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Nashona Andrade

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**Human Resources Supervisor
Human Resources Department**



Nashona Ann Andrade is a dynamic Black woman thriving at the intersection of higher education and social services. With a robust background in social services and a fervent commitment to education, she embodies the essence of compassionate leadership and advocacy. She currently serves MiraCosta as Human Resources Supervisor, overseeing Recruitment, EEO, and Onboarding.

Driven by her unwavering passion for serving and partnering with individuals, Nashona has dedicated her career to fostering inclusive environments and empowering communities. Her journey through social services has instilled in her a deep understanding of the multifaceted challenges faced by diverse populations, fueling her drive to create positive change.

Within higher education, she combines her expertise to craft innovative solutions that bridge the gap between academic institutions and social needs. Her collaborative approach seeks to uplift marginalized voices, promote equity, and cultivate environments where every individual's potential can flourish.

Jd Banks

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**Interim Student Services Specialist, Student Life & Leadership,
ICC Advisor & Black Student Union Club Advisor**



Jd Banks is a black and Filipina artist, writer, creative consultant, and former teacher from San Diego, CA. After graduating from San Diego State University, Jd moved to Japan and worked as a freelance anime and manga podcaster, English-language magazine editor, community English tutor, high school basketball coach, and self-published writer. Jd returned to the United States, and, after a temporary position with the local Japanese consulate, started working for MiraCosta College. Jd founded and organized the Black Nerds Expo and the Black Nerds Meetup Group.

Markus Berrien, Ed.D.

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**Counselor Faculty
Counseling Office**



Dr. Markus Berrien is a scholar-practitioner who possesses over ten years of professional experience in the higher education system providing services that enhance student, staff, faculty, and administrator experiences. A core tenet of his personal and professional life is to create conditions that enhance the schooling experiences of students and increase their personal, professional, and career outcomes.

He has significant experience coordinating equity-focused initiatives and categorically funded programs. Markus has developed, monitored, and assessed student equity initiatives. Markus also has significant experience teaching, providing personal, career, and academic counseling to students from disproportionately impacted communities- ranging from multicultural, multilingual, socio-economically and educationally diverse backgrounds. Markus received an Associate in Arts from Mt. San Jacinto College, Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from UC San Diego, Masters of Science in Multicultural Community Counseling, and a Doctorate of Education in Educational Psychology from the University of Southern California.

Devon Boone, LCSW

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**CARE Manager
Student Affairs Office**



Devon Boone currently serves as the Director/CARE Manager of the Campus Assessment, Resources, & Education (CARE) Program at MiraCosta Community College. At MiraCosta, Devon is the Chair of the Basic Needs Workgroup and participates as member of the Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT). He received his Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from California State University, Fresno and his Master's Degree in Social Work at San Diego State University.

Upon graduating, Devon completed his clinical hours to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) after working for a Non-Profit organization as a Mental Health Clinician and later a Program Manager for the only youth emergency shelter in San Diego County for minors experiencing homelessness, sexual exploitation, and other forms of abuse. Devon is passionate about serving and supporting others and hopes to inspire others to pursue a Master's in Social Work to reduce the stigma around the profession and what sectors Social Workers are capable of working in.

Kenya Bradley

Pronouns: she/her/hers

**Umoja Student, Career Peer & Financial Aid Student Advisor
Career Center, Counseling Office, & Financial Aid Office**



As a student at MiraCosta College set to graduate in 2024, I am deeply involved in campus life and community building. Proudly identifying as an Umoja student and an active member of the Black Student Union, I am committed to fostering a sense of belonging and support for all. Working on-campus as a campus aide in counseling. In my dual role at the Career Center, I serve as a dedicated Career Peer, assisting fellow students in navigating the Job and Internship Network (JAIN). Simultaneously, I contribute to the success of the Financial Aid and Scholarship Department as a passionate student advocate. Through these roles, I aim to make a positive impact on the college experience for myself and my peers, embodying a spirit of community engagement and support.

Shann Davis, Jr.

Pronouns: he/him/his

President of Black Student Union & MiraCosta Student Ambassador, Office of School Relations/Diversity Outreach



Shann Davis Jr is majoring in Dramatic Arts and Sociology and will be graduating from MiraCosta College this semester.

He is president of the Black Student Union; vice president of A2MEND, the African American Male Education Network & Development organization; and Director of public relations for the student government association.

