

Bio for Dr. Carol A. Sumner

Dr. Carol A. Sumner is the Vice President (VP) and Chief Diversity Officer (CDO) at Texas Tech University (TTU). As VP she leads the Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DDEI) which include a number of units that impact the educational continuum from K-8th grade educational programs and initiatives and IDEAL; high-impact programs such as the Military and Veterans Programs, University Interscholastic League, the Office of Academic Enrichment, the Office of LGBTQIA, and the TTU Chess Program; traditional programs and Centers that include TRIO SSS and McNair, Mentor Tech, First Generation Transition and Mentoring Programs; and newly established efforts like the Dream Resource Center and the Council of Councils. As CDO, Dr. Sumner works across the university with stakeholders that include but are not limited to students, faculty, staff, alumni, community members and others to support, engage, and facilitate the university-wide efforts goals to increase diversity, and engage in practices that foster inclusion and equity. Prior to joining Texas Tech University, Dr. Sumner served in a number of roles on three of the four campus locations during her 14 years tenure at Arizona State University. Her position at the time of her departure was that of Sr. Associate Dean of Students (Engagement) on the Tempe campus. Her prior experience in higher education includes working at Washington University in St. Louis, (St. Louis, MO), at Illinois State University (Normal, IL); and at Wilberforce University (Wilberforce, OH). Dr. Sumner's employment has also included several positions outside of higher education

She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Kappa Delta Pi, the Order of Omega, and is a Diamond Life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Dr. Sumner earned her bachelor's degree in Public Relations (with a minor in Spanish) and her master's degree in Higher and Postsecondary Education from Illinois State University. She earned her Doctorate in Education in the Higher and Postsecondary Education from ASU.