

Dr. Lisa Matye Edwards

Dr. Lisa Matye Edwards has more than 25 years of experience in higher education and a passion for systems that are student-ready so learners can achieve economic mobility. She currently serves as the vice president for student affairs at Arapahoe Community College (ACC) in Littleton, Colorado. Dr. Matye Edwards is an alumnae Aspen Rising Presidents Fellowship and was recognized by EAB as Visionary Leadership at CONNECTED19 for her work in promoting the use of technology to enhance student success. Dr. Matye Edwards has previously served in a variety of leadership roles at both the community college and university level, with experiences in advising, orientation, student life, and student advocacy. Prior to ACC, Dr. Matye Edwards was the VP of student success at Lower Columbia College, an Achieving the Dream Leader College recognized for improving student success and closing equity gaps through advising, retention, and math reform efforts. Dr. Matye Edwards has also worked at University of Denver, University of Northern Colorado, Grinnell College and Western Washington University.

Along with her college level work, Dr. Matye Edwards has provided leadership for and been involved in a variety of statewide student success and policy initiatives in both Washington and Colorado, all with the aim of increasing access to education and addressing larger policy issues that impact equitable student success.

Dr. Matye Edwards' passion for equity and student success is fueled by her past and present mentors along with her educational experiences. Lisa is a proud Logger alumnae with an undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Puget Sound. Her M.Ed. is from Western Washington University, and her Ph.D. is in higher educational leadership in student affairs from University of Northern Colorado.

Lisa's partner, Kendall and she have two children. Alex is soon to be 21 and in college, trying to figure out what speaks to him as he works on his general education courses. Sydney is a high school senior planning to study architecture and currently interning with a metro architectural firm in Denver, CO. Two dogs, Shasta and Rudy, round out the family and keep us entertained and exercised. When not attending sporting events or jazz events for her kids, Lisa likes to play family games, read, explore new places and cook.