Interim Executive Services



Lorcan Barnes brings over 27 years of executive leadership experience in the nonprofit arena to his clients. After a highly successful 24-year tenure as a President/CEO in private secondary education, Lorcan began a consulting career. He purchased Lester Consulting Group, Inc. whose mission is "to advance the standards and practice of effective management and philanthropy in nonprofit organizations."

Lorcan brings confidence rooted in experience as well as a healthy balance of energy and calm. Four times in his career, he became the CEO of an organization as an 'outsider.' He is a quick study of organizations and is able to align stakeholders on mission and sustainability.

Lorcan is a relationship-builder who understands and respects the cultural ownership embraced by stakeholders (employees, governing boards, volunteers, clients served, donors, business partners, civic leaders, etc.) in mission-inspired organizations.

His deep background in private education complemented with his four years as a fulltime consultant and business owner gives Lorcan a unique perspective to work with a broad range of nonprofit organizations. Lorcan is a collaborator, a strategic thinker, and a decision-maker who enjoys taking nonprofit organizations to the next level.

Areas of Expertise

- Interim Leadership
- **Executive Searches**
- Executive Coaching
- Professional Mentoring
- **Fundraising**
- Strategic Planning
- **Board Governance**
- Public Speaking
- Leadership Team **Development**
- Budget Management







Highlights & Accomplishments

- Interim Executive Director of Head Start California while concurrently facilitating search for long-term Executive Director
- Successfully recruited and placed nonprofit CEOs in seven states
- Raised over \$25 million in capital and endowment funds for Christian Brothers
 High School (Sacramento, CA) and increased tuition assistance 414% for low- and
 modest-income families
- Executed over \$20 million in campus improvements (property acquisitions, two campus master plans, four new facilities) without taking on debt
- Provided fundraising training for a national charitable foundation
- Helped private family foundation establish Mission, Vision, Values and initial priorities

Professional Experience

- Owner, President/CEO: Lester Consulting Group, Sacramento, CA (2020 present)
 Interim Executive Director: Head Start California, Sacramento, CA (2023)
- President/CEO: Christian Brothers High School, Sacramento, CA (2004 2020)
- President/CEO: Chaminade-Julienne High School, Dayton, OH (1996 2004)
- Assistant to the President: Loyola High School of Los Angeles (1991 1996)

Education & Training

- Master of Business Administration, Woodbury University
- Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, Loyola Marymount University
- Certificate of Completion, Interim Executives Academy, Third Sector Company
- Certificate of Completion, Nonprofit Board Consulting, BoardSource
- Certificate of Achievement, International Coaching Federation Level 1 Coaching Tools Program, Goldvarg Consulting
- Trained as an Implicit Bias Facilitator, American Leadership Forum, Mountain Valley Chapter