

Misty M. Stroud



Dr. Misty M. Stroud currently serves as Dean of Math, Science, and Engineering at San José City College, part of the San José Evergreen Community College District. In this role, she leads STEM instruction and grant-funded programs including MESA, and previously served as the college's Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, where she oversaw the full academic affairs portfolio as well as Strategic Partnerships and Workforce Innovations, including apprenticeships, contract education, Perkins, the Strong Workforce Program, and related grants totaling more than \$10 million. In that role, she also served as the college's Accreditation Liaison Officer.

Earlier in her career, as Dean of Instruction at Morgan Community College in Colorado, Dr. Stroud led academic pathway development in collaboration with faculty, then built a two-year, college-wide schedule to ensure students could complete their programs in a timely manner. As Dean at San José City College, she applied that same approach at the division level, creating a two-year schedule for the Math, Science, and Engineering Division to give faculty and students a clearer, more predictable path to completion.

Dr. Stroud's commitment to removing barriers to higher education comes from her own experience. She earned her GED and began at community college as a single parent, later completing multiple graduate degrees. That firsthand experience navigating the higher education system while raising children on her own shapes her approach to leadership today, particularly her understanding of what challenges students face and what they need from an institution to succeed.

A recognized leader in Silicon Valley higher education, Dr. Stroud was named a Woman of Influence by the Silicon Valley Business Journal in 2026. She has led the ACCCA Mentor Program, supporting the next generation of community college administrators, and is known among colleagues for pairing rigorous, data-informed decision-making with a deep commitment to equity and student access.

Dr. Stroud brings to the Vice President of Academic Affairs role a rare combination: hands-on experience across instruction, workforce development, accreditation, and grants leadership, paired with a leadership philosophy grounded in her own lived experience of what it takes to overcome barriers to higher education. She is driven by a belief that academic affairs leadership should be both strategic and deeply human, building institutional systems that work while never losing sight of the students those systems are meant to serve.