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Joshua, the youngest of five siblings, was raised in Mississippi. His entire family attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College—his father as a veteran, his mother as an English as a Second Language student, and all five children began their college career there. Joshua's understanding of identity, equity, and conflict has led him to a career focused on access and inclusion in educational systems. Beyond Joshua's work as a senior administrator, faculty member, and staff member, he also contributes to the broader field through his research and writing. His educational reform work has led to him writing on topics of educational equity. He became a best-selling author with his first book, *Beyond Surviving: From Religious Oppression to Queer Activism* (2012), which was also ranked #3 on Book Authority's *20 Best-Selling LGBT Activism Books of All Time*. Joshua also published *Authentic Leadership* (2013), *Queer People of Color in Higher Education* (2017) and *Queer & Trans Advocacy in the Community College* (2022).

Joshua received a doctoral degree in adult and higher education and LGBT studies from Northern Illinois University, a master's in social sciences focused on student affairs and diversity from Binghamton University, a master's in marketing from the University of Alabama, and bachelor's in business from the University of South Alabama. Joshua currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA) and is the chair of the Equity and Social Justice Committee. Joshua previously served as the Vice President of the Board for the Sacramento LGBT Center and as a board member for the California Student Opportunity and Access Program. Joshua currently resides in Northern California with his husband Aaron who is from Connecticut and is an alumnus of CT State Quinebaug Valley and Tunxis.