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Dr. Andrea Burridge

Dr. Burridge serves as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, Analytics, and Decision Support at Houston Community College. She engages in efforts across divisions to build capacity for student success and completion, supporting decision-making at all levels of the institution and collaborating across divisions to enable stakeholders to collect, analyze, and use data to advance the mission of the College. Before coming to HCC, she served as Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and as Director of Institutional Effectiveness at the University of Houston College of Education. Dr. Burridge holds a Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Michigan, a Masters Degree in Applied Statistics from the University of Michigan, and a Bachelors Degree in Mathematics from Stanford University.

Representative Giovanni Capriglione

Giovanni has been married to his wife Elisa for 23 years and has three children, two of whom attend Carroll ISD schools, and one who attends Texas A&M University. After receiving his BS in Physics, he pursued his MBA in Finance from Santa Clara University. After school, Giovanni went on to work for a DFW-based venture capital/private equity firm.

Giovanni is now the owner and president of a small business, Texas Adventure Capital LLC, which provides business services to various investment fund managers and business owners. His focus is investing in Texas-based small businesses. Previously, Giovanni held various positions at computer engineering companies specializing in semiconductor design and Internet products and was senior vice president at an investment firm where he managed the loan and equity assets of various American businesses.

Giovanni was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 2012 and is serving his sixth term representing District 98 which encompasses all or part of Grapevine, Colleyville, Southlake, Keller, Westlake, and Euless. He currently serves as Chairman of the House Committee on Pensions, Investments & Financial Services, and is a member of the House Committee on Elections, and the House Select Committee on Youth Health and Safety. He is Chairman of the Innovation & Technology Caucus and also chairs the Tarrant County Delegation.



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Dr. Martha Ellis

Martha M. Ellis, Ph.D. serves as President of Mellis LLC, a consulting firm bringing deep experience, substantive knowledge, and research-based innovation to leaders as they confront the challenges and opportunities facing higher education today and in the future. Dr. Ellis is a Texas Pathways Coach for the Texas Success Center, Achieving the Dream Leadership Coach, and professor of practice at the University of Texas at Austin.

Previously, Martha was Managing Director for the Charles A. Dana Center at the University of Texas at Austin. Before joining the Dana Center, Dr. Ellis was Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs for the University of Texas System. Martha has 35 years of experience in community colleges in Texas and New Mexico including two college presidencies, provost, chief information officer, undergraduate dean, and faculty member. Ellis has won numerous teaching awards, has scholarly publications, and is an invited speaker at national conferences. Ellis was recognized by the U.S. Congress and the Texas House of Representatives for her leadership in higher education.

Dr. Ellis chaired the Appeals Committee for the Commission on Colleges for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. She was on the Board of the American Association of Community Colleges and the Executive Committee of the Texas Association of Community Colleges. She was a member of the Commission on Women in Higher Education for the American Council of Education and the Board of Educational Affairs for the American Psychological Association. She was president of the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities. Martha has volunteered on various chambers, economic development, and hospital boards.

Martha lives in Austin with her husband Steve.

Dr. Linda García

Linda García is the Executive Director of the Center for Community College Student Engagement (CCCSE) at The University of Texas at Austin (UT). Prior to this role, she served as the Assistant Director of College Relations at CCCSE. Previously, Linda was Vice President of Community College Relations at the Roueche Graduate Center at National American University, and she has worked at Lone Star College, Maricopa Community Colleges, and The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. Linda's experience includes student development, instructional support, grant writing, and teaching. She served as a coach for the American Association of Community Colleges Pathways 2.0 and



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continues in this same role for the Texas Pathways Project. Linda earned a Bachelor of Journalism with a concentration in broadcast and a doctorate in higher education administration with a specialization in community college leadership from The University of Texas at Austin. Her Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies degree is from The University of Texas at Brownsville.

