

Western Technical College

Dr. Kirk Bennett



Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 10:45-11:45 am

Open Forum - Western Employees
Coleman 123 and zoom

Thursday May 21, 2026, 9:15-10:15 am

Open Forum – Western students and community members

Coleman Center room 123 and zoom <https://westerntc-edu.zoom.us/j/91510282090?from=addon>

Kirk Bennett, DBA, currently serves as Vice President of Administrative Services at Lone Star College-Montgomery, where he is the institution's chief financial, administrative, and compliance officer and a member of the President's Executive Cabinet.

Dr. Bennett brings more than two decades of leadership experience in higher education, with a background that spans workforce development, academic affairs, finance, and operations. Prior to his current role, he served as Dean of Instruction at Lone Star College-Montgomery for eight years, where he led a diverse portfolio of academic and workforce programs and supported initiatives that strengthened both student outcomes and program growth.

While his leadership responsibilities are extensive, Dr. Bennett remains closely connected to the student experience. He serves as an adjunct professor, teaching business courses year-round, and is committed to mentoring students each year, offering guidance that supports both their academic progress and professional growth.

Dr. Bennett began his career with Portland Community College, teaching computer technology to adults in custody. He later served as Director of Corrections Education and Workforce Development, where he led education and workforce training programs across two Oregon state correctional facilities. In partnership with state agencies and workforce organizations, Dr. Bennett worked to develop pathways to economic mobility and life change through meaningful education and training.

Dr. Bennett holds a Doctor of Business Administration degree, and his doctoral research examined employee perceptions of leaders' emotional intelligence during organizational change. This research focus was shaped by his own experiences navigating pivotal moments of change and by a deep commitment to understanding the impact of leader behavior on team members.

Dr. Bennett and his wife are the very proud parents of five daughters.