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Chair's Message

Ms. Suzie Moreno Chair, Board of Directors The Pete C. Garcia Victoria Foundation

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

On behalf of the Pete C. Garcia Victoria Foundation, it is indeed an honor to welcome you to our 13th annual Higher Education Awards Event. A very special thanks to the Helios Education Foundation for hosting this significant event.

Our Higher Education Leaders being honored today have demonstrated sustained leadership in assisting our students and supporting academic programs that have directly impacted their educational journey. These leaders/scholars know that education wipes out wrong beliefs from our minds, provides clarity of the world around us and erases confusion. Education develops a perspective of looking at life. It helps us build opinions and have points of view on things in life. It kindles the flame of curiosity and helps awaken the abilities to question, and to reason.

Today's Higher Education Awardees' commitment has lead many youths to journey in the world equipped to succeed.

As we celebrate the work of these outstanding educators and their many accomplishments, we have to stop and ponder the future of education in Arizona

and beyond. Until we, as a society, invest in education and our country's future, organizations like the Pete C. Garcia Victoria Foundation will work to provide funding for our youth to learn.

Our wish is to provide education for all, enabling our youth to learn and apply their knowledge to challenging work environments. Respectfully,

Fuzie Moreno

Ms. Suzie Moreno Board Chair





Dr. Loui Olivas

President, The Pete C. Garcia Victoria Foundation

Dear Friends:

The Pete C. Garcia Victoria Foundation is proud to celebrate our Arizona Higher Education Awards, 13th Anniversary. Every September, we gather to recognize and honor "difference makers" in our institutions of higher education. Our Founding President, Pete C. Garcia, clearly understood that when you have individuals who know how to push agendas and support educational programs that benefit our community, our students flourish. Each of this year's award recipients exemplify, through their arduous work and accomplishments, why we continue with our Arizona Higher Education Awards Breakfast.

We believe in the importance of providing our students with educational support systems that will yield high returns on our scholarship investments, benefiting all communities. Our major goal is empowering our students through their educational attainments, thereby positioning these students to flourish.

Partnering with educational institutions, we have provided 1,553 dollar-for dollar scholarship matches that enhances our students' ability to complete their college degree. To-date, thanks to our sponsors and partners, we have invested \$1.6 million in our scholarship program. This significant investment propels our students' academic futures and encourages us to continue our fundraising efforts.

Thank you for being with us today to honor and support our Arizona Higher Education Award recipients. A special shout out to the Helios Education Foundation, our event host.

Most sincerely,

Dr. Loui Olivas President



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Program Hgenda

Welcome

Ms. Suzie Moreno, Manager, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona and Chair of the Pete C. Garcia Victoria Foundation Board of Directors

Dr. Loui Olivas, President, The Pete C. Garcia Victoria Foundation

Mr. Paul Luna, President, Helios Education Foundation

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Recipient: **Dr. José Luis Cruz Rivera** President, Northern University of Arizona

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Award Sponsor: Celtic Properties Management, LLC.

The William Yslas Velez, Outstanding Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) In Higher Education Award

Recipient: **José Erick Candanedo** CIO/Associate Vice President, Information Technology Gateway Community College

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Closing Remarks



Honored Award

Distinguished Leadership in Higher Education

Dr. Loui Olivas

Professor Emeritus, Management Department W. P. Carey School of Business, Arizona State University

Dr. Loui Olivas, a fourth-generation native Phoenician, joined Arizona State University (ASU) in 1979 as the assistant director of the Center for Executive Development and served as the director from 1982-86. Dr. Olivas served as the assistant vice president for academic affairs at ASU for 17 years until his appointment in 2006 to the position of assistant vice president for education partnerships. After 30 years of service, Dr. Olivas retired from ASU in 2009.

As a tenured professor in the W. P. Carey School of Business Department of Management, his teaching and research emphasis focused on entrepreneurship, small business management demographics-marketing and Hispanic perspectives. Published work by Dr. Olivas focuses on personnel, management, training and small business operations. Since 1999, Dr. Olivas has authored the annual DATOS Report, Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and since 1991, he has published the Annual Survey of Hispanic Owned Businesses in Arizona. He is also the editor of the 81st Arizona Town Hall Report entitled Arizona Hispanics: The Evolution of Influence. As president of Olivas and Associates since 1989, Dr. Olivas has worked with Fortune 500 corporations as a consultant in Hispanic demographics and marketing.

