

Luis Chavez

For nearly 30 years, Luis Chavez has demonstrated extensive statewide experience with K-16 academic achievement programs in both public and private settings. Luis manages a broad range of responsibilities for the Career Ladders Project (CLP). He is currently the Senior Director for the Career Ladders Project. In this role, he provides oversight, project management, coordination and implementation of capacity building, cultivating a community of practice framework focused on professional learning to impact student success and equity across multiple regional and state initiatives that support community colleges and their educational and workforce partners.

He currently serves on a CLP capacity building support team as part of the California Community College Chancellor's Office Guided Pathways. He works with a network of senior faculty and other field consultants to support colleges, high school partners, community-based organizations and their workforce partners. One particular key initiative Luis developed and leads is the California Counselor Network (CaCN) which is focused on collaboration between high school and community college counselors and student support services professionals. Through the CaCN work, Luis focuses on innovative and integrated student supports. He helps develop and facilitate communities of practice between community colleges and high schools counselors to collaborate on efforts to ensure all students follow their own pathway to a successful future.

Before joining CLP, Luis served the Puente Project, a cosponsored initiative of the University of California and the California Community Colleges, for 16 years. For the Puente Project, he oversaw the development and led training to support college and high school leadership, school coordinators, college and high school counselors, teachers and other staff to implement the project's key elements.

Luis currently serves on several local, regional and state advisory boards for educational institutions and corporate advisory committees to connect his work with industry leaders. He is a founding member of the Latino Institute for Corporate Inclusion serving as its Chairman since 2011. Through his leadership, Luis helped create the Latino Tech Summit in Silicon Valley to foster diversity and inclusion within the tech industry. He served as Board member and Chair for Leadership Public Schools, a network of public charter high schools in Northern California for 3 years. Luis was appointed to the California State Puente Project Board (Aug 2018) and elected to Chair role in June 2019. Most recently, the President of League of United Latin American Citizens appointed Luis to its National Education Board.

Luis has completed various development programs; the Harvard Institute for Higher Education Management Development Program (MDP), Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility Executive Corporate Governance Program, Harvard School of Business, and UCLA Anderson School of management - Latino Leadership Institute. He is MBTI certified (2018).

Lastly, Luis is a transfer alumnus of Mount San Antonio Community College. He holds a B.A. degree from UC Irvine and an M.A. from CSU Dominguez Hills.