

Lea M. Jarnagin, Ed.D.

Dr. Lea M. Jarnagin currently serves as the Interim Systemwide Director for Student Wellness & Basic Needs initiatives for the California State University (CSU) system at the Office of the Chancellor in Long Beach, CA. In this role she provides leadership, management and oversight for best practices programs and services that enhance holistic student wellness, access and success. Lea is in her 28th year as a professional in higher education, all of which have been served in the CSU. She is a passionate advocate for equity and access for all students and has dedicated her professional journey to serving the students of the CSU.

Prior to joining the Chancellors Office, Lea served as the Vice President for Student Affairs at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona for three years where she was responsible for overseeing a Division that promotes student learning and success while fostering an inclusive and vibrant campus community at a diverse institution with an enrollment of 24,000. Dr. Jarnagin provided campus leadership and direction for the areas of Housing & Residence Life, Student Services, Associate Vice President/Dean of Students, Student Health & Wellbeing, Associated Students, Inc. and Intercollegiate Athletics.

Prior to joining Cal Poly Pomona, Dr. Jarnagin served in a variety of leadership roles across an 18-year tenure at California State University, Fullerton. Her contributions include serving as the Associate Vice President for Student Engagement, Dean of Students, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs, Associate Dean of New Student & Parent Programs and Assistant Dean for Student Affairs in the College of the Arts. Prior to joining Cal State Fullerton, Lea served at California State University, San Marcos for six years.

Dr. Jarnagin is actively engaged both regionally and nationally in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. She earned an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of California, Los Angeles, a Masters of Counseling from California State University, Long Beach and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from California State University, San Marcos.