

**2016 ACCREDITATION EXTERNAL EVALUATION VISITING TEAM****October 10-13, 2016****Dr. Bob Kratochvil – Team Chair***President**Los Medanos College*

Bob Kratochvil has served as President of Los Medanos College since July 2012. Prior to that, he spent more than ten years as Vice President of Administrative Services at Las Positas College, where he also served as Interim President in 2007-08. His previous professional career in higher education includes 20 years in finance and management positions at three locations within the California State University (CSU) system. During his years within the California Community College System, Bob has had extensive experience and oversight in the areas of budget development, fiscal management, facilities modernization, shared governance, enrollment management, educational and strategic planning, campus safety, community partnerships, information technology, and accreditation.

Bob holds a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in Public Administration from University of Southern California. He earned a doctorate in Educational Leadership from California State University, Stanislaus.

**Dr. Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh***President**Grossmont College*

Grossmont College President Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh, Ed.D. has more than 25 years of experience in California community colleges. He is known for his collegiality, collaboration and his commitment to success for all students.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh started at Grossmont College in July 2015, following his role as president at West Los Angeles College, which began in 2011. He began his community college career as a tenured associate professor of engineering and technology at Pasadena City College, teaching for 10 years before serving as interim dean of engineering and technology. Before teaching, he worked as a transportation engineer and computer-aided engineering trainer at Caltrans. Prior to his presidency at West Los Angeles College, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh served as vice chancellor of educational services and technology at Coast Community College District in Costa Mesa, vice president of academic affairs at Pierce College in Woodland Hills, and dean of student learning at Moorpark College.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh received his doctorate in educational leadership from California State University, Fullerton; a master's degree in education from University of California, Los Angeles; and a master's and bachelor's degrees in engineering sciences from University of California, San Diego.

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**Dr. John al-Amin**  
*Vice President, Administrative Services*  
*Los Angeles City College*

Dr. John al-Amin currently serves as the Vice President of Administrative Services at Los Angeles City College and he has worked in various capacities in higher education for almost 20 years. He has spent the past 12 years as a community college administrator. His prior experience includes service as the Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services for the Contra Costa Community College District, the Vice President of Business Services at Oxnard College, and as the Vice President of Administrative Services at Grossmont College. This will be his third accreditation team visit.



**Dr. Greg Aycock**  
*Dean, Institutional Effectiveness*  
*Norco College*

Dr. Greg Aycock has worked in community colleges for the past 25 years as counselor, faculty member, researcher and most recently as Dean of Institutional Effectiveness. He co-chairs the Assessment Committee and the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at Norco College and is also heavily involved in institutional research, strategic planning, and accreditation issues at the college. He recently was elected to the Board of the RP Group and has participated on a Partnership Resource Team visit through the IEPI state initiative. Greg completed his Ph.D. in Educational Research from Claremont Graduate University in 2011.



**Dr. Kevin Bontenbal**  
*Instructional Technology Librarian*  
*Cuesta College*

Kevin Bontenbal is beginning his nineteenth year as the Instructional Technology Librarian at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo. For the past fifteen years, Kevin has also been teaching Library/Information Technology courses both face-to-face and online. During his time at Cuesta College, Kevin has served as Academic Senate President, Curriculum Chair, Professional Development Coordinator, Secretary/Treasurer of the Academic Senate, Distance Education Mentor, and accreditation faculty co-chair. Kevin has also served on the state Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and, most recently, was elected as a faculty representative to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. Kevin received his doctorate in education from the University of California, Santa Barbara and California State University, Cal Poly; his master's in Library Science from Syracuse University; and bachelor's in Philosophy and Religious Studies from California State University, Chico. Kevin currently lives in Atascadero with his wife and three boys.

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**Dr. Stephanie Bulger**  
*Vice Chancellor of Instructional Services  
San Diego Community College District*

Dr. Stephanie R. Bulger is the Vice Chancellor of Instructional Services for the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD). In this role, she oversees coordination and alignment of the curriculum at San Diego City, Mesa, and Miramar Colleges and Continuing Education. The District's Instructional Services Division facilitates the transferability of courses and degree programs to universities, builds and maintains relationships with local businesses and industry, and works with community agencies such as the San Diego Workforce Partnership. She is also responsible for coordinating grants and contracts, online education, international education, military contract education, and several career technical education programs for the District.

Dr. Bulger has a particular interest in leading innovations that harness technological advances and help students succeed in reaching their educational, training, and career goals.



**Ms. Cyndie Luna**  
*Communication Instructor & Faculty ALO  
Fresno City College*

Cyndie Luna currently teaches Communication and coaches Forensics at Fresno City College. She also serves as the Faculty Accreditation Liaison. She has been with State Center Community College District since 1998 and has worked in institutional research, planning and program review. She has previously served on the board of the Research & Planning Group for California Community Colleges and holds an MA in Speech Communication from California State University, Fresno.



**Mr. Brian Robinson**  
*Dean of Rancho Cordova Center  
Folsom Lake College*

Brian Robinson has worked for Folsom Lake College in the Los Rios Community College District since 2000. Initially a full-time member of the English Department, Brian has also served as Academic Senate President, District Academic Senate President, English Department Chair, Matriculation and Student Success Committee Chair, and SLO Coordinator. In January 2016, Brian accepted a position at Folsom Lake College as the Dean of the college's Rancho Cordova Center.

