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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

1982	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, TX B.A. Economics
1988	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER, TX M.B.A. Management
2005	NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, FT. LAUDERDALE, FL Ed.D. Higher Education Leadership
2006	HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MA New Presidents Institute for Educational Management (IEM)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

1991-Present **EDISON STATE COLLEGE, FLORIDA**

Present

Campus President, Collier County

- Provide day-to-day leadership and management to the second largest campus of a comprehensive community college system serving 5 counties in SW Florida
 - Campus of 4,100 student headcount
 - Full-time faculty 30; part-time faculty 100
 - Supervise campus Dean of Academic Affairs, Dean of Student Affairs, Director of Administrative Services, Foundation Development Officer, Facilities Manager, and Public Information Officer
 - Manage \$14 million operating budget/\$13 million capital budget
 - Direct interface with nine-member board of trustees, legislators, community leaders and community organizations
 - Liaison to the Florida Association of Community Colleges

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- Serve concurrently as Provost of the new fourth campus in Hendry and Glades Counties

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Greater Naples Chamber – Education Committee
- Education Foundation for Collier Schools –Member
- SW Florida Workforce Development Board – Board Member

2009 - Present

Provost, Hendry & Glades Center

- Established a new fourth campus to serve the two inland counties of the five-county college district. Negotiated the purchase of a private school campus to enable a quick start response to the economic decline in the area.
- Developed the organizational structure and systems for all major functions of the campus, set up major development and community partnering opportunities, and hired staff and faculty.
- This Campus Provost position was a strategic initiative of the board.

2005- 2009

Campus President, Lee County

- Provided day-to-day leadership and management to the largest campus of a Comprehensive Community College
 - Campus of 11,600 total headcount students
 - Full-time faculty 84; Part-time faculty 240
 - Supervised Campus Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dean of Student Affairs, Foundation Development Officer, Facilities Manger, and Public Information Officer
 - Managed \$32 million operating budget/\$28 million capital budget
 - Direct interface with nine-member board of trustees, legislators, community leaders and community organizations
 - Liaison to the Florida Association of Community Colleges
 - Served concurrently as Executive Vice President for the District 2005-2007

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Increased student enrollment over 20%
- Constructed or renovated nearly one third of the 700,000sf campus
- Brought over \$1.2 million in financial support to Edison State College
- Enhanced shared governance and collegiality
- Revised campus Master Design and Capital Outlay Plans
- Established new partnerships with area Technical Schools
- Profitably operated a 1900 seat Performing Arts Hall
- Enhanced educational partnerships with Lee Memorial Health Systems and Lee County School District
- Negotiated with University of Florida for a Dental School Branch, \$8 million construction, \$180,000 annual operating income

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Appointed to the Industrial Development Authority for Lee County, Florida
- President, Edison/Ford/Firestone *Uncommon Friends* Historical Foundation
- Board Member, Canterbury School (K-12 College Prep)
- Board Member, Foundation for Lee County Schools
- Member, Fort Myers Rotary
- Board Member, Leadership Lee County Foundation
- Past Board of Directors, Meals on Wheels of Lee County
- Past Board of Directors, Chamber of Southwest Florida

1991 – 2004

District Vice President Administration and Finance

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provided leadership to administrative functions for five- county district
- Evolved Administrative Services from a single campus to three campuses and one center
- Reported to District President
- Had direct interface with nine-member Board of Trustees, legislators and government officials

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- Supervised the Director of Finance and Accounting, Director of Information Technology, Director of Human Resources, Director of Purchasing and Auxiliary Enterprises, and College Attorney

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Increased operating budget from \$18 million to \$40 million
- Increased facilities from 360,000sf to over 1,000,000sf
- Received no adverse State financial audits
- Received no Accreditation suggestions or recommendations from SACS
- Past President, Florida Community College Council of Business Affairs
- Board Member, Florida Community College Risk Management Consortium
- Completed College Business Management Institute (CBMI)
- Successfully converted Legacy Computer System to SCT Banner, and established State User Group
- Led State Task Force that established the Optional Retirement Plan for Florida Community College Employees

1988 – 1991

OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, OK

Vice President of Institutional Development

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Supervised the Director of Research and Assessment, Director of Public Information, Foundation Officer, and Special Events Coordinator for the US Olympic Festival
- Reported to College President
- Promoted to Vice President from the Position of Dean of Business and Industry Services

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Appointed by the State Chancellor to Federal Reauthorization Task Force, successfully obtained the First Carl Perkins Vocational Funding for all Oklahoma Community Colleges
- Secured corporate support to establish a Downtown Center

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- Served as State Coordinator of Council for Resource Development
- Selected for Leadership Oklahoma City

1982 – 1988

NAVARRO COLLEGE, CORSICANA, TX

Director of Continuing Education and Business Instructor

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provided educational programming targeted primarily to the business community
- Supervised faculty teaching Credit and Non-Credit courses
- Reported to the Vice President for Instruction
- Taught Business courses
- Developed enrollment plans and budgets for a Stand Alone Cost Center
- Liaison to Area Chambers of Commerce and Governmental Agencies
- Served as Governmental Relations Liaison with College President as needed

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Secured funding to establish the Small Business Development Center
- Transitioned the Department from Recreational to Professional Programming
- Enhanced partnerships with Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development Agencies

1979 – 1980

DALLAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, DALLAS, TX

Program Coordinator

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Developed corporate memberships and financial support
- Coordinated special events, annual meetings, international trade shows
- Worked with educational partnerships with Dallas Community College System

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 1985 – 1988 NAVARRO COLLEGE, CORSICANA, TX
Part-time classroom instructor, Introduction to Business,
Principles of Management, Principles of Marketing
- 2002 – 2006 FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY, INSTITUTE FOR
GOVERNMENT, FORT MYERS, FL
Part-time lecturer and advisor, Leadership Development
Program

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 1998 – 2002 ACCREDITATION TEAM MEMBER
- Served on four SACS Accreditation teams for colleges in Texas, Virginia, and Georgia
- 1989 – 1990 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
- Completed Basic and Intermediate Training Programs

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

- Florida Association of Community Colleges, Unsung Hero Award
- Selected for and participated in the Harvard University New College Presidents Institute
- Florida Community College Risk Management Consortium, Ten Years of Service Award
- Confirmed Son of the American Revolution, SAR Heritage Society, Florida Chapter
- Awarded Designation as a Kentucky Colonel from the Governor of Kentucky