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On December 1, 2011, Lesley A. Di Mare became the 14th president of Colorado State University – Pueblo. Di Mare earned a bachelor's degree in theatre arts from California State University-Chico (1972), a master's degree in speech communication from California State University-Hayward, East Bay (1981), and a Ph.D. in speech communication from Indiana University (1984).

Before becoming the first permanent female president in CSU-Pueblo's history, Di Mare served as the Interim President & CEO at Nevada State College (NSC) in Henderson after first serving for three years at the Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs. While at NSC, Di Mare spearheaded a number of initiatives to enhance the college's academic standing and visibility in the community. Working with faculty and administration, she developed NSC's Standards of Academe, which provides the campus community clear expectations and criteria for making progress towards promotion and tenure as well as merit. Di Mare also led the development of the Technology Fellows Institute, a program that affords faculty and staff the opportunity to produce and deliver innovative pedagogy in the classroom through technology. As the college's chief academic officer, Di Mare also was responsible for overseeing the institution's path towards accreditation.

Before joining NSC as provost, Di Mare held administrative positions at California State University Los Angeles and at Arizona State University, where she served as Department Chair of Communication Studies for 11 years, Interim Dean of the College of Human Services for two years, and Associate Vice Provost of Undergraduate Studies for two years. In her administrative capacity, Di Mare implemented the Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, the Communication Learning Assessment Lab, and the Japan Business Library.

She has published articles on American and Japanese communication styles, gender and communication, and rhetoric and persuasion. Di Mare has worked closely with many community agencies and consulted with the Japan External Trade Organization (Los Angeles), the Ministry of International Trade (Tokyo), and other international organizations. She was a visiting fellow at Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, UK and at the Japan Studies Institute, San Diego State University, 2003. From 1988-1990, Di Mare served as Communications Advisor to the Representative of the Nagano Prefecture, JETRO.