 years).



#### Faculty

### **Dr. Richard Mahon**

Professor of Humanities  
Riverside City College

Richard Mahon is Professor of Humanities at Riverside City College, where he has taught since 1998. He is currently the curriculum committee chair and has served as both college and district academic senate president. Richard served on the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and as a governor-at-large on the Faculty Association for California Community Colleges. He has served as a Commissioner on the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges since 2012. He received the Hayward Award for excellence in teaching and faculty leadership in 2013.



**Administrator**

**Dr. Kimberly Hoffmans**

Dean (Sciences and CTE)

Moorpark College

Dr. Kim Hoffmans has over 21 years of experience in the community college setting as a faculty member, department leader, and administrator. Currently, she is the Dean of Enrollment Services, Life and Health Sciences at Moorpark College which includes Admission & Records, Life Sciences, Health Sciences, and Animal Sciences. Previously, she was the Nursing Program Director and Coordinator of Health Sciences. She received her doctorate degree in educational leadership from California Lutheran University, her master's degree in nursing from Texas Woman's University; and her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Texas in Austin.



**Administrator**

**Dr. Stephanie Droker**

Vice President of Educational Services

West Hills College Coalinga

Dr. Stephanie Droker has served as West Hills College Coalinga's Vice President of Educational Services (Chief Instructional Officer and Accreditation Liaison Officer) since 2012. She earned her doctorate in education from California State University, Fresno. Previously, she attended California State University, Dominguez Hills where she earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies.

Dr. Droker started her teaching career at Santa Monica College in 1999. After her family relocated to California's Central Valley, she began teaching Political Science for West Hills College Lemoore in 2006. During her tenure as a full time faculty member, she served as Academic Senate President, curriculum committee member, strategic planning chair, and the Accreditation Self Study co-chair.



**Administrator**

**Dr. Anthony Culpepper**

Vice President of Finance  
and Administrative Services  
Bakersfield College

At Bakersfield College I serve as the Vice President of Finance and Administrative and Member of the Board of Directors of the BC Foundation. My background includes 25 years of executive experience in both corporate and academia; profit and non-for profit models.

As a licensed CPA, CMA, CFM, and EA, I have served in several executive positions in corporate ranging from Controller to CFO/Vice President of Finance. I have been serving as a member of the board of non-profit organizations for over 27 years. I have been the Vice Provost of Faculty Affairs at Ashford University, Dean of the Colleges of Business Administration and Information Systems at Trident University, Dean of the College of Business and Management at DeVry University, Dean of the Keller Graduate School, and Dean (interim) of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at DeVry University.

My academic accomplishments include a Professorship at Ashford University, a mid-tenure track professorship as an Irvine Scholar of Accounting at Pepperdine University, Professor of Accounting, Business Administration and Organizational Leadership at Trident University, and an adjunct Professor of Accounting at the University of La Verne. I hold several degrees; doctorate Ed.D of Organizational Leadership (Pepperdine University) and Executive MBA (Graziadio School of Business and Management); BS (CSU Dominguez Hills); AA (Long Beach City College). Also,

I have significant experience in accreditation and assessment gained from a variety of WASC and AACSB development workshops. Also, I have been serving as a WASC evaluator for several years.



**Administrator**

**Mr. Jonah Nicholas**

Associate Vice Chancellor/CFO  
Contra Costa CCD

Jonah Nicholas came to the Contra Costa Community College District in 2011 as the Director of District Finance Services and was appointed the Associate Vice Chancellor/Chief Financial Officer of the District in 2013. Jonah obtained his MBA from Washington State University and has over 12 years of experience in business and finance both in the private sector and higher education.



**Administrator**

**Dr. Erika Endrijonas**

President

Los Angeles Valley College

Dr. Erika Endrijonas has been President of Los Angeles Valley College since August 2014. She previously served as Executive Vice President at Oxnard College in the Ventura County Community College District from 2009-2014, and as Dean of Educational Programs at Santa Barbara City College from 2000-2009, where her focus was Career and Technical Education programs. Dr. Endrijonas holds a bachelor's degree in History from California State University, Northridge, and a Master's and Ph.D. in History from the University of Southern California.



**Administrator**

**Dr. Mark Sanchez**

Dean of Student Affairs

Hartnell College

Dr. Mark Sanchez is currently the Dean of Student Affairs, Student Success at Hartnell College in Salinas, CA. Dr. Sanchez provides leadership for the areas of: Counseling, Orientation, Assessment Testing, College Pathways (Outreach), Transfer and Career Center, High School Equivalency Program (HEP), and Childcare Access Means Parents in School Program (CCAMPIS). Dr. Sanchez is a writing team member of the College's Accreditation self-study team, Chair of the Student Success and Support Program Plan Committee (SSSP), Co-Chair of the College's Student Equity Committee, member of the Outcomes and Assessment Committee, member of the Academic Affairs Council, and member of the Campus Technology Implementation Committee. Dr. Sanchez' experience also includes serving on a District wide Strategic Planning Committee at the State Center Community College District. In this role Dr. Sanchez was a part of a team that presented at the National Society for College and University Planning (SCUP) at Stanford University in March 2012.

Prior to his current assignment, Dr. Sanchez was the Dean of Student Services, Counseling at Fresno City College for three years. Prior to his tenure at Fresno City College, Dr. Sanchez was the Director of Student Support Services Programs at Evergreen Valley College in San Jose, CA for five years. Dr. Sanchez also has extensive experience in the development and implementation of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) programs and services for adults and youth.

Dr. Sanchez' education includes a Doctorate in Education from California State University, Fresno; Master's in Education Administration from California State University, Fresno; and Bachelor's in Sociology from Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA.



## Research

### **Mr. Howard Kummerman**

Dean, Institutional Research & Planning  
Rio Hondo College

Howard Kummerman is the Dean of Institutional Research and Planning and the Executive Director of the Foundation at Rio Hondo College. After attending San Diego State University, Howard began a career that spans more than 25 years working with non-profit organizations and Community Colleges. He holds a Master of Science in Executive Leadership from the Business School at the University of San Diego.

Howard is involved in many roles and activities on campus including: President's Cabinet; Accreditation Liaison Officer; Co-Chair, Institutional Effectiveness Committee, Co-Chair Program Review Committee; Co-Chair Accreditation Standard I Committee; Rio Hondo College Leadership Academy Committee & Faculty; Planning & Fiscal Council; Rio Hondo College Foundation Board of Directors; and many others.