

I was born in Columbus, Ohio and have always had a love for the natural world. As a volunteer, I taught backpacking and canoeing techniques through our local Sierra Club and led trips throughout the U.S. for Ohio Sierrans. My deep concern about local watershed issues eventually charted my career path. I am a first-generation college student; neither of my parents got a formal education past 8th grade, and both their lives were largely shaped by their experiences in the Depression and WWII. After graduating with a Master of Science in Environmental Planning and Policy Analysis, I landed an internship in Washington D.C., which eventually led to my move to Barstow, California in 1993. After more than 20-years in public service for the Bureau of Land Management as an environmental planner and project manager, I retired to pursue my other passion, paying it forward by assisting youth and those in need to overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams. In addition to the Barstow College Foundation, I serve as an officer on two other local non-profits. What attracted me to serve on the Barstow College Foundation Board is the College's strong student support activities as well as the diverse career paths that our community college offers, to provide both skills for those seeking entry into the job market as well as basic education for those wishing to pursue more advanced degrees. Oh, and my secret passion is the theatre arts, but I am terrified of the stage!