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ACCJC Team Members
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Team Members and Photographs



Matt Wetstein, President of Cabrillo College
Team Chair

Dr. Matt Wetstein is in his sixth year as President of Cabrillo College in Aptos, CA. As a CEO he has played an active role in advocating for students on affordability and housing insecurity issues. He currently serves as co-chair of the Affordability, Food and Housing Access Task Force for the CCLC/CEO Board. While serving on the task force, he has contributed to two major policy briefs calling for student housing funding in the CCC system and for increased financial aid funding. Prior to his appointment at Cabrillo, he served as the Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Instruction and Planning at San Joaquin Delta College (Delta College) in Stockton, CA, from 2012-2017. His earlier administrative service included work as an instructional division Dean and as Dean of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness at Delta College. Matt earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of St. Francis (Joliet, IL) and a Master's and Doctoral degree in political science from Northern Illinois University (DeKalb, IL). He started his academic career as a political science professor and has won teaching awards from both students and his peers, including the Academic Senate's Distinguished Faculty Award. He has been a statewide leader in the planning and research field, having served on the Board and as President of the Research and Planning Group of California Community Colleges. Matt was a member of the pioneering class of Aspen Institute Presidential Fellows for Community College Excellence, a group of 40 community college leaders selected for training in leadership and transformational change at U.S. community colleges.

This is Matt's seventh peer review team for ACCJC and third time as team chair. He has also served on ACCJC's Nominations Committee (2016-18) and Standards Review Committee (2022-23).

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Pedro Avila, President of Gavilan College
Team Vice Chair

Dr. Pedro Avila is the Superintendent/President of the Gavilan Joint Community College District. He assumed that role in July of 2022. Prior to working at Gavilan College, he served as Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Student Services at Santa Rosa Junior College. Prior to his work at Santa Rosa, he served as an administrator for West Hills Community College District and the State Center CCD. He has served in the California community college system for over 20 years in four different districts. Dr. Avila's work is grounded in his experiences as an immigrant, English-language learner, and first-generation college student. Dr. Avila earned degrees in Latino Studies and Business from Fresno State University, an MBA from Rockhurst University, and a Certificate in Institutional Performance Assessment from Harvard's Higher Education Institute. He earned a Doctorate in Community College Policy from the University of Maryland.

This is Pedro's sixth ACCJC peer review team.

Academic and Administrative Representatives are listed on the following pages



Dr. Linda Carvalho Cooley, Professor
of Communication at Reedley College

Dr. Linda Carvalho Cooley is a communication professor at Reedley College in the State Center Community College District. She has served on Academic Senate as a Senator, Executive Secretary and Curriculum Chair. Dr. Carvalho Cooley has served on numerous committees for Reedley College including Sabbatical, Budget, Accreditation, Planning, and numerous hiring committees. She led the creation of the strategic plan for both the district and Reedley College. In addition, she managed the creation of the Educational Master Plan for Reedley College. In her many roles leading various planning processes Dr. Carvalho Cooley facilitated feedback forums, charrettes, alliance meetings, and the writing processes necessary to complete the strategic plan and Educational Master Plan. In her spare time Dr. Carvalho Cooley is a guest lecturer at California State University, Fresno teaching upper division communication courses. She is also on the Editorial Board for Bruma, a publishing company to support Portuguese Beyond Borders Institute at California State University, Fresno. She and her husband love to travel, especially to their second home in the Azores. Her first language is Portuguese, and she is proud of her Portuguese heritage.

This is Linda's third time serving on an ACCJC peer review team.

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Christy Karau, Professor of
Management at Sierra College

Christy Karau is a Professor of Management with 20+ years of higher education experience. Christy currently serves as Department Chair in Business at Sierra College, and she is leading the FOCUS Cohort learning community. Her committee involvement includes serving on the Educational Effectiveness Committee (Chair), Faculty Professional Development, Professional and Organizational Development, Reimagining Program Review Taskforce, and the Accreditation Team Workgroup. Christy is an organizational leader responsible for the creation and implementation of the Neurodiverse Meet-up (a campus-wide monthly event, creating a sensory-sensitive safe space for students, staff, and faculty). She previously served as deputy ALO, Equity Taskforce member, and SLO Coordinator on her campus. Christy is a graduate of WASC's Assessment Leadership Academy.

