

## **Andy MacNeill, Dean of Learning Resources & Academic Success San Diego Mesa CCD**

### *Summary of Experience:*

Andy MacNeill's career in higher education spans more than 30 years. Twenty of those have been in the California Community College System. He has served in leadership positions at large single-college and multiple-college districts. After five years as the Dean of Humanities at San Diego Mesa College, he became the Dean of Learning Resources and Academic Support. He has been in this role for over three years, overseeing several college-wide equity and student support programs and grants.

Under his leadership, the Mesa Tutoring and Computing Centers and the New Faculty Institute have received awards for their innovation and equitable practices. Andy has presented with his teams on both of these award-winning programs at conferences, including the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE), and the Community College League of California. He enjoys working collaboratively with faculty, classified professionals, and administrators to bring professional learning opportunities that provide the skills, knowledge and practices that support student success. He has also collaborated on and facilitated local, regional, and state-wide professional learning programs, beginning his third year as Co-chair of the ACCCA Mentor Program and is currently serving as the President of the SDSU Community College Leadership Alumni Group, and President of the San Diego Community College Management Association.

Andy has an Ed.D. in Community College Leadership from San Diego State University, a M.A.T. in Teaching English To Speakers Of Other Languages and Spanish from the School for International Training, in Brattleboro, Vermont, and a B.A. in Information and Communication Studies from CSU, Chico.

### *Statement of Candidacy*

My name is Andy MacNeill and it would be a privilege to represent you on the ACCCA Board. My tenure in the California Community College system began 20 years ago. When I transitioned from faculty to a dean position, I was strongly encouraged to join ACCCA to participate in the professional learning opportunities provided that would serve me in becoming an effective administrator. Since joining, I have completed Admin 101 and Admin 201, and after graduating from the ACCCA Mentor Program was asked to serve as a team leader. I soon transitioned to the position of Southern California Co-chair of the program where I am presently co-leading a third cohort with my Northern California counterpart. ACCCA is one of the few organizations that provide professional development opportunities and support for college administrators. I am proud and grateful to serve in this role. During my time involved with the Mentor Program, I have been an active member of ACCCA's Management Development Commission.

Since accepting a position as an Instructional Dean at San Diego Mesa College eight years ago, I have been an active advocate and leader in expanding professional learning for educators locally, regionally, and statewide. Overseeing professional development at Mesa, I have led the development of several programs, including the annual three-day Classified Professional Learning Conference (ClassiCon), and the award winning year-long New Faculty Institute. I have provided leadership for the Deans' Academy for Region X and served as facilitator for its sessions for the past several years. As the President for the SDSU Community College Leadership Alumni Group, I collaborate with my board colleagues to hold several annual professional and social events.

At a time when creativity and innovation is paramount toward maintaining and growing professional development opportunities during the current crisis and the ever-changing California Community College landscape, I will bring my passion for supporting the success of others and be honored to represent you on the ACCCA Board. I am dedicated to working with my fellow board members to maintain and expand the programming that supports administrators in becoming exceptional in their positions and those that they aspire to attain.

## **Dr. Daren Otten, Superintendent/President Copper Mountain CCD**

### *Summary of Experience:*

I am privileged to be the Superintendent/President of Copper Mountain College in Joshua Tree, California. I am a relative newcomer to the California Community College system, when in 2015, I joined Yuba College as Dean of Applied Academics and then subsequently served as Vice-President of Student Services and Instruction. Before joining Yuba College, I served as faculty and vice-chair in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronic Engineering, and Manufacturing at California State University, Chico for eleven years.

In addition to higher education experience, I have significant private sector executive and technical experience in engineering and global manufacturing and have worked with small startups to Fortune 500 companies. I have also served on several regional workforce training and development boards and I am a proud Rotarian. I was honored and privileged to co-facilitate the Great Deans program for ACCCA and have loved watching each of these administrators continue to grow and develop as leaders in the system.

I believe that I can bring value to the ACCCA Board of Directors and the Administrators we serve through my varied background and the lived experience that I have had drinking every day from the California Community College firehose.

