

Dr. Suzanne Ames has served as an instructional administrator at Lake Washington Institute of Technology since 2015, including Vice President of Instruction, Associate Vice President of Instruction and Dean of Instruction. Her career in the state's community and technical college system includes Director of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness at Skagit Valley College, Vice President of Advancement and Executive Director of the Foundation at Pierce College, Director of Communications at the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, and Director of Marketing and Communications at Cascadia College. She has taught Business Management courses and serves as an accreditation evaluator for the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). She is the Vice President of the National Council for Instructional Administrators.

Significant accomplishments in her career include:

- Navigated LWTech through the early stages of the pandemic as Campus Zero, and served as the college's Covid Supervisor to safely manage campus operations for two years;
- Led a team of faculty and staff in the creation of a required Diversity & Social Justice class for all students;
- Led a team of faculty and staff to add Cultural Humility as a new college-wide learning outcome;
- Supported faculty in creating 4 Associates degrees and 9 applied bachelor's degrees;
- Worked with staff and faculty to design and implement college-wide planning processes at two colleges;
- Secured private and federal grants of \$21.7 million;
- Led the Foundation Board in the development and execution of three strategic fundraising plans resulting in a capital campaign that exceeded fundraising goals by 25 percent and increased annual giving by 117 percent over four years;
- Collaborated with faculty and staff to implement Guided Pathways with a holistic lens that builds on college's strengths, including metamajors, mandatory advising, and embedding gen-eds in technical programs;
- Led a statewide committee of college presidents, trustees, State Board members, State Board staff and public information officers in the creation of a statewide strategic communications plan, resulting in new state funding and advocacy from lawmakers;
- Supported faculty and staff in planning two future buildings and successfully secured approval from the SBCTC through the capital projects allocation process;
- Supported three colleges through several successful accreditation visits;
- Served as a co-Principal Investigator on two National Science Foundation grants to increase opportunities for I.T. students.

Dr. Ames has an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Change from Fielding Graduate University, an MBA in Marketing from City University, and B.A.s in Communications and Political Science from the University of Washington. She earned Certificates of Completion from Washington Executive Leadership Academy (WELA) in 2016 and the League of Innovation Executive Leadership Institute in 2017. She lives in Stanwood with her husband and elderly chocolate lab.