Dr. Katrina VanderWoude

Dr. Katrina VanderWoude brings well over 25 years of progressively qualifying leadership experience (instructional and student services) serving community colleges and four-year institutions. Formal education and experiences have provided a strong foundation, knowledge, and understanding of the comprehensive community college and its role in transforming lives through access to educational preparation, career training, and essential life skills, as well as its role in the community with respect to economic and workforce development and community engagement. Dr. VanderWoude possesses expertise in the operational areas crucial to community college leaders: accreditation, enrollment management, an understanding of state and federal laws related to students and employees, facilities planning, accessible programs and services for all students, and the ability to execute multiple initiatives in a culturally diverse environment. Professional credentials include a doctorate in Educational Leadership, with emphasis in Higher Education, Organizational Systems and Development, and Student Affairs.

Dr. VanderWoude currently serves as Vice Chancellor at the Los Angeles Community College District, the largest community college district within the nation with nine accredited colleges, and over 200,000 highly diverse student enrollments. Dr. VanderWoude has also served as President of Los Angeles Trade-Technical College and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Grossmont College, part of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (GCCCD) and an Achieving the Dream school. Dr. VanderWoude is committed to equity-minded student success and brings that lens to all practices and programs and additionally believes that fully collaborative partnerships are critical for ensuring social, economic, and political mobility for our most underrepresented and historically marginalized students and communities. Local community-based efforts have included serving on the Los Angeles Mayor's Commission for Reparations, the East San Diego County Education Alliance Executive Committee (a formal K-12 partnership) with emphasis on dual enrollment and transition to college for high school students, and initiating the Pathways to Success Academy that brings community college courses and services to incarcerated women. Dr. VanderWoude also served as Chief Instructional Officer for the San Diego/Imperial Valley Community College Region for several years and the CCC Chief Instructional Officer's Executive Board, and the Basic Skills state-wide Advisory Committee. Leadership roles have included: Vice Chancellor, President, Vice President, Vice Provost, Dean, Accreditation Liaison Officer, Associate Dean, Corporate Training Director/Grants Coordinator, Board President, and Foundation Board Trustee. Teaching related assignments have included: Professor, Adjunct Faculty, Research Mentor, Course Lead, and Lecturer in-person, hybrid, and online courses.