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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Chicago
Master of Public Administration
May 2007

Northeastern Illinois University
Bachelor of Arts
December 2003

EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Chicago - Latino Cultural Center

Interim Director 5/09 – Present
Assistant Director 7/04 – Present

- Develop and implement cultural, social and educational activities that affirm Latin American identity and values, and promote diversity, community connections, leadership, enrichment and success
- Oversee operations of Center including facilities management and renovations
- Financial oversight including budget planning and development initiatives
- Staff management and human resource functions including hiring, training, payroll and reviews
- Perform strategic planning for Center and assessment of Center programs
- Foster relationships with internal and external stakeholders to advance mission
- Research issues affecting Latinos as a focus for student learning and development, and community engagement
- Mentor and advise student organizations and students academically and personally
- Serve on the Centers for Diversity group and establish initiatives aimed at fostering unity, diversity and equity
- Act as liaison to university units and serve on university committees

Notable Accomplishments

- Expanded programming under budget constraints by developing the Thursday Series in 2006 and instituting the first Latino Heritage Month celebration in 2009
- Contributed to the establishment of the Centers for Diversity group, its mission, internal operations and its focus on developing co-curricular initiatives aimed at enhancing student's educational experience as well as engaging faculty on teaching in a diverse classroom
- Enhanced communications and marketing strategies
- Developed cost savings and cost sharing techniques
- Researched history of Center and its mural and created a report of findings
- Identified additional funding opportunities
- Held dual appointments while increasing campus involvement and expanding Center initiatives
- Expanded collaborations with university units and strengthened existing relationships

PRESENTATIONS

- University of Illinois at Chicago, Summer College Seminar (2010) *"Beyond Diversity 101: The Face of Immigration"*
- NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, Conference (2010) *"Latino Cultural Centers: Building on a Legacy of Activism"*
- Co-Organized first Midwest Latino Cultural Center's Summit *"LCC's in the Midwest"* (2009)
- Solidaridad Inspiración Amistad Community Foundation, Summer Leadership Conference (2009) *"Latinas Making a Difference in Communities through Volunteerism & Activism"*
- Solidaridad Inspiración Amistad Community Foundation, Summer Leadership Conference (2008) *"Reaching Others through Service & Education"*
- Radio Arte, First Voice Program (February 2010) *Radio interview regarding UIC budget cuts and its affect on Centers*

RECOGNITIONS & VOLUNTEERISM

- University of Illinois at Chicago, *Chancellor's Academic Professional Excellence Award Recipient* (2009)
- Solidaridad Inspiración Amistad Community Foundation, *Professional Excellence Award* (2009)
- Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc., *Leadership Excellence Award* (2008)
- Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc., *Alumna of the Year Award* (2007)
- University of Illinois at Chicago, Student Activities Funding Committee, *Committee Member* (2010-2011)
- University of Illinois at Chicago, Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Latinos
 - *Co-chair, Recruitment & Retention Subcommittee* (2009-2010)
 - *Co-chair, Community Liaison Subcommittee* (2007-2008)
- University of Illinois at Chicago, Academic Professionals Advisory Committee, *Communications Subcommittee* (2009-2010)
- Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, *Scholarship Application Selection Committee* (2010)
- Hispanic Heritage Foundation, *Youth Awards Selection Committee* (2006-2008)
- University of Illinois at Chicago, Lopez-Arce Scholarship, *Selection Committee* (2007, 2010)
- University of Illinois at Chicago, CCSL/Tutorium Scholarship, *Selection Committee* (2006, 2007)
- University of Illinois at Chicago, Gender and Sexuality Center Latino Safe Zone Training (2010)
- New Anointing Church, *Board Member* (2008-2010)
- Solidaridad Inspiración Amistad Community Foundation, *Board Member* (2007-2010)
- Juvenile Probation & Court Services, *Intern* (2003)
- Chicago Cares, *Volunteer & Project Leader* (2002-present)
- Special Olympics and March of Dimes, *Volunteer* (2002-present)

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS & AFFILIATIONS

- Bilingual: English & Spanish
- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher
- NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, *Member*
- Northeastern Illinois University Alumni Association, *Member*
- University of Illinois Alumni Association, *Member*
- University of Illinois Public Administration Student Association, *Member*
- Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc., *Member*