

Laura Solano

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Throughout my professional career, my educational background and experiences have afforded me the opportunity to develop strong and proven skills in the instruction of accounting and business curriculum. I am interested in and well qualified to undertake the coordination, collaboration of working as a faculty team member. My professional strengths include more than 30 years of working in the accounting, finance, and tax field. Possessing excellent verbal and written communication skills, I am hopeful to be afforded the opportunity to share my professional attributes to effectively contribute to the university.

CORE QUALIFICATIONS

**LEADERSHIP SKILLS
ACCOUNTING CONTROLS**

**STUDENT SUCCESS AND DEVELOPMENT
BUDGET MANAGEMENT**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH
MARKETING AND SALES**

EDUCATION

1992, University of Southern Colorado, MBA, 2200 Bonforte Blvd., Pueblo, CO 81001

1980, University of Southern Colorado, BS in Business Management; Accounting

EXPERIENCE

2014 - Feb., 2018 Director, Colorado Lottery

- Serve as the Director of the Colorado Lottery within the Colorado Department of Revenue. Responsible for oversight of the day to day Lottery operations, a \$550 Million plus annual business. Serve as the liaison to office of Executive Director of the Dept. of Revenue. Work closely with the Lottery Commission on legislative issues. Regularly work with Lottery players, retailers, and proceeds beneficiaries.

2013 – 2014, Adjunct Faculty, Colorado State University – Pueblo, Hasan School of Business

- Serve as an Adjunct Faculty professor instructing a Business Communication Course in multiple sections. The course is a core requirement for all business majors. Engaged students in developing effective communication skills both written and oral through the practical application of analyzing problems, developing and presenting solutions, and demonstrating effective team skills. Also instructed numerous adjunct faculty classes at CSU, Pueblo including Financial Accounting, Managerial Accounting, and Income Tax since 1988. Served as back-up student advisor for HSB undergraduate students from 2013 – 2014.

2012 – 2013, Coordinator, Environmental Scan, Red Rocks Community College, Lakewood, Colorado

- Led the research and development of the Environmental Scan project for the college. The project included writing and analyzing survey results from more than 600 internal and external stakeholders, researching current and forecasted labor market indicators for career cluster college programs and potential programs, and writing the final report.

2012 - 2014, Business Manager, McClelland Children's Foundation, Pueblo, Colorado

- Business Manager responsible for all aspects of the day to day accounting functions including preparing and presenting monthly financial statements, cash controls, and payroll.

2007 – June, 2012, Vice President of Learning, Pueblo Community College, Pueblo, Colorado

- Chief Academic Officer for the Community College including three branch campuses (total student enrollment of 6,000, 100+ full time faculty and 300 part-time instructors); Oversee: three Academic Deans and Divisions, The Center for Teaching Excellence and Academic Leadership, The Center for Academic Advising, Community Education, Training and Pre-College, and Grants

2005 – 2007, Dean of Business and Technology, Pueblo Community College

- Academic Dean for Career and Technical Certificate Programs and Associate Degree Transfer Programs (18 total Programs); Serve as the Director of Career and Technical Education including Concurrent Enrollment Programs with Secondary Education; Administrative Liaison to the Faculty Committees

2000 – 2005, Faculty and Department Chair and Faculty – Acct. /Bus. Mgmt., Pueblo Community College

- Supervised four full time faculty; fifteen – twenty part time instructors; responsible for Department Curriculum, Student Advisement, Assessment of Student Learning, Curriculum Committee, College Accreditation and Strategic Planning Committee, and Department Budget Management. Faculty Advisor for Student Club and Honor Society – Phi Beta Lambda and Phi Theta Kappa. Served as Department Chair 2003 – 2005.

1996 – 2000, Controller, Colorado State Fair, Pueblo, Colorado

- Chief Financial Officer, Colorado State Fair; responsible for all aspects of Fair fiscal operations including, contracts, budgets, and risk management for Gate Revenue, Box Office, Concerts, Rodeos, Carnivals, Exhibits, and Sponsors; responsible for overseeing Personnel and supervised a full-time staff of eight and a part-time seasonal staff of 100

1979 – 1997 Internal Revenue Agent, US Treasury Department, Colorado Springs, Colorado

- Income Tax Examiner of Individual, Corporate, Partnership, Fiduciary, and Employment Income Tax Returns; Revenue Agent and Tax Auditor Internal Instructor and Coach; Oversaw the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program for more than 15 years; Community Presentations and Training sessions

AWARDS

- 2007, Administrative Team Award, Chair Academy
- 2006, Colorado Business Educator of the Year nominee, NPEA
- 2005 Faculty of the Year, Pueblo Community College
- 2004, Academic Management Institute for Women

SPECIAL AFFILIATIONS and PROJECTS

- 2011 – 2018, Board Member, St. Mary Corwin Hospital, Pueblo, CO
- 2010 – 2012, Board Member, Pueblo Workforce Board, Pueblo, CO
- 2010 – 2012, El Pueblo Adolescent Treatment Center, Board Member and Education Committee Member
- 2009 – 2011, Steering Committee member of CoCeal, Colorado Coalition for the Education and Advancement of Latinos
- 2007 – 2012, Pueblo Community College representative to HACU, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
- 2005 – 2012, Pueblo Community College representative to Pueblo Latino Chamber of Commerce
- 2003 – 2012, Founding Committee member of Soy Unica, Soy Latina, an annual conference for nine-fourteen year old girls
- 2008, PCC Lead Team member to write Gateway to College Grant, Gates Foundation grant for drop-out retrieval for at-risk youth
- 2008 – 2012, PCC Liaison to Colorado Department of Corrections, Career and Technical Programs

PROFESSIONAL and PERSONAL REFERENCES – Available upon Request