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COS Announces Hiring of New Vice President of Student Services

Weed / COS – College of the Siskiyous is pleased to announce the hiring of Patrick Walton, new Vice President of Student Services. Mr. Walton replaces former Vice President of Student Services, Melissa Green, who retired earlier this spring after working for the District for the past six years. Patrick will begin his new duties on July 19, 2021.



Patrick Walton comes from a family of educators. Helping students achieve their goals and dreams is one of his biggest passions and he looks forward to doing so at College of the Siskiyous. Mr. Walton was born and raised in Northern California in the small town of Biggs, California. He comes from a family of farmers and educators. Mr. Walton attended California State University, Chico and received a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration. Following his undergraduate schooling, he continued his education at CSU, Chico and received a Master's Degree in Public Administration. While enrolled in school, Mr. Walton would substitute teach in the K-12 system to support his family. During this time, he knew he wanted to pursue a career in education.

Following his completion of his graduate degree, Mr. Walton would accept a job as an Instructional Support Specialist in Basic Skills at Lassen Community College. After eight months, he was asked to serve as the Interim Associate Dean of Student Services. Following one year in that role, he served as the Interim Dean of Student Services/Chief Student Services Officer. Mr. Walton then applied for the permanent position of Dean of Student Services/Chief Student Services Officer. He would serve in that capacity for the next five years.

Mr. Walton enjoys working in Student Services, especially at small, rural, California Community Colleges. He is passionate about all areas of Student Services, however, he specializes in orientation, counseling, policy and procedure, event planning, student activities, enrollment management, and being a champion for all students. He believes in the power of education and the opportunities and doors it can open. Mr. Walton knows and understands the challenges that face small colleges and also knows being small gives small colleges the benefit to serve students in ways the bigger colleges cannot. He has an open door policy and looks forward to working with all at COS to help students.