I have worked in higher education for over twenty-seven years at a California Community College.  I began my career at Palo Verde College in 1996 in Admissions and Records, as a classified employee as a Technician, Technician II, and Technician III. After serving in these roles for 15 years, I applied and was offered the Director of Financial Aid in 2012.  During that time, I redesigned the department from paper processes to automated systems by leveraging the student information system—Datatel (now, Ellucian’s Colleague). I recreated positions to suit the departmental needs and was able to automate the financial aid packaging at PVC. I started using Business Objects reporting to ensure students were registered in courses they needed to take to graduate. In 2013, I left the college to work on my bachelor’s degree at Capella University and in 2014, I was voted by the public to a seat on the board of trustees at Palo Verde College and served for four years becoming the youngest Latina to serve on the board at PVC. In the last two years as a trustee, I served as the Vice President and President.  I was also nominated by my peers to serve the CCLC Board of Trustees, and nominated again by the CCLC members which was a great honor.

I began my career at Southwestern College as the Supervisor of Admissions and Records in 2016 and following as the Interim Director for Financial Aid and Veteran Services in December of 2020. After serving as the Interim Director of Financial Aid and Veteran Services for a year and a half, I was offered and accepted the full-time position in March of 2022.

I have a bachelor’s degree in business, a master’s degree in leadership from Capella University and I belong to Delta Mu Delta, Institutional Honor Society in Business.