



2010 - 2024

Leadership Academy

Alumni Directory



About Us



Mission

To build the power, influence, and leadership of the Latino community through collective action to transform public policies.

Vision

The Latino Policy Forum envisions societal prosperity, unity, and equity in our nation and in the global community.



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A Message From President & CEO Sylvia Puente

Dear partners,

Let me start by saying how incredibly proud I am of the ten-plus years that the Latino Policy Forum has conducted its leadership training program.

The Latino Policy Forum originally launched the program as a way to strengthen our Latino community organizations. The Forum has focused on countless policy issues over the years, but no organization has the capacity to be the experts on everything. With this in mind, we wanted a way to strengthen the parts of the community that we could not always support directly.

After six years of the Latino Leadership Academy, we took a step back to reflect on what we had accomplished and what was on the horizon. At this moment, we realized that it was time to pivot the program to focus on building trusted relationships between Black and Latino community leaders in order to strengthen the bonds between these communities. The Multicultural Leadership Academy was born.

I am so privileged to have been able to witness and nurture this program in all its iterations. Today, I stand in awe of all that has been created through it, of an entire generation of Black and Latino leaders who will remain connected for the rest of the public lives in Chicago. This directory reflects not only the names and titles of all those who have participated in the program, but also the collective breadth of what this program has birthed. It reflects the hearts and souls of leaders who are committed to transformative, ground-level change. I am so honored to stand alongside them.

Peace and justice,
Sylvia



A Message From Leadership Development Senior Program Manager **NiCole Ward**

Dear partners and fellow Leadership Academy Alumni,

For over ten years, the Latino Policy Forum has been dedicated to training community leaders committed to social and economic equity, justice, and freedom. In 2018, I was one of the 24 community leaders that graduated from the Multicultural Leadership Academy. Since then, I have had the honor of serving as your program manager for the MLA.

One of my greatest joys in this role has been following you on your journeys to achieving equality in your communities. Each of you has catalyzed real change and made great strides in addressing the needs of our state's communities of color. We at the Forum are so proud to celebrate your personal and professional achievements with you.


We could not be more excited about the future of the Leadership Academy and, moving forward, we want to establish an even greater sense of solidarity among our almost 300 leaders. That is why we are focusing on uniting our past cohorts through the Forum's social media networks.

I look forward to seeing you all again, and to another remarkable year of growth for our participants, for our program, and for our communities.

Sincerely,
NiCole Ward



Leadership Academy **History**



In 2009, the Latino Policy Forum developed the Illinois Latino Nonprofit Leadership Academy. This year-long program provided intensive capacity-building training and one-on-one consulting to leading and emerging Latino nonprofit professionals. The Development Training Institute (DTI) provided technical assistance in the first year. The Forum built on this foundation for the next five years. The Academy offered skill-building opportunities to individuals working in Latino-led and serving organizations to foster, nurture, and support leaders as they moved their organizations to the next levels of excellence, sustainability, and impact.

In 2016, the Latino Policy Forum made a strategic decision to widen the scope of its Leadership Academy to a multicultural perspective.



The Multicultural Leadership Academy would strengthen relationships among community leaders from diverse communities of color, focusing primarily on Latinos and African Americans.

Fostering cooperation and leadership across communities of color via the Academy had never been more urgent. The twenty-four 2016 MLA participants were actively involved in social justice issues and sponsored by an Illinois organization engaged in social change/policy impact.



The MLA Model

The model of the Multicultural Leadership Academy has led to strengthened leadership for community impact, increased cross-cultural understanding, bolstered community collaboration to address pressing social issues, and a network of diverse leaders who will be able to call upon each other in the future.



Transformational Leadership

Uplifts others, creates motivating workplaces, communicates an inspiring vision, and establishes a compelling moral and ethical framework.



Intercultural Understanding

Fosters an understanding of Illinois' diverse communities and identifies their common interests.



Social Change/Policy Action

Participants will collaborate with their cohort on how to create a better, more equitable Illinois through social change and policy actions.



Since 2010, the Latino Policy Forum has **trained almost 300 leaders**. In 2020, the Latino Policy Forum celebrated ten years of leadership development of African American and Latine leaders.

We look forward to building a legacy of leaders by continuing to:

01

Create a cohesive network of leaders committed to improving their communities through establishing intercultural relationships and trust.

