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Leslie is an experienced higher education professional with a demonstrated history of working collaboratively across different disciplines in higher education and volunteering her time to community events and non-profit organizations. Skilled in building and leading teams, Leslie has a strong background in Organizational Development, Curriculum Development, Public Speaking, Employee Training (engagement), Program Development, Community Engagement, Human Resources, Advancement, and Financial Aid. Leslie is a skilled negotiator and mediator bringing disparate groups to consensus. Leslie is a dynamic professional with a Masters of Arts (MA) in Education (Administration and Curriculum) from Gonzaga University and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) from The University of Montana.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Vice President Advancement and Human Resources** – Dawson Community College, July 2018 – present
- **Director of Human Resources** – Dawson Community College, June 2016 – June 2018
- **Financial Aid Consultant and Mentor** – Dawson Community College, April 2016 - June 2017
- **Elation Inc.**- Content Creator and Marketing Development, September 2014 – May 2016
- **Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships**, Montana State University Billings, January 2011 – June 2014
- **Financial Aid Specialist II**, Montana State University Billings, July 2009 – December 2010
- **Co-Owner**, A Slice of Country, Billings MT, November 2004 – January 2010
- **Financial Aid Consultant**, 1992 – 2002 (University of the Virgin Islands, Portland Community College, City College of San Francisco, San Mateo Community College)
- **Financial Aid Associate Director** University of Montana, Missoula, 1988-1992

EDUCATION

Master of Arts Education – Administration and Curriculum, Gonzaga University, 1997

Bachelor of Arts, The University of Montana, 1990 (Major: History, Minor: German)

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Be A Part of the Solution: *Best Practices for College Access and Success*, March 2020

Advancement and Student Services: *Working Together to Serve Homeless Youth*, October 2019

Ethical Considerations: *The Relationship between Attorneys and Human Resources Professionals*, March 2019

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **Board Member**, MCAN (Montana College Attainment Network);
- **Board Member**, Tumbleweed;
- **Alumna Admissions Representative**, Phillips Academy, Andover, MA;
- **Member**, Billings Chamber of Commerce (Mentor);
- **Past Trustee**, Board of Trustees, Blue Creek Elementary School;
- **Past Director**, Blue Creek Elementary School Foundation Board;
- **Past Member**, Chapter 55 Task Force (Public Education K-12 Accreditation Standard Review);
- **Past Vice President**, Montana Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators;
- **Past Member** of Montana Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, Rocky Mountain Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, and National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.
- **Volunteer**, Blue Creek School, Head Start, Host family for African Children's Choir