



Candidate for President Scottsdale Community College

Linda Lujan, Ph. D.



Dr. Linda Lujan has served as Vice President for Academic Affairs at South Mountain Community College, one of the ten Maricopa Community Colleges, since July 2005. Prior to her move to Arizona, Lujan served eight years in administrative positions within Colorado's community college system, including four years as an academic dean at the Community College of Denver, a multi-campus Hispanic-serving institution, where she oversaw all operations of the Center for Business and Technology and the Center for Health Sciences as well as Performance Solutions, its corporate training and workforce development unit (2001-2005). Prior to that, she served four years at Arapahoe Community College, a suburban institution in Littleton Colorado, as Coordinator and Director of Educational Technology (1998-2001).

Lujan is a community college graduate who began her own academic career at Arapahoe Community College where she earned an Associate of Applied Science in Management Information Systems (1985). While still in college, she was invited to teach a COBOL programming class and fell in love with the community college mission. As she completed her Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management from Colorado Christian University (1991) and her Master of Arts in Educational Technology Leadership from The George Washington University (1996) she continued to teach at Arapahoe, moving from her initial role as an adjunct faculty member to full-time faculty member and department chair of the computer science and information systems department, ultimately serving over thirteen years as a faculty member (1984-1998).

Lujan earned her Ph.D. in Community College Leadership from Colorado State University (2005) where her research interests included first-generation students, under-served student populations, assessment of student learning, K-14 partnerships, and educational technologies. For the past two years, she has taught doctoral courses part-time via distance learning for Colorado State University.

A member of the American Educational Research Association and the American Association of Community College Women, Lujan has published and presented nationally on topics as diverse as technology, assessment, quality standards for online learning, early/middle college, and student success factors. Lujan's community involvement in Arizona includes her service as a board member on the South Mountain/ Laveen Chamber of Commerce and participation on the Nina Mason Pulliam Legacy Scholars Advisory Committee for the Maricopa Community Colleges.

A first-generation student who entered college at age thirty, Lujan was profiled in an October 2006 community college supplement to the *Chronicle of Higher Education* entitled, "I Wanted to Give Something Back" in which she described her non-traditional pathway into higher education.

Lujan's guiding principle is "make a difference" and she is an unabashed community college advocate who proudly states, "America's community colleges make a significant difference in the lives of students and their communities."

*Information provided as submitted by candidate.
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