Prior to coming to ASU, Dr. Olivas served as the director of executive development and education for Western Savings and Loan Association, director of employee development with the City of Phoenix, and as a consultant, instructor and developer of various other executive development programs for Fortune 500 companies.

In addition to the numerous national and local awards he has received for his work in business, education and the community, honors given to Dr. Olivas include the "Outstanding Teaching Award" by ASU undergraduate students and the "Teaching Excellence Award" for ASU Center for Executive Development. AZ LULAC also named him "Educator of the Year." The American Higher Education Association bestowed upon him their prestigious "Higher Education Leadership Award." The Be A Leader Foundation established an endowed scholarship in his name to honor his sustained efforts in mentoring business students. He is also the recipient of the Valle del Sol Hall of' Fame Award .

Dr. Olivas has provided leadership and service to numerous national and local boards and commissions, such as the founding dean of the National Hispanic Corporate Council Institute; the founding president of the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education; secretarytreasurer for Project ChalleNGe Foundation; director of the U.S./Mexico Solidarity Foundation; member of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Council of Economic Advisors; board member of Angelita's Amigos Inc.; board member of St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation; and a founding board member of Sonoran Bank, Arizona. He is also a founding director of Construct Net International and was a founding board member of QuePasa.com, a publicly traded company on NASDAQ. In addition, Dr. Olivas is a retired colonel from the Arizona Air National Guard, having served a distinguished 29-year military career. He greatly enjoys his family, the outdoors and the beauty and excitement of nature.



Hward Recipient

Dr. Loui Olivas Distinguished Leadership in Higher Education

José Luis Cruz Rivera

President, Northern Arizona University

José Luis Cruz Rivera began his tenure as the 17 th President of Northern Arizona University (NAU) on June 14, 2021. During this first year as president, he has worked with university stakeholders to articulate a bold vision for a New NAU focused on the delivery of equitable postsecondary value to the students and communities of Arizona. In support of this work, he has helped launch several signature initiatives that advance NAU's vision to power economic mobility and social impact, including Access2Excellence—ensuring tuition-free education for AZ residents making under \$65k/year-an Admissions Pilot program that removes barriers to postsecondary access, the New NAU Workplace initiative, and transformative public and private investments that will help NAU broaden participation, close gaps, and improve post-college outcomes for all.

Prior to joining NAU, Dr. Cruz Rivera served as President of The City University of New York's (CUNY) Herbert H. Lehman College (Bronx, NY) and as Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost of the 25-campus, 500,000 student CUNY system—the world's largest urban university.

A leading national advocate for policies to broaden participation and deliver equitable educational outcomes for all students, Cruz Rivera is a frequent keynote speaker and writer on higher education issues. He has testified several times before the U.S. Congress-including this spring on the importance of Hispanic-Serving Institutions like NAU in powering upward mobility-and his work has been funded by federal, state, and philanthropic organizations including the National Science Foundation, Lumina Foundation, Bill & amp; Melinda Gates Foundation, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education, among others. Furthermore, his work in higher ed has been covered by many media outlets, including The Chronicle of Higher Education, the New York Times, the Washington Post, and Univision.

Previously, Cruz Rivera served as provost of California State University, Fullerton. He is a former vice president of Higher Education Policy and Practice at The Education Trust in Washington, D.C. and a former Chief Student Affairs Officer for the University of Puerto Rico system. He began his career as a faculty member in engineering at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez, rising through the ranks and serving as chair of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department and dean of Academic Affairs.

Cruz Rivera chairs the board of directors of The Education Trust and serves on the board of the Data Quality Campaign, the American Association of State Colleges Universities (AASCU), and the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) the Arizona Commerce Authority, and the steering committee of the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration. In the past, he has served on the board of directors of the New York Botanical Garden, the Institute for Higher Education Policy, and as a member of the Community Advisory Group of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the advisory board of AASCU's Committee on Academic Innovation and Transformation, and as a commissioner on the Postsecondary Value Commission, among others.

