

Dr. Matt J. Schmit Biography

Dr. Matt J. Schmit is the Provost of Marshalltown Community College and Chief Academic Officer for the Iowa Valley Community College District, bringing more than 15 years of progressive leadership experience in higher education. He is widely recognized for advancing academic innovation, strengthening workforce and transfer pathways, and improving student success through data-informed decision-making. Under his leadership, Marshalltown Community College has experienced significant enrollment growth, including an 8.11% increase in Spring 2025, 10.24% increase in Fall 2025, and an estimated 9% increase in the Spring of 2026, reflecting strong momentum in recruitment and retention.

Dr. Schmit has held a variety of senior leadership roles across community college systems, including Executive Director of Economic Development, Dean of Manufacturing and Skilled Trades, Dean of Operations, and Acting Dean of Students at Eastern Iowa Community College. His work has included oversight of career and technical education programs, accreditation and policy implementation, grant facilitation, large-scale budgeting, and community and industry partnerships. Prior to higher education, he served in executive leadership role in the logistics and transportation sector.

He holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education (Educational Leadership) from Iowa State University, a Master of Public Administration from Drake University, and bachelor's degree in Economics and Environmental Studies from Cornell College. Dr. Schmit is married to his wife, Stacy, and together they are raising four children—Ella, Oscar, Daniel, and Maggie. All members of the Schmit family are actively involved in their community, supporting local schools, youth activities, and service organizations.