This is Christy's fourth ACCJC Peer Review Team



Greg McCormac, Dean of Instruction
Folsom Lake College

Greg McCormac has been an educator since 1992, working in the Los Rios Community College District since 2000. Since 2017 he has served as an instructional dean at Folsom Lake College supporting all the STEM departments, Computer Science, Library, Learning Skills and the Innovation Center. Greg previously served as the dean of Humanities and Social Science at Cosumnes River College. Prior to becoming an administrator Greg was a tenured biology faculty member at American River College.

This will be Greg's first service as a peer review team member. He has experience on several internal accreditation committees, including serving as chair of the writing process for Standards III.C and III.D (Technology and Financial Resources).

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Dr. Mark C. Fields, Assistant Superintendent/
Vice President of Instruction at College of the Siskiyous

Dr. Mark C. Fields currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Academic Affairs at College of the Siskiyous where he is responsible for all aspects of instruction at the college. Prior community college experience includes Associate Dean/Dean of Career Education and tenured Administration of Justice faculty. Prior to higher education he served for almost three decades with the California Highway Patrol retiring at the rank of Lieutenant. As an “underprepared” high school student, Dr. Fields began his educational journey as a returning adult student at California Community College where he earned his associate’s degree while working full-time. He earned his Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.) from CSU Long Beach where his research focused on preparing faculty to teach online.

This is Mark’s first ACCJC peer review team. He has experience serving as the ALO for Siskiyous and served as the co-author for a prior ACCJC ISER while working at Laney College.

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Dr. Paul Murphy, Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness and ALO at Allan Hancock College

Dr. Murphy is the Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation Liaison Officer at Allan Hancock College. Dr. Murphy has over 30 years of experience in higher education participating in various faculty and administrative roles in the UC, CSU, and Community College systems in California. Murphy's current responsibilities include leadership over institutional planning and integration, guided pathways, program planning and evaluation, and accreditation. Prior to his current position, Dr. Murphy served as a dean and interim vice president of instruction over a ten-year period. During that time, he wrote and managed numerous grants, including a Department of Education STEM and Articulation Grant and a National Institutes of Health, Bridges to the Baccalaureate Grant. Prior to his role as dean, Dr. Murphy created the office of institutional research at Allan Hancock College. Dr. Murphy earned a Ph.D. in economics from UC Santa Barbara and continues to teach economics.

This will be Paul's 13th ACCJC peer review team.

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Claudette Dain, Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services, Citrus College

Claudette Dain is a Certified Public Accountant with over twenty-six years of experience in community college finance. Claudette earned an M.B.A. from California State University, Dominguez Hills and a B.S. from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. She is also active in a number of professional organizations and serves on various Boards and Committees for numerous organizations. Claudette is currently the Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services for Citrus College where she oversees all fiscal and facilities matters, including budget development, construction planning, Fiscal Services, Maintenance and Operations, Purchasing and Warehouse, Risk Management and all enterprise activities of the college. Prior to joining Citrus College in 2014, Claudette was the Vice President of Administrative Services for Fullerton College. Claudette's previous employment experience included working as the District Director of Fiscal Affairs for the North Orange County Community College District and as a Senior Manager for Vicenti, Lloyd & Stutzman, LLP, where she specialized in community college financial and compliance audits and Proposition 39 bond audits.

This will be Claudette's fourth ACCJC peer review team and the second using the summative and formative assessment process.

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Ulises Velasco, Vice President of
Student Services, Mendocino College

Ulises Velasco serves as the Vice President of Student Services at Mendocino College. He previously worked for the college as the Director of Financial Aid and Interim Dean of Student Services. Prior to Mendocino College, Mr. Velasco worked for Arizona State University as a Financial Aid Counselor, a Coordinator and then as Assistant Director of Scholarship Services. He holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Arizona State University, a bachelor's degree in history from Columbia University and a Liberal Arts associate's degree from Santa Monica College.

This will represent the third ACCJC peer review team for Ulises.