### *Statement of Candidacy:*

The change and challenges faced by the California Community Colleges system seems unprecedented. We are all aware of the difficulties that we face in developing, recruiting, and retaining leadership talent who have the fortitude, the skills, and the peer networks to not just survive but to truly thrive on behalf of the students in the system. I am a proud graduate of Great Deans and Admin 201 and a member of ACCCA since I started as a Dean in the California Community College system. Later, I was honored and privileged to co-facilitate the Great Deans program and would be honored to support the current and future leaders as a member of the ACCCA Board of Directors.

I believe that ACCCA is a critical link in the development of administrators across the system and provides scaffolded programs that benefit administrators at each stage of their careers. Having personally moved relatively quickly from Dean to VP, and now as a Superintendent/President, the network of experienced and senior administrators that I have met through ACCCA has truly been the lifeline that I have leaned on when I needed a sounding board, advice, or just to vent on operational challenges or discuss career advice.

ACCCA continues to provide me ongoing education and networking that has proven critical to me. I would truly like to give back and I would be honored to join the ACCCA Board of Directors.

## **Dr. Eric Ramones, Associate Vice Chancellor, Human Resources West Valley Mission CCD**

### *Summary of Experience:*

I have been with our California community college system for nearly 10 years. I was recently appointed as Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resources for West Valley-Mission Community College District and previously served as Associate Vice President of Human Resources at Gavilan Joint Community College District. My experience includes serving as the District's Chief Labor Negotiator, Discrimination and Harassment Complaints Investigator, Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Officer, Title IX Coordinator, Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504/508 Officer. In addition, I have been a member of the Behavioral Intervention Team, Health and Safety Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and EEO Advisory Committee. Prior to the community college system, I served as the Human Resources/Internal Affairs Manager for the San Jose Fire Department.

My passion for public service and education is qualified by 20 years of public human resources experience and 10 years as an adjunct professor for the graduate school of public administration at San Jose State University. I possess a doctorate in organizational leadership, a master's degree in public administration, and a bachelor's degree in sociology. Also, I am a senior certified human resources professional by the International Public Management Association. I serve as Chairperson for the Bay Area CCD Chief Human Resources Officers, as the Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Northern California Community College Pool Joint Powers Authority, board member for the Association of Chief Human Resources Officers, and a member of the Human Resources Advisory Committee for the Statewide Association of Community Colleges. I am an active member of Rotary International and a staunch advocate for social justice and underrepresented groups such as foster youth. I am actively engaged in professional development and present at various higher education and leadership conferences every year. I have a deep commitment to advocate for, develop, support, and prepare our colleagues to lead - this is a primary reason why I am running for the ACCCA Board of Directors.

### *Statement of Candidacy:*

Thank you for considering my candidacy as a member of the ACCCA Board of Directors. Our work as administrators in the California community college system requires passion and resilience to tirelessly advocate for our students who deserve a quality education. The energy we expend to continue this effort every day requires nourishment and rejuvenation; therefore, I would like to serve on the ACCCA Board of Directors to advocate for you. My commitment to providing resources, leadership development, networking opportunities, and best practices to support you directly translates to helping our students achieve the best quality of life through education.

I am described by my peers as a student/teacher dedicated to lifelong learning and a transformational leader with a track record of building a high achievement organizational culture. I possess the vitality necessary to move ACCCA forward into the future through strategic planning and thinking, strong partnerships, consensus/trust building, and innovation. I am highly motivated by proactively educating, mentoring, and inspiring others to lead. I care deeply about our educational system, serving our students as a champion for diversity, equity, and social justice. Thank you for taking the time to consider my candidacy. I would be honored and privileged to serve as your advocate on the ACCCA Board of Directors.

**Dr. Joshua Moon-Johnson (He/Him), Dean, Student Services, Equity Programs & Pathways  
American River College**

*Summary of Experience:*

I currently serve as the Dean of Student Services, Equity Programs, and Pathways at American River College in the Los Rios Community College District. In my role, I provide leadership to equity programs focused on supporting disproportionately impacted and marginalized students, including students of color, LGBTQ+ students, UndocuScholars, low-income, first-generation, international students, and students facing food and housing insecurity. I also lead our student life and engagement programs, and I oversee outreach and recruitment and pre-college partnerships serving more than 1,900 high school students coming from underserved communities.

