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Chancellor

Los Angeles Community College District



Francisco Rodriguez is chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), a district of nine, accredited colleges with an annual budget of 5.6 billion and over 230,00 students enrolled. Prior to this role, Rodriguez served as president of Cosumnes River College (CA) and Superintendent/President of the MiraCosta Community College District (CA). In all of his positions he has directed his advocacy work towards educational policies aimed at increasing higher education access and financial aid, economic and workforce development, and to developing leadership skills in young Latino and African American males, undocumented students and student veterans.

Rodriguez has led several initiatives to improve access for first-generation, low-income and under-resourced students. In his current position, Rodriguez led efforts to pass statewide legislation that guarantees two-years of tuition-free education to all Californians and to secure a \$3.3 billion local facilities bond. Under his leadership, Rodriguez has increased revenues to the district, hired about six-hundred full-time faculty and bolstered faculty and staff diversity, and expanded community engagement and philanthropy.

In addition to his current leadership role and serving on several local and state boards, Rodriguez serves as Chancellor in Residence at Wheelhouse: The Center for Community College Leadership, a leadership development program for community college presidents housed at the University of California, Davis, as a member of the Board of Trustees for Whittier College (CA), and the Leadership Group of the Action Collaborative on Preventing Sexual Harassment in Higher Education (The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine). He is the immediate past chair of the Education and Human Resources Directorate Advisory Committee, National Science Foundation and immediate past president of the California Association of Latino Community College Trustees and Administrators Association (CALCCTA), and served as an appointee of former California Governor Jerry Brown to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE).