



Dr. Faimous Harrison is a passionate student-centered-teacher-scholar. A lifelong learner and a results-driven pragmatic practitioner with thirty years of broad-based knowledge as a faculty member, researcher, student service administrator, community, alumni, industry, and an elected official engagement officer. As Dean of the Stockton Campus for California State University, Stanislaus, and previously as the Regional Director for Campuses and Community Partnerships for Central Washington University, he served as the chief onsite academic and administrative officer. His experiences in shared governance were cultivated in public and private research and regional universities, and community college environments. During his tenure as faculty, Dr. Harrison taught more than 100 college classes and has worked with individuals, organizations, and communities within the United States and abroad. He deploys a collegial, systems thinking, collective ownership approach to progressive organizational effectiveness to advance the academy and community-centered partnerships.

As a Rotary International Group Study Exchange fellow, Dr. Harrison participated in the world eradicating polio, clean water, literacy education, and various other socioeconomic disparity, inequality, and wellness initiatives while living with host families in India. In 2008, his team was one of the North America conference presenters in Victoria, British Columbia. For the last ten years, Dr. Harrison has been an active participant on the Research Committee of the National Association of Branch Campus Administrators (NABCA). NABCA is the premier global association that focuses specifically on the academy from a branch campus and multi-campus systems lens. Dr. Harrison also served as the chair for the research division for two terms and was a past vice president and president of the association. Dr. Harrison has visited more than one-hundred branch campus and multi-campus systems throughout the United States and abroad and has led several national studies on behalf of NABCA.

Dr. Harrison started his first job in higher education as a student in the University of Washington Environmental Health Department as a Research Assistant when he was eighteen. He accepted a supervisor position at the Seattle Colleges, which he did not know was a succession planning institution when he was twenty. His mentor was Dr. Jill Wakefield, who advanced from her first job in higher education to become the college president at the same institution, and eventually the system's Chancellor. As he continued his education and accepted various academic and student services roles, Dr. Wakefield continued encouraging and challenging him to continue his education and progress in faculty, student services, and administrative positions. He taught classes in three different disciplines on the academic side, served as the faculty program coordinator, hired part-time faculty, and was the lead curriculum developer for the department. When he was twenty-two, he started a new program at Duwamish College which was a branch campus and extension of South Seattle College. He enjoyed cross-disciplinary and team-teaching classes at the different campus locations and in the community. As a student services official, he was a student academic advisor, activities coordinator, fitness supervisor, trainer and served in different outreach and student engagement roles. He participated in various succession planning and professional development programs and services that were available for employees. Dr. Wakefield encouraged him to diversify his experiences since he enjoyed everything he was doing and was not interested in a presidential track.

When Dr. Harrison was thirty-three, he had the opportunity to expand his student services portfolio while also teaching. He left the Seattle Colleges and joined Edmonds College. Dr. Harrison was the manager of academic classrooms, facilities, and buildings associated with the division on and off-campus. He also oversaw several

clubs, including the cheer squad, wheelchair basketball, student activity programs, student academic support services, and was the athletic director. He stayed in touch with his mentor and was even a guest lecture/presenter in her graduate educational leadership course at the Seattle University. While at Edmonds College, he completed a campaign and secured resources and support for numerous projects including a multi-million-dollar outdoor sports complex for the Health and Human Services Division, Athletics, and Students Programs. To this day, Dr. Harrison is still the only person that was voted by the students as the Administrator of the Year, two years in a row. Dr. Harrison also returned to his alma mater and was a presenter for the University of Washington Career Advice and Exploration for Students of Color Conference.

In 2011, Dr. Harrison became the Site Director for Central Washington University (CWU), Lynnwood Campus. CWU had eight campus locations throughout Washington State. In 2013, he became the Regional Director for Campuses and Community Partnerships. He was responsible for a territory from Seattle to Canada and three different campus locations in various cities and counties. Dr. Harrison went back to Edmonds College and was the commencement keynote speaker at the Monroe Corrections Facility Graduation. The topic of his speech was "Discovering Your Purpose." In 2015, he was a consultant and the keynote speaker at the "*Stockton Advancing: Transforming the Depth of Our Footprints Conference*" for Stockton University of New Jersey. A year later in 2016, Dr. Harrison was finishing his term as the President of NABCA when he started as the Dean of our Stockton Center.