

Western Technical College

Mr. Wade Hackbarth



Monday, May 18, 2026, 10:45-11:45 am

Open Forum - Western Employees
Coleman 123 and zoom

Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 11:30-12:30 pm

Open Forum – Western students and community members
Coleman Center room 123 and zoom <https://westerntc.edu.zoom.us/j/98103413639?from=addon>

Wade Hackbarth currently serves as Vice President of Finance, Operations, and Workforce Development at Western Technical College, where he has dedicated more than 22 years to advancing the college’s mission. During his tenure, he has also served as Vice President of Finance and Operations, Associate Vice President of Accounting and Research, Director of Budget and Finance, and Controller. Under his leadership, Western renovated and constructed capital improvement projects as part of an \$80 million community-supported facilities referendum.

Before joining Western, he spent five years in public accounting and another five years in private industry, holding a range of financial leadership positions.

Wade is active in the community, having served on the boards of Great Rivers United Way and the Sustainability Institute. In 2016, he was recognized as the volunteer of the year by Great Rivers United Way. He is also a current member of the finance committee of the La Crosse Medical Health Science Consortium. Within the Wisconsin Technical College System, he currently serves on the boards of the Wisconsin Technical College Employee Benefits Consortium and District Mutual Insurance.

He earned both his Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science in Accountancy from the University of Wisconsin–La Crosse. He also held a Certified Public Accountant license for over 24 years (currently inactive).

Wade enjoys watching movies, reading, and hiking. He and his wife have two adult children.