



Academic Affairs
Office of the Provost and Vice President

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Dear Colleagues,

Following a national search and the careful consideration of input from the campus community, I am pleased to announce that **Dr. Chinaka DomNwachukwu** has been named **dean of the College of Education**. He will begin his new position on June 3, 2019 and will hold an academic appointment as a tenured full professor in the Department of Teacher Education and Foundations.

Dr. DomNwachukwu brings nearly 20 years of leadership experience in higher education. He comes to us from Azusa Pacific University where he held several leadership positions. Most recently, he served as associate dean of the School of Education at the Los Angeles County-based university.

Among his accomplishments, Dr. DomNwachukwu oversaw academic affairs, a diversity and values initiative and accreditation for the school, which serves an average of 2,100 students annually. From 2011 to 2014, he led the School of Education through a successful combined state (CCTC) and national (NCATE/CAEP) re-accreditation. The three-year undertaking involved a total of 28 programs made up of credentials, master's degrees and a doctor of education degree. All 28 programs successfully passed the accreditation process, with only one needing updated documentation before it was passed.

Prior to joining Azusa Pacific University, Dr. DomNwachukwu served five years as a public school teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District. During this time, he taught second- and fourth-graders and also served as the Title 1 coordinator and a literacy coach advisor.

Dr. DomNwachukwu holds several degrees and credentials. Among them, he earned a Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena and a master's in Educational Leadership from National University in San Diego.

Thank you to the campus community for your engagement in this search; and to the search committee chair Deputy Provost Clare Weber, and committee members – Doug Freer, Marc Fudge, Wil Greer, Kathryn Howard, Edna Martinez, Sang Nam, Judy Sylva, Jessica Watkins, Jenna Aguirre, Aaron Burgess, Young Suk Hwang, Yessica Rodriguez-Bravo and Aj Hernandez – for your hard work throughout this process. I would also like to extend my personal appreciation to Jake Zhu, who has done an outstanding job as interim dean of the College of Education.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. DomNwachukwu. I'm confident he will be an asset to our outstanding team.

Best,
Shari

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