

PLP COHORT 2 (2017-2018) - Bios



President's Leadership Program - Sponsor & Facilitator

Mark B. Rosenberg is fifth president of Florida International University. A public institution of higher education, FIU is the face of the country's future in higher education demographics: it is a majority-minority institution that leads the country in the production of minority degrees in the sciences and engineering.

Dr. Rosenberg has served as the fifth president of FIU since August 2009. A political scientist specializing in Latin America, Dr. Rosenberg is the first FIU faculty member to ascend to the university's presidency.

Under his leadership as president, FIU has increased enrollment to almost 56,000 students, improved graduation rates by nearly 13% and hired over 500 new faculty. As President, Dr. Rosenberg has provided leadership to grow the institution's budget, improve student graduation and retention rates, expand internships for enrolled students, and coordinate FIU's emergence as a leading producer of graduates in priority national and state areas focused on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The university has been named as a Carnegie "Highest Research" as well as an "Engaged" institution, and has developed path-breaking partnerships with the Miami Dade County Public Schools, JP Morgan Chase, Florida Power & Light and Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. Research expenditures have grown by nearly 30% to nearly \$160 million, and over sixty new student advisers and counselors have been hired for a restructured and expanded student graduation initiative.

From 2005 to 2009, Dr. Rosenberg served as the second Chancellor (first that was formally selected by the Board of Governors) for the State University System of Florida. Which includes all of Florida's public universities - over 325,000 students and an all-accounts budget of nearly \$9 billion. As chancellor, Dr. Rosenberg led the system's strategic development and financial planning and policy initiatives, working closely with Gov. Jeb Bush and Gov. Charlie Crist and the state legislature to secure support for SUS priorities. During this era, major new strides were made in research support for the system, over \$1 billion was provided for new facility construction, and a new SUS strategic plan was developed and approved.

Prior to becoming chancellor, Dr. Rosenberg was integrally involved in the expansion and development of FIU into a major public research university. As Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs from 1998 to 2005, Dr. Rosenberg spearheaded the establishment of a law school in 2002 and a medical school in 2006.

Under his leadership, FIU increased enrollment, implemented major campus construction projects, and was invited to join the select national honor society Phi Beta Kappa. Dr. Rosenberg was also instrumental in moving FIU into the top tier of Carnegie Foundation research universities.

Dr. Rosenberg's academic career began at FIU in 1976 as an assistant professor of political science. In 1979, he founded the FIU Latin American and Caribbean Center, which today is one of the nation's premier federally-supported research and teaching centers focusing on the region. Dr. Rosenberg subsequently served as the Founding Dean of the College of Urban and Public Affairs and Vice Provost for International Studies. He has also been a Visiting Distinguished Research Professor at The Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, and a Visiting Professor at the Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey (ITESM) in Mexico.

Dr. Rosenberg earned a B.A. in 1971 from Miami University of Ohio and a Ph.D. in Political Science with a graduate certificate in Latin American and Caribbean Studies from the University of Pittsburgh in 1976. He has written or co-edited seven books and numerous scholarly articles in leading journals. His latest book, *The United States and Central America: Geopolitical Realities and Regional Fragility* (2007), is a Harvard University project co-authored with Luis Guillermo Solis of Costa Rica. Governmental and media organizations have frequently sought Dr. Rosenberg's expertise on Latin America. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, has testified before Congress numerous times, and has served as a consultant to the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Firmly committed to service with national and local educational impact, Dr. Rosenberg serves as Chair of the Association of Public Land-Grant University's (APLU) Commission on Access, Diversity, and Excellence (CADE); Chair of the National Academies' Committee on Developing Indicators for Undergraduate STEM Education; and the incoming Chair of the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities (USU).

Within Miami-Dade County, Dr. Rosenberg was the 109th Chair of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (GMCC), one of Florida's leading business associations. He serves on the Board of Directors of City National Bank of Florida, and recently ended a 5-year term as Chair of the Academic Leaders Council (ALC) for the Beacon Council, Miami-Dade County's official economic development organization. Dr. Rosenberg has also been active in a variety of other civic organizations, including the Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach, Florida Council of 100, and United Way.

