**DR. MARK SANCHEZ**

Dr. Mark Sanchez was the dean of student services at Fresno City College (FCC) for three years and is now the Superintendent/President of Southwestern College in Chula Vista, California. Under his leadership, he collaborated with counseling faculty members and the department chair, to implement the first equity training within the student service division at FCC.

His work experience includes over 20 years of community college leadership, teaching and workforce development. Dr. Sanchez has brought his leadership style of developing educational systems that are formed from a diversity, equity and inclusion framework of service to Brandman University as a faculty member in the graduate studies program and California State University, Monterey Bay in the School of Education; to Cuesta College as assistant superintendent/vice-president of student success and support programs; to Hartnell College as dean of student affairs; and San Jose/Evergreen Valley College District as director of student support services programs. Countless individuals transitioning from unemployment to economic self-sufficiency, achieved their academic and career goals during the three years Dr. Sanchez spent as contract administrator for the Fresno County Workforce Development Board and three years as program manager comprehensive training systems, Workforce Investment Act in San Diego.

He is passionate and dedicated to working for causes such as social justice, improving race relations, and equitable practices for disproportionately impacted students. Additionally, he has been successful in the development and district wide implementation of comprehensive race conscious-equity focused instructional student services and online programs designed to increase student access and success, student outreach, student personal development and classroom success. Dr. Sanchez developed a statewide Latinx leadership program for community college leaders and has the expertise to lead diverse personnel in team building, cultural competency, conflict resolution, and team-based projects.

In addition to serving on countless academic committees, Dr. Sanchez is a board member of the California Student Opportunity and Access Programs, Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce, Cuesta College Foundation, and a member of the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce’s Economic Development Committee, the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Advisory Committee and the Institutional Effectiveness program Initiative through the State Chancellor’s Office.

Dr. Sanchez has presented at many conferences across the country. He is a founding member of the California Community College Latina/o/x Leadership Organization and has been awarded the San Diego Padres Service to Community, recognizing his influential Latinx leadership service in San Diego County, as well as, the San Diego Mayor’s Commendation for Public Service.

Dr. Sanchez earned his A.A. from Southwestern College, his B.A. in sociology from Point Loma Nazarene University, his M.A. in education, with distinction and an emphasis on educational leadership from California State University, Fresno and his Ed.D. from CSU, Fresno in educational leadership.