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Futuro Health CEO Named 100 Most Influential Higher Education Leaders

*Van Ton-Quinlivan recognized for her long-standing thought leadership
and impact on workforce development*

(SACRAMENTO, Calif.) – Van Ton-Quinlivan, CEO of Futuro Health, has been named one of the [100 Most Influential Higher Education Leaders in 2025](#) by *The Tech Edvocate*, a leading media outlet covering education technology in preK-12 and higher education.

The annual list highlights innovators and practitioners shaping academia through administration, research, innovation, and social impact. Ton-Quinlivan joins a distinguished group of honorees, including **Sal Khan, founder of Khan Academy; Anne-Marie Slaughter, CEO of New America; and Dr. Victor J. Dzau, President of the National Academy of Medicine.**



Ton-Quinlivan's distinguished career spans the public, private and nonprofit sectors. Formerly Executive Vice Chancellor of the largest higher education system in the nation – the California Community Colleges – Ton-Quinlivan is CEO of [Futuro Health](#), a national nonprofit organization she founded to address the critical shortage in healthcare workers. Ton-Quinlivan is chair, appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom, of the California Health Workforce Education and Training Council responsible for coordinating the healthcare workforce education and training to meet the state's needs.

Ton-Quinlivan is author of best-seller book, [WorkforceRx: Inclusive and Agile Strategies for Employers, Educators and Workers During Unsettled Times](#) and a podcast host. She frequently shares her expertise on workforce development and innovation at state, national and global convenings, focusing on the intersection of policy, education, and economic growth, inspiring audiences to think critically about the future workforce of healthcare. Her most recent speaking engagements include the TIAA TMRW 2025 convening that brought together leaders from healthcare and higher education in Hollywood, Florida, and the ASU+GSV 2025 Summit in San Diego, California, which convenes the edtech community.

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About Futuro Health

Futuro Health addresses the critical shortage in healthcare workers through its national nonprofit mission to improve the health and well-being of communities by growing the largest network of allied health workers in the nation. We empower individuals by providing them with the credentials and qualifications for their first or next healthcare career, making education journeys into allied health careers possible. By building the talent that employers need and creating a path to opportunity that workers want, we are transforming lives and communities. Visit www.futurohealth.org.