

Ben Moll – Testimonials and References

Highlights

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Testimonials

“Hiring Ben Moll was one of the high points of what I accomplished in my career of 30+ years.”

- Ron Fonger, retired Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness

Leadership

Servant Leadership

“Ben provides service at all levels while modeling humble, inspirational and dependable servant leadership.”

- Dr. Oralee Branch, Director, Office of Research Integrity, Institutional Research Board

“Ben exemplifies servant leadership. He is ethical, humble and provides leadership focused on goal attainment.”

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“Having Ben Moll as part of the Concordia team made a difference. Even when dealing with difficult issues, Ben continued to have a positive attitude and worked hard to strengthen connections across campus. Ben led a team that contributed to Concordia in countless ways and helped make the institution a better place.”

- Keryn Neary, MFA, Academic Operations Program Coordinator, Office of the Provost

Strategic Vision and Leadership

“Ben often was able to look downfield at the coming tides and be able to suggest pathways for our leadership team that were sensible given our position in the market.”

- Shawn Daley, Executive Vice President - Business Development and Innovation, Associate Professor of Education

Management and leading collaborative teams

“Ben is a highly motivated and intelligent leader with great potential for strategic and leadership impact across the organization.”

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“Ben has initiated collaborative activities and initiatives across campus and shows deep appreciation for values, mission and vision as institutional drivers for action.”

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Data-informed action leadership

“Ben has a rare combination of analytical talent, creative ability, and workload management capacity.”

- Dr. Oralee Branch, Director, Office of Research Integrity, Institutional Research Board

“Ben pulled together a cross campus team to validate and ultimately act on the information.”

- Ron Fonger, retired Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness

“Ben inspires strong collaborative teams by presenting data in a clear manner so that each team member can input their own expertise.”

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Management

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“Two years before retiring as Director of Institutional Research and Assessment I hired Ben Moll as Assistant Director. He possessed abilities, skills, experiences and personal qualities not just for the position, but which would, given the opportunity, enable him to lead the department and take it to the next level.”

- Ron Fonger, retired Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness

“Ben brings excellence and then encourages excellence across the team.”

- Dr. Oralee Branch, Director, Office of Research Integrity, Institutional Research Board

Data is for People

Insight for executive decision-making

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“Ben worked directly with the board, president and executive leadership team to bring data and its implication to bear on the vision and related strategies, tactics and performance metrics.”

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Insight for faculty, staff and decision-making

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- Dr. Michael Godsey, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry, Co-chair Natural Science Department; College of Health and Human Sciences

“In addition to his leadership abilities, he possesses the skills necessary to transform raw data into meaningful information allowing decision makers to reach decisions based on reliable, understandable data.”

- Ron Fonger, retired Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness

“Ben works collaboratively with departments across campus, providing support and expertise, and regularly reporting to the president’s cabinet where data and analysis that he provides informs strategic decision making.”

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Data for non-data people

“Ben is a true servant-leader. I was new to assessment, and Ben met with me several times to help the library develop a robust assessment plan. He and his department were also instrumental in our implementation of a nationally known survey. His friendly, humble, and expert support throughout the process was key to the success of the project.”

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Clear, actionable insight, research, market research and analysis

“Ben is a data wizard. He envisions how data can be transformed into actionable, digestible insight. The reports he produced were clear, detailed, and focused on continuous improvement.”

- Krista Reynolds, Head of Library Reference and Instruction

“Ben demonstrated a keen ability to discover, synthesize and communicate critical industry trends, risks and opportunities.”

- Johnnie Driessner, retired Chief Vision Officer
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Data Science

“Ben initiated a project to pull historical student data across several years, from multiple data silos and built a predictive model of student success. This model was updated weekly to assist advisers and admissions staff in focusing their efforts. In addition to extracting, cleansing and modeling the data, Ben also led the team to greater insight by forecasting with data and analysis for incoming and prospective students through predictive modeling.”

- Ron Fonger, retired Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness

“As an educational technology administrator, I have supported Benjamin on several data acquisition and reporting projects in the context of institutional research. He has always been a pleasure to work with - passionate and knowledgeable about his field. Benjamin embodies servant leadership!”

- Morgan Hynson, IT Application Administrator

Data Ethics

“Ben insists upon ethical, valid, reliable research and data in a way that informs and involves stakeholders.”

- Dr. Oralee Branch, Director, Office of Research Integrity, Institutional Research Board

“I would trust him with any research project that required him to use his talents, whether in education or business.”

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Academic assessment / collaborative leadership

“Ben is radically collaborative. He brought together a broad team of campus constituents to provide feedback about assessment and advance the university’s mission. He welcomed all voices and opinions, seeing each member of the team as a valuable asset. This resulted in huge strides toward creating a culture of assessment.”

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“Ben’s expertise and leadership helped to forge an institutional culture of assessment and data-informed decision-making.”

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Higher Education Accreditation

“I find Ben Moll to be an exceptional navigator for accreditation work. Ben has been an exemplary conduit between the university and our regional accreditor, mastering the nuance of varied requirements and supporting our staff and faculty with guidance through often challenging processes.”

- 2020 - Shawn Daley, Executive Vice President - Business Development and Innovation, Associate Professor of Education

Board Impact and Servant Leadership

“In the work of a volunteer-led organization, Ben’s steady hand and follow through are essential. AHEE relies on solid efforts by people like Ben, and we are glad to have him as a member of our leadership team.”

- Jan Lyddon, Ph.D., President, Association for Higher Education Effectiveness

“Ben Moll’s leadership style is that of a servant leader. He is continually striving to encourage and support others no matter what they are able to offer back to him in return.”

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“As a relentless learner, Ben is ever widening his understanding and adding to his leadership toolbox.”

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“Ben brings both enthusiasm and thoughtfulness to his role on the AHEE Board, which has been an excellent addition to our work.”

- Jan Lyddon, Ph.D., President, Association for Higher Education Effectiveness

Futurist

“I know Ben Moll through the LECNA Fellows program. He has a deep commitment to being a servant leader. We use the StrengthsFinder Assessment through the program. Where many non-profits that I work with suffer from not having futuristic thinkers on staff who can see new ways of accomplishing the mission, Ben has strong tendencies with gifts and talents in futuristic and brainstorming new ideas. Additionally he is effective in taking charge and delivering results.”

- Diana Gabriel, Professional Certified Coach, Brene Brown Program

“Ben has the heart of a true and authentic leader. He has a strong sense of others and a keen sense of both curiosity and courage that empowers the ability to link purposefully with others, continuing to find the strategic and innovative edge.”

- MaryAnn Anderson, AAC, CDWF, Executive Coach

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