



**Dr. Tod A. Burnett**

Tod A. Burnett, Ed.D., has served as president of Saddleback College since 2008. Prior to Saddleback, Dr. Burnett served as vice chancellor of the California Community Colleges, overseeing implementation of the system's first strategic plan and leading the system's first emergency planning and preparedness effort. Dr. Burnett was director of state and local government relations for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. and deputy appointments secretary for the governor of California. He also served as a commissioner for the City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works. Before entering full-time public service, Dr. Burnett was a financial and management professional, having worked at Union Bank, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and several small companies and entrepreneurial ventures. Currently he serves on several boards including the Orange

County Workforce Investment Board, South Orange County Economic Coalition, 2-1-1 Orange County Advisory Council, Tilly's Life Center, Pepperdine University Alumni Leadership Council, and Saddleback College Foundation. Dr. Burnett holds an Education Doctorate in organizational leadership from Pepperdine University, Master of Business Administration from University of Southern California, Bachelor of Arts in political science from University of California, Riverside, and Senior Executives in State and Local Government Certificate from Harvard University.



**Dr. Otto Lee**

Otto W.K. Lee, Ed.D., is president of Los Angeles Harbor College. Prior to this position Dr. Lee served as vice chancellor for instructional services and planning at the San Diego Community College District. He provided leadership for instructional programs, strategic planning, online education, workforce and economic development, and military educational programs of the district. Previously, he served as the dean of the School of Business, Computer studies and Technologies at San Diego Mesa College. Prior to his dean assignment, Dr. Lee was the founding director of the eBusiness Institute at Temple University. Dr. Lee has also taught engineering and business courses at the community college and university levels. Dr. Lee holds a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering from New York University, an M.S. in Astronautics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), an M.B.A.

from Pepperdine University, and an Ed.D. in educational leadership and change from Fielding Graduate University. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Fielding Graduate University and serves as a director of the National Asian/Pacific Islander Council (an affiliate of the American Association of Community Colleges), the Federal Employees Scholarship Foundation, the MIT Alumni Club, and Advisory Board of the Center for Innovation in STEM Education at California State University Dominguez Hills.



**Mr. Marvin Martinez**

Marvin Martinez is the president of East Los Angeles College. Prior to arriving at East Los Angeles College, Mr. Martinez served as president of Los Angeles Harbor College from August 2010 through July 2013. He was named the first vice chancellor of economic and workforce development for the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) in January 2008. In his role as vice chancellor, he was responsible for providing leadership in the development and support of workforce development programs with all nine colleges in the district. Prior to his role as LACCD vice chancellor, he was vice president of planning and development at Santa Monica College and dean of business and industry. He began his community college career at Cerritos College in 1989 as the director of economic development and coordinator of the Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act. Martinez is a native of El Salvador. He immigrated to Brooklyn, New York and then moved to Long Beach, California where he graduated from Long Beach Wilson High School. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master of Arts in Urban Planning from UCLA.



**Dr. Melinda Nish**

Melinda Nish, Ed.D., currently serves as the executive advisor to the president at the College of the Marshall Islands. In this capacity, she has lead the College in institutional integrity efforts, the removal of accreditation sanctions, and the approval process for the College's first baccalaureate program. Prior to her position in the Marshall Islands, Dr. Nish served as superintendent/president of Southwestern College from January, 2012 to July, 2016. Prior to arriving at Southwestern College, Nish served as vice president of instruction at Orange Coast College. She served as a member of the California Community Colleges Task Force on Student Success. The task force's final report served as the basis for SB 1456—the Student Success Act of 2012. She also is a member of the Board of Directors for the South County Economic Development Council and also serves on the executive committee of the San Diego County College and Career Readiness Consortium. A native of Salt Lake City, Nish earned a B.A. degree in political science, and a certificate of international relations, from the University of Utah. She received her M.A. degree from the university in economics, and studied French language and translation at the University of Nice, France. Nish completed an educational doctorate at the Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara.



**Dr. Reagan Romali**

Reagan F. Romali, Ph.D., has served as the President of Harry S Truman, one of the City Colleges of Chicago, since July, 2011. Dr. Romali has served in several senior leadership roles prior to coming to Harry S Truman College. She served as vice president of business services at Moreno Valley College, where she led a team in helping the campus gain accredited college status in California. She also served as vice president of administrative services at Los Angeles City College. Prior to coming to the City Colleges of Chicago, she oversaw the launch of two community college campuses in the Middle Eastern nation of Qatar for the Houston Community College District. She has also taught on an adjunct basis for over 10 years. Dr. Romali serves on the Board of Directors for Weiss Memorial Hospital of Tenet Healthcare and Uptown United. She is a past member of the Board of Directors for the Chicago Sinfonietta. Dr. Romali holds a Ph.D. in Education

from Walden University, an M.B.A. from the University of San Diego and a B.A. in English from Rutgers University.