Davis, a 21-year-old North County native hopes to transfer to Howard University or Morehouse College, where he plans to continue his studies in theater and sociology. He aspires to become an actor or to teach drama or sociology.

One of the highlights of his time at MiraCosta College was participating in a trip to Ghana along with other community college students and educators in the region. Davis and the others on the trip were able to experience African culture and see the important role that Africa plays in the world.

Destiny Green

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Public Relations Chair of Black Student Union



Destiny Green is a Sophomore at Mira Costa College majoring in Communication. She is a part of the Umoja and Black Student Union club. Her goals and aspirations are to transfer to a 4-year university with her major, to be a productive citizen, and to have a career in Digital Marketing or Broadcasting. Destiny brings positivity to campus and likes helping with her community.

NuTerrie Hawthorne, ACSW, MSW

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Associate Career Counselor, Career Services



NuTerrie Hawthorne, pronounced Nah-Terrie, is a native Southern California, servant leader. She became a community college counselor and instructor in 2006 through the SDICCCA faculty internship project. In addition to her current associate career counselor position at Miracosta College, Hawthorne's professional career has allowed her to serve in many roles including full-time counseling faculty and coordinator of Workforce Preparation. Her counseling experience includes serving Athletes, AB540, CalWORKs, Concurrent Enrollment, EOP&S/CARE, Financial Aid, First Year Experience, Former Foster Youth, General, Middle College High School and Veteran student populations in Riverside, San Bernardino and Mt. San Jacinto Community College Districts.

NuTerrie Hawthorne, ACSW, MSW

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Her experiences also include advising for CSU Upward Bound, mentoring students in culturally based programs, working in learning communities, workshop development and facilitation, credit and non-credit curriculum development and teaching, state and college wide committee involvement and leadership. She specializes in career counseling and is certified to administer the MBTI, Strong Interest Inventory, True Colors, Inner Heroes and Clifton Strengths Finder career assessments.

Terrie realized the importance of incorporating her personality, natural skills and abilities in the career planning process after starting her career in corporate America and later returning as a franchise owner, neither of which were the right fit. Teaming up with her mentor, co-author Carolyn Kalil, bestselling author of Follow Your True Colors To The Work You Love updated to Follow Your Inner Heroes to the Work You Love allowed her to co-author How to Create a Career Pathway that Matters in Any Economy. Thus allowing the culmination of her education and experience to bridge academic planning and labor market connections for a diverse group of students. Terrie Hawthorne has devoted her life to serving others through writing, speaking and teaching.

Since finding her passion in helping others, she uses her experiences as a teen parent & first-generation college student raised in the inner city of south-central Los Angeles to serve in both professional and volunteer capacities. She has involved herself in many community causes including the RUSD African American Parent Council, MVUSD, Elementary School site Council, UCR University STEM Program, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, advisory groups and countless other efforts.

Hawthorne graduated with a Master's Degree in Social Work from Loma Linda University and worked in a variety of traditional social work positions including field instructor to bachelors and master's social work interns, acute care and home health medical social work, child welfare social work in adoptions, emergency response and court investigations, individual, group & family therapy and teen families/adolescent family life case management Ms. Hawthorne humble academic's journey began with a B.S.in Home Economic with an emphasis in the business option of Fashion Merchandising at California State University Northridge (CSUN).

Anisha Jackson

Administrative Assistant III Public Information Office



Anisha Jackson, an Oceanside resident, military brat, and proud Afro Latina, is at the forefront of higher education advocacy. With over a decade of dedicated service in the field, she currently serves as a Public Information Administrative Assistant III, in the Public Information Office at MiraCosta Community College. Anisha's journey includes significant contributions as a Senior Case Manager, earning the prestigious title of Case Manager of the Year from the San Diego Workforce Partnership.

Her experience working with underserved populations, coupled with her passion for education, positions her as a compassionate leader dedicated to breaking down barriers. Her commitment extends beyond her immediate role, as she aspires to obtain a master's in public policy. Anisha envisions integrating AI and data-driven solutions to address challenges faced by local communities of color, aligning her innovative thinking with her dedication to positive change.

Anisha Jackson is not just an advocate; she is a catalyst for positive transformation. Through her work, she continues to uplift voices, break barriers, and contribute to a more inclusive future for higher education.