Dr. Rosenberg is a first-generation college graduate whose two children, Ben and Ginelle, are both graduates of FIU. He and his wife of over 40 years, Rosalie, are members of Temple Menorah in Miami Beach.



President's Leadership Program - Program Director & Co-Facilitator

Dr. Brenezza "Breny" DaParre Garcia is the Associate Vice President of Institutional Relations for Florida International University (FIU). In this role, she leads select institutional and presidential initiatives pertaining to key university donors and prospects, community partners, academic organizations, and student initiatives. This includes the management and coordination of the president's involvement with external organizations such as the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, the National Academies, Coalition of Urban Serving Universities, Florida Board of Governors, among

others. She also represents the Office of the President on student-centered matters such as Homecoming, Freshman Convocation, Greek life, as well as on projects like Founders Park, FIUinDC, and Student Health Services. Lastly, she manages all constituent relations on behalf of the president and serves as the Executive Director for the president's Executive Committee.

Prior to this role, Dr. Garcia served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Office of the President for five years. Her responsibilities included overseeing the day-to-day operations of the office, strategic development of President Mark B. Rosenberg's annual schedule including his international travel, coordination of all special events for the president, and management of all constituent issues. She also served as the Human Resources Liaison for the division, assisted Dr. Rosenberg manage all action items for his boards (internal and external), and served as one of the university's protocol officers. In her role, she served on the Presidential Transition Committee in 2009 and on the Football Bowl Committee as the travel coordinator for FIU Football's bowl appearances in 2010 and 2011. From 2010-2013, Dr. Garcia also served as Chair to the University-Wide Homecoming Task Force. Her leadership culminated with the task force winning FIU's 2013 Presidential Excellence Award.

Working in the Office of the President since 2004, Dr. Garcia also served under FIU's 4th President, Dr. Modesto A. Maidique. Her past positions under his term included Executive Assistant to the President, Office Manager, Executive Area Budget Manager, and Program Assistant. Her experience within university administration has provided Dr. Garcia a unique perspective to the complexities and challenges higher education faces.

Believing that "a woman who serves is a woman who leads," Dr. Garcia is highly involved within the community. She holds active memberships with NASPA, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Delta Epsilon Iota, Golden Key, Order of the Torch and Order of Omega. At FIU, she recently served as a member of the Young Alumni Council

and as an advisor to Order of the Torch. An active alumna member of her sorority, Phi Sigma Sigma, Dr. Garcia currently serves as a Director on their international governing board.

Her greatest honor, though, comes from her service on the Board of Directors for Janelle's Wishing Well Foundation – an organization formed in memory of a dear friend, Janelle Bertot, who lost her life due to carbon monoxide poisoning. Each year the Board works closely with FIU and Phi Sigma Sigma to host awareness and fundraising events in the community.

An Honors College alumna, Dr. Garcia earned a B.A. in Political Science from FIU in 2005. She also earned an M.S. in Higher Education with a specialty in leadership management in 2007, and an Ed.D. in Higher Education with a research concentration in crisis leadership in 2015.



Alexandra Mirabal, CPA
*Associate Controller Financial Accounting and Reporting
Office of the Controller*

Alexandra Mirabal is the Associate Controller for FIU's Financial Accounting and Reporting Services where she is responsible for the management and supervision of Accounting and Reporting staff who perform daily accounting functions, financial reporting, financial statement preparation and financial statement analysis for the university. Alexandra received her B.A. ('92) in Accounting at Florida International University. She completed her 5th year accounting credits for FL CPA license at Florida Atlantic University. From the start of her career in a CPA firm, she worked her way up from entry-level accountant to Accounting Director to her current position as Associate Controller in FIU Controller's office. She has over 20 years of extensive experience in the accounting and finance areas in various capacities primarily in the government sector, including K-12 public education and higher education.



Alexina E. Alonso **(NO LONGER AT FIU)**
*Program Manager
Office of Engagement*

Alexina Alonso is the Program Manager at FIU's Office of Engagement. Alexina manages several key external partnerships of the university including the City of Miami Beach, the Beacon Council's Academic Leaders Council, and with Life Sciences South Florida. Alexina received her Bachelor of Arts in History at the University of Central Florida and her Master of Public Administration & Graduate Certificate in Community Development from Florida International University.



