
GREGORY F. PETERSON, ED.D.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Current Position

PRESIDENT, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Chandler, AZ, 2018-Present
Chandler-Gilbert Community College, a Maricopa Community College, is an independently accredited comprehensive community college with an annual student headcount of 19,000 students, 24% full-time and 76% part-time; total budget of over \$75,000,000; and over 1,000 faculty and staff.

***PRESIDENT** reports to the Chancellor. Provides college-wide leadership for two comprehensive campuses and two instructional centers, with oversight of all college-level academic, student affairs, and administrative programs, services, and functions. Serves on the Chancellor's Executive Council and chairs multiple district-wide committees. Directly supervises the Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Administrative Services, and the Associate Vice President of Community Relations.*

Responsibilities:

- Support strategic enrollment growth and program completion that reflects access and success for all communities in the Phoenix East Valley, including growth in early college, transfer, and micro-credential programs
- Empower faculty and staff in building upon the College's legacy of instructional innovation, student support services, and inclusive practices to foster greater student learning and success
- Expand the College's role in developing local workforce pathways to living-wage careers in partnership with local and regional businesses and community organizations

Accomplishments:

- Minimized and reversed enrollment decline caused by the global pandemic, with CGCC boasting its highest enrollment ever in 2023-2024 including increases for dual enrollment, new, and returning students;
- Recognized nationally as a leader in Artificial Intelligence Teaching and Learning, having implemented the first Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning associate's degree program in the nation in partnership with Intel in 2021, and hosted the first national AI Teaching & Learning Summit in 2023;
- Recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the 9th highest transfer partnership in the nation, 1st in Arizona, including a 45% increase in transfer for Native American students, 39% for Black students, and 13% for Latinx;
- Achieved Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) status in 2020, embedded a commitment to "serving" the local Latinx community in local College plans,

and was successfully awarded a Title V grant in 2022;

- Successfully launched a Promise Program with the Town of Queen Creek and workforce scholarship programs with the Town of Gilbert and the City of Chandler;
- Developed regional, multi-college career pathways in information technology, aerospace technology, and advanced manufacturing, including a quick-start semiconductor technician program visited by the First Lady

Awards:

Presidential

2024: East Valley Man of the Year, Positive Pathways

2020: Aspen New Presidents Fellowship, Aspen Institute College Excellence Program

2019: PTK Paragon Award, Phi Theta Kappa

Institutional

2024: Chandler Men of Action African American Awards, Beaumont Community Partner Award

2023: National Learning Communities Annual Conference Host

2022: Arizona Governor's Academic Innovator of the Year, Artificial Intelligence Pathways

2022: *Washington Monthly's* Best College for Student Voting Honor Roll

2020: Community Cup Award, Chandler Chamber of Commerce

2018-2023: The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll

Boards & Committee Work:

National

2023—: **Member**, AACC Commission on Institutional Infrastructure & Transformation

2021—: **Board Member**, Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (HACU)

2019—2022: **Member**, AACC Commission on Economic & Workforce Development

2019—: **Member**, Excelencia in Education's Presidents for Latino Student Success

Local

2023—: **Member**, Arizona-Mexico Commission MCCCCD Sonora Delegation

2019—: **Co-Chair**, East Valley Partnership Education Think Tank

2018—: **Board Member**, Chandler Chamber of Commerce

2018—: **Board Liaison**, Gilbert Chamber of Commerce

District Leadership

2020—: **Co-Chair**, MCCCCD Advisory Budget Council

2021—2023: **Co-Chair**, MCCCCD Workforce Funding Council

2021—2023: **Co-Chair**, MCCCCD Presidents Council

2019—: **Member/Co-Chair**, MCCCCD Faculty Administration Collaboration Team (Interest-Based Negotiations)

2019—: **Executive Board Member**, Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation

2019—: **Mentor**, MCCCCD Women's Mentor Program

Publications & Presentations:

Recent Publications

2024: **Ethical leadership in community colleges: Navigating challenges through the lenses of justice, critique, care, and local community.** *Educational Considerations*. Peterson, G.F., Robinson, S.L., and Rideaux, L., Jr. (2024). (publication pending)

Recent Presentations

2023: **Artificial intelligence: Advancing the workforce of the future.** Keynote Presentation, AI—Connecting Workforce and Education Symposium, Diversity Business Development Center, Arizona State University

2023: **Workforce partnership presentation.** Third Extraordinary Assembly of the State Commission for Higher Education Planning, Arizona-Mexico Commission, Sonora, Mexico

2023: **Innovating the reality of workforce with artificial intelligence (AI): Partnerships and pathways to the first two-year AI and machine learning degree.** AACC Annual Conference

2023: **Chips, no small potatoes: A semiconductor discussion.** Panel moderator, hosted by the Chandler Chamber of Commerce and NXP.