Danielle Lauria

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Dean, School of Nursing, Health, & Wellness



Danielle Lauria serves MiraCosta College as Dean, School of Nursing, Health, and Wellness.

She is an accomplished professional with impressive academic and professional experience in health care, education, and public health. Danielle holds a Master of Public Health, Specialization in Health Promotion, and a Bachelor of Science in Medical Science.

Danielle has devoted her career to serving and helping others. She has been a clinician (Certified Physician Assistant) for twenty-eight years and has spent twenty-one years in education; eighteen years in community college education and three years at a four-year university. Her background encompasses working with diverse teams, students, and patients, and managing multiple allied health programs while serving as a program director and department chair. Danielle has a deep and personal appreciation for underrepresented and underserved populations from varying academic, cultural, abilities and socio-economic backgrounds. She believes diversity, equity, and inclusion are essential for student success and providing a progressive environment. Danielle strives to be an inclusive leader and role model and is committed to providing a safe and respectful environment for students to learn.

Don Love

Pronouns: he/him/his

**Chair of the Counselor Department, Umoja Counselor &
A2MEND Club Advisor**



Don Love serves as the current Counseling Department Chair, Umoja Counselor, and A2MEND advisor at MiraCosta College. Don also serves as an Academic Senate Representative and is a member of MiraCosta's Student Conduct and Police Advisory Committee. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Leadership from Azusa Pacific University, and his Master's Degree in Education with an emphasis in Guidance and Counseling from Pt. Loma Nazarene University. Don has worked at MiraCosta College since 2007, when he was hired to coordinate Summer Bridge, a high school-to-college transition program focused on Black Student success. He has served as the Umoja Counselor since it's official establishment on campus in 2012. When Don is not humbly serving the students at MiraCosta College, he spends his free time with his lovely wife Jocelyn and daughter Marissa.

Chanika Marsh, Ed.D.

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Associate Umoja Counselor/Coordinator, Counseling Office



Dr. Chanika Marsh works as the Umoja Counselor and Coordinator. For the last 15 years she has worked in diverse educational roles such as Program Director, Counselor, and Instructor. She has remained dedicated to fostering cultural responsiveness and implementing meaningful learning experiences.

Chanika Marsh, Ed.D.

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Associate Umoja Counselor/Coordinator, Counseling Office

As the first in her family to pursue a college education, she faced numerous obstacles, which, instead of stopping her, made her stronger and more resilient. Dr. Marsh earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from the University of California Riverside, a Master's in School Counseling from the University of Redlands, and her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Argosy University.

With 13 years spent working as a Counselor and Director for Wahupa Upward Bound, she contributed significantly to guiding participants toward successful precollege performance and college degree completion.

Believing in working smart and playing hard, Dr. Marsh consistently seeks balance in life. One of her favorite quotes by Maya Angelou is, "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some humor, and some style." This quote encapsulates her life's mission, and she endeavors to bring this philosophy into her counseling sessions. Dr. Marsh's personal journey led her to discover her true purpose – helping others learn from her challenges and triumphs. She passionately believes that each obstacle overcome is a stepping stone toward success, and she is here to ensure her students have the support and guidance needed to navigate the college experience with confidence.

Shawntae Mitchum

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Associate Faculty, Sociology Department & Black Community Ally Training (BCAT) Co-Creator



Shawntae Mitchum (she/her) is an Associate Faculty member in the Sociology Department at MiraCosta College, and Co-Creator of the very first campus-based Black Community Ally Training (BCAT).

She is working on her Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Southern California (USC) and her current research interrogates various forms of anti-Black racism in higher education through qualitative methodologies that center the experiences of Black faculty and staff. Shawntae is an Umoja alum and former Black Student Union (BSU) president and is forever grateful to the mentors who supported her through the Summer Bridge and Umoja programs at MiraCosta College. These programs instilled in her the Spirit of Ubuntu, "I am, because we are" as both an acknowledgement of the past, and a sense of responsibility to the future.

Sabrya Mosely

Pronouns: she/her/hers

President of Black Student Union, Student Ambassador, Office of School Relations/Diversity Outreach & Umoja Liason, Student Equity



Sabrya Mosely is an Oceanside local, she has been singing her whole life and loves to share her gift with others. Having been a part of numerous choirs and musicals ensembles she found a second home in the music industry and plans to continue her professional singing career for many years to come.

