

Scott Burnam

Scott Burnam is currently Vice President of Student Affairs at Edison State Community College in Piqua, Ohio, an institution he has served in various positions for the last five and a half years. His more than 20-year career in higher education started at Clinton Community College, part of the SUNY system, where he served for four years as a site supervisor employed by contract security services overseeing community safety and College facilities. He was later hired by the College itself, serving first in Student Affairs as Technical Assistant for Financial Aid and then as Technical Specialist for Student Support. He then moved to Academic Affairs where he worked as the Academic Services Specialist. During part of his tenure at Clinton he worked concurrently for the Faculty Student Association with responsibilities as Residence Director and Student Leadership Coordinator. Leaving Clinton after 13 years of steadily upward momentum, Mr. Burnam accepted the position of Director of Cincinnati State Technical and Community College Programs at Wilmington College, where he continued for the next two and a half years, prior to joining Edison State. While at Wilmington College he dramatically increased enrollment through a number of creative partnerships. At Edison State Community College he has received several promotions, moving from Registrar to Dean of Enrollment Services prior to his current position as Vice President Of Student Affairs.

Mr. Burnam is a graduate of the State University of New York College at Plattsburgh, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in theater. He earned a Kennedy Center Irene Ryan Award during this period. He later earned a Master of Arts degree in community college management at Antioch University Midwest in Yellow Springs, Ohio, and has continued his professional development with education and training, including the American Association of Community Colleges Leadership Suite, Title IX Investigator Training, the Cornell University/SUNY—Administrative Leadership Program, the National Center for Higher Education Risk Management, The Cornell University Discovering Leadership Program, and CQIN Summer Institutes, as well as many other sources.

In addition to fulfilling the responsibilities of titled positions, Mr. Burnam has served his institutions in various volunteer capacities as Chairperson of Clinton Community College's Faculty Council, the only non-faculty member ever selected to chair this governance body. He has also served ex-officio on committees including Curriculum, Learning Resources, Professional Development and Cultural Affairs, and College-wide committees including the Re-accreditation Steering Committee, Strategic Planning and Marketing Committees, Master Facilities Planning Committee, and the Retention Task Force.

During his tenure as the Academic Services Specialist at Clinton Community College, Mr. Burnam led an overhaul of the master academic schedule, working closely with faculty to reduce course cancellations from 18% to 3% and increase seat utilization from 72% to 85% for maximum resource effectiveness. He has likewise used careful planning in this area to support student persistence and completion.

Mr. Burnam is a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society and the Alpha Psi Omega Theater Honor Society. He is a recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's

Award for Excellence in Professional Service, and his teams have been recognized with the SUNY Outstanding Student Affairs Program Award and the Edison State Community College Performance Improvement Award.