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Mary Benard has over 15 years of experience with California community colleges and 18 years of experience in workforce development. Mary has been the Vice President of Instructional Services at MiraCosta College since July of 2013. Prior to her current assignment she served as the Vice President of Instruction at San Diego City College from fall 2008 until summer 2013. Her community college career also includes a number of dean positions between 2000 and 2008, including Dean of Engineering, Math, Science and Nursing, and the School of Science, Nursing, Health and Athletics at San Diego City College; and the School of Business, Math and Science, and Technical Careers and Workforce Initiatives at Miramar College. Her professional background in workforce development includes serving as the Director of Adult, Welfare-to-Work and Hire-a-Youth Programs for the San Diego Workforce Partnership.

Mary holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from San Diego State University, a Master's in Business Administration from the University of San Diego, and a Bachelor of Science in Education from Buffalo State College. Originally from Buffalo, Mary moved to San Diego in 1980 after spending 2 years as a teacher in the Peace Corps, Ecuador.