

Dr. Kellie Sims Butler

Biography

Dr. Kellie Sims Butler is currently the Vice President of Student Services (VPSS) at Folsom Lake College. With a career spanning over two decades in higher education, Kellie has served as a faculty member, classified staff, and administrator. Prior to her VPSS role, Kellie was an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Penn State, Executive Director of the Civic Engagement Center and Undergraduate Research and Fellowships at Rice University, Assistant Dean of the Graduate Division at UC Davis, and most recently, Dean of Student Services at Folsom Lake College.

Kellie's journey as a first-generation college student has deeply influenced her professional ethos. She is passionately committed to the empowerment of students from diverse backgrounds, including BIPOC, first-generation, those from historically underrepresented and marginalized groups, students with diverse abilities, and students facing disproportionate challenges.

Kellie credits her success to the invaluable guidance of her mentors and is driven by a profound sense of responsibility to "pay it forward." Her dedication is encapsulated in her belief that "to whom much is given, much is required," a principle that underpins her approach to fostering the academic and career aspirations of others. Kellie is married with two adult children.