



Tim Dougherty

Interim President & CEO



Tim Dougherty began serving as interim president and CEO of the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara in March 2026. A native of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Mr. Dougherty earned a bachelor's degree in English literature at UC Santa Barbara and began his career as a reporter and editor at South Coast Community Newspapers, a now-defunct chain of local weeklies. Following editing stints at the *Camarillo Daily News* and the *Ventura County Star-Free Press*, he joined the Office of Public Affairs at UCSB, where he served as an editor and a public information officer. Mr. Dougherty went on to hold senior editor positions at two national trade magazines before being named communications manager at the Music Academy of the West. Immediately prior to joining the Scholarship Foundation, he operated his own public relations and communications consultancy. Mr. Dougherty began serving as director of marketing and communications at the Scholarship Foundation in October 2017 and was named chief communications officer in July 2021.