I have been engaged with ACCCA over the last few years, presenting a total of five presentations at the last two annual conferences on topics related to recruiting and retaining marginalized employees, creating an institutional equity plan, institutionalizing LGBTQ+ services, and including multiracial students in equity plans. Additionally, I volunteered to support Admin 201 and participated in Great Deans 2018-2019.

I have been a student services administrator for the last ten years and served as the Dean of Students at American University of Malta, Assistant Dean of Students at University of Wisconsin-Madison, and as the Director of Non-traditional Student Services and the LGBT Center at UC Santa Barbara. I have served as a faculty member, classified staff member, and student staff member at numerous institutions. I have held organizational leadership positions as a board member for the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Region IV-East and NASPA Asian Pacific Islander Knowledge Community, as Chair of the NASPA MultiRacial Knowledge Community, a board member for the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Region 5, a board member at Just Communities Central Coast, and I am currently a board member at Sacramento LGBT Community Center. I completed a doctorate in adult and higher education, and have utilized my research and administrative skills to publish three books and multiple articles related to equity in higher education. I am a committed volunteer, and I am eager to bring insightful perspectives and ideas to ACCCA.

*Statement of Candidacy:*

I am honored to be a candidate for the ACCCA Board of Directors as a Student Services Administrator. I have significantly benefited from my involvement with ACCCA over the last few years, and I would be honored to continue to give back to a professional association that has allowed me to develop as a leader. ACCCA is a critical organization that shapes the leaders of our community colleges, and I have extensive experience and past success with creating professional development efforts, specifically focused on student services administrators. My goal as a Board Member representing Student Services is to create engaging and timely professional development opportunities that supports administrators as we evolve into a new phase in our world and in the field of higher education.

I hope to continue to develop ACCCA into a dynamic organization that examines student needs quickly and is able to creatively and collectively create knowledge and solutions that help California Community College students. Throughout all of my work, I bring a strong commitment and focus on social justice and equity. I will engage diverse, underrepresented, and marginalized members of ACCCA to create

more inclusion, engagement, and solidarity. I want to support ACCCA in producing effective social justice and equity practices that examine the complex and intersectional lives of students, employees, and community members. I hope to create sustained and organizationally driven equity programs so that colleges have the knowledge, tools, and strategies to create change.

Lastly, I would like to be a Board Member of ACCCA in order to foster leadership development programs to ensure that members' identities are fully understood, celebrated, and considered as we mentor and guide them as college and ACCCA leaders. I have a thorough understanding of student affairs practices, student development research, and leadership development programs focused on marginalized and underrepresented communities. I would be honored to commit my skills, knowledge, and energy towards serving ACCCA.

## **Maria L. Villagomez, Sr. Dean, Library, Language Arts & Social Sciences Napa College**

### *Summary of Experience:*

I believe both my successful administrative and teaching experience and education qualify me for this position. I have 20+ years of combined experience strictly as a teacher at the elementary, middle, high school, adult school, and college and university levels.

Additionally, I have 10+ years in administrative and leadership experience at the community college level. As my resume indicates, I have a master's degree in Education (concentration in Curriculum, Teaching and Learning), a Master's Degree in Spanish, and a Bachelor's Degree in Spanish.

As the Senior Dean of Language Arts and Developmental Studies, Library and Social Sciences divisions, I successfully manage the daily operations of my divisional areas. In addition, I oversee Distance Education, Study Abroad, Writing Success Center, the Napa Valley Writers' Conference, and the Speech Lab.

As the Dean of Instruction and Academic Support at Napa Valley College, I successfully managed the daily operations of my divisional areas which included: the schedule and catalog development process of credit classes for the entire college, International Education, Distance Education, Instructional Technology, and K-12 Partnerships, including Dual Enrollment, the Tutoring Center and Enrollment Management, to name a few. While my tenure as Dean of Instruction was brief (due to restructuring), I successfully implemented efficient practices which have improved the quality of our instructional services, some of which included implementing our automatic enrollment process.

I believe my educational credentials, teaching experience, and professional development, as well as my participation in governance structures and leadership experience uniquely qualify me to be considered for this board position. I hope that you'll agree.

