

## Lloyd A. Holmes, Ph.D. Biography

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Lloyd A. Holmes, a veteran educator with a track record of removing barriers to student success, became the fourth president of De Anza College on July 1, 2020, since its founding in 1967.

Before joining De Anza, Holmes was vice president of student services at Monroe Community College in Rochester, N.Y., part of the State University of New York (SUNY) system of two-and four-year schools. He also provided statewide leadership in the SUNY system by mentoring other colleges on a major student success initiative and by serving on a statewide task force on student hunger.

Holmes was previously an administrator at North Shore Community College in Massachusetts, Coastal Carolina University in South Carolina and the University of Mississippi. He has taught graduate and undergraduate students, and worked as a residence hall adviser, financial aid adviser, coordinator of student wellness and alcohol and drug abuse programs, and dean of students. Throughout his career, he has been devoted to expanding student equity and success.

As De Anza president, Holmes led a team of senior staff, including vice presidents and associate vice presidents of Instruction, Administrative Services, Student Services and Communications and External Relations. He also served as part of the leadership team for the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, along with the district chancellor, three vice chancellors and the president of Foothill College.

Holmes has a record of community involvement, noting “we can’t just be in the community, we must be of the community.”

Holmes grew up in Mississippi, where he earned an associate degree at Itawamba Community College and a bachelor’s degree at the University of Mississippi – both in accounting. He continued his studies at the University of Mississippi by earning a master’s degree in higher education and student personnel services, followed by a doctorate in educational leadership.