

Dr. Josh Baker Biography

Dr. Josh Baker has 15 years of experience in community colleges. He started as a faculty member at Highline Community College, near Seattle, and enjoyed a variety of faculty leadership positions before accepting an Assistant Dean position at Vincennes University where he was the chief officer at Center Grove Early College in Greenwood, Indiana. He then accepted a position as a Campus Dean and Instructional Dean at Bates Technical College in Tacoma, Washington. At Bates he led Adult Basic Education, Developmental Education, General Education, Allied Health, and Business and Office programs. He later transferred within Bates to lead the STEM programs and oversee a new campus. Dr. Baker currently serves as the Vice President of Instruction at Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado Spring, Colorado. Pikes Peak is a robust and diverse college serving approximately 20,000 students each year at three full-service campuses.

Dr. Baker is a board member for the Red Cross in Colorado Springs, and for The National Council of Instructional Administrators. He served on the board for Reach Services for Youth while in Tacoma, WA. He has participated in a variety of community service, including youth sports.

Dr. Baker is a Presidential Fellow Alumni with The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. His PhD is in Community College Leadership from Oregon State University and his dissertation is on Actions of Community College Presidents that Increase Organizational Trust. His masters and bachelor's degrees are from Brigham Young University. Dr. Baker is a proud community college alum.

Dr. Baker and his wife Toni have three children and enjoy an active lifestyle, including exploring our amazing national parks.