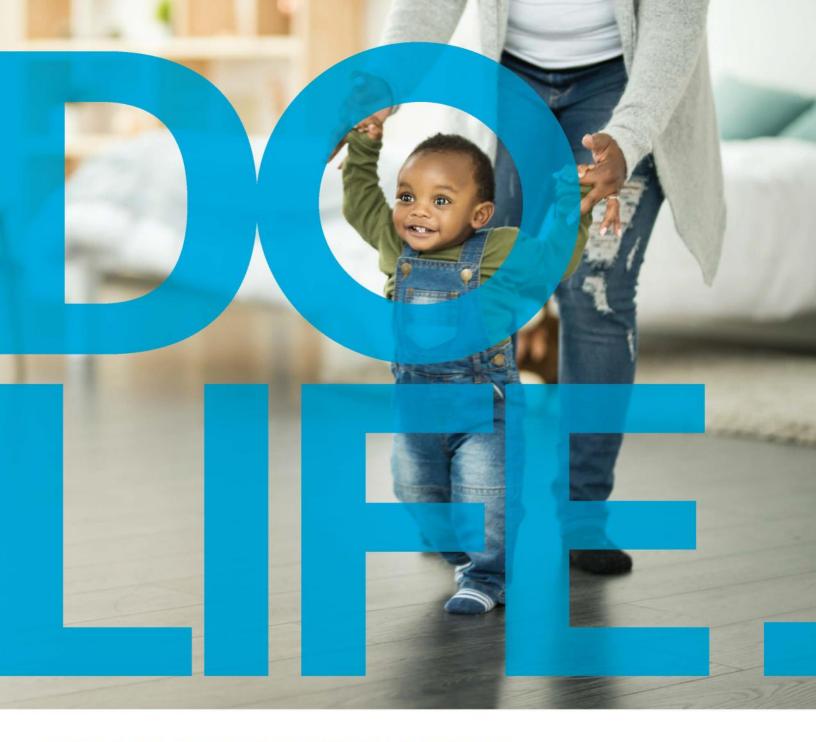
Cruz Rivera is a Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, a patented inventor, published scholar, and a National Science Foundation Career Award recipient. He earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering (magna cum laude) from the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez and his master's and doctorate degrees from the Georgia Institute of Technology, specializing in optical interconnections for ultracompact massively parallel processing systems. He is an alumnus of the Harvard Institute of Educational Management. NAU NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

CONGRATULATIONS

to Northern Arizona University President José Luis Cruz Rivera, recipient of the Dr. Loui Olivas Distinguished Leadership in Higher Education Award, for his unwavering commitment to accessible higher education for all Arizonans!

Thank you, Dr. Olivas and the Pete C. Garcia Victoria Foundation, for recognizing his exceptional leadership.





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Honored Hward

Outstanding Latina/o Faculty Research in Higher Education

Dr. Eugene Garcia

Professor Emeritus, College of Education, Arizona State University

Dr. Eugene García served as the Vice President for Education Partnerships at Arizona State University (ASU), from 2006-2011. From 2002-2006, he was the Dean of the Mary Lou Fulton College of Education on the Tempe campus of ASU. Before joining ASU, he served as Professor and Dean of the Graduate School of Education at the University of California, Berkeley from 1995-2001. He received his B.A. from the University of Utah in Psychology and his Ph.D. in Human Development from the University of Kansas. He has served as a Post-Doctoral Fellow in Human Development at Harvard University and as a National Research Council Fellow. He has been a recipient of a National Kellogg Leadership Fellowship and received numerous academic and public honors. He served as a faculty member at the University of Utah, the University of Santa Barbara, Arizona State California, University and the University of California, Santa Cruz. He has served previously as a national research center director, an academic department chair on two occasions, and as dean of the Social Sciences Division at University of California, Santa Cruz.

Dr. García is involved in various community activities and has served as an elected member of an urban school board. He has published extensively in the area of language teaching and bilingual development authoring and/or co-authoring over 150 articles and book chapters along with 14 books and monographs. He holds leadership positions in professional organizations and continues to serve in an editorial capacity for psychological, linguistic and educational journals and serves regularly as a proposal panel reviewer for federal, state and foundation agencies. He served as a Senior Officer in the U.S. Department of Education from 1993-1995. He is conducting research in the areas of effective schooling for linguistically and culturally diverse student populations funded by the National Science Foundation and has Chaired the National Task Force on Early Education for Hispanics funded by the Foundation for Child Development. His books include, Hispanic Education in the United States: Raíces y Alas, and, Student Cultural Diversity: Understanding and Meeting the Challenge, and, Teaching and Learning in two Languages.

