AU is stable and thriving after a challenging transition year



2021 was a year full of challenge an innovation for Akamai University. There were countless hours of planning, reconnecting, reconfiguring, and releasing what no longer served us. We entered 2022 with optimism and enthusiasm!

We had the support and help from the transitions board. We revised curriculum within three colleges to focus our energies. We added significant continuing education certificates and courses that meet current worldwide demands.

Faculty are reconnecting and building innovative platforms

for communication on line and planning for the future in person celebrations.

AU has been has opened dialogue with other organizations to strategize for the future with new ideas and possible joint ventures. We open our hearts fully to embrace our life purpose as educators leading those we serve in collaborative, empowering relationships.

We strive to generating heart coherence for collective visioning that will enhance and uplift. Standing on a common platform that holds us all in unity in spirit and commitment to the Akamai purpose: *Dedicated to improving human and planetary health*. This we affirm. This we pray. This we execute.

Tell us your story, your reaction and your commitment to serve.

Now, and for our future we stand hand in hand connected heart to heart and soul to soul doing our best, being who we are and will become as influenced by each as we walk this path together as ONE.

Best wishes, blessings and love to all.

Dr. Mary Jo Bulbrook, RN President, Akamai University

Re-accreditation Visit From ASIC Scheduled for June 18, 2022

The AU board is preparing for the ASIC Accreditation visit that is scheduled to be on line this year with Dr. Lawrence Watson representing ASIC Accreditation Board.

Preparation has been planned for by the AU Board of Directors since July 2021 as they reviewed strict requirements in overseeing quality educational institutions.

The visit will consists of reviewing

documents officially outlining the activities for all facets of operation, the Five Year Strategic Plan for 2021-2026, and all documents regarding AU faculty and student research.

Dr. Melinda Connor was appointed Deputy Director of AU Research.



New Board Members

Welcome and Thank You



Dr. Medani BhandariVice President of
Academic Affairs



Dr. Owen Owunwanne Secretary/Treasurer



Dr. Gregory PacificMember At Large –
Community Projects

Adding to the Brain Trust at AU

Dr. Medani Bhandari teaches and mentors in the field Community

and Economic Development; Environmental Studies; Sustainability Studies; Peace, Diplomacy and



International relations.

His main interest as a teacher and researcher centers on the intersection of local and global interests (trans-society/trans-border) and capacities in addressing global political economy; green economy, natural resource management challenges, environmental sustainability, and the effects of climate change.

He is also interested in risk analysis, public policies, and behaviors that contribute to the goal of catalyzing action across the global community, increase public awareness and change public attitudes on global climate change; natural resource governance issues, human rights abuse, sustainable development and environmental degradation.

Dr. Owen Owunwanne earned his Ph.D. in Applied Psychology with a concentration in Psychophysiology and Health Psychology at the Akamai University in 2011; M.A. degree in Psychology with a

concentration in Health Psychology at the Saybrook University California in 2005; MBA degree in Health



Administration at the University of Beverly Hills California in 1982; B.S. in Business Administration with a concentration in Personnel Management at the State University of New York Buffalo New York in 1978, and a Diploma in Education for the Ministry(EFM) at St. John's

Lafayette square Church in

in 1997.

He owns ONJO Medical Solutions, a Community Health Center offering high quality counseling service and ONJO Financial Services Corp promoting staffing industry.

Washington District of Columbia

Dr. Gregory Pacific PhD is in Educational Leadership, Concentration in Urban Education and Technology a graduate of AU in 2019.

His dissertation was: *The Impact* of *Technology on Urban Students*. He is a graduate of Walden



University in 2016 and Bachelor of Arts double major English and Education with a minor in Sociology at the Manhattanville College of Purchase, NY, Magna Cum Laude.

He is the recipient of the 2015
Theodore and Margaret Beard
Excellence in Teaching Award;
Kappa Delta Pi National Education
Honor Society and Teacher of
the Year Finalist in the City of
Bridgeport. Also a member of
the United States Coast Guard
Auxiliary. Dr. Pacific is at the
Bridgeport Public Schools as
an English Teacher and serving
low-income populations with the
opportunity to prepare for high
school in greater Bridgeport.



Research at AU: Faculty and Students

Dr. Melinda Connor was invited to be Deputy Director of AU Research.

The AU website was expanded and updated on this topic and all the other documents needed to do business that were transparent and clear of all phases of university business.

She did her undergraduate work at Harvard University and Wellesley

College, her master's degrees at University of San Francisco and American Military University, and her doctorate in Clinical Psychology at California Coast University.

After a one year rotation in Neuropsychology, she became a National Institutes of Health T-32 post doctoral fellow at the Program in Integrative Medicine at the University of Arizona under Dr. Andrew Weil and Dr. Iris Bell and mentored by Dr. Gary Schwartz at the Laboratory for Advances in Consciousness and Health. Dr. Connor then went on to found her own research laboratory and holistic health practice at Earthsongs Holistic Consulting. She is the Board Chair for the National Alliance of Energy Practitioners and the author of ten books.

https://www.akamai.university/auresearch--scholarship.html