

Bonnie Ann Dowd, Ed. D., MBA, CMA, Executive Vice Chancellor, Business and Technology Services
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Bonnie began her career in the California Community College System as an adjunct faculty member teaching in the Business Education Department at Palomar College. A year later she accepted a tenure track faculty position, which she served in for nearly 17 years. In addition to her classroom work at Palomar, Bonnie served in numerous faculty leadership positions, including Academic Senate President, Senate Secretary, Academic Technology Coordinator, Professional Development Coordinator and Business Education department chair. During her final 6 years at Palomar, Dr. Dowd was the Vice President, Finance and Administrative Services responsible for all business, facilities, fiscal and technology operations. Prior to leaving Palomar to accept her current position at SDCCD, Bonnie was granted Professor Emeritus status by Palomar's Academic Senate. In her current position at SDCCD, what distinguishes her from other vice chancellors is that when the Chancellor is away from the District she is the Acting Chancellor. Prior to her career in education, which began 33 years ago, Bonnie worked in private industry in various closely-held and publicly traded corporations in New York City, Houston and San Diego.

Dr. Dowd possesses an Ed. D. in Leadership Studies from the University of San Diego, an MBA in Financial Management, a BBA in Accounting, and an AAS in Business. All of her education was completed as a part-time student while working full-time over 20 years. She is a licensed Certified Management Accountant (CMA), holds a Lifetime Community College Teaching Credential in several areas of instruction; and, earned a Distance Education Coordinator certification from California Virtual Campus Statewide Rural Regional Center (CVC4) and the Covey Institute.

At the California Community College system level, Bonnie serves on several boards, associations and workgroups. She is the current Immediate Past President of ACCCA (Association of California Community College Administrators) and in her eleventh year as a Director on the ACCCA Board, which represents all system administrators throughout the 73 district/116 college system. Bonnie also serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Chief Business Officials (ACBO), representing the ten community colleges, located in San Diego and Imperial Valley counties. Bonnie is in her sixteenth year on the ACBO Board and is a past president. She currently chairs the System Chancellor's *Advisory Workgroup on Fiscal Affairs* which is an advisory workgroup on matters impacting all 116 community colleges. Dr. Dowd was appointed by the State Chancellor to represent all San Diego County community colleges on the County of San Diego Oversight Board of the successor agencies for the former redevelopment agencies. She was recently appointed to the County of San Diego's Treasurer's Investment Oversight committee. California Senate Pro Tempe Toni Akins appointed Bonnie to the twelve- member Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) Legislative Oversight Committee. She is in her seventh year teaching in the San Diego State University's Doctoral Program in Leadership. She also serves on local boards and was a volunteer counselor with the U.S. Small Business Administration through its ACE/SCORE program and was president and Board Member of the Southern California Women for Business Ownership.

Throughout her industry and higher education careers, Dr. Dowd has been the recipient of numerous industry and education awards and honors including, but not limited to, the following:

- Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Pacific Region Faculty Award
- California Community Colleges Board of Governors, Gerald C. Hayward, Excellence in Education Annual Award
- Association of Chief Business Officials (ACBO) "Walter Star Robie Award"
- Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA) "Volunteer of the Year"
- San Diego Business Journal's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Year Award
- Education Award Recipient – Greater San Diego Industry Education Council
- National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award for Palomar College and also received the Individual Merit Award
- U.S. Small Business Administration's San Diego/Riverside counties "Accountant/Financial Officer of the Year"

On a personal level, she was born and raised in Staten Island, New York City and has lived in San Diego since 1983 and in Rancho Bernardo since 1986. "Dr. BAD" knows first-hand that education changes lives and remains passionate about paying it forward as a mentor, faculty member, and administrator. She is a theatre aficionado, enjoys golf, traveling, reading historical fiction and spending time with family and friends.