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Dr. Tamara Thornton Clunis is Vice President of Academic Affairs at Amarillo College in Amarillo, Texas. She served as the dean of academic success at Amarillo College for six years prior to her current role. She has lead numerous initiatives relating to developmental education reform and adult education integration in community college settings. Her model for developmental and adult education integration was recognized by the US Department of Education in 2016. She shares her deep knowledge of effective developmental education reform strategies by serving on statewide and national committees. She also leads a career pathways peer mentor network for Texas community colleges. Prior to joining Amarillo College, Tamara worked as the Director of Developmental and Adult Education at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. In that position, she was responsible for developing a statewide plan for developmental education, with an emphasis on improving student outcomes and increasing alignment between adult basic education and post-secondary education. She has 17 years experience teaching developmental education and learning framework courses in two-year and four-year institutions. She earned a Master's Degree in Developmental and Adult Education and a Ph.D in Adult, Professional, and Community Education from Texas State University-San Marcos.

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