

## Brian Murphy – Long Biography

Brian Murphy is the president of De Anza College in Cupertino, California. In 2011, he was instrumental in the development of The Democracy Commitment, a national project aimed at ensuring that every community college student has an education in democratic practice. Murphy is also the Distinguished Urban Fellow at the San Francisco Urban Institute (SFUI) at San Francisco State University and an associate professor of political science at San Francisco State. Prior to becoming president of De Anza in 2005, Murphy served as SFUI's executive director, as its director of external affairs, and as senior adviser to the California State University's chancellor with special responsibility for strategic planning.

Murphy also has served as the chief consultant to the California State Legislature's review of the Master Plan for Higher Education and was the principal consultant for the legislature's community college reform process in the late 1980s. He also served as research director for Caribbean research at the Data Center in Oakland and was a founding member of Faculty for Human Rights in El Salvador and Central America.

Murphy earned a bachelor's degree from Williams College and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of California at Berkeley, all in political science. He has taught political theory and American government at the University of California, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara University and San Francisco State University. He has written in the areas of democratic theory, planning and political economy.

A resident of San Francisco, Murphy served on San Francisco's Human Services Commission, was a board member of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, and earlier served on the board of directors of the Friends of Candlestick Point Park. He is married and the father of two sons.