

About Dr. Tomás A. Aguirre

For the last six years, Dr. Aguirre has served as the Vice President of Student Life and Chief Diversity Officer at State University of New York (SUNY) at Delhi. Within his two divisions, he supported Housing, Residential Life, Student Rights and Responsibilities, Custodial Services, Transportation, EOP, Student Health Center, Student Counseling, Athletics, University Police, Student Leadership and Engagement, MOSAIC Multicultural Center, Student Government, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Student Clubs and Activities, Dining Services, Mail Room, Enrollment Management Services, and the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. He oversaw budgets of more than \$40 million and his responsibilities included developing collaborative relationships with campus administration, faculty, campus leaders and community members to plan and implement strategic initiatives, develop partnerships, resolve issues, and cultivate a seamless learning experience for SUNY Delhi students.

Prior to SUNY Delhi, Dr. Aguirre served as the Associate Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students at Texas A&M Commerce (TAMUC) where he supported the division of Student Affairs. Prior to TAMUC, he served as the Dean of Students at the University of New Mexico. He has also worked at Cal State Dominguez Hills, UC Santa Cruz, the University of Southern California, Austin Community College, and the University of Texas at Austin.

As a first generation, student of color, Dr. Aguirre considers his life's work vocational, and has spent most of his professional career supporting students at public, mid-size, regional universities like Eastern because of their ability to boost economic and social mobility, especially for first-generation students and students from historically underrepresented ethnic backgrounds.

A life-long learner, Dr. Aguirre has earned a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Higher Education Administration from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, a Master of Business Administration from SUNY Oswego, a Master of Science in Educational Psychology from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and International Studies from the University of Texas, Austin.

Dr. Aguirre also has comprehensive experience developing, teaching, and evaluating first-year experience, first-year transition, leadership, career skills, diversity and academic success courses at four-year institutions and community colleges at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. He is also a diversity driven administrator with a specialty in supporting students, staff and faculty with diverse academic, socioeconomic, cultural, sexual orientation, abilities, international and ethnic backgrounds. His favorite "contribution to the literature" is the "Dissertation Monkey," a children-styled, picture book for anyone considering pursuing a doctoral degree, as well as their support team of family and friends.

When not at work, Dr. Aguirre enjoys spending time with his life partner, Cara, and three children, Diego, Xavier, and Paloma. As a family, they enjoy anything outdoors including hiking, camping, skiing, sailing, fishing, and rock-climbing.