

Mr. Shawn J. Farr Brief Biography

Shawn Farr currently serves as Vice President of Administration and Finance, and Chief Financial Officer, for Central Penn College located in the Harrisburg region of Central Pennsylvania in Summerdale, PA. In this capacity, he is responsible for the financial services, facilities, public safety and health, and financial aid departments of the College, as well as dining services and a conference center.

Previously in his career, he worked in higher education in California overseeing administrative and business operations at campuses in the California State University System; including an assignment at the Chancellor's Office overseeing the auxiliary operations of the CSU, System.

He also worked for many years in and around K-12 education in Pennsylvania. He worked on a five-year \$150 million initiative to reform the Philadelphia City School District and served as a Special Assistant to the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education. His Pennsylvania K-12 assignments included serving as Director of Finance for the Carlisle Area School District, Director of Business and Operations for the Capital Area Intermediate Unit (which is similar to a BOCES in New York), Chief Operating Officer for the Harrisburg City School District, and Board of Control Chair for the Duquesne City School District.

He also had the privilege of working for Ambassador Walter Annenberg and serving as Chief Operating Officer for the Annenberg Foundation located in suburban Philadelphia. At the time, the Foundation had assets in excess of \$3.5 billion.

Shawn strongly believes in creating an environment that respects and actualizes diversity, equity and inclusion so that the College community as a whole can realize its full potential. He prides himself on being flexible and adaptable to the culture of an organization and the community, while at the same time working to implement changes necessary to achieve the goals of the organization.

He holds an M.B.A. from California State University, Bakersfield and a B.S. in Business Administration with an option in Accounting from California State University, Long Beach. He resides in Carlisle, Pennsylvania with his wife Shireen.