
J. Kyle Dalpe, Ph.D.

J. Kyle Dalpe, Ph.D., has worked in higher education for more than 28 years supporting student access and success. He is currently serving as President of Western Nevada College (WNC), a community college with campuses in Carson City, Fallon and Minden (Nevada). Previously, he served as Provost and Senior Vice President at WNC overseeing academic affairs, finance and student services. During his time at the college, he has built new programs, defined strategic enrollment management planning and implementation, developed initiatives to increase access and inclusion, and secured external funding to support campus projects. Over the past two years under his leadership, the college has experienced an 18-percent increase in enrollment, reaching its highest number of students in more than 12 years. The college has also reached new milestones in fundraising to support students and campus development.

Previous to WNC, Dr. Dalpe worked in various leadership positions at Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno), including Acting President, Dean of Technical Sciences, Chief of Staff and Director of Institutional Advancement. In his dean role, he helped develop training programs to support the emerging advanced manufacturing industry in the Northern Nevada region through work with local, state and international employers.

Earlier in his career, Dr. Dalpe worked in various positions at Mohave Community College in Kingman, Arizona; the University of Texas at Tyler; and Kilgore Junior College in Texas.

Dr. Dalpe has been actively involved in regional and national education organizations, legislative initiatives, and community development efforts, reinforcing his commitment to access, success, and excellence in higher education.

Dr. Dalpe earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Photojournalism from the University of Connecticut; a Master of Arts degree in Journalism, Speech and Political Science from the University of Texas at Tyler; and a Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Beyond his professional work, Dr. Dalpe enjoys outdoor activities, including hiking, camping and biking. With a background in photography, he continues to carry a camera when possible to take photos of regular life events and travel sites. He also enjoys spending time with his kids, making bread, telling a dad joke, and now is working to keep up with one-year-old twin grandchildren.