Todd McLees

Todd McLees works at the intersection of digital transformation and the Future of Work, propelling innovation, workforce development, and learning strategies with a distinct emphasis on artificial intelligence and its implications. As Managing Partner at Innovation Outpost, a visionary non-profit organization established by Amarillo College in Texas, he melds technology and impactful learning experiences to build a more resilient future.

Innovation Outpost is pioneering a new model for workforce development and regional economic transformation, with a spotlight on the potential of AI and its impact on work. It has evolved into a vibrant community hub that fosters skills development, promotes a culture of collaborative innovation, and encourages entrepreneurial efforts to stimulate economic growth. By empowering individuals and organizations to harness rapidly changing technology, including AI, and adapt to evolving workplace trends, the Innovation Outpost is making considerable strides.

As an accomplished strategist and thought leader in the Future of Work, Todd forges alliances with stakeholders across the United States on collective impact initiatives. These focus on digital transformation and its influence on work and learning, with particular emphasis on the application and implications of AI. As the chief architect of the Human Skills framework and curriculum, he focuses on skills employers highly value in the shifting landscape of the Age of AI.

Todd plays an active role in several leadership and advisory boards, such as the Council for Adult & Experiential Learning (CAEL), Higher Education Regional Alliance (HERA), and ADHD America. He frequently contributes to workforce innovation programs backed by the NSF and other federal initiatives, concentrating on Human Skills, applied AI, and workforce innovation. His insights are regularly published in leading publications, including the Harvard Business Review.

Earlier in his career, Todd held key positions in software and technology companies like PKWARE, the trailblazing company behind the ZIP file format. Now, he's devoted to aiding employers, educators, and other groups in reimagining workforce



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learning globally, with a keen eye on preparing humanity for the omnipresence of artificial intelligence in the workplace.

Michael Moe

Michael Moe is the Founder & CEO of GSV Ventures, a growth-focused investment platform. GSV has invested in game-changing businesses such as Facebook, Twitter, Snap, Palantir, and Spotify. GSV has several funds focused on the digital learning sector and has invested in Coursera, Chegg, Course Hero, Masterclass, and Guild Education. Additionally, Michael is on the Board of the National Football Foundation and the College Football Hall of Fame, Center for Education Reform, ClassDojo, Bookclub, FatBrain, and Hi Solutions, and is an advisor to Arizona State University.

Before GSV, Michael was the Founder and CEO of ThinkEquity Partners, Head of Global Growth Research at Merrill Lynch, and was voted to be on the Institutional All-American Research Team and named "Best on the Street" by the Wall Street Journal.

Michael is the author of three books, "Finding the Next Starbucks", "The Global Silicon Valley Handbook" and his most recent, "The Mission Corporation."

Michael holds a B.A. in Political Science and Economics from the University of Minnesota and is a CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst). He and his wife Bonnie live in Dallas, Texas where they moved to in 2021 after living in Silicon Valley for twenty-five years.

Dr. Brent Wallace

Dr. Brent Wallace holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Hardin Simmons University, a Master of Arts in Human Communications from Abilene Christian University, a graduate certificate in Conflict Resolution and Mediation from Abilene Christian University, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Texas Tech University.

His professional associations include officer positions in both the Texas Association of Community Colleges and the Texas Community College Teachers Association. Dr. Wallace has served on the Board of Directors for the Texas Community College Instructional Administrators and the Texas Association of Career and Technical Educators. He has served as the State Community and Technical College Formula Advisory Chair, and serves on the TACC Business Advisory Committee, and the TACC Legislative Committee.



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When Dr. Wallace served as Vice President of Instruction for NCTC, prior to becoming Chancellor, he was responsible for providing leadership and vision for credit and non-credit programs and learning resources consistent with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Accreditation Standards, Texas State Law and Administrative Code, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Rules, Board of Regents policies, and procedures and guidelines established by the North Central Texas Community College District.

Before coming to NCTC, Dr. Wallace has held positions as Dean of Instruction and tenured track faculty member with teaching fields in both business and communications. He has also taught graduate courses in Education Leadership for ISD superintendents.