(More on Dr. García's work can be found on the following website: http://www.ecehispanic.org/)



Award Recipient

Dr. Eugene Garcia Outstanding Latina/o Faculty Research in Higher Education

Dr. Francisco Lara-Valencia Associate Professor, School of Transborder Studies and Southwest Borderland Scholar Arizona State University

I started my academic career in 1989 in Nogales, Sonora, researching the economic and environmental impacts of maquiladoras on the Arizona-Sonora border. Since then, I have been committed to the idea that connecting academic knowledge and expertise to social change is a professional and personal obligation. My research and teaching career reflects this commitment, as nearly all of my work touches some aspect of socio-spatial development and public policy. Although my scholarship focuses primarily on U.S.-Mexico border issues, it also involves studying environmental justice issues concerning the Latino community in Arizona.

As evidence of the significance of my contributions to the study of the US-Mexico border, I have been invited to serve in many working groups involving the government and the private sectors of Mexico and the United States. For example, in the early nineties, I coordinated the trade and development group that prepared the studies and roadmap for the Strategic Development Vision for the Arizona-Sonora Region. Additionally, in 2009 I was invited by the U.S.-Mexico Border Governor's Conference to collaborate in formulating the Strategic Guidelines for the Competitive and Sustainable Development of the U.S.-Mexico Transborder Region. More recently, I was involved in planning economic corridors connecting Northwest Mexico with the U.S. Southwest and participated in the Assessment of Climate Change in the Southwest I have been a persistent advocate and promoter of prepared for the U.S. National Climate Assessment.

Right now, I am focused on exploring the potential of low-impact development and green infrastructure to restore the ecological functionality of urbanized watersheds in the Ambos Nogales area. This work has been supported by the EPA and the NADBank and is designed with community involvement as a central research element. The goal is to formulate strategies to reduce stormwater runoff volumes in Ambos Nogales while improving water quality, creating open space opportunities, and revitalizing neighborhoods on both sides of the border.

Through my scholarship, I have contributed to understanding the factors that enable cooperation and development at the border. I have generated a significant body of research and educated many undergraduate and graduate students on various topics and methods relevant to understanding border processes and problems. I have developed innovative pedagogical tools for comparative case-study analysis of border places and communities. I have engaged in a range of service activities, including leading roles in establishing research networks involving ASU faculty collaborating with international scholars and practitioners. I have played a significant role in expanding the global recognition and reach of the School of Transborder Studies through my continued organizing international conferences, work in workshops, and seminars to engage leading scholars from Latin America and Europe in the discussion of current and emergent border issues.

My teaching involves a great deal of student participation in understanding and solving real-world problems. A good example of this is the LatinoLab, an effort I initiated in 2012 to support the engagement of undergraduate students in applied research and mapping involving immigrant communities and Latino neighborhoods in southern Arizona. Through the Latino Lab, students have been granted scholarships to conduct original research for community organizations in Mexico and Arizona.

networking and collaboration between universities and communities throughout my career. The work I did as director of the Programs for Transborder Communities supported the engagement of ASU faculty and students in projects addressing the U.S.-Mexico border; it is a good example of this kind of advocacy. A spinoff of these activities was the creation of the Arizona-Sonora Interuniversity Alliance, a research consortium formed by ASU, UofA, NAU and Sonoran universities producing knowledge essential for supporting sustainable development strategies in the Arizona-Sonora region. Doing what I feel passionate about has been facilitated by ASU and the School of Transborder Studies.

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Congratulations to the 2022 Higher Ed. Awards recipients!

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Honored Award

Outstanding Latina/o Community College

Dr. Alfredo G. de los Santos, Jr.