Alina Dominguez
Sr. Academic Advisor/ Project Lead
College of Arts, Sciences & Education

Alina Dominguez is a Sr. Academic Advisor and Project Lead at Florida International University's College of Arts, Sciences & Education. In her five years as a Sr. Academic Advisor, Alina has managed advising caseloads of over 600 students, coordinates a new student newsletter, participates in presentations during orientation sessions, assisted in the redesign and update of the CASE advising site and participates in committees including: the Transition Committee within CASE, UE's PDAC, and the 2017 Orientation Presentation redesign project. Alina received both her Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences and her Masters of International Business at Florida International University. Aside from being a Sr. Academic Advisor and Project Lead, Alina has had combined experience of over ten years at the University, working multiple departments in various capacities.



Anabelen Gaeta
Assistant Director, Finance
Parking & Transportation

Anabelen Gaeta is the Finance Manager in the Parking & Transportation department at Florida International University. She is in charge of managing and maintaining a \$15 million budget for Office of Parking & Transportation, and Office of Sustainability. She oversees department schedule for all operations and serves as the liaison between the Office of the Controller and the Parking & Transportation in order to maintain policy and procedures up to date and within University guidelines. Anabelen received both her Bachelors in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance, and her Master in Business Administration from Florida International University.



Bridgette Cram
Director of Academic Programs and Partnerships
Office of the Provost

Bridgette Cram serves as Director of Academic Programs & Partnerships, where she serves as a liaison for Academic Affairs on matters related to policies, procedures, and other strategic initiatives and also works with external partners and our local school board to ensure success of incoming and current students. Bridgette received both her Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs and Spanish and her Master of Science in Higher Education from Florida State University. In 2017, Bridgette received her Doctor of Philosophy, Public Affairs from Florida International University. Her academic and professional interests include: higher education access & success, social equity, and cultural competency assessment.



Carleen Vincent-Robinson
Associate Chair and Field Experience Director
Criminology & Criminal Justice

Dr. Carleen Vincent-Robinson serves as the Associate Chair and Field Experience Director for FIU's Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. She earned her EdD in Higher Education (2016) and her Master of Science in Criminal Justice (2004) from FIU. She also holds a Master of Arts in Sociology (2010) from the University of Miami with dual concentrations in criminology and race/ethnicity, a Juris Doctorate (2001) from Louisiana State University, and a Bachelor of Arts in English Professional

Writing (1998) from Baylor University. In her twelve years teaching at FIU and matriculation through two graduate programs, she has become a staunch advocate of issues faced by students and the university. Before becoming the Associate Chair, she served as the Interim Graduate Program Director and the Undergraduate Program Director. As the Associate Chair, Dr. Vincent-Robinson oversees the credentialing and scheduling of adjunct faculty, supervises office staff, and facilitates the development of partnerships with various agencies and institutions. As the Field Experience Director, she oversees internships, the Law Enforcement Apprenticeship Program, which allows law enforcement personnel to earn course credit for their prior work experience, and the teaching practicum for doctoral students. Currently, Dr. Vincent-Robinson is a member of the Faculty Senate, Graduate Council, Career Council, Academic Integrity Committee, Undergraduate/Graduate Academic Conduct Review Board, SIPA Elections Committee, SIPA Student Success Team, and FIUnity Gospel Choir. She also serves as her department's Diversity Advocate, Dual Enrollment Faculty Mentor, and Hybrid Faculty Fellow. When she is not teaching, Dr. Vincent-Robinson actively mentors doctoral students as they complete their comprehensive examinations and begin their transition from knowledge-consumers to knowledge-producers. Her current research interests include academic dishonesty as a form of deviance among students, domestic violence, mass incarceration, race/ethnic relations, and student success initiatives.