Mosely wears many hats, working as a student ambassador and serving as co-president of the Black Student Union at MiraCosta College. Her passion lies in supporting students on their educational journeys. Mosely aspires to obtain her bachelor's in Africana Studies to deepen her understanding of cultural identity. She is dedicated to making a positive impact on each person she interacts with and strives to create community whenever she goes.

Charlie Ng

Pronouns: he/him/his

**Assistant Superintendent & Vice President of
Human Resources**



Charlie Ng (he/him/his) is currently the Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Human Resources for MiraCosta College (Oceanside, CA) where he has served since 2013. He has over 26 years of experience with higher education institutions in California including serving 6 years at the Associated Student UCLA, 3 years at Los Angeles Pierce College, and 8 years at the San Bernardino Community College District.

Charlie serves as a board member for San Diego Taxpayers Education Foundation and a board member for the Schools Excess Liability Fund. He is a former-board member for the Association of California Community College Administrators, a former-board member of the San Diego County Treasury Oversight Committee, and a former-board member for oversight committees for redevelopment agencies in the City of Carlsbad, the City of Solana Beach, and the City of Oceanside.

Charlie possesses a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from San Diego State University, an MBA from the University of Redlands, and a master's degree in advanced management from Claremont Graduate University.

Ingrid Phillips

**Career Studies & Services Coordinator, Career Center &
Vice President, Classified Senate**



I am Ingrid Phillips, and my journey at MiraCosta College commenced in 2009 when I returned as a student after 27 years. The transformative impact of MiraCosta College, particularly through the EOPS program, has been a positive force in my life. Initially joining as a student worker in the Career Center, I have progressed through various roles within the department. I take pride in currently holding the position of Career Studies and Services Coordinator, a role that brings me immense satisfaction as I serve not only students but also staff and faculty.

JahB Prescott, M.S. Ed

Pronouns: he/him/his

Letters, Instructional Department



Professor JahB Prescott is a Letter's Faculty Member in English with Developmental Expertise. He is an instructor in the following courses: English 100 Umoja; English 100; English 100 with a support course English 52; and Literature 122 Introduction to African American Literature. JahB incorporates his interests in music, film, TV, & media, art, comic books & graphic novels, poetry, culturally relevant reading and linguistic justice writing throughout all of his courses.

Kate Scaife

Student Services Specialist, EOPS, CARE, and CalWORKs Programs



Kate's journey back to college in 2009 after a 20-year hiatus is truly inspiring. Her story highlights the importance of educational support programs for low-income, first-generation and students of color. Kate took full advantage of the resources provided by MiraCosta College, particularly the CalWORKs, EOPS, and CARE programs. These programs played a crucial role in connecting her with essential support and financial aid.

Kate Scaife

Student Services Specialist, EOPS, CARE, and CalWORKs Programs

Kate completed her Associate's degree in Sociology and transferred to California State University, San Marcos, where she obtained her Bachelor's degree in Sociology. She continued to pursue higher education, earning a Master's degree from San Diego State University in Education Counseling. Additionally, Kate obtained a Graduate Certificate in Trauma Informed Care and Mental Health Recovery, showcasing her dedication to holistic student well-being. Her passion for serving low-income, first-generation students is evident in her chosen career path. By focusing on changing the trajectory of future generations, she contributes to creating educational opportunities and empowerment for those facing similar challenges.

Kate's involvement as an Advisory Board Member of the Black Alliance at MiraCosta College further underscores her commitment to educational justice and cultural empowerment. This alliance, comprising MiraCosta's Black Student Union, Umoja Community Club, Black staff and faculty, and Black alums, emphasizes the importance of centralizing, validating, affirming, and amplifying Black voices within the college community.

Sierra Stewart

Pronouns: she/her

Treasurer of Black Student Union



Originally from Orange County, Sierra Stewart has made her mark at MiraCosta as a second semester freshman.

Multifaceted, Stewart has made her vastly differing involvements on campus a priority. Working as Black Student Union's Treasurer, the Girls Basketball Team Manager, and newly appointed ASG Senator has truly been a crucial part of her college experience.

As a black woman in higher education, Stewart strives to be a role model for her younger African American counterparts, continuing her parents legacy. After transferring to an HBCU and obtaining her Bachelor's in Communications, her goal is to finish with an MBA to work with college student athletes as an NIL Sports Agent. She is dedicated to aid her fellow Black students, younger or older, to open doors to opportunities- so they can live out their dreams.