Research Professor, Hispanic Research Center Arizona State University

Since January 2000, de los Santos has been a research professor at Arizona State University Main, Tempe, Arizona, with research and development responsibilities at the Hispanic Research Center in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He also had an academic assignment with advising and teaching responsibilities in the Division of Leadership and Innovation in the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College; but, for personal and professional reasons, he resigned effective November 2011.

From 1978 through October 1, 1999--more than twentyone years--de los Santos served as Vice Chancellor for Student and Educational Development at the Maricopa Community Colleges. In that capacity he was responsible for articulation, curriculum, faculty and student development, business and workforce development, international education, external institutional resource development, research, instructional technology development, and facilities planning and construction management.

During the decade of the 1990s, de los Santos was principal investigator for a number of grants funded by the National Science Foundation totaling more than \$25 million, including the Phoenix Urban Systemic Initiative (\$15 million) and the Maricopa Advanced Technology Education Center (\$5 million).

He is the founding president of El Paso Community College and served as a dean at Northampton County Community College (PA) and Florida Keys Junior College (FL), and as a librarian at Florida Keys Junior College and as assistant librarian and English faculty member at Laredo Community College (TX).

Over the years, he has serves as a member of numerous boards, commissions and councils, including the board of trustees of the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute; the Multicultural Education, Training and Advocacy, Inc.; Jobs for the Future, Inc.; and National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education.

As well, Dr. de los Santos served on the Board of Directors for the American Council on Education, the American Association of Community Colleges, the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education, the American Association for Higher Education, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, the United States Open University and the Partnership for Service-

Learning. He also was a member of the Board of Trustees for The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, Educational Testing Service, the College Board, and the American College Testing. In addition, he served as a member of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity and the Advisory Committee to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's initiative with Hispanic Serving Institutions, ENLACE.

Dr. de los Santos has received numerous awards and recognitions for his work in higher education, including the 2005 Award for Outstanding Service to Community Colleges by the National Council of of the American Instructional Administrators Association of Community Colleges; the National Leadership Award from the American Association of Community Colleges in 2004; The Reginald Wilson Award from the American Council on Education in October 2001; the Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education in September 1998; the Life-Long Dedication to Hispanic Education Award from the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) in October 1998; the 1995 International Leadership Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD), The University of Texas; Special Recognition Award for Scholarly Research in Bilingual Education from the National Association for Education in 1994, and Education Bilingual Achievement Award from the National Science Foundation in 1993. In 1993, he was named distinguished graduate of the Community College Leadership Program at The University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. de los Santos earned the Associate in Arts degree from Laredo Community College, Texas, and three degrees from The University of Texas at Austin: the bachelor's degree, a master of library science degree and the Ph.D.



Hward Recipient

Dr. Alfredo G. de los Santos, Jr. Outstanding Latina/o Community College

Dr. Irene Robles-Lopez Vice Chancellor for Student Experience

Pima Community College

Dr. Irene Robles-Lopez currently serves as the Vice Chancellor for the Student Experience at Pima Community College, designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution. She leads a dynamic team of individuals in the divisions of Student Affairs, College Readiness, and Student Success across five campuses and online.

Irene was raised in El Paso, Texas, and is bilingual in Spanish and English. Her career in education stems from over 25 years and began in Texas, where she taught in the K-12 system as an elementary school teacher. In her 22 years at Pima Community College, she has served in multiple roles, including educational support faculty counselor, adjunct faculty, and Vice President of Student Affairs, where she led a restructuring of the Student Affairs Division to provide holistic support to students.

Through utilizing multicultural competencies, Irene has formed supportive, trusting relationships in empowering students from diverse academic, socioeconomic, and cultural backgrounds to be successful. She is an advocate for students at the local, regional, and national levels. She has served on the American Association of Community Colleges' Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the special Commission on College Readiness. Setting a culture of success for students, staff, and faculty is a priority for her. Irene is passionate and leads with a student-centered approach in her work at the college and in the community.

She has received recognition for her work and leadership skills through her service. In 2014, she was selected to attend the University of California, Berkeley, American Association for Hispanics in Education, Executive Higher Leadership Academy, and the American Association of Community College's John E. Roueche Future Leaders Institute. In 2015, she was chosen as a fellow in the National Community College Hispanic Council Leadership Program and as a participant in the inaugural 2015 NASPA Escaleras Leadership Institute. In 2020, Irene was an Aspen Rising Presidents Fellow.

