

Speed Dating for Mentors

Dr. Kristen Bennett, CFRE



Kristen Bennett has over 21 years of professional fundraising experience. She currently serves as Vice President of Institutional Advancement Trinity Valley Community College and serves as the Executive Director for its foundation. Prior to TVCC she served as Vice President for Advancement at St. Catharine College, Director of Development at Eastern Kentucky University, Development Officer at Lexington Public Library/Foundation, Director of Development/Grant Writer at Habitat for Humanity and Major/Planned Gifts Officer at Christian Appalachian Project.

Kristen earned her doctorate degree in 2017 in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Eastern Kentucky University, earned a Master's in Business Administration at Midway University in 2012 and earned a Bachelor of Science in Communication and Information Studies from the University of Kentucky in 2005. She is a CFRE and is certified in fundraising management (CFRM) and nonprofit leadership (CNLE) through the Indiana University-Lily School of Philanthropy (IUPUI).

Dr. Adrienne Thompson



Dr. Adrienne Thompson is Senior Director of Strategic Partnership Development at Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD) Foundation where she builds relationships with outside entities to support students, programs, and events for the district. She has worked in higher education for over 15 years and has held positions as a grant manager and researcher, along with leadership roles as a coordinator, director and manager of various grant funded programs. Dr. Thompson has also been an adjunct faculty member teaching business courses to freshman and dual credit students. Her professional hobbies include working with employees to increase collaboration and better communication. She currently serves as the Vice President of the DCCCD-Chapter

of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges and works on the profession development team for TACCF. She earned her Doctorate in Leadership and Management from Capella University, Master in Leadership from Walden University and Bachelors in Marketing from Grambling State University.