

Hi everyone! My name is Peggy Campo and I am excited to be participating in the Great Deans program. Like everyone, I am the confluence of many unique identities. I am the proud mother of 3 beautiful children, Theo, Carolina and Lucca; wife of 30 years to my better half, Raul; mom to several four-legged babies; daughter to Argentine, highly educated, immigrant parents; sibling to a brother and sister, who thankfully live within a 5-mile radius; tía to a slew of nieces and nephews; friend to many; life-long friend to a select few; colleague; scientist; professor; academic administrator; life-long learner; and overall consider myself to have led a privileged life. I have so much to be thankful for. Like many, I do not have a simple answer to “where are you from?”. I was born in Panama where my parents lived at the time, raised in New York, hence the accent, attitude, and love for the Yankees. Decided to attend college in Argentina, where my parents are from and met my husband. Obtained my bachelor’s degree in Biochemistry and had twins. Our young family decided to emigrate back to the US, where I continued my studies and grew the family with our youngest son. I have two master’s degrees, one in Biology and the other in Molecular Biology, and later obtained an Ed. D in Leadership in Higher Education.



I am a fervent believer that education is the surest manner to raise people's economic and social standing and have dedicated my professional career to helping students succeed in obtaining their certificates and degrees in higher education. I have taught part-time for 3 years throughout So. Cal and full-time for 14 years at Norco College within the Life Sciences disciplines. I have been Interim Dean of STEM and BEIT for the past year, also at Norco College. I have served in many roles at the college and district, including Academic Senate President, department co-chair, club faculty advisor, PRT member, ASCCC appointed committee member, and much more. I genuinely love what, where, and with whom I do what I do professionally.



I am a recovering extrovert whose volume control knob has been broken for decades (yes, that's just a polite way of saying I'm obnoxiously loud). I live, laugh, eat, and love without too much restraint. I believe life is too short to sweat the small stuff and to take oneself too seriously. I enjoy many things, but above all else travelling is my passion. Within the last year I have traveled to Costa Rica, Panama, and Mexico internationally, and Hawaii, Sacramento, San Diego, Sonoma, San Francisco, Oakland, Mendocino, New Haven, Miami, and Boston, for at least a one-night stay away from home. I have benefitted from living in other countries as well, including not only Argentina but also Italy and Spain. I enjoy comparing and contrasting cultures across the world, especially their culinary differences.



Zip lining in Costa Rica

Enjoying the beaches on the San Blas archipelago off the coast of Panama



I am very much looking forward to getting to know you all; learning, networking, and making connections together.