

PANELIST BIOS

PUBLIC SERVICE NETWORKING NIGHT



ELIZABETH CARREÑO-DÍAZ ('11)

Director of Public Safety

Loyola Marymount University

Elizabeth Carreño-Díaz is the director and chief of Loyola Marymount University's Department of Public Safety, where she oversees patrol operations, dispatch communications, and investigations. Previously, she spent 11 years working with the University of Southern California's (USC) Department of Public Safety in various capacities. She oversaw community engagement efforts, crime analysis, and social media communications, collaborating with both internal and external stakeholders. Following that role, she went on to serve as senior director and chief of campus safety, emergency management, and environmental health and safety at Mount Saint Mary's University.

Reflecting on her career, Carreño-Díaz finds great satisfaction in community engagement and building cohesive teams.

Carreño-Díaz received her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Cal State LA in 2011. She also holds a master's degree from Woodbury University and a doctoral degree from USC.



ROLANDO CHÁVEZ ('17, '20)

Manager, Legislative and Advocacy Affairs

AltaMed Health Services

Rolando Chávez serves as the manager of legislative and advocacy affairs in the Government Relations Department at AltaMed Health Services. In this capacity, he oversees legislation and advocacy work at the federal, state, and local levels, specifically for underrepresented communities that lack access to quality and affordable healthcare in Los Angeles and Orange County. Previously, Chávez was a field deputy for Congressman Jimmy Gomez, where he oversaw an extensive legislative portfolio that included immigration, education, Census, criminal justice, and COVID-19 response. He also served as a Galbraith Fellow in the Office of Secretary of State Alex Padilla and the Government Relations Department at 21st Century Fox.

Chávez was born in Uruapan, Michoacán, and immigrated to the United States when he was nine. He settled in the San Joaquin Valley with his father, where he worked in agriculture for most of his teenage years.

Chávez is a double alumnus of Cal State LA, receiving his bachelor's degree in political science in 2017 and a master's degree in public administration in 2020.



PANELIST BIOS

PUBLIC SERVICE NETWORKING NIGHT



ADA ESCOBAR ('00, '08)

Children Services Administrator I

L.A. County Department of Children and Family Services

Ada Escobar is a licensed social worker with over 20 years of experience in the field. She currently serves as a children services administrator with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Prior to this role, she was an investigator with DCFS' Internal Affairs and Child Fatality sections, as well as a children's social worker and dependency investigator.

Escobar is a member of the L.A. County Management Council and the L.A. County Office of Auditor/Controller Investigators. She is a current mentor in the Cal State LA Alumni Mentoring Program and a past participant in the L.A. County Management Mentoring Program and the San Diego State University Alumni Mentoring Program. She is also the membership accountability advisor for Delta Zeta International Sorority, Iota Upsilon Chapter at Cal State Fullerton.

Escobar is a double alumna of Cal State LA, receiving her bachelor's degree in psychology in 2000 and a master's degree in social work in 2008.



ALEJANDRO MACIAS ('01, '03, '06)

Principal

Los Angeles Unified School District

Alejandro Macias is a high school principal with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). Since graduating from Cal State LA, he has served LAUSD in different capacities, beginning as a teacher and progressing to counselor, assistant principal, and ultimately his current role of principal. He has dedicated his career to helping public school children reach their highest potential by addressing equity issues and closing achievement gaps.

Macias was the first Latino principal to lead Manual Arts High School. During his tenure, he helped the school meet or exceed all metrics measured by LAUSD's Data DIG Program, which aims to drive continuous improvement at the school and systems levels.

Macias is a triple alumnus of Cal State LA, receiving his bachelor's degree in psychology in 2001, master's degree in applied behavior analysis in 2003, and a master's degree in educational administration in 2006.

