



Incoming President **Farouk Dey, PhD**

Starting in Summer 2025

Dr. Farouk Dey will assume the role of President of Palo Alto University on July 1, 2025.

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Dr. Farouk Dey is a transformational leader in higher education and workforce development, dedicated to expanding access to education and driving student success. As President of Palo Alto University, he is poised to advance PAU's leadership in psychology and behavioral health education, guided by the [university's mission](#) to improve well-being through insight into human behavior. His expertise in academic innovation, career development, and strategic partnerships will be vital in shaping PAU's future and expanding its impact in the evolving higher education landscape.



Prior to Palo Alto University, Dr. Dey served as the founding Vice Provost for Integrative Learning and Life Design at [Johns Hopkins University](#), where he led a division of 15 departments and centers dedicated to bridging academic and experiential learning with professional development, mentoring, and life design. Under his leadership, the university launched a pioneering vision for equitable career outcomes, expanded alumni and employer engagement, secured funding for immersive student experiences, and established the [Imagine Center for Integrative Learning and Life Design](#). His work transformed the student experience at [Johns Hopkins University](#), achieving record levels of engagement, satisfaction, and career success.

Throughout his career, Dr. Dey has held leadership roles at [Stanford University](#) as Dean of Career and Experiential Education and Associate Vice Provost, at [Carnegie Mellon University](#) as Director of Career and Professional Development, and has served on the boards of national organizations, including the [National Association of Colleges and Employers](#) (NACE) and the [American College Personnel Association](#) (ACPA).

Dr. Dey holds a PhD and an EdS in Educational Leadership, an MBA, an MEd in Counseling Psychology, and a BBA in Finance. His career and life design expertise and workforce trends has made him a sought-after speaker, consultant, and thought leader. Named one of LinkedIn's Top Ten Voices in Education and the recipient of numerous national and university awards, he has delivered keynote addresses worldwide, taught courses in leadership and life design, and led major workforce development initiatives, including a four-year USAID project to build career education centers across the Philippines and contributions to education programs in Singapore.

His TEDx Talk, [Life Purpose Reconsidered](#), and [Vision Chats podcast](#) exemplify his lifelong commitment to empowering learners from all backgrounds. As President of Palo Alto University, Dr. Dey is dedicated to leading the institution into its next chapter of growth and innovation, ensuring its continued impact in psychology and behavioral health education.