

Dr. Daniel Powell

Dr. Daniel Powell is currently the Dean of Arts & Humanities at Laramie County Community College. He supervises academic departments in English, Education, World Languages, Mass Media/Multimedia, Communication, Music, Art, Theater, Philosophy, and Humanities and other operational areas within the School of Arts & Humanities including curriculum development and assessment; advancing competency-based learning; improving program marketing, recruitment, and retention; and developing and implementing strategic action plans. In addition to overseeing the development, administration, and accountability of a large operational budget, Dr. Powell serves on many committees to develop and advance policy, procedures, and practices across the college. He is a key chair of the AACC Pathway 2.0 initiatives that are transformative for the college. Dr. Powell has helped to recently complete a multi-year initiative to raise \$14 million from individual giving, state, and local appropriations for a fine and performing arts renovation and expansion project.

Before coming to LCCC, Dr. Powell served for 2 years as the Music Department Chair at the Patel Conservatory of the Straz Center for the Performing Arts. He was the administrative leader of a large multi-faceted music department that includes Children's Music, Suzuki, Youth Orchestra, Rock School, Vocal Arts, Guitar, Jazz, and Private Lesson programs. Dr. Powell has also served as Theater Department Chair where he supervised 4 main productions in the Fall/Spring, 5 summer productions, and a comprehensive theater certificate program. He managed a staff of over 50 instructors and administrators and managed a large departmental budget.

Prior to this appointment, Dr. Powell was the Associate Dean of Fine and Performing Arts at Chipola College and the executive director of the Chipola Regional Arts Association (CRAA). Under his leadership and with the support of community leaders, CRAA supports the arts in the Chipola District by funding programs for children, contributing to the Artist Series and art exhibitions, providing granting opportunities for area music, art, and theatre teachers, promoting an endowment for long-term growth, and offering art scholarships to Chipola students. As the Associate Dean, Dr. Powell was the academic administrator for music, art and theater programs; served as artistic director of the Artist Series; supervised the Center for the Arts, Cultural Center and Fine Arts facilities; and directed the marketing and development/fundraising programs within the department. During his tenure, Dr. Powell opened a 45,000 square feet performing arts center that included a 655 seat state of the art proscenium theater and a 150 seat experimental theater. Prior to this administrative appointment, Dr. Powell was a tenured music professor at Chipola where he taught music theory, music literature, applied lessons and jazz band.

Having received a Bachelor of Music degree in music education from West Texas A&M University, Dr. Powell began his teaching career in the Texas public schools. He then received a Master of Music degree from Arizona State University, where he served as a teaching assistant. Dr. Powell received the Doctor of Music degree from Florida State University (FSU). During his tenure at FSU, he was a teaching assistant and was the first to receive a Certificate in Arts Administration with primary coursework in Marketing, Development, and Operational Management. Dr. Powell also completed a Master of Business Administration (MBA) at Troy University that has earned a distinguished AACSB accreditation that less than 5% of business schools earn worldwide.