Dr. Robles-Lopez earned her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy from the University of Arizona. She holds a Master of Community Counseling from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Texas at El Paso.



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Honored Award

Outstanding Support of Hispanic Issues in Higher Education

Edith Sayre Auslander Former Member, Arizona Board of Regents

Edith Sayre Auslander is the consultant to Arizona Assurance at The University of Arizona Foundation. Her previous position for fi e years was as Vice President and Senior Associate to the President of the UA.

Auslander is a native Tucsonan who earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from The University of Arizona. She had a long career in newspaper work as a reporter, copy editor and section editor for The Arizona Daily Star. She also has been an assistant professor of journalism at The University of Arizona and served as vice president of human resources for Tucson Newspapers for more than 15 years.

She left the UA faculty in 1984 when she was appointed by Gov. Bruce Babbitt to the Arizona Board Regents for an eight-year term. She was elected president of the Board of Regents for the 1989-90 academic year. During her term as president, she initiated the system-wide study on the status of women.

Auslander is one of 15 founders of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists. She has been listed three times in the Hispanic Business magazine as one of 100 influential U.S. Hispanics and in Replica magazine as one 25 Hispanic Women of the Year. She has been active in several national organizations, including the Editing Program for Minority Journalists and the Multicultural Management Program. She was elected to the board and served as president of the national Media Human Resources Association. She is a past president of the UA Hispanic Alumni Club and of the Hispanic Professional Action Committee.

Auslander has won many writing awards and has been active in a variety of organizations that focus on the needs of women and minorities. She was named Tucson's Woman of the Year in 1986, and received an honorary doctorate of laws from the University of Arizona in 1997. She was honored six times nationally for her human resources work, and she earned the certification of Senior Professional in Human Resources. She has been named to the halls of fame of the UA Student Media Foundation and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists. She has received the Women on the Move and the Iris Dewhirst awards from the Tucson YWCA.



Award Recipient

Edith Sayre Auslander Outstanding Support of Hispanic Issues in Higher Education

Dr. Jessica Raymond Owner, Celtic Property Management, LLC

Jessica Raymond is a principal/owner of the profit companies Atlantic Development & Investments, Inc. and Celtic Property Management, LLC. She holds a PhD in Social Policy from Trinity College Dublin's School of Social Work and Social Policy, where her research focused on the secondary or collateral effects of incarceration. Her academic background in sociology and social policy and prior experience working directly with families impacted by imprisonment, inform her "financial feminist" approach to affordable real estate development. Jessica is a "mission driven" developer and seeks to generate measurable and meaningful change in the communities in which she works. Her social justice values and desire to create social positive impact drive her to take her family's privately-held family of companies to the next level and give back to the Greater Phoenix Community through philanthropic activities and service relationships, including her role at the Chairwoman of the Board for the Greater Phoenix Urban League, Inc.

In her work, she seeks to build creative and successful relationships with local nonprofit and for-profit organizations to provide affordable and workforce housing for Arizonans through the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit and Opportunity Zone programs. As a mother of three young children, Jessica's affordable housing developments reflect her ability to imagine life with her family within them and her ensuing commitment to create family communities. Onsite Head Start, splash pads and on-site health navigators and economic empowerment are some of the community features that she has incorporated into her project designs through her work with her nonprofit partners. In 2014, Jessica's management company established The Celtic Property Management Scholarship at Arizona State University through The Victoria Foundation. In the spirit of improving our communities, the scholarship supported students pursuing careers in community involvement and public service.

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Congratulates Dr. Jessica Raymond Recipient of the 2022 Edith Sayre Auslander Award

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This award is presented to Dr. Raymond, for her significant and outstanding achievements the in support of issues that impact all socially and economically deprived communities through her involvement as a community and civic leader.

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Honored Award

Outstanding Literary/Art in Higher Education

Professer Alberto "Tito" Rios

Regents Professor Arizona State University Arizona Poet Laureate

Alberto Álvaro Ríos, born in Nogales, Arizona, is the author of ten books and chapbooks of poetry, three collections of short stories, and a memoir about growing up on the border, called Capirotada. The memoir won the Latino Literary Hall of Fame Award and was selected as the OneBookArizona 2009 selection. After graduating from Nogales High School in 1970, he went to the University of Arizona, which recently honored him with the University of Arizona 2010 Outstanding Alumnus Award. Ríos began teaching at Arizona State University in 1982, where he is currently a Regents' Professor where he holds the further distinction of the Katharine C. Turner Endowed Chair in English.