Carolyn Robertson
Associate Director
Extreme Events Institute

Carolyn Robertson is the Associate Director of Extreme Events Institute. As Associate Director, she provides administrative direction and operational leadership to all business and support functions. She also formulates and administers annual operating budgets and projections for all accounts within the IHRC and EEI groups. She plays a key role in program development including: the Wall of Wind Experimental Facility, Public Loss and Storm Surge modeling, and the Disaster Risk Reduction program. Carolyn received her Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology ('97) from Skidmore College and her Masters in Environmental & Urban Systems from Florida International University ('04). Aside from her education, she worked as an environmental consultant including various industrial clean-up projects early in her professional career and later in the reinsurance industry during a hiatus from FIU. She decided to take advantage of opportunities in Miami assessing how natural disasters affect man, infrastructure and the natural environment. Her passion for science and research in environmental engineering exposed her to grant writing and grant management. After she obtained her Master's degree, she had the opportunity to work directly for a Center Director that led to a career shift into administration.



Daniel Molina (NO LONGER AT FIU)
Law Library & Outreach Service Specialist
FIU College of Law Library

Daniel Molina is the Law Library & Outreach Services Specialist at FIU's College of Law. As Law Library & Outreach Services Specialist, Daniel creates content for the Law Library news feed and updates the College of Law website using WordPress, provides customer service to law faculty and students, processes interlibrary loan requests and keeps statistics on loan volume and demand, supervises student assistants, and troubleshoots computers, printers, and other equipment. Daniel received a BA in English and an MA in Linguistics from FIU, and he is enrolled in an online master's program at FSU. Daniel has over 11 years of experience working in libraries and customer service.



Dale Gomez
College IT Director
Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management

Dale Gomez is the College IT Director at Florida International's Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management. As Director, Dale designs, implements, and maintains the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management's network and wireless systems. These systems include: Servers, computer laboratories, classrooms/teaching facilities, and faculty/staff systems. Dale received both his Bachelor of Business Administration and his Master of Science in Management of Information Systems from Florida International University. With over 19 years of experience, Dale provides the vision and direction needed to achieve accelerated and sustained information technology growth.



Ellen Thompson
Associate Professor
English

Ellen Thompson is an Associate Professor of Linguistics in the English Department at Florida International University. She received her Doctorate in Linguistics from the University of Maryland. Her professional interests include language processing, syntactic theory, heritage language syntax, and semantics. Ellen Thompson's research focuses on understudied dialects - Caribbean and Heritage Spanish, Miami English - and Hijazi, Najdi, and Libyan Arabic, to develop a more accurate picture of the possible variation and processing shown in natural languages.



Eric Michael Feldman
Program Manager
Office of Global Learning Initiatives

Since December of 2018, Eric has led the development of the *Talent Lab in Washington, D.C.*, FIU's comprehensive career and academic success program for student with goals to make an impact in the nation's capital. Through funded, two-night themed experiential learning "fly-ins" and a cohort education model for students with DC internships every semester, Eric programs opportunities for students to engage with alumni and industry guest speakers, local authors and academics, and area professional development and networking groups. For eight years prior to this, Eric managed the signature student programs associated with FIU's *Global Learning for Global Citizenship* initiative, including the Global Learning Medallion, Tuesday Times Roundtable, and Peace Corps Prep. During this time, he also served the Miami community as an advisory board member for CWS Miami Immigrant and Refugee Program, and as a volunteer college coach for Peer Forward. As a scholar-practitioner, Eric has had the opportunity to publish and present on topics related to his work at FIU including democratic practices, co-curricular engagement of online students, and is currently working on project examining law enforcement on K12 and college campuses, and intersectional identity development in fraternities.



Fang Shu
Instructor/China Programs Manager
Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism
Management

Fang Shu is an Instructor at Florida International University. He teaches undergraduate courses in Hospitality and Tourism Management and assists in curriculum and program development. Fang is also the Factor Director of Honors China Program at the Honors College. Prior to becoming the instructor, Fang served as the China Programs Manager. In this role, he oversaw all initiatives that took place in China with insight on cultural knowledge and oversaw the university's relations with other Academic entities within the China region. Fang earned his Bachelor of Arts in Accounting from Shandong Agricultural University in Tai'an, Shandong, China ('10) and his Master of Science in Hospitality Management from Florida International University ('12). Fang expects to receive his Ph.D. in Hospitality Management from Iowa State University in 2021.



