



Lisa Stanton, CPA, MBA

Chief Finance Officer/VP

Summary

Strategic and collaborative executive leader with over 20 years of experience driving financial and operational excellence in higher education. Demonstrated success in advancing fiscal sustainability, modernizing technology systems, and guiding long-term capital planning. Responsible for managing a comprehensive \$145.9 million institutional budget, aligning financial strategies with mission-driven objectives and long-range goals. A key steward of sound financial management, ensuring the College's stability, compliance, and fiscal integrity. Expertise includes leading enterprise system implementations, streamlining budget processes, and overseeing finance, IT, facilities, and procurement functions. Known for inclusive leadership, data-informed decision-making, and a strong commitment to equity, accountability, and organizational resilience.

Work experience

Chief Finance Officer, Vice President of Operations and Finance

2021 - present

Rogue Community College, Grants Pass, US

Senior Executive Leadership | Financial Strategy | Operations Oversight

Provide strategic and operational leadership across finance, facilities, and information technology to safeguard the College's financial strength and advance institutional goals. Responsible for aligning financial strategies with mission-driven priorities, long-term planning, and operational efficiency.

- Spearheaded a transformative college-wide ERP implementation (2024), improving data integration, financial controls, and administrative transparency.
- Led a comprehensive budget redesign to enhance alignment with strategic priorities, increase transparency, and support inclusive, forward-focused planning.
- Manage capital initiatives including the acquisition and renovation of institutional properties; oversee divestiture of surplus assets to optimize campus footprint and financial return.
- Champion a culture of equity, data-informed decision-making, and collaborative leadership across financial and operational divisions.
- Align financial planning, IT modernization, and facilities management with institutional resilience and long-range goals.

Chief Financial Officer

2011 - 2021

Rogue Community College, Grants Pass, US

Strategic Financial Leadership | Compliance & Risk Management | Operational Excellence

Served as the executive leader overseeing all facets of financial strategy and operations, including strategic planning, budget development, accounting, treasury and cash flow management, compliance, auxiliary services, and receiving. Ensured financial practices aligned with state and federal regulations, accreditation standards, and institutional goals—safeguarding the College's mission, fiscal integrity, and long-term viability.

- Directed financial planning and reporting processes that consistently earned the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting** from the Government Finance Officers Association for 16 consecutive years.
- Led the design and implementation of an inclusive, transparent budgeting process, recognized by the College's accrediting body in 2020 for contributing to a strong financial position.
- Executed a strategic transition of the College's underperforming physical bookstore to a cost-effective online platform, generating significant annual savings for both the institution and students.

- Strengthened financial controls and compliance frameworks to enhance accountability and support institutional resilience.

Additional Experience

- Rogue Community College (Grants Pass, OR) Director of Budget and Finance | Assistant Director of Business Services | Senior Accountant
- Talbot, Korvola & Warwick Auditor Details available upon request.

Education

MBA

Northwest Christian University

Northwest Christian University, Eugene, OR, MBA (2013)

Sigma Beta Delta business honor society

BBA

University of Portland

University of Portland, Portland, OR; BBA, emphasis in Accounting

Alpha Kappa Psi, Professional Business Fraternity

Certifications and Certificates

Awards

Cam Preus Award for Extraordinary Contribution to Oregon's Community Colleges, Awarded by Oregon Community College's President's Council, 2023

Certifications

- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- Bursar Professional Certificate (BPC)

Associations

- Member of Oregon Community College Business Officers Affinity Group
- Member of Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants
- Member of Government Finance Officers Association
- Member of National Association of College and University Business Officers
- Treasurer for Downtown Medford Association (Board Member)
- Treasurer for Downtown Medford Association Foundation (Board Member)
- Peer evaluator for the Northwest Commission of Community Colleges and Universities