

Dr. Loretta P. Adrian, Ph.D., , President of Coastline College in Orange County, California, extensive career in higher education has exemplified excellence in leadership.

Dr. Adrian has been an educational leader for almost 30 years having worked at both a university and four California community colleges. Her professional career has comprised all areas of educational administration; academic, student, and administrative services. Dr. Adrian practices collaborative and inclusive leadership and is committed to developing and empowering faculty, staff, and student leaders at all levels to fulfill their full potential. In 2010, she became the President of Coastline College. At Coastline, Dr. Adrian has created a cultural, educational and professional environment which has established Coastline as the leader of innovation in education. She is sharply focused on student success and is committed to the practice of a “students first” philosophy. Dr. Adrian has demonstrated outstanding above and beyond dedication to facilitating the best, while fostering a commitment of integrity and diversity at the college.

Dr. Adrian has always been active in local and national professional organizations and has received several awards for her excellence in leadership. She was recently honored with the "Outstanding President" award from the California Community College Council for Staff and Organizational Development. Dr. Adrian serves on the Board of Directors of California Community Colleges Chief Executive Officers (CEOCCC), the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE) and the National Association of Pacific American Islander Council of AACC. She is on the executive board of the CSU, Long Beach and CSU, Fullerton doctoral programs. She also serves on peer evaluation teams for the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). Previously, she served on the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative’s (IEPI) Professional Development Advisory Board, Workforce Investment Board of Directors and was the CEO Board representative on the California on-line education initiative. She is a resource for the Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE) and Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIA Scholars). Dr. Adrian is actively engaged in the leadership development of educators from diverse backgrounds as a mentor, speaker and leadership coach.

Adrian has a master's in Communication Theory from University of the Pacific and a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Claremont Graduate University. She is a first-generation Filipino-American. After college graduation, she joined the U.S. Peace Corps as a language instructor and became a Project Director. Dr. Adrian pursued both her master's and Ph.D. as a single mother while raising two children and working full time.

Under her leadership, Coastline College has also received a wealth of national awards accolades, and recognition of excellence in education and the workplace. As a result, Coastline has become a top front runner of the not only the 115 community colleges in California but all the nearly 1500 community colleges nationwide.

Dr Loretta Adrian is highly worthy of this nomination for the 2020 Claremont Graduate University Distinguished Alumni Awards