Russell Waldon, J.D.

**Interim Dean for Letters, Humanities & Communication
Studies & San Elijo Campus Site Administration**



Russell Waldon is the Interim Dean for the School of Letters, Humanities, and Communication Studies for MiraCosta. He also serves as the site administrator for the San Elijo campus in Cardiff-by-the-Sea.

Rusell Waldon, J.D.

Interim Dean for Letters, Humanities & Communication Studies & San Elijo Campus Site Administration

Dean Waldon received his Bachelor of Business Administration in International Finance and Marketing from the University of Miami (Florida). He received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School (Indiana) where he participated in the Concannon Programme for International Law (London, England). He has practiced law in both the private and public sectors. He held the positions of Dean of the School of Business (College of the Canyons), Dean of Global Learning (Skyline College), and Dean of Strategic Partnerships and Workforce Development (Skyline College) prior to joining MiraCosta. He was a Professor of Business/Business Law for 15 years prior to becoming a dean.

Dean Waldon has extensive experience in providing consulting support to a diverse population of small businesses engaged in international trade through his work with the former Center for International Trade Development/California Mexico Trade Assistance Center at Citrus College.

He is a lifelong learner, career educator, and advocate for equal opportunity in education and civil rights.

Valencia Warner-Saadat

Pronouns: she/her

Chief of Police & Campus Safety, Administrative Services



Valencia I. Saadat was born and raised in the City of Oceanside. She is a retired lieutenant with the Oceanside Police Department and has over 30 years of law enforcement experience. She began her career in 1990 when she was hired as a public services officer. In 1991, she entered the San Diego County Sheriff Department's Academy and graduated in January 1992. Her assignments included patrol officer, detective and field training officer.

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Chief of Police & Campus Safety, Administrative Services

Over the years she promoted to the ranks of sergeant and later lieutenant. As a sergeant she was assigned to work the patrol division and later became a detective sergeant in the general investigations division. As a lieutenant, she was assigned to the Special Enforcement Section, managing the gang, narcotics, vice and gang suppression units. She also held the position of SWAT Commander for two and a half years, completing 17 successful missions.

Ms. Saadat is a graduate of Oceanside High School, holds an Associate of Arts Degree from MiraCosta College, as well as a Bachelor of Science Degree and Master's Degree in Public Administration from San Diego State University. Ms. Saadat is also a graduate of the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute, the Regional Management Academy and Command College.

In addition to her law enforcement career, she has been an associate faculty member of MiraCosta College teaching within the Administration of Justice program for several years. She also serves as the Legal Redress Chairperson of the North San Diego Chapter of the NAACP.

In 2021, Ms. Saadat came out of retirement to accept a position as the interim chief of MiraCosta College's police department. In July 2022, she accepted the full time chief of police position making her the first female police chief of a law enforcement agency in the North San Diego area.

Tammah Myhre Watts, LMFT

Pronouns: she/her/hers

**Associate Mental Health Counselor
Student Health Services**



Tammah Watts is an Associate Mental Health Counselor at Student Health Services, where she provides counseling and group therapy to a diverse student population. She is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), Certified Mindful Outdoor Guide, a certified facilitator for SMART Recovery, and an advocate for the equitable accessibility of nature, health, and mental health for all.

Tammah's diverse and multi-dimensional lived experiences include her African-American and Indigenous ancestral roots, first-hand experience in transborder life (U.S./Tijuana), and academic pursuits which have included being a community college student as well as the parent of community college attendees. Tammah holds in highest regard the multiple identities, unique needs and strengths that we all possess and informs her ability to deepen the therapeutic process for students.

Tammah Myhre Watts, LMFT

Pronouns: she/her/hers

**Associate Mental Health Counselor
Student Health Services**

She has lived a life devoted to people and communities in need, having served for over 35 years in managerial, clinical, and consulting roles for colleges and universities, as well as private, non-profit, and public sectors.

She brings that same passion to conservation, environmental justice, and birding, by amplifying the intersectionality of one's lived experiences and ancestral connections with being in natural spaces for overall well being. Tammah is the best-selling author of, *KEEP LOOKING UP: Your Guide to the Powerful Healing of Birdwatching* (Hay House Publisher 2023).