

Meet the Accreditation Team

Henry Yong, Chair **Chancellor, Yosemite Community College District**

Henry Yong, the Chair of the West Hills College-Coalinga Peer Review Team, is starting his 7th year as the Chancellor of Yosemite Community College District, which includes Modesto Jr. College and Columbia College. Prior to his current assignment, he served as the President of Evergreen Valley College in San Jose for six years, which followed the six years he spent serving as the Vice President of Instruction at Taft College. As a dean, he served as the Dean of Academic Programs at Victor Valley College for five years, and as the Associate Dean of Occupational Education at West Hills College in Coalinga for three years. Prior to the community college, he served as an administrator for the Regional Occupational Program (ROP) for seven years in Orange County. His faculty experience was in the areas of ESL, Career Skills, and also served as faculty mentor, and coordinator for special programs.

He has served on multiple accreditation teams as a member, and once as Team Assistant. He has served as Chair to two colleges. As the District Chair for the West Hills Community College District, he is serving as the Chair of chairs for the second time.



Kim Lopez, Co-Chair **President, Canada College**

Kim Lopez serves as President of Cañada College in Redwood City, California, a position she has held since 2021.

In August 2019, Ms. Lopez became Acting President at College of San Mateo (CSM) and in 2020 she was named Interim President, a position she held until June 2021. She also served as Vice President of Student Services at CSM. Prior to joining CSM, Ms. Lopez served as Dean of Counseling and Enrollment Services, and later Vice President of Student Services at Cañada College. Prior to Cañada College, she was a faculty member at the College of the Siskiyous, serving as the Director for EOPS, CARE, CalWORKs and TRIO, and as a Counselor.

Ms. Lopez holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from UC Santa Barbara and a master's degree in counseling education from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.





Karen Wong
Coordinator of Institutional Effectiveness /
Professor, Skyline College

Karen Wong is a Coordinator of Institutional Effectiveness and Professor of English at Skyline College. She's long been committed to fostering student success, equity, and intercultural understanding, with some of her most fulfilling experiences teaching in learning communities such as Puente. Presently she coordinates operations and activities pertaining to evaluating institutional effectiveness as one means to best serve students, from accreditation to program review to SLO assessment. She also serves as a tri-chair for the Institutional Effectiveness Committee, and as a member on the College's planning and accreditation committees. She earned degrees in Literature from UC Santa Cruz and English Composition from San Francisco State University.

Marlene Drinkwine
Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administrative
Services, Coast Community College District

I have serviced in leadership roles for business and administrative services for public education institutions for over 25 years. I currently serve as the Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administrative Services for the Coast Community College District, a three-college district. I provide fiscal leadership in a dynamic, diverse, and changing community. I have the leadership responsibilities and oversight for District-wide financial planning and management, business operations, risk services, safety, facility planning and management, contracts and procurement, energy management, and other administrative support services.





Carlos Lopez
Dean of Business, Curriculum and Scheduling
Folsom Lake College

Carlos Lopez is the Dean of Business, Curriculum, and Scheduling for Folsom Lake College. He also serves as the Equity Officer. The responsibilities for the role include providing equity training (for hiring) to all constituent groups, overseeing the college's schedule development, and communicating with the state chancellor's office regarding curriculum. Prior to his move to administration in January of 2020, Mr. Lopez was a Professor of Spanish for 20 years. As a faculty member, he served as the Academic Senate President for Folsom Lake College and later for the Los Rios Community College District. Among other responsibilities, Mr. Lopez served as the faculty lead for the college Guided Pathways efforts.

Dr. Laura Adams
Associate Professor, Psychology
Norco College

Dr. Laura Adams is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Norco College, where she has taught for the last nine years. Laura previously taught psychology at the University of Arkansas, Mars Hill University, and Midwestern State University. Although her responsibilities primarily involve teaching psychology courses in traditional, hybrid, and online formats, Laura has had many opportunities to serve Norco College through membership in the Assessment, Program Review, and Distance Education standing committees of the Academic Senate. In addition, she previously served as the faculty co-chair of the Assessment Committee, the Faculty Accreditation Co-Chair, and as a member of the Accreditation Committee of the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges.





Roland Finger
Instructor, English
Cuesta College

Roland Finger took his Ph.D. in English from University of California, Davis. He teaches writing and literature courses at Cuesta College in beautiful San Luis Obispo, CA. He passionately believes that reading is an art, a weapon, and a right. His specialties include composition, American literature, and the gothic. He has served as Academic Senate President.

Dr. Aulii Silva

Since 1992, Aulii Silva has designed, implemented, and improved student success strategies in residence life & community service learning at the University of Redlands, student life & leadership development at Kapi'olani and Leeward Community Colleges, and career development, first-year experience, & Native Hawaiian student success programs at Windward and Leeward Community Colleges. Since 2019, Dr. Silva has supported Leeward Community College administrators with grant writing, research, program development & evaluation, with a goal of closing equity gaps and eliminating generational poverty. She earned a B.A. in Asian Studies & M.Ed. in Counseling from the University of Redlands and a Ph.D. in Curriculum Studies with a certificate in Program Evaluation from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Dr. Silva has fulfilled senior faculty service and leadership responsibilities via participatory governance (Faculty Senate, Nā 'Ewa [Native Hawaiian faculty] Council, Campus Council) and ACCJC peer reviews (three campus visiting teams and Standard I Review Team).