### *Statement of Candidacy:*

Please consider this communication my official statement of candidacy for the ACCCA Board of Directors representing Instructional Administrators.

My involvement and membership with ACCCA arose four years ago. I graduated from the Great Deans Program a few years ago and have been remained active in the organization since then. During this time, I have participated on numerous webinars and trainings sponsored by ACCCA, the ASCCC and the Chancellor's Office. Also, I am a graduate of the CCC's Enrollment Management Academy. As an administrator, I have held several positions at Napa Valley College, including Dean of Instruction, Dean of Library, Learning Technologies, Language Arts and most recently, Senior Dean of Library, Language Arts and Social Sciences.

My attraction for a seat of ACCCA's Board of Directors originates from a genuine interest in the opportunity to foster collaboration and engage in advocacy for instructional matters from which all community colleges can benefit. My qualifications offer more than 20 years of classroom teaching experience, 12 years of administrative-level experience, and more than 20 years of leadership-level

experience including, but not limited to, serving as the 1<sup>st</sup> VP of the Faculty Senate, President of the Faculty Association and VP of the Administrative Senate at Napa Valley College.

My wish to serve ACCCA is based on my strong belief in your vision, mission and goals of the organization. Specifically, the value of being ethical and effective advocacy resonated with me. Discovering a suitable balance between effectiveness while remaining true to our ethical values can at times be challenging; however, it is imperative that as managers we remain true to ourselves while being successful at advocating for our students locally and statewide. Collaboratively and productively, we must lead comprehensive initiatives that directly and positively impact our students' short-term and long-term goals.

I'm hopeful that you will consider me for this important position, which I will treat with the utmost integrity, work ethic and transparency. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration and your vote.



## **Silvia Cornejo, Dean, Southwestern CCD**

### *Summary of Experience:*

An immigrant from Mexico, Silvia Cornejo came to the United States with the specific purpose of pursuing a higher education. After completing her degree and working in non-profit for a short period of time, Silvia joined Southwestern College to coordinate the AmeriCorps and Service Learning program. In that role, she discovered the transformative power of community colleges and decided this would be her life-long career.

For more than 20 years, Silvia has dedicated her work to helping students thrive by serving the Southwestern Community College District in various capacities, including administrative and faculty roles. As Director (2001-2010) and Dean (2011-present) of two comprehensive education centers located in very diverse communities, Silvia is responsible for the centers' operational, instructional, and student services programs and services. During her tenure as Dean, she has led numerous career education programs, ranging from International Logistics and Transportation, to Child Development, to Nursing and Health Occupations, Fire and Police academies. Her leadership has resulted in stellar academic and student centered environments that impact the lives of more than 4,000 students every semester.

One of Silvia's key roles as an administrator is championing the goals of the District in the communities served by the centers and establishing a wide range of partnerships with local private, public and government agencies and international educational partners (regional cross-border initiatives). Silvia has served on several community advisory boards, including local chambers of commerce and business councils.

Silvia has a Master of Arts in Leadership Studies from the University of San Diego, and two Bachelor of Art degrees, one in Communication Studies and one in Sociology, also from the University of San Diego.

### *Statement of Candidacy:*

Thank you for considering my candidacy as a member of the ACCCA Board. I have been both a classified and academic administrator in the California community college system for 22 years. As a result, I have a strong understanding of the challenges and opportunities that face our system and the important role administrators play in ensuring that challenges are met and overcome and opportunities are accessed and maximized.

My interest in serving on the ACCCA Board comes from my long-standing commitment to supporting my administrative colleagues. For the past seven years, I have served as an executive board member of the Southwestern Community College District Administrators Association. My role with the Association included serving as its President when the Association was a meet and confer group, and also when it became an official collective bargaining group. This experience has allowed me to volunteer much of my time to supporting and advancing the professional development and rights of our District administrators, and I consider my role in negotiating the District's first collective bargaining agreement for administrators one of my career's greatest learning experiences and contributions.

It is because I am passionate about empowering administrators, and because I have strong knowledge and experience as a community college administrator, that I seek to serve on the ACCCAA Board. I believe in its mission to develop and support current and future California community college administrators through professional development, networking and advocacy, and I would be honored to serve on the Board to help further that mission.