

Dr. Mark Sanchez currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent/Vice-President of Student Success and Support Programs and the College Centers at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo, California. Dr. Sanchez provides leadership in collaboration with the Deans, Faculty Chairs and staff in the following Instructional and Student Support Services Programs: Continuing Education, English as a Second Language, Library and Learning Resources, Student Success Centers, Outreach- Enrollment Services, Counseling, Financial Aid, Student Life and Leadership, International Student Program, Disability Support Program & Services, Student Development/Success, and Student Health Centers,. Dr. Sanchez also provides leadership for the North County Campus in Paso Robles, CA and South County Center in Arroyo Grande CA, ensuring the equitable delivery of services at all sites.

Dr. Sanchez' professional profile includes over twenty years of experience in community college leadership, teaching and instruction and workforce development. His passion for social justice is demonstrated throughout his career. He was successful in the development and districtwide implementation of comprehensive race conscious-equity focused instruction, student services and online programs designed to increase student access and success, student outreach, and student personal development-classroom success. Dr. Sanchez works collectively with his Student Life and Leadership team to bring students from diverse backgrounds together to engage in cross-cultural learning and engagement. Prior to his tenure at Cuesta College, Dr. Sanchez served as the Dean of Student Affairs, Counseling at Hartnell College; Dean of Student Services, Counseling at Fresno City College; and Director of Student Support Programs at San Jose Evergreen Valley College. Dr. Sanchez also teaches university graduate courses online (asynchronous) in the Masters of Education Program at Brandman University. Prior to beginning his profession in post-secondary leadership, Dr. Sanchez worked in developing educational and career programs at the Fresno County Workforce Development Board and career training programs funded by the San Diego Workforce Partnership.

Dr. Sanchez is a collaborative leader who works effectively with constituent groups on campus as well as businesses and community based partners. He is a strong supporter of whole person development and services that assist college students with the skills they need to complete their educational, career and personal goals. Among these services is access to counseling, financial aid, academic supports, and mental health/wellness coaching for students. Throughout his career, Dr. Sanchez has worked with excellent teams of college faculty, staff, students and administrators to expand the overall availability of equity focused programs on college campuses. Additionally, he has experience in fiscal management with both short-term and long-term fiscal planning.

Dr. Sanchez is a native of San Diego, CA and began his college career as a student athlete at Southwestern College, where he met his wife Yvette. They are proud parents of Emma who is a Communication Studies major at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Upon graduating from Southwestern College with an Associate's Degree in General Studies, Dr. Sanchez went on to complete his Bachelors of Arts in Sociology at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, CA. His Masters of Arts in Education Administration with Distinction and Doctorate in Educational Leadership both from California State University, Fresno. Dr. Sanchez knows San Diego and the South Bay well and is proud of his roots growing up in the region.