2023: **The workforce development and college experience of teaching artificial intelligence.** Opening Session, AACC Workforce Development Institute (WDI)

2022: **Teaching skills that remain relevant in a changing world.** International Forum and Expo for Academic Collaboration, la Universidad de Guanajuato, Guanajuato, Mexico

2020: **Approaching guided pathways: How to eat the elephant.** Half-day workshop for the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) Nebraska Consortium Meeting.

Previous Positions

Acting Vice President of Instruction, Golden West College, Huntington Beach, CA, 2017-2018

Vice President, Student Support Services, Long Beach City College, CA, 2011-2017

Vice President, Student Affairs & Athletics, Hartnell College, Salinas, CA, 2008-2011

Associate Vice President, Enrollment Services, Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton, OR, 2007-2008

Consultant, Jobs for the Future (JFF)/National Center for Innovation & Improvement (NCII), 2017-2018

Previous positions represent over ten years of professional leadership experience within a community college setting, ranging from small, rural (Blue Mountain Community College) to large, urban/suburban (Long Beach City College). All colleges are Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) or Emerging HSIs. Consulting work focused on providing community colleges with technical assistance on guided pathways and k-14 career pathways development and implementation.

Accomplishments:

- Led the creation of a comprehensive student success program, Promise Pathways (recognized in 2014 as a White House initiative), that has served over 6,700 local students from 2012 to 2016, resulting in 41% of students successfully completing transfer-level English and 15% successfully completing transfer-level math (compared to 12% and 5% traditionally) in the first year of college;
- Coordinated the planning and implementation phases of the Lumina Foundation Latino Student Success Initiative grant, a collaborative involving nine educational and community partners focused on creating “collective impact” in increasing Latino student college completion, including the development and facilitation of a year-long Partner Development Institute for 60 local professionals from 19 Latino-serving non-profit organizations;
- Oversaw the Long Beach College Promise proposal for the 2015 Governor’s Innovation Award, leading to the successful awarding of \$5 million to further the partnership’s work

Awards:

Professional

2014: Executive Leadership Institute Participant, The League for Innovation in the Community College

2013: Student Success Award Nominee, Long Beach City College

2011: Student Success Award Nominee, Long Beach City College

Institutional

2015: Governor’s Innovation Award, Long Beach College Promise

2014: White House Initiative, Promise Pathways/Long Beach College Promise

Boards & Committee Work:

National

2014—2017: **Member**, White House College Opportunity Summit Collaborative Workgroup, U.S. Department of Education

2013—2018: **Member**, Upward Bound Technical Assistance Workgroup, U.S. Department of Education

State

2017—2018: **Member**, Strong Workforce 17% Committee, California Community College Chancellor’s Office Workforce Development Division

2017: **Member**, Workforce and Economic Development Performance Advisory Committee (WEDPAC), California Community College

- Chancellor's Office Workforce Development Division 2016—
2018: **Member**, Partnerships That Unlock Social Mobility Workgroup,
California Community College Chancellor's Office
2016: **Member**, ACCJC Los Angeles Mission College Accreditation Site
Visiting Team
2015: **Reviewer**, California Community Colleges Student Equity Report State
Review
2015: **Member**, ACCJC Mission College Accreditation Follow-Up Site Visiting
Team

Local

- 2011—2017: **Co-Chair**, Long Beach College Promise, City of Long Beach, CA
2011-2015: **Director**, Lumina Latino Student Success Grant, Long Beach City
College
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EDUCATION:

Degrees

- 2012: **M.B.A.**, Kaplan University, Chicago, IL
2007: **Ed.D., Educational Administration, Community College Leadership**,
The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
2004: **M.A., Education, Postsecondary, Adult & Continuing Education**,
Portland State University, Portland, OR
2001: **B.A., English**, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Certifications

- 2021: **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion in the Workforce Certificate**, University
of South Florida
2020: **Arizona Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Training**, Foster
Youth Program, CASA of Arizona
2016: **Los Angeles Community College Presidents Academy**, LACCD
2015: **Title IX Coordinator Certification**, Association of Title IX
Administrators (ATIXA)
2014: **Online Faculty Training Program**, University of Phoenix
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 2019—: **Professor of Practice**, College of Education—Educational Leadership,
Kansas State University
2013—2014: **Adjunct Faculty**, Business Management, University of Phoenix 2004—
2005: **Graduate Writing Consultant/Developmental Education Specialist**,
The University of Phoenix
2002-2004: **Adjunct Faculty/Instructional Support Technician**, English as a
Second Language, Portland Community College
2001-2002: **Teacher**, English as a Foreign Language, ISL Language School,
Germany

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES: Available upon request.