

## Biography for Dr. Mark Sarver



Dr. Mark E. Sarver is a higher education leader, educator, and public servant with more than twenty years of experience in executive leadership, enrollment management, institutional advancement, workforce development, and community engagement. He currently serves as Professor of Business and Workforce Learning Experiences Manager at Glenville State University in West Virginia, where he works to strengthen experiential learning opportunities and align academic programs with workforce and industry needs. He also serves as the Mayor of Glenville, leading initiatives focused on economic development, infrastructure improvements, and regional partnerships.

Prior to his current roles, Dr. Sarver served as Chief Executive Officer of EDUKAN. Working collaboratively with college presidents and institutional leaders, he helped expand educational access and improve organizational performance, resulting in significant enrollment and revenue growth. He previously served as Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Sterling College in Kansas and held leadership positions in enrollment management and online education. Throughout his career, he has been committed to creating opportunities for students and helping institutions respond to the changing needs of the communities they serve.

A nationally recognized speaker and advocate for innovation in higher education, Dr. Sarver has presented across the country on topics including online learning, emerging technologies, student success, and organizational transformation. His leadership experience spans higher education, local government, economic development, and community engagement, providing him with a unique perspective on building partnerships and advancing initiatives that benefit students and communities alike. He has worked closely with business leaders, elected officials, and community organizations to secure resources and develop collaborative solutions that support economic growth and workforce development.

Dr. Sarver earned a Ph.D. in Organizational Behavior from Union Institute and University, an MBA from Averett University, and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Longwood University. He and his wife, Leslie, are parents of four adult children and share a

deep commitment to service and community involvement. Dr. Sarver's leadership philosophy is grounded in collaboration, accessibility, and the belief that community colleges are transformational institutions that serve as catalysts for opportunity, workforce development, and community vitality.