

Maria Martinez

Director of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion at Southern Utah University

Cedar City, UT, US

Specializing in diversity and inclusion, student involvement and higher education.

Description

Maria Martinez is the director of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion at Southern Utah University. She leads the center with her passion for college access and success for historically underrepresented and marginalized communities. She oversees the centers multicultural clubs and continually works to create programming to validate the multiple identities of students on campus.

Previously Martinez served in the Commissioner's office as the College Access Manager for the Utah System of Higher Education. She led the state's college access initiatives including oversight of the College Access Network of Utah and Utah's College Application Week program.

Martinez is native of Salt Lake City's Westside with roots in Chihuahua, Mexico. She is an alumna of the University of Utah where she completed her ungraduated work in Mass Communication and International Studies and her graduate work in Educational Leadership and Policy.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning

Topics

Multicultural Student Affairs, Undocumented Students, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, Student Leadership, Student Engagement, Community Outreach, Student Development, Higher Education, Student Affairs, Social Justice, Public Speaking, Program Evaluation, Grant Writing, Racial & Ethnic Identity , Higher Education Access

Affiliations

College Access Network of Utah , Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education , YWCA Utah Board of Directors , Omicron Delta Kappa , Student Assessment and Intervention Team, SUU

Education

University of Utah

M.Ed. Educational Leadership and Policy

University of Utah

B.A. Mass Communication

Accomplishments

Innovative Program Award

For Undocumented Student Ally Program, NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, 2017

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