Ríos has been a finalist for the National Book Award, and is the recipient of the Walt Whitman Award, the most prestigious award for a first book of poetry in this country. Among his many accolades, he is also the recipient of the lifetime Western Literature Association Distinguished Achievement Award, the PEN/Beyond Margins Award, the Arizona Governor's Arts Award, fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, the Western States Book Award for Fiction, six Pushcart Prizes in both poetry and fiction, and inclusion in The Norton Anthology of Modern Poetry, as well as over 300 other national and international literary anthologies. His work is regularly taught and translated, and has been adapted to dance and both classical and popular music. He has written the libretto for the Arizona Centennial Song, called "Turquoise and Thunderstorm," and his public art poems can be seen across the valley, including "Words Over Water," a project surrounding the Tempe Town Lake, featured on PBS. He has been designated an "Arizona HistoryMaker" by the Arizona Historical League and an "Arizona Literary Treasure" by the Arizona Humanities Council.



Hward Recipient

Professer Alberto "Tito" Rios Outstanding Literary/Art in Higher Education

Professor Micha Espinosa School of Music, Dance and Theatre, Barrett Honors Facility

Arizona State University

Arizona State University, School of Music, Dance, and Theatre Professor Micha Espinosa has used her personal history and extensive knowledge as a Chicana theatre artist and actor as a springboard to examine and contextualize the experience of Latinos/as/xs in Theater.

Her creative and academic writings in the innovative fields of studies, linking actor training politics, pedagogy, identity development and ethics, has led to Professor Espinosa's appointment as affiliate faculty with the School of Transborder Studies and the Sydney Poitier New American Film School at Arizona State University.

A long-standing member of the Screen Actors Guild, Professor Espinosa is known as a national and international presence and a leading voice for social justice in the classroom.

Her publications on Latinx topics include, among others:

- The award-winning Scenes for Latinx Actors: Voice s of the New American Theatre (co-edited with Cynthia Santos DeCure)
- "Teaching in Cuba: A Voice Teacher's Perceptions of Two Contrasting Learning Environments and The Effects of Commodification." published in Vol.8, The Voice and Speech Review
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- "A Call to Action: Embracing the Cultural Voice or Taming the Wild Tongue," published in World of Voice, Voice and Speech Across Culture, special issue of Voice and Speech Review
- "Identity Politics and the Training of Latino Actors" (with Antonio Ocampo-Guzman) in The Politics of Actor Training (Routledge, edited by Ellen Margolis and Lissa Tyler Renaud)
- "Insights into the Challenges Latino Students face while Training in Theatre," published in Shakespeare Around the Globe-The Voice and Speech Review

- "What's with the Spanish, Dude? Identity Development, Language Acquisition, and Shame while Coaching *La Comedia* of *Errors*" in Shakespeare and Latinidad (Edinburgh Press, Carla Della Gatta and Trevor Buffone
- Professor Espinosa is currently working on new book Latinx Actor Training (co-edited with Cynthia Santos DeCure) and will be published by Routledge and is planned for release in early 2023.

Professor Espinosa was awarded Arizona State University's CLFSA Sangre de Arte Award for her mentorship of Latinx students in the Performing Arts and is a proud and active member of MacArthur Genius Guillermo Gomez-Pena's performance troupe -La Pocha Nostra. She has coached, consulted or directed over 100 plays for regional theaters, and is often a guest on various podcasts, including Folger Shakespeare, In a Manner of Speaking, and the Theatre of Others.

She was inducted into the United States National Theatre Conference and is on the advisory board for Southwest Shakespeare Company and an editorial board member of the Voice and Speech Trainers Association. Professor Espinosa is Artistic Director for Fitzmaurice Institute and as a lead teacher and trainer she teaches throughout the Americas, Europe, Asia, and Africa. She has also been instrumental in helping to found the Fitzmaurice Voicework Institute (Fitzmauriceinstitute.org) through her fundraising capabilities, program and special method creation.

