



# Denise Collins

## Senior-Level Education

Student affairs leader with over a decade in higher education administration, known for implementing data-driven strategies to enhance student well-being, retention, and career readiness. Spearheads crisis management solutions that prioritize student success.

## CONTACT

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## KEY SKILLS

- Creative industry partnership
- Grant writing for arts education initiatives
- Interdisciplinary collaboration and leadership
- Portfolio-based student assessment
- Sensory-inclusive program development

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

June 2019 - Present

**Dean of Students | University of the Arts | Philadelphia, PA**

- Oversee a team of 15 student affairs professionals and manage a \$2.5 million budget to support more than 1,500 fine arts students
- Secured over \$300,000 in grants to establish an on-campus makerspace for interdisciplinary collaboration among 11 different art majors
- Increased student retention by 7% through a "Studio to Career" program that pairs juniors with industry professionals and seniors with internship opportunities
- Chaired the institution's COVID-19 response team and successfully transitioned 100% of student services to virtual platforms within two weeks

August 2016 - June 2019

**Associate Dean of Students and Community Standards | University of Montana | Missoula, MT**

- Supervised eight staff members and managed student conduct processes across seven colleges for a campus of 10,000 students
- Developed and delivered over 20 annual training sessions on conflict resolution and community standards for over 500 faculty and staff
- Established a second-chance program for academically dismissed students and reintegrated 70% of participants
- Overhauled the fraternity and sorority life conduct process to reduce policy violations by 40% and consequently increasing chapter GPAs by 25%

## EDUCATION

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Higher Education Administration and Student Affairs**  
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA | May 2016

**Master of Education (M.E.) Student Development Administration**  
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA | March 2010

## CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Student Affairs Educator, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, May 2018
- International Mentor Training Program Certification, College Reading and Learning Association, July 2012