

Dr. Chato Hazelbaker Biography

Over the past twenty three years, **Dr. Chato Hazelbaker** has held positions of increasing responsibility in higher education. With a passion for strategic planning and innovative solutions he has led efforts to expand student access and champion student success. He has served at public and private institutions as a member of the senior executive team in Communications/Marketing, Recruiting, Information Technology, Fundraising, Financial Aid, Public Information, and Legislative Affairs roles.

As the Vice President for Marketing and Enrollment Management at Carroll College he led the team in achieving a 23% increase in first freshman enrollment and helped implement strategies to achieve the college's best retention rate in over 10 years. Currently, he leads the strategic planning process at Carroll College and has been instrumental in helping the college launch new graduate and certificate programs. He has also worked extensively to expand the digital marketing efforts of the college.

Due to his collaborative style and ability to build positive relationships across diverse stakeholder groups he has been called on to lead many large scale change efforts. At Clark College (WA) he served concurrently as the Chief Communication Officer and Chief Information Officer at the comprehensive community and technical college which serves over 11,500 students annually. His work with community partners led to the creation of new academic programs and workforce development opportunities. While at Clark, Dr. Hazelbaker worked with the Clark College Foundation on two comprehensive fundraising campaigns and has a history of fundraising experience.

A frequent partner with the community, Dr. Hazelbaker has worked in legislative affairs at both the state and federal level. As a campus leader he has partnered with diverse communities and advocacy organizations to promote systemic change to support the success of historically marginalized students. His commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion extends to the classroom and consulting work. He has taught extensively in communication and organization development at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

Dr. Hazelbaker earned a Doctor of Education in Organization Development from the University of St. Thomas in Saint Paul, MN; a Master of Arts in Leadership from Crown College in St. Bonifacius, MN; and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Rocky Mountain College in Billings, MT.