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SVSU's Chief Diversity Officer. As Special Assistant to the President for Diversity Programs, Dr. Thorns is responsible for providing the leadership and coordination of SVSU's programs related to diversity, equal opportunity, and affirmative action. She serves as primary adviser to the President and the campus community on matters related to maintaining and enhancing a diverse campus environment.

At SVSU, Dr. Thorns was instrumental in the creation of the Great Lakes Bay Regional Youth Leadership Institute, an SVSU initiative which started in 2005.

Over the years, this Institute has grown from serving 51 junior and senior high school students to over 96 students representing Saginaw, Midland and Bay Counties. In addition, Dr. Thorns is co-chair along with the Saginaw, Bay and Midland community foundations for the Great Lakes Bay Regional Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. She also teaches courses on managing diversity and inclusion at SVSU along with conducting diversity and inclusion training for local, state and national businesses, community organizations, and schools. In her personal time, Dr. Thorns enjoys mentoring underrepresented students and adults in the community who need guidance in making education and career choices.



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