

## **Dr. Tina Vasconcellos**

**Community College Leader and Equity Focused Educator**

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Dr. Tina Vasconcellos is a passionate educator who believes in the transformative impact community colleges have on students and communities. She is a leader who is deeply committed to equity, racial and social justice.

Her commitment is grounded in her Hispanic heritage where her families immigrated to America as farm workers to create opportunities for their children. Dr. Vasconcellos attributes her strong sense of family, community and a commitment to giving back and helping others succeed to her ancestors. She is a first generation college graduate who like many community college students initially lacked the cultural capital to successfully navigate the academy.

Dr. Vasconcellos earned a Ph.D. focused on community college leadership from a national perspective from Colorado State University and a Master's degree in counseling psychology with an emphasis in multicultural and holistic counseling from John F. Kennedy University.

Her degrees along with more than 20 years as a community college educator serve as her foundation. Dr. Vasconcellos has a reputation of being inclusive, transparent, coalition building and cultivating academic excellence.

Dr. Vasconcellos is an experienced executive leader and is in her fifth year serving as the Vice President of Student Services and Accreditation Liaison Officer at College of Alameda where she has infused the Division with a commitment to cultural humility and inclusiveness in support of employee development and student success. She is honored to have served in both instruction and student services throughout her tenure as a community college educator, providing her with a unique lens of the college and most importantly the student experience. As tenured faculty, she taught and counseled students and developed two career education-transfer programs designed to support student self-sufficiency, education and career goal achievement. Dr. Vasconcellos served as Dean of Academic and Student affairs at Laney College and Merritt College where her portfolio included career education, liberal arts and student services departments. She is adept at leading college and district wide initiatives. Dr. Vasconcellos successfully led Educational Master Planning processes, a district wide mission statement review and affirmation and is currently leading the College of Alameda Institutional Self Evaluation Process. Dr. Vasconcellos has excellent fiscal acumen with experience managing general and categorical funds, Federal, State, and local grants and providing oversight for Capital projects and parcel tax initiatives.

Dr. Vasconcellos served as a Chief Student Services Officers (CSSO) state-wide representative for several years advocating for the diverse needs of community college students. She served as the CSSO representative on the CCCO Basic Skills Advisory Committee for two terms, was appointed to the CCCO IEPI Executive Committee and is currently the CSSO Executive Board Region 3 Representative where she recently led the New CSSO Virtual Pre Conference. Dr. Vasconcellos is an active member of ACCCA and is a mentor for community college professionals with goals of serving as an administrator.

Dr. Vasconcellos has a rich history of community service. She recently received a commendation for her partnership with the Eat.Learn.Play Foundation and World Central Kitchen, leveraging over \$800,000 to address food insecurities for students and the community. She is committed to working with justice impacted communities and serves as education lead for the Alameda County Re-entry Strategic Plan implementation. Dr. Vasconcellos also serves as a Board Member for the Diversity in Health Training Institute (DHTI) empowering immigrants and refugees from all countries in continuing their education and employment in the health profession with the goal of supporting diversification of the Health Sector.