

## **Philosophy of Working with Diverse Cultures & Teamwork**

The landscape of learners is more diverse today than ever before. It is important that the needs of learners are met by recognizing and celebrating their different learning abilities. As an educator I must create innovative strategies to meet the many needs. I believe the community college is most successful in doing this. Students who desire can complete two-year degrees or a shorter certificate. Superb collaborative leadership, flexible hours, affordable tuition and quality instruction are the hallmark of learner success.

Higher Education should be the leaders in challenging the minds of every student who comes to our campus. Their own diversity, whether it is economic, social, racial, physical etc., should be embraced. I have always worked for inclusion and opportunity. Students who don't feel a part of the institution sometimes flounder and leave. I have been active in student organizations, serving as advisor and mentor. That is not something that I would change. That exchange with students to help meet their personal goals is a privilege.