

## Los Angeles – Orange County Regional Consortium (LAOCRC) Dean Resource Associate (DRA)



**Dr. Adriene "Alex" Davis**  
Chair, DRA/CRLC

Adriene "Alex" Davis, Ed.D., is one of the leading Workforce Practitioners in the State of California and an Instructional Dean of Academic Affairs at Los Angeles City College (LACC). She manages staff and programs in the Office of Economic Development and Workforce Education. Under her leadership, Dr. Davis has spearheaded the efforts of over \$60M in grant awards to LACC, and colleges within and outside the Los Angeles Community College District, including the following awards: 1) Round One AB86 California Career Pathways Trusts LA HI-TECH Regional Consortium, 2) Goldman Sachs *10,000 Small Business* Program, 3) Gateway to College Program (high school dropout credit recovery program in partnership with LA Alliance Public Ready Schools, California Community College Linked Learning Initiative – New Media Academy in partnership with Hollywood High School), 4) WIA Title II Adult Education and Family Literacy Program, 5) Deputy Sector Navigator Small Business Program, and many other Career Technical Education-related grant awards.

Dr. Davis provides administrator leadership and oversight for Career Technical Education (CTE) at Los Angeles City College, including supervision faculty and program with the departments of Administration of Justice and Law, Child and Family Studies (including Dietetics and Child Development Center), Business Department, Cinema and TV, Photography, Art, Radiologic Technology. She also oversees all Specially-Funded Programs, Continuing Education in Community Education Extensions Programs (fee-based offering for personal, community, and personal enrichment), and Cooperative Education Work Experience (internship program).

Dr. Davis is also responsible for economic and resource development which include the promotion of partnerships with the City and County of Los Angeles, business, industry, labor and community-based organizations on behalf of the college. The growth of resources and partnerships includes developing, arranging, and presenting programs at the college, and to partners, writing grant proposals, and exercising administrative supervision over designated specially-funded and fee-based programs. The college's workforce education programs are designed to assist employers with employee skills and career development, technology changes, and related work place skills. Dr. Davis assesses and monitors labor market data and economic changes in the college service area, and initiates and customizes programs and services that respond to industry partners' needs.

Prior to her work at LACC, Dr. Davis directed one of the leading Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) hosted at El Camino College (ECC); directed the activities and deliverables for the California Construction Contracting Program funded by Caltrans; developed and implemented Small Business Mentor Protégé Programs in the cities of Carson and Compton; and designed and implemented the Summer Buzz on Biz Entrepreneurship Youth Academy at ECC. Dr. Davis also served in the capacity of an adjunct faculty member at Long Beach City College in the Business Department, having taught disciplines such as: management, advertising, and marketing; and event planning at El Camino College.

Dr. Davis has been recognized by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development and received the Excellence Award, which honors the world's best leaders and teachers in higher education. She has also been honored by the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society for academic achievement in higher education; received the U.S Small Business Administration's Small Business Development Center Excellence and Center Innovation award; and received the Los Angeles Regional Small Business Development Center Network "State Star" award for her exemplary performance in making significant contributions to small business communities and a strong commitment to small business development. She chairs and serves on the Statewide Linked Learning Alliance Enrollment Management Taskforce, which serves as an advisory group to CSU and Community Colleges Chancellors and Presidents; serves as a Board of Director for New Ways to Work to help local programs and systems address the four components to the All Youth – One System Framework; and is a member of the PBS SoCAL African American Advisory Council, serving as an Ambassador to the community for PSB SoCAL.

Dr. Davis earned her doctorate in education leadership with a higher education concentration and published her dissertation, "The Importance of Workforce Training in Community Colleges: A Case Study on the Discourse and Best Practices During Financial Difficulty" from CSULB; an M.B.A. with a specialization in Marketing from UOP; and a B.S. in Business Administration from CSULB, and studied Nanotechnology at LMU.