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Professional Summary

Visionary Chief Information Officer and leader in higher education information technology with over 30 years of leadership experience in higher education. Proven ability to mobilize resources, foster innovation, and leverage core infrastructure services for research, teaching, and learning. Adept at developing and executing enterprise-wide strategies that align with institutional goals. Committed to enhancing student experience, enabling research, and increasing operational efficiency. Passionate about student success, institutional excellence, and developing leaders.

Key Leadership Strengths

- Visionary and Strategic Leadership
- Collaborative and Inclusive Team Building
- Innovation in Technology Infrastructure and Research Computing
- Expertise in Cybersecurity and Data Governance
- Effective Communication and Stakeholder Engagement
- Proactive Management and Continuous Improvement

Professional Experience

Associate Vice Chancellor for Innovation and Chief Information Officer

University of Illinois Chicago

December 2020 – Present

- I lead our central IT group, Technology Solutions, with a budget of \$31M and 135 FTE.
- Currently implementing a \$44M technology and research cyberinfrastructure investment.
- Leading a university-wide Gen-AI advisory group engaging the campus broadly across research, teaching and learning, administrative, and clinical operations to provide strategic and tactical AI recommendations.
- Throughout 2024, I co-led (with the University of Illinois System CIO) a comprehensive data strategy initiative for the entire University of Illinois System.
- Established a collaborative partnership with NCSA to expand data center capabilities for UIC, greatly enhancing research high-performance computing, storage, and AI capabilities.
- Building upon successes at the University of Oregon, successfully navigated technology needs at UIC during the pandemic with key outcomes of enabling remote learning, hybrid learning, and partnerships with all colleges and administrative units to enable spaces for hybrid or remote delivery of academics and/or other collaboration.
- Developed and implemented an IT strategic plan aligned with UIC goals and focused on student experience, research enablement, and technology modernization.
- Enhanced UIC cybersecurity and privacy measures and established UIC's first real CISO.
- Built and retained an outstanding IT leadership team with almost no turnover.

Chief Technology Officer

University of Oregon

August 2018 – December 2020

- Built and led UO's IT strategy and modernization efforts, including cloud strategy.
- I directed the state-wide research and education network transition to Link Oregon.
- Led UO's technology response to COVID-19, deploying Zoom and AWS Connect.
- Planned UO's technology support for the World Championships of Track and Field.
- Expanded UO's computing infrastructure to support AI and data-intensive research.
- Collaborated with the library to bring learning management system support and classroom technology support into the central Information Services organization.

Chief Information Officer

University of Montana

April 2013 – September 2018

- I led IT and information services for UM and provided services and IT leadership for the affiliate campuses of UM.
- Built credibility and aligned IT with UM's mission.
- Led a President-driven effort to assess and improve administrative services across UM.
- Partnered with tribal college IT leaders to enhance collaboration and network connectivity.
- I developed a cohesive IT strategy aligned with UM's research, education, and service goals.

Director of IT

Stanford University School of Humanities and Sciences

May 2007 – April 2013

- Stabilized and enhanced technology infrastructure and support services.
- I was a key figure in the formation of Stanford's campus-wide IT leadership council.
- Solved complex IT problems and initiated shared high-performance computing clusters.
- Supported research activities by improving connectivity and IT infrastructure at various research sites.

Professional, Managerial, and Director-Level Roles

University of Redlands

1991 – 2007

- I planned and led large-scale IT initiatives and service delivery.
- Designed and implemented wired and wireless network infrastructures.

Programmer/Analyst

United States Air Force

1987 – 1991

Education

- **MBA**, University of Redlands, 1997
- **BS in Business and Management**, University of Redlands, 1994

Relevant Affiliations

- Program Advisory Group (PAG) for Internet2's Net+ program
- Microsoft Higher Education Advisory Board Member
- Cisco Higher Education Advisory Board Member
- Zoom Higher Education Advisory Committee Member
- MOR Associates Alumni Leadership Fellow in 2024
- Leadership Montana in 2016
- Educause Management Institute faculty in 2020
- Member of APLU's Commission on Institutional Measurement and Analysis (CIMA)
- Northern Tier Network Consortium, including a role as President of that organization
- I re-established UIC as a member of RUCC (Research University CIO Conclave). I have been an active member of that group since 2022.

Community Contributions

- I have been a frequent presenter at the EDUCAUSE Annual Conference
- Program Committee for the 2023 Educause Annual Conference
- Active CIO within Internet2, including presenting at the annual Community Conference and serving on the Program Advisory Group for Net+ (cloud services). I was a contributing member of the Next Gen Network advisory group for I2's new business model in 2018.

Other Board Positions

- Health Information Exchange of Montana (HIEM) Board, 2013-2018
- Montana Daly Mansion Trust Board, 2013-2018