

## **Biography**

### **Dr. Valschkia Dabney**

During a career that spans more than 25 years, Dr. Valschkia Dabney began her career as an administrative assistant in the Veteran and International Student Office at San Jacinto College. Her first work experience at San Jacinto College, eventually led to a long-standing career in higher education as a community college staff member, adjunct professor, dean and vice president.



Dr. Dabney most recently served as the Dean and Vice President of Centers at the Lone Star College-North Harris Campus. She previously served as Associate Dean of the College-to-Careers program at the City Colleges of Chicago in Illinois. She also served as the Director of Training and Professional Development for the San Jacinto College District, where she led the implementation of a comprehensive online professional development program for faculty and staff. Throughout her career, Dr. Dabney has had the opportunity to engage students in the classroom as an adjunct professor. For more than three years, she has taught developmental and college level English classes. She has also taught courses in business management and communication as an adjunct professor.

In her most recent position as a Dean and Vice President at Lone Star College, Dr. Dabney served as a member of the college district's Strategic Enrollment Management Council and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Site-Visit Planning Committee. She also served as the administrative chaperone for (18) student delegates, who traveled China as part of the 2016 China United States Education Study Abroad Program. During this two-week program, Dr. Dabney and the student delegates traveled to Beijing, Hangzhou, and Shanghai to learn about Chinese culture, economics, and international educational opportunities.

Dr. Dabney is currently serving as the Vice President of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) Greenspoint Chapter, an organization which focuses on bringing together business women of diverse occupations and providing opportunities to help them grow personally and professionally through leadership, education and networking. She is also an Executive Board Member for the Near Northwest Management District, an organization created by the State of Texas to promote and coordinate economic growth, community beautification, and public safety in the Near Northwest Houston area.

Throughout her career, Dr. Dabney has served on several leadership teams assigned to build P-16 and workforce education partnerships in support of Career and Technology Education, including the: Gulf Coast Education That Works Tech Prep Consortium, the Houston Northwest Chamber – Education Committee, Aldine Independent School District – Career and Technology Advisory Board, and the Texas Region VI Educational Service Center – Career and Technology Administrators' Committee.

In 2017, Dr. Dabney was selected to participate in the inaugural cohort for the Civitas Learning's Next Generation Leadership Academy, a year-long academy designed to help leaders develop their data-analytics skill set to improve organizational performance and student outcomes in higher education. In 2011, Dr. Dabney was also selected to participate in the Thomas Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership, a national professional development activity, sponsored by the American Association of Communities Colleges (AACC).

Dr. Dabney holds a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin, a M.B.A. from the University of Phoenix-Houston Northwest Campus, a B.A. in communication from the University of Houston Clear Lake and an A.A. in social science from San Jacinto College.