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DEANNA GOSSETT, Professor of Business, believes that business makes the world go around which is fitting for the newest addition to West's full-time business faculty.

Her diverse professional background allows her to bring real world experiences into the classroom. After graduating from Columbia University, she started working in the financial markets at Credit Suisse and Morgan Stanley before moving into real estate.

"The one thing that I loved about my job when I was on Wall Street was sharing information with my clients," she said. "Teaching them different strategies about investing was the most inspiring part of what I did, so I wanted to do that full-time and bring that to my students."

Gossett's first teaching gig was an instructor at Los Angeles City College. She came to West Los Angeles College in 2016 as an Instructor, Special Assignment for Academic Affairs and the Distance Learning Office.

"I love West, there is such a close-knit faculty and community here," she said. "Everyone has a spirit of 'let's work together' and we all really try and do the best for our students."

In 2017, Gossett transitioned to a full-time business instructor. She uses her experience to show students the value and relevancy of business in their everyday lives.

"It's great to learn about theories, but if students don't have that connection that allows them to learn how this is going to be important in their real lives, they're not going to want to spend as much time with the material," she said.



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Seeing the transformation in her students' lives is Gossett's biggest motivator. She strives to foster the growth of every student that comes into her classroom.

"Watching the students come back from their internships and have wonderful stories about their successes just lets me know that I am actually making a difference," she said.

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