Professor Espinosa is passionate about social justice in actor training, global perspectives, women's rights, and the voz cultural. To that end, Professor Espinosa is in the research stages of creating the Latinx Leadership Academy in the Performing Arts with a team of ASU Barret College Fellows (Marcus Cruz ,Chelsea Hernandez Martinez, Jaime Orozco Velasquez).

Professor Espinosa has earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Stephens College and a Master in Fine Arts in Acting from the University of California, San Diego. She is the proud mother of a high school scholar and athlete in varsity track, cross-country, and wrestling in Mesa, Arizona.



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Outstanding Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) In Higher Education

Dr. William Yslas Velez

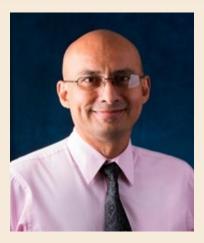
Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and University Distinguished Professor, Director Mathematics Center, University of Arizona

I was born in Tucson, Arizona and grew up in the nurturing embrace of the Spanish-speaking part of town. My parents were both born in Sonora, Mexico. Education was heavily emphasized in our home: My mother worked three jobs in order to send us to Catholic schools, through high school. All of my brothers earned their degrees from The University of Arizona and our career paths, though much different, have focused on educating the community.

I earned all of my degrees from The University of Arizona, completing my doctoral degree in mathematics in 1975. Between undergraduate and graduate school, from 1968-1970, I served aboard the aircraft carriers, USS Yortown and USS Kearsarge in the US Navy. I made two tours to Vietnam while on board these two ships. My research interests have been in number theory and algebra. My first position after completing my doctoral studies was as a member of the technical staff at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, NM, where I worked on the Command and Control of Atomic Weapons systems. In 1977, I returned to academia and accepted a position at the University of Arizona. I currently hold the rank of Professor of Mathematics and University Distinguished Professor. I have always been interested in the ways that mathematics is applied and for four summers, beginning in the late 1980s, I worked at the

Naval Ocean Systems Center in San Diego, CA, where I worked on communication systems for submarines. I was a Program Officer at the National Science Foundation, where I directed the Algebra and Number Theory Program in 1992-93. I am a Founding Member of the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science and served as President of this organization from 1994-96. I served as the Director of the NSF funded Southwest Regional Institute in Mathematical Sciences from 1994-99.

I am currently the Associate Head for Undergraduate Affairs in the mathematics department and Director of the Math Center. My focus is to increase the number of students majoring in mathematics and also to increase diversity among our undergraduate mathematics majors. All of my efforts are directed towards achieving these goals. I have managed to double the number of mathematics majors, while at the same time increasing the percentage of minority mathematics majors. We currently have over 600 undergraduate mathematics majors, of whom 20% are minority.



Award Recipient

Dr. William Yslas Velez Outstanding Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) In Higher Education

José Erick Candanedo

CIO/Associate Vice President, Information Technology, Gateway Community College

José Erick Candanedo is the Associate VP of Information Technology at GateWay Community College, serving as the Chief Information Officer, where he directs and evaluates the strategic direction for the development and operation of information technology. As a Higher Education professional, Jose has over 35 years of experience working in Information Technology, which includes networking, hardware, software, telecommunications and user support; ensures the various networks are integrated. He has coordinated purchases for all IT needs of the college including desktops, servers, software, hardware and warranties.

He is passionate about helping faculty transform traditional learning environments into relevant and engaging experiences. For many years, he has been in various roles at the GateWay Community College and Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) working with faculty, staff, and administrators to enhance the student experience through automation, and integrated systems for transforming the delivery of student services. Starting in 1986, he began his career in the Electromechanical Automation Technology program at Maricopa Technical College which later was renamed to GateWay Community College. While attending school, he spent 5 years working in the Institute of Computer Training as a Student Lab Technician. After taking many courses and IT certifications he earned Bachelor of Science in Information Technology at the University of Phoenix, in early 2000's.

In his career path, Jose held many positions, starting from Computer Maintenance and Network Technician, to Programmer and Database Analyst, CIS Adjunct faculty, Manager, Director and now Associate VP in Information Technology.

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