Jessica Franchi-Alfaro, Ed.D.
Assistant Director
CASE Center for Advising and Student Success

Jessica Franchi-Alfaro is currently the Assistant Director for Academic Advising Services in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Education's Center for Advising and Student Success. In this role, Jessica provides administrative oversight for advising and student success efforts including the creation and development of a new career education unit that will integrate academic and career advising for CASE students. Jessica received both her Bachelor of Science in Social Work and her Master of Science in Social Work from Florida International University and completed her Doctor of Education degree in Higher Education Leadership from the University of Miami.



Joaklin Raphael
Sr. Development Officer
University Advancement

Joaklin Raphael currently serves as a Sr. Development Officer at Florida International University (FIU), helping the university achieve its \$750 million capital campaign goal. He has also developed multiple scholarships and endowments to help many students reach their full potential – because for today’s students financial need is often a barrier to going to college. Joaklin is committed to giving back to students, and

he values the payoff of investing his time in an educational institution that prepares students for the next generations’ challenges. As Sr. Development Officer, Joaklin exemplifies great organization with plans for current donors, fundraising goals, and management within his department. He received his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Florida International University. He is currently completing his Master of Public Administration. Joaklin is actively involved in both the university and local communities, serving in several organizations.



Kaitlyn Pereyra
Director of Enrollment and Student Success
College of Arts, Sciences & Education Dean's Office

Kaitlyn Pereyra is the Director of Enrollment and Student Success for the College of Arts, Sciences & Education at Florida International University. As Director of Enrollment and Student Success, Kaitlyn is a part of the administrative team that manages the academic operations of the College. She oversees the enrollment in over 5,000 classes offered each year and the implementation of student success initiatives impacting nearly 34,000 students annually. Kaitlyn received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Florida State University ('09) and her Master of

Science in International and Intercultural Education from Florida International University ('11). She is an enthusiastic leader with a commitment to student success.



Karla Munoz Caamono
Assistant Director of Research Administration
Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work

Karla Munoz Caamano is the Assistant Director of Research Services and Programs in the College of Medicine at Florida International University. As Assistant Director, Karla oversees the overall administrative and financial activities within the Department of Immunology at FIU's HWCOC. She assists with daily operations of the department, and oversees the coordination of all research objectives for the department's federally and state funded projects estimated to be \$15 million. Karla received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at Florida International University. She received her Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences from Barry University and her MBA with a concentration in Healthcare from Florida International University. Aside from her education, Karla serves as President of the Healthcare Alumni Affinity Council for the college of business, and is a founding member of the Society for Personalized NanoMedicine. She has a significant number of training in HIV infection and control, and holds a Green Belt Lean Six Sigma certification. Karla Munoz Caamano has experience in organizational leadership, project and strategic management, personnel supervision, and budget analysis and planning.



Karlene Cousins
Associate Professor
Information Systems & Business Analytics

Karlene Cousins is an Associate Professor at the College of Business at Florida International University. She is also the Faculty Director for Master of Science in Information Systems Program and Director of ATOM Think Tank. Karlene is responsible for the Master of Science in Information System Program's course and curriculum development as well as the ATOM Think Tank's faculty technology consulting practice. Karlene received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science from the University of the West Indies. She received her Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Information Systems from George State University and her Juris Doctor from Northwestern University School of Law. Karlene has experienced information technology professional with academic, business, technical and legal expertise.



Kristen Kawczynski, Ph.D.
Director
Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution

Kristen A. Kawczynski currently services as the Director of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution and Deputy Title IX Coordinator at Florida International University. She has over 20 years' experience in student conduct at both public and private universities, including being the first full-time conduct officer at four institutions. Kristen is responsible for managing the office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution and the overall investigation and adjudication of Student Conduct Code violations for the 54,000 student population. She serves as the chair of the University's Anti-Hazing Task Force, and a member of the Title IX Steering Committee and Behavioral Intervention Team. She has served on the Division of Student Affairs Strategic Plan Creation Committee and chaired several search committees for the division. In addition, she has presented and consulted for the United States Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women, conducted an external review for another university, and consults on Clery reporting.



