

David Wain Coon, Ed.D. became College of Marin's 10th Superintendent/President in December 2010. He came to Marin following five successful years as President of Evergreen Valley College in San Jose where he championed a richly diverse student body and was recognized for being an inclusive and collaborative leader. Prior to Evergreen Valley College, Dr. Coon held several high-level administrative positions at various colleges in Washington State.

During his tenure, Dr. Coon led College of Marin through thirteen years of significant transformation including resolving a long history of acrimonious labor relations, presiding over two facilities modernization programs in excess of \$515 million, energizing partnership opportunities with Marin County schools and nonprofits, and addressing the under-utilization of the Indian Valley Campus and the Bolinas Field Station. Dr. Coon had the unprecedented opportunity to hire the vast majority of full-time faculty across many disciplines at the College of Marin.

With a continued focus on social justice, Dr. Coon served as co-chair of the Marin Promise Partnership with a focus on closing equity gaps in Marin County. He also served on the Board of Directors for the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce. Under Dr. Coon's leadership, College of Marin was awarded the prestigious Dr. John W. Rice Diversity & Equity Award, in September 2020, for the greatest improvement "in the completion and transfer outcomes of its students of color relative to white students as well as improvement of the representation of faculty of color relative to its student population." Evergreen Valley College also received this award during his tenure there as president.

Dr. Coon earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Central Washington University, a Master of Education degree from Western Washington University, and a Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership with emphasis in Organization Development from Seattle University.

As one of the longer serving CEOs in the California Community College system – with over 19 years as a CEO - Dr. Coon continues to enjoy mentoring new and aspiring CEOs across the state. Dr. Coon retired on January 2, 2024.

On March 12, 2024, the Marin Community College District Board of Trustees passed a resolution approving the naming of the Dr. David Wain Coon Center for Student Success, which is a 86,000 square foot building currently under construction on College Avenue at the cost of \$82 million. The center opened and was officially dedicated on February 4, 2026.

In October 2024, Dr. Coon assumed the role of acting president at San Jose City College. In July 2025, he became the interim president and served through September 2025.