



ABHES BULLETIN

To: ABHES Accredited Institutions and Programs and Interested Parties

From: India Y. Tips, Executive Director

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Subject: Commissioner Appointment and Election Results

ABHES is pleased to announce the results of the election that occurred on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. The individuals listed below will serve a 3-year term beginning July 1, 2021. ABHES wishes to thank all of the candidates and accredited institutions and programs for participating in this year's election.

ADMINISTRATOR IN A HEALTHCARE RELATED AREA

Matthew Calhoun has been re-elected by the ABHES-accredited institutions and programs to serve his second 3-year term.

Matthew Calhoun has worked in higher education for more than 15 years since graduating from Washington State University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with much of his time being employed by Arizona College and Arizona College of Nursing. After completion of a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University, he was promoted to Campus Director, later to Vice President, Regulatory Affairs & Student Finance, and is currently the Senior Vice-President of Campus Development at Arizona College. Matt has served as a Team Leader for many accreditation visits and received the Distinguished Evaluator Award in 2016. He has sat on the Preliminary Review Committee, Financial Review Committee, Conference Planning Task Force, and Finance Committee experiencing first-hand ABHES' commitment to assure quality educational experiences for the students attending our institutions.

EDUCATOR IN SPECIALTY AREA

Chonnea Harris has been elected by the ABHES-accredited institutions and programs to serve her first 3-year term.

Chonnea Harris is the Dean of Academic Affairs at the University of Antelope Valley (UAV) in Palmdale, California. She has been with UAV since 2008 when she started as an instructor teaching general education courses. During her tenure with UAV, she has served as Department Chair, Associate Dean, and on numerous academic committees. Prior to transitioning into higher education, she taught at the K-8 level for Lancaster School District. Ms. Harris has her Master of Education from Aspen University and Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts: Physical Education from California State University at Dominguez Hills.

She is an active member of her community and serves with youth sports and community organizations.

COMMISSIONER-AT-LARGE

Amy Gray has been appointed by the ABHES Commission to serve her first 3-year term. Prior to being appointed to her first 3-year term, Dr. Gray completed the remaining term of a Commissioner vacancy.

Dr. Amy Gray is a progressive leader with more than 20 years of experience in higher education and student advocacy at the heart of everything she does. While much of her career has been spent in various roles in Higher Education, she began her path in medicine. Science had been a passion since childhood, and she started her educational career by earning a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences on a pre-medicine track and then a Doctor of Medicine. But Dr. Gray realized her true calling was educating others when she was offered a full-time faculty position teaching Anatomy and Physiology, Pathology, and Pharmacology. Ultimately, she decided to further her education and earned her Master of Education degree with a specialization in Leadership of Educational Organizations. Since then, she has held progressive leadership roles as full-time faculty, Program Director, Department Chair, Associate Dean, Academic Dean, Director of Education, and Dean of Health Sciences at both proprietary and public, non-profit institutions. She is currently the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Joliet Junior College in Joliet, Illinois.

HIGHER EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Rafael Ramírez-Rivera has been appointed to the Higher Education Specialist seat to serve a 3-year term. Prior to his appointment Dr. Ramírez-Rivera completed his first 3-year term in the Public Member seat.

Dr. Rafael Ramírez-Rivera is the Chancellor of Inter American University of Puerto Rico – Arecibo Campus, founder of the Academia Interamericana de Arecibo, a PP-K to 12-grade school, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the College Board, New York. He holds his doctoral degree in Educational Administration from Inter American University of Puerto Rico, Master in Arts and Bachelor in Arts in Economics from the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus, and has participated and studied in several management schools in P.R. and the United States. In 1984 he began his professional career as an Academic Dean at Caguas City College and throughout his career in higher education, he has served as an educational leader at proprietary and private non-profit colleges and universities in several positions, such as, faculty member at the undergraduate and graduate level, Academic Dean, President, Chancellor and Board of Director Member. He was also the Director of License and Accreditation of the Puerto Rico Council on Higher Education and President of CSI, a consulting and management firm.

Rafael has participated in more than 100 institutional reviews for several accrediting commissions in the USA, South America, and Europe and has served on several Ad-Hoc committees, task force, and community-based organizations in P.R., Caribbean Islands, United States, Canada, Central and South America, Europe, Japan, Asia, and Australia, to address themes in leadership, economics, business planning and strategies, mergers and acquisitions of business and organizational culture and climate.

PUBLIC MEMBER

Doug Clarke has been re-appointed by the ABHES Commission to serve his second 3-year term.

Doug Clarke is the Continuous Quality Improvement and LCME Accreditation Administrator at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD. He possesses over 25 years of experience in higher education, including faculty positions and senior level administrative appointments as a Director of Education, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Chief Academic Officer. Additionally, he served as the Associate Director of Accreditation (PTA programs) at the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) for 8 years, the Director of Accreditation for the American Telemedicine Association, and the inaugural Executive Director for ClearHealth Quality Institute. Mr. Clarke received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Government from the College of William & Mary and his Master of Education with a concentration in Educational Leadership from Concordia University-Portland.

Kevin Roberts has been appointed by the ABHES Commission to serve his first 3-year term.

Kevin Roberts has been in the financial aid industry for over 16 years, 9 of those years with the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Federal Student Aid in both Washington D.C. and San Francisco, CA. While at the Department, Kevin was instrumental in assisting over 400 foreign schools convert from the former Federal Family Education Loan Program to the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program. In addition, he assisted in the successful launch of the Department's FinancialAidToolkit.ed.gov website where he created PowerPoint presentations and various downloadable and printable handouts. Kevin has also spoken at various townhall meetings on behalf of the Department across the country meeting with state legislatures, congressional members, high school counselors, college access groups, GEAR-UP, TRIO, and other educational organizations promoting the FAFSA Completion Initiative and DACA Guidance. His last few years with the Department, Kevin conducted on and off-site Program Reviews of post-secondary institutions across the West Coast assessing their administrative and financial capabilities and issuing their Final Program Review Determination Reports. In October of 2020, Kevin was elected as California Association of Financial Aid Administrator (CASFAA) 2021 Proprietary Segment Representative. He currently works for Adtalem Global Education as Consultant, Regulatory Affairs.