Laura Boudon (***NO LONGER AT FIU***)
Director
Office of Study Abroad

Laura Boudon is the Director of the Office of Study Abroad at Florida International University. As Director, she provides leadership for the Office of Study Abroad, is the Liaison with the deans and department chairs on the development of the study abroad programs for students, as well as oversees the incoming exchange student program at FIU. Laura received her Bachelor of Arts from University of North Carolina ('89), her Master of Arts from University of Miami ('93), her Doctor of Philosophy from Florida International University ('00) and her Master of Social Work from the University of South Carolina ('07). Aside from being the Director of Study Abroad, Laura is a member of the NAFSA, AIEA, Interviewer for Fulbright applications, and is a Tuesday Times Roundtable campus-wide discussion leader.



Laura Castillo
Director
Office of Scholarships

Laura Castillo is the Director of the Office of Scholarships at Florida International University. As Director, she is responsible for the direction and coordination of all activities pertaining to management, awarding and monitoring of scholarships at the university. She also works collaboratively with units and Foundation staff to award restricted scholarship dollars. Laura received both her

Bachelor of Health Service Administration and her Master of Public Health, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention from Florida International University. During the past seven years, Laura has worked to improve the scholarship process for students and FIU's campus community. Her professional goals include transforming the way FIU leverages scholarship dollars to support enrollment objectives, and improve student persistence and success.



Leandria Vickers
Career Advisor & Coordinator
Career & Talent Development

Leandria Vickers is the Career Advisor & Coordinator at the Engineering Center for the Career & Talent Development Office at Florida International University. As Career Advisor & Coordinator, Leandria supports and interacts with 2,000+ diverse engineering students to develop and hone their professional development skills to efficiently prepare them to receive internships and full-time positions. Formerly, Leandria has served as a teacher within Miami Dade County Public schools through the non-profit organization Teach for America and even has had a chance to spread her passion for education overseas in Cap Haitian,

Haiti. There she served as a facilitator for the Teacher Education Conference with the Projects for Haiti organization where she researched, planned, presented and co-facilitated to 350+ Haitian educators that were present and ready to build their knowledge on how to more effectively teach their students to make a positive impact on their community. Leandria received both her Bachelors of Arts in Elementary Education ('12) and her Master of Education ('13) from the University of Florida.



Lilian Solorzano
Director, Academic Support Services
Honors College

Lilian Solorzano is the Director of Academic Support Services at Florida International University. As Director, Lilian oversees all student support functions and serves on university-wide committees, senior administration, and oversees continuous improvement plans. Lilian received both her Bachelor of Business Administration and her Master of Science, Physical Education: Sports Science from

Florida International University. Lilian has been at Florida International University for over ten years where she has extensive experience in student services and higher education administration.



Lynda Rodriguez
Director, Commencement and Ceremonies
Community Relations, Protocol and Special Events

Lynda Rodriguez is the Director for Community Relations, Protocol and Special Events at Florida International University. As Director, she serves as a lead manager in the planning, production and execution of the university's major institutional ceremonies, events, community special events, conferences, visits of high-level dignitaries and projects with a primary focus

on the 32 annual institutional ceremonies. Lynda received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Miami ('01). Lynda currently serves as the Chairperson for Commencement and Co-chair for Freshman Convocation, Law Commencement and China Commencement. With over 15 years of experience in event management, Lynda has demonstrated the ability to thrive in a fast-paced environment and can handle multiple responsibilities in an efficient and professional way.



Michelle Castro
Assistant Director
Campus Life

Michelle Castro is the Assistant Director of Campus Life at Florida International University. As Assistant Director, she advises the Student Government Association Cabinet, the Student Government Association Senate, Manages a \$550,000 Student Budget yearly, FIU Day in the State Capitol, and executes involvements with FIU in DC office for SGA and Campus Life students. Michelle completed her Bachelor of Arts in International Relations at Florida International University, her Master of Arts in College Student Personnel at Bowling Green State University, and is currently a Doctoral Candidate at Florida International University. Aside from being Assistant Director, she is currently Phi Sigma Sigma's NPC Delegation, 2nd Alternate Delegate and Florida Area Advisor, Award Committee Member, Extension Strategy Committee Chair, and Alumna Liaison.



