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**OBJECTIVE:** To support the advancement of our community in the areas of education, health and community development; focusing on the growth and development of our youth, the care of our seniors, and community advancement.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION**

#### **VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS Monterey Peninsula College, Monterey, California July 2015 to June 2019**

Cabinet-level academic administrator serving as the chief instructional officer reporting directly to the College President. Provided administrative leadership, vision, and direction to all academic programs and services at the college. Served as the college's Accreditation Liaison Officer. Facilitated communication, collaboration, coordination, and integration between academic programs, services, and personnel; and student support services, programs and personnel creating a 'student-friendly' environment that celebrated diversity and promoted student success. Responsible for academic programs and academic planning at the college, accreditation and institutional effectiveness, and the hiring and professional development of all academic personnel.

#### **Major Achievements:**

- Difference Maker Award, Monterey Peninsula College (2017)
- Lobo Award for outstanding contributions to the college, Monterey Peninsula College (2016)
- Successfully completed accreditation reports and documentation at a critical juncture of the college's accreditation leading to full reaffirmation of accreditation of the college until 2023.
- Stabilized college enrollments after multiple years of declining enrollments.
- Facilitated the creation of the Teacher Preparation Pathway program and the Memorandum of Understanding with California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) for a 2+2 program between MPC and CSUMB.
- Expanded academic programming at the Marina campus of MPC and established anchor programs such as Medical Assisting at the Marina Education Center.
- Established clear systems and structures in academic affairs with a focus on processes, procedures, and protocols.
- Improved morale in the Office of Academic Affairs making it a vibrant, high-functioning office with almost no turn-over.
- Designed and directed the new first-year experience program called "Nexus" for new faculty and administrators.

**SENIOR DEAN OF PLANNING AND INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS**  
**Los Medanos College, Pittsburg, California**  
**July 2013 to June 2015**

Cabinet-level administrator serving as the chief planning officer reporting directly to the College President. Responsible for accreditation, institutional and strategic planning, program review and institutional effectiveness. Served as the Accreditation Liaison Officer of the college.

**Major Achievements:**

- Successfully led the College to reaffirmation of accreditation in 2015. Provided leadership and direction for the two-year self-evaluation process between Fall 2012 and Fall 2014.
- Successfully led the development of the College's five-year strategic plan (2014-2019) after a year-long process of gathering stakeholder input from the college community and the external community prior to Governing Board approval.

**SENIOR DEAN OF INSTRUCTION**  
**Los Medanos College, Pittsburg, California**  
**September 2012 to June 2013**

Cabinet-level academic administrator responsible for all aspects of instruction at the College. Served as the Accreditation Liaison Officer of the college. Responsible for curriculum and instruction, the development of pathways and "roadmaps" from school to college to career, articulation of courses between high school and college. Responsible for a number of public and private grant proposals; and implementing a large number of grants while closely monitoring grant activities, deliverables, and budgets.

**Major Achievements:**

- Successfully completed Substantive Change proposals to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) and received approval for the college center in Brentwood, the Fire Academy in Concord, and the Police Academy in Pittsburg.

**DEAN OF CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION**  
**Los Medanos College, Pittsburg, California**  
**July 2005 to September 2012**

Academic manager providing strategic leadership and operational oversight for 18 Career Technical Education (CTE) academic programs. Responsible for developing and nurturing industry partnerships; and collaborating with high schools, Regional Occupational Programs, Workforce Development Board, One Stops, and community-based organizations. Also served as Chief Instructional Officer and Accreditation Liaison Officer during a period of leadership transition in 2011-2012. Served as a management representative on the district-wide faculty negotiations.

**Major Achievements:**

- Authored, managed and/or supervised over 40 grants for Career Technical Education totaling over \$10 million between 2005 and 2013 to promote innovation and the development of CTE programs at the college.
- Spearheaded the development of the college's first Workforce Development Strategic plan by creating and leading a college-wide initiative entitled "Vision 20/20" with input from stakeholders within the college as well as the external community.
- Led the creation and development of a new CTE program called Process Technology in close collaboration with petro-chemical manufacturing industry partners such as The Dow Chemical Company, Shell Oil, Valero, Tesoro and the Workforce Development Board.
- Revitalized and successfully turned around the declining Electrical and Instrumentation Technology program with partners from the manufacturing industry such as USS Posco and The Dow Chemical Company within a year. It became a model CTE program and was presented at statewide and regional conferences.
- Established and chaired a high-level advisory board for Career and Technical Education at the college with representatives from industry, business, labor and the Workforce Development Board. Established an advisory board for every CTE program at the college.
- Promoted the college's career programs by serving on The Dow Chemical Company Community Advisory Panel (Dow CAP) and the Chamber of Commerce in Pittsburg, California.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – TEACHING AND PROGRAM LEADERSHIP****DEPARTMENT CHAIR AND PROFESSOR OF TRAVEL MARKETING  
Los Medanos College, Pittsburg, California  
August 1991 to June 2005**

Served as faculty and chair of the department. Responsible for teaching new entrants to the travel industry, providing customized seminars to employees of leading travel organizations, and transforming the program into a fully online instruction program.

**Major Achievements:**

- Outstanding Faculty of the Year, Los Medanos College Hayward Award nominee (2001)
- Transformed the Travel Marketing program, leading to national recognition in the travel industry.
- Successfully obtained two transformational economic development grants for \$1.3 million over 4 years (1999-2003) and served as project director implementing the grants.
- Created the Center for Travel Marketing (CENTRAM) to provide customized training to employees of travel organizations in California.

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:****Travel Consultant  
American Express Travel, Walnut Creek, California  
1993-1996**

**Travel Consultant**  
**Emporium Travel d.b.a. Unitours, Palo Alto and Walnut Creek, California**  
**1987-1991; Independent contractor 1991-1993**

**Travel Consultant**  
**Sears Travel Service, Halifax, Canada**  
**1985-1986**

**Visiting Professor of English**  
**Xiamen University, China**  
**1986**

**Adjunct professor of French Linguistics**  
**Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Canada**  
**1985**

**International Sales Executive**  
**Trade Wings Travel Ltd., Hyderabad, India**  
**1978-1979**

#### **EDUCATION:**

**Master of Arts in French Linguistics (1985)**  
Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada  
University Outstanding Scholar

**Extended Studies Diploma in French and Linguistics (1983)**  
Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada  
University Outstanding Scholar

**Post Graduate Diploma in Travel and Tourism (1978)**  
Sophia Polytechnic, University of Bombay, India  
University Merit List Scholar

**Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Public Administration, and Political Science (1977)**  
St. Francis College, Osmania University, India  
Gold Medalist

Professional credentials earned include:

**Certified Travel Counselor (2000)**

The Travel Institute (Previously, Institute of Certified Travel Agents), Boston

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

Member, Rotary Club of Monterey Peninsula

Board Member, Franklin Legacy Fund

Advisory Member, Bright Futures of Monterey County