

# **Schvalla R. Rivera**

**Assistant to the President for Diversity and Inclusion at Southern Utah University**

Cedar City, UT, US

Specializing in diversity and inclusion, multicultural and international student affairs, and racial and ethnic identity.

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## **Biography**

Dr. Schvalla R. Rivera is the Assistant to the President for Diversity and Inclusion. Previously, Dr. Rivera was the Dean of Students at Western Nebraska Community College, and is equipped with a diverse professional portfolio.

Dr. Rivera is certified in both psychological first aid and Title IX and Civil Rights Investigators. She is also a Certified Diversity Executive, which comes from at least five years of progressive work experience in the field of diversity or human resources. Dr. Rivera describes herself as an energetic, creative problem solver who is a critical thinking leader with 10 years of experience and a diverse work history which includes; training development and delivery, diversity and inclusion initiatives, team building/leadership, project management, mediation, counseling and community building.

Dr. Rivera earned a bachelor of arts in social sciences and history from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and a master of science in political science and international affairs and a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from Indiana State University.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Training and Development, Writing and Editing, International Affairs, Women

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Racial and Ethnic Identity in University Students, Diversity and inclusion in higher education, Student Engagement in Higher Education, Student Development, Multicultural & International Student Affairs, Title IX, First Generation Students, Racial & Ethnic Relations, Intercultural Recruitment, Diversity & Inclusion, Curriculum Diversification, Racial & Ethnic Identity , Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education, Racial and Ethnic Relations in Higher Education

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## **Affiliations**

National Association for Faculty Development and Diversity, Society for Diversity, ABCC (Association of Black Culture Centers), AMC (Associated Colleges of the Midwest), Kiwanis Club International, National Association for Foreign Student Advisors , Pi Sigma Alpha

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## **Education**

**Indiana State University**

Ph.D. Curriculum and Instruction, specialization in Teaching and Learning

**Indiana State University**

M.S. Political Science and International Affairs

**Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College**

B.A. Social Sciences and History

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