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BIO
Stella Premo

Stella Premo currently serves as the Executive Director of the Capital Region Family Business Center. She previously served as the Executive Director, Director of Education Programs for NextEd, the premier education-employer intermediary serving the six-county Capital Region that advanced programs and policies to prepare students for success in careers critical to the regional economy. Prior to being recruited to join NextEd, she worked at California State University at Sacramento (CSUS) as the Director of Development to the Colleges of Engineering and Computer Science and Natural Sciences and Mathematics. In this role, Stella was responsible for donor cultivation, stewardship and major gift fundraising.

As the former Executive Director of the California Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (CRAEF), Premo was charged with enhancing training and educational preparation for hospitality careers. She was responsible for the Foundation's industry-related school-to-career programs, scholarship development, various industry-related legislatively mandated educational programs, and managing the daily operations and all activities for the Foundation.



Premo was the first woman to serve as the President and CEO of the Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (SHCC) and was recognized by *Sacramento Magazine* as one of Sacramento's 30 Most Powerful Women. She has also been featured in several publications discussing diversity and the Hispanic business market. In 2008, Premo was recognized by the Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce as one Sacramento's Inspirational Latina Leaders.

Premo believes in being an active member of the community and gives to local organizations through her advocacy on behalf of the region's businesses. In 2004, she was appointed to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Citizens Oversight Committee (COC); in 2006, she was appointed by the Governor to serve on the California Workforce Investment Board. She is a Fellow of the American Leadership Institute (ALF)-Mountain Valley Chapter (class XIII), served on many ALF committees and the Board of Directors (2011-2014). Stella has also served as an intern/co-facilitator for the ALF Cohort program (2015).

Premo earned her eMBA from CSUS and is a graduate of St. Mary's College earning a bachelor's degree in Business Management. She lives in Roseville with her husband, daughter and three little dogs. In her free time, she is a yoga instructor and loves to travel, especially to yoga retreats.

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Established in 2007, the mission of Capital Region Family Business Center is to promote growth and prosperity for all family businesses in the greater Sacramento region. At the foundation of all programs are its core values: trust, affinity, education, collaboration and prosperity.