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**Dr. Jerry Saviano**  
*Professor of English*  
*Honolulu Community College*

Dr. Saviano has taught English at Honolulu Community College for 17 years. During that time, he has served as Division Chair as well as Faculty Senate Chair. He has also been active in helping improve articulation across the University of Hawaii system. In addition, Dr. Saviano has helped lead campus efforts to improve success with underprepared students and has participated in many campus and system efforts to improve student success overall. At Honolulu Community College, he regularly serves on accreditation Standard committees and, in 2013, he served as team assistant for the site visit conducted at Los Angeles Mission College. Dr. Saviano has a Ph.D. in English from the University of Hawaii.



**Mr. Daniel Smith**  
*Professor of Television*  
*Mt. San Antonio College*

Daniel Smith has been a full-time Professor of Television at Mt. San Antonio College (SAC) since 1998. During his time at Mt. SAC, he has been actively engaged as a member of the Academic Senate, serving in various officer roles, participating on numerous committees – including two accreditation Standard writing teams – and, most recently, completing a term as President.

At the Statewide level, Daniel has been involved with the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, was a founding member of the Faculty Discipline Review Group (FDRG) in Film, Television & Electronic Media, and served as primary reviewer of the resulting AS-T degree. His other accomplishments include: initiating the first reality show production course in the U.S.; current efforts building a 2-year Video Engineering program with industry partners; and submitting three successful grant applications to the Hollywood Foreign Press Association – which provided scholarships and equipment for Mt. SAC students.

Prior to his career in higher education, Daniel worked in the film and television industry and taught ROP and high school courses. He earned a BA in Communications with a Radio/TV/Film emphasis from California State University, Fullerton. Daniel has two adult sons and currently lives in Placentia with his wife, Heather.

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**Dr. Angelica Suarez**  
*Vice President for Student Affairs*  
*Southwestern College*

For the past seven years, Dr. Angelica Loera Suarez has served as the Vice President for Student Affairs for the Southwestern Community College District located in Chula Vista, California. She is responsible for the overall leadership of the District's student support services and programs serving approximately 20,000 students each semester at five locations. Her previous administrative experiences include serving as an Academic Dean at the District's Higher Education Centers in Otay Mesa and San Ysidro as well as Academic Dean at Wright College in Chicago. Dr. Suarez has also held faculty positions in counseling at Wright College, one of the City Colleges of Chicago, and Southwestern College in Chula Vista, California.

Statewide, Dr. Suarez has provided leadership by serving as the past President of the California Community Colleges Chief Student Services Administrators Association (2015-2016), and serving as member of the Student Equity Taskforce and the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative Advisory Committee for the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.



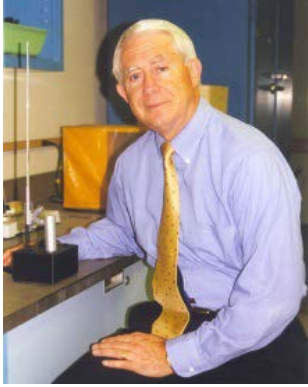
**Mr. Omar Torres**  
*Dean of Mathematics, Sciences, Engineering, Allied Health & Public Safety*  
*College of the Canyons*

Omar Torres has proudly spent the last 15 years in higher education as part of the California Community College system. He currently serves as the Dean of Mathematics, Sciences, Engineering, Allied Health & Public Safety at College of the Canyons, where he is beginning his sixth year. He also had the opportunity to serve at Santa Ana College as the Vice President of Academic Affairs before returning to College of the Canyons. Prior to becoming an administrator, Mr. Torres was at Moorpark College for 6 years as a full-time faculty member, teaching both onsite and online while serving as department chair for the Chemistry, Earth, and Environmental Sciences department as well as member of the college's Academic Senate and Curriculum Committee. He began his career at Los Angeles City College as an adjunct instructor in chemistry. Before entering the field of higher education, Mr. Torres worked in Research & Development at The Dow Chemical Company in Freeport, TX.

Mr. Torres received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Texas A&M University and earned a master's degree in chemistry from the University of California, Los Angeles. He is also a published co-author for two best-selling textbooks on General, Organic, and Biochemistry as well as introductory physical science.



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**Dr. James Wright**

*Trustee*

*South Orange County Community College District*

For the past four years, Dr. James "Jim" Wright has served as a Trustee for South Orange County Community College District in Mission Viejo. Prior to that, he spent 14 years as Dean of the Division of Mathematics, Science and Engineering and four years as a Professor of Chemistry at Saddleback College. He is a retired Air Force officer (Colonel) with 27 years active duty, including Commander for three years of the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School, teaching chemistry at the Air Force Academy for 13 years, and Director of the McClellan Central Laboratory (three years) and research scientist (four years) at McClellan Air Force Base in California.



**Ms. Jennifer Adams – Team Assistant**

*Senior Executive Assistant*

*Los Medanos College*

Jennifer has more than eleven years of experience working in California community colleges. She has worked in the President's Office at Los Medanos College (LMC) since September 2012; before joining LMC, she spent seven years as Executive Assistant to the President at Las Positas College. Jennifer has provided executive-level and college-wide support in the areas of participatory governance, campus communications, institutional planning and effectiveness, accreditation, community engagement, and writing/editing college documents. Prior to working in higher education, she spent more than ten years working at a non-profit youth/community organization, serving in various roles such as outreach worker, program coordinator, and acting director.