Paige Johnson
Manager of Academic Advising Services
School of Communication & Journalism

Paige Johnson is the Manager of Academic Advising Services for the Departments of Communication and Journalism + Media under the School of Communication & Journalism at Florida International University. She manages the day-to-day operations of the advising units as well as special initiatives related to curriculum, graduation, retention and student engagement. Paige completed her Bachelor of Arts in International Relations at Florida International University ('07), and her Master of Public Administration at Florida State University ('09). She is currently pursuing the Doctor in Education in Adult Education and Human Resource Development at Florida International University.



Rafael Prohias
Senior University Counsel
Office of General Counsel

Rafael Prohias serves as the Senior University Counsel within the Office of General Counsel of the University. As Senior University Counsel, he provides legal support to the FIU Foundation, Office of Advancement, Office of Alumni Relations, FIU Athletics Department, Division of External Relations, Frost Art Museum, Wolfsonian-FIU Museum, and the Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU. Rafael completed his Bachelor of Science in History and Broadcast Journalism at the University of Miami ('89) and his Juris Doctor at Catholic University of America ('94). He is currently admitted to both the Florida and Virginia Bar.



Rosangel Quintero
Director
Office of Executive & Professional Education

Rosangel Quintero is the Director at the Office of Executive and Professional Education in the College of Business at Florida International University. As Director, Rosangel develops and implements strategic growth plans for all areas in continuing education for the College of Business. She also conducts business development efforts in South Florida and Latin America. Rosangel completed both her Bachelors in Business Administration and her Professional Masters in Business Administration at Florida International University. Aside from being Director, Rosangel has raised over \$10,000 to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through the participation of various marathons. With over 20 years of experience, Rosangel has shown her ability to work collaboratively and interact at the highest level with faculty and C-suite executives as well as her ability to solve problems independently and embrace cultural diversity.



Sandra Utset

Director of Presidential and University Events

Office of Community Relations, Protocol and Special Events

Sandra Utset is the Director of Presidential and University Events in the Office of Community Relations, Protocol and Special Events at Florida International University. Sandra has been at the Division of External Relations since July 1999. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Social Work at Florida International University.



Scarlett Aldana- Bosch

Director of Student Programs & Career Services

College of Medicine at the Office of Student Affairs

Scarlett Aldana-Bosch is the Director of Student Programs & Career Services at the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine at Florida International University. As Director of Student Programs, Scarlett supervises the development of medical student programs and services involving professional development, career guidance, community engagement, student organizations, international experiences, student-led initiatives, and special events. As a double alumna, Scarlett received her Bachelor of Health Sciences and MBA in Healthcare

Management from Florida International University. She is a graduate of the Educational Leadership Enhancement Program, a six-year committee member for the Women Who Lead Conference and is a part of the American Medical Women's Association National (AMWA) Membership, and the Golden Key International Honor Society.



Teresairis "Tere" Gonzalez
Enrollment and Recruitment Manager
FIU Online

Teresairis "Tere" Gonzalez is the Enrollment and Recruitment Manager for Undergraduate Programs at FIU Online. In this capacity, Tere manages the department's recruitment and enrollment day-to-day operations for students applying and matriculating to fully online undergraduate programs. She is also responsible for conducting and overseeing virtual open houses for bachelor programs recruited by FIU Online.

Tere began working at FIU as a student employee in the financial aid office in 2007. She then joined the full-time staff as an officer in the financial aid office in 2012, working closely with customer service, Federal Direct Student Loan processing, and managing the Federal Pell Grant program for over 23,000 students as well as Federal TEACH Grant program. She streamlined TEACH grant eligibility qualifications for FIU students and provided customer service and training/workshop support to OneStop Enrollment Services.

In 2017, Tere joined FIU Online as an Enrollment Coach, providing support and guidance to fully online students throughout their matriculation and enrollment process to address concerns in orientation, connecting with academic advisors, transfer credit statuses, and course enrollment.

Tere received both her Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences/Psychology and her Masters in Higher Education Administration as well as a graduate certificate in Academic Advising from Florida International University.