

Presidential Candidate Bio

Dr. Recasner is an accomplished higher education executive with two decades of experience in community colleges and public higher education systems. Currently serving in senior executive leadership, Dr. Recasner has held roles including interim president, vice president of instruction, and dean, with responsibility for institutional strategy, accreditation, budget oversight, enrollment management, labor relations, and equity-centered decision making. With a background spanning instruction, research and analytics, faculty development, and student success, Dr. Recasner brings deep expertise in organizational effectiveness, shared governance, and outcomes assessment. A former tenured faculty member and nationally recognized contributor to accreditation and digital learning practice, Dr. Recasner is known for collaborative leadership, systems thinking, and a strong commitment to access, people-centered strategy, and student success.

A first-generation college graduate from New Orleans, Dr. Recasner knows first-hand the trepidation students often feel in pursuit of higher education. Thus, her career has been devoted to eliminating frictions for students by facilitating continuous improvements intended to optimize service and instruction. She leads and serves with intention—ever mindful of student success and well-being as the goal.

Dr. Recasner earned a BA in English from Loyola University New Orleans; master's degrees in Teaching & Learning, African & African American Studies, and Business Operational Excellence from the Ohio State University; and a PhD in Education from University of Cincinnati. She credits her own persistence and much of her success to her family's demonstrations of tenacity, ingenuity, and courage and her home community's insistence on living with joy despite socio-economic and political challenges.

She's a former college athlete who still enjoys playing and watching sports. She's an untrained dancer and a terrible Karaoke performer but will often willingly participate in either.