

Dr. Arthur Q. Tyler



Dr. Arthur Q. Tyler is the Academic Dean and supporting developer of NextGen Collar Foundation's Academy. Previously, he was selected by His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Abdul Wahed Al Hammadi, Qatar's Minister of Education and Higher Education, as the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of DeBakey High School for Health Professions – Qatar (2018-2024). Dr. Tyler led the Houston Community College team that created the Community College of Qatar, which has grown from 300 to over 6,000 students. He has been a consultant for numerous universities and colleges, including Austin Peay State University, Hocking College, and the Ministry of Education/Higher Education – Qatar. In addition to working in higher education, he was a consultant to the Regnum Christi (RC) Schools of North America and Woodland Prep IB school in Texas. He is certified by the International Baccalaureate (IB) program as a MYP and DP Head of School.

He was the former Chancellor of City College of San Francisco (2013-2016). He led the restoration of the City College's accreditation, which had been terminated in 2012. He restored the college's Wall Street bond rating from BBB to A+, returned over \$48 million to taxpayers, and balanced the budget.

Dr. Tyler (2007-2013) served as Deputy Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer of the Houston Community College System (HCC), which operates six community colleges and serves more than 75,000 students in the greater Houston area. Dr. Tyler was responsible for leading the daily operations of the Houston Community Colleges System, including academic affairs, workforce development, student services and support, facilities, construction, finance, and budget. Dr. Tyler was the principal architect who developed the Community College of Qatar. During his tenure, he helped pass a \$425 million general obligation bond, managed more than \$750M in construction funds and annexed two communities into the district's taxing authority. He created the partnership between the Alief Unified School District, HCC, and UT-Tyler's School of Engineering, which made engineering degrees affordable for all Houstonians. He also has a decade of experience serving California community colleges. Dr. Tyler served as President of Sacramento City College from 2005 to 2007; was the first ever Special Trustee in California and was tasked to restore/oversee the Compton Community College District from 2004 to 2005; and served as Vice President of Administration, Los Angeles City College (1997-2004).

He is a founding partner of VAS Development International, LLC, Parras Tyler & Associates. An innovator, Dr. Tyler has led U.S. educational teams to create community college systems in Qatar, Saudi Arabia, The Kingdom of Tonga, and Vietnam. He has been a leader in the Minority Male STEM initiatives, a visiting scholar and lecturer at the University of Texas-Austin Community College Leadership Program, and is a frequent presenter at national conferences like American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). Dr. Tyler has been a faculty member at various universities, and as chair or committee member, he has enabled more than 50 students to earn their doctorate degrees. Dr. Tyler continues to publish and teach various subjects in business and doctoral research.

He has been a President, COO, and CFO for electronic engineering and manufacturing companies. He served for more than 20 years in the United States Air Force and Joint Military Commands. He served as an advisor for two Commander-in-Chiefs responsible for activities in the Middle East. Among his honors, Dr. Tyler earned numerous U.S. Air Force decorations and medals, including the Airman's Medal for heroism and valor in peacetime and the Meritorious Service Award. In 2008, he was named one of the top 25 Distinguished graduates from the University of Maryland. Dr. Tyler has a BS in Business (University of Maryland), an MA in National Security Affairs vis-à-vis the Middle East (with Distinction) (U.S. Naval Post Graduate School), and a Doctorate in Organizational Management and Leadership (University of Phoenix).