Menlo College welcomes Steven Weiner as its Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration. Most recently, Steven operated Tolven, Inc., an internationally-focused open source healthcare software firm he co-founded in 2006. Prior to that, he was Vice President at both First Consulting Group and Science Applications International Corporation. Steven spent 16 years at the University of Chicago progressing from Assistant Director, University Health Services to Chief Business Officer, Department of Medicine, and then Associate Dean of the Division of Biological Sciences and the Pritzker School of Medicine.

A graduate of Northeastern University in Boston with a baccalaureate in Botany, he received his MBA from the University of Chicago. Steven’s 16 years of service to the University of Chicago was recognized with the establishment of the “Steven Alan Weiner Distinguished Service Scholarship” to provide tuition support to an MD/MBA student annually. Other honors include the “Outstanding Consultant of the Year Award” for clinical computing initiative support from Kaiser Permanente, and the “CEO Award” from Science Applications International Corporation.

“I have been extremely impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment of the many individuals at Menlo College," said Steven. “I look forward to working with the College leadership, faculty, staff and students to build on the innovative work already underway.”

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