



Glendale Community College District Associate Vice President of Technology & Innovation **2024**

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Jeff Thomas has more than 20 years of experience in higher education, specializing in IT strategy and governance. He is passionate about bringing the benefits of information technology to all employees and students and working with leaders to prioritize improvements.

Jeff utilizes the principles of digital transformation, focusing on the customer (any stakeholder) and their processes, providing easy access to information and seamlessly integrating systems to make technology easier to use and maximize.

Some of Jeff's accomplishments include:

- Chaired the Virginia Community College System's Cybersecurity Tools Workgroup and is a collaborative and influential voice, helping shape the future governance and overall direction for cybersecurity for the System.
- Established a Data Governance and Privacy Team at Northwest Missouri State University to encourage collaboration and ensure consistent and approved processes are used.
- Led an ERP project implementation team at Henderson State University, bringing together leaders across the university for decision-making and generating new business process design.
- Drove digital transformation at Kent State University, helping staff become more efficient and students getting the information they needed more quickly.

In his spare time, Jeff likes to explore new horizons of IT including great ways to use AI, which also helps him with one of his hobbies, upscaling and colorizing classic movies. Jeff is committed to continuous learning and staying up-to-date with industry trends.