02

Increase understanding of how racial and ethnic groups become assets to transformational leadership and collaborative social action.



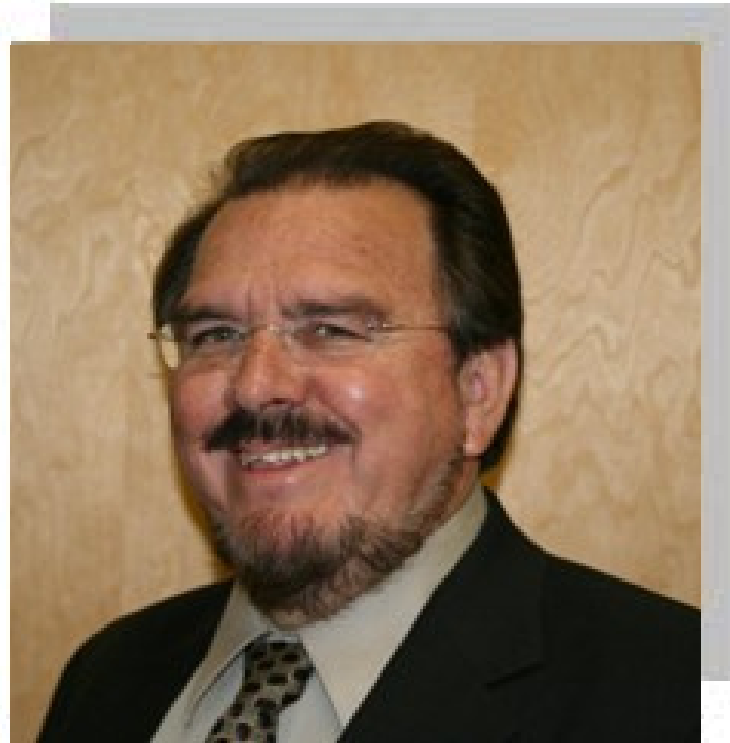
Meet the Current MLA Trainers



Dr. Troy Harden

2024 MLA Trainer

Dr. Troy Harden (he, him, his) has served as an organizational and leadership consultant, educator, clinician, and activist for over 30 years in diverse settings. He is a Professor of the Practice at Texas A & M University-College Station within the Department of Sociology, where he re-established and led the Race & Ethnic Studies Institute (RESI). His on-going practice and research interests are in racial equity, community violence, gender, social trauma, sports and society, restorative justice, and interventions related to community and organizational leadership. He was the lead researcher with the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance's Community-based Crime Reduction Grant in Chicago. He led Northeastern Illinois' University's Master of Social Work Program and led efforts with Communities Partnering for Peace (CP4P) to design the Metropolitan Peace Academy, an effort to develop professionalization for street outreach workers in community violence work. He has been a lead designer and facilitator with several notable efforts, including the Latino Policy Forum's Multicultural Leadership Program and the San Antonio Area Foundation's Equity Fellowship. He has published extensively related to trauma, community violence, race, and gender. He is the co-author with Dr. Yan Searcy of the recently published book *High Impact Practices with Urban Youth: Circles at the Center* (Oxford University Press, 2023). A graduate of DePaul University's School of Education (PhD '10) and Loyola University Chicago's Master of Social Work Program (MSW'98), and received an Outstanding Educator award from Congressman Danny Davis in 2017.



Richard J. Martinez

2024 MLA Trainer

Richard J. Martinez has over 30 years' experience in the field of housing and human relations. He is an accomplished facilitator, trainer and distinguished organizational development practitioner. He is also co-founder of Lideramos, a national Latino leadership training organization. His expertise is widely sought by both corporate and public entities. Mr. Martinez specializes in leadership development, change management, capacity building, team building, strategic planning, and housing and economic development.

Clients include Brightpoint, Bank of America, The Latino Policy Forum, Illinois Governor's office, Chicago Housing Authority, The National Association of Latino Community Asset Builders, San Antonio Area Foundation, The Center for Leadership Innovation, Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation, East Harlem Community Capital Corporation, Native Americans in Philanthropy and numerous Chicago non profit organizations over the past fifteen years. Mr. Martinez has successfully helped nonprofits develop the organizational culture, chemistry and core competencies necessary for sustained success. He has served as Executive Director of the Contra Costa County Housing Authority in Northern California and as Project Director for National Center for Housing Management's Career Development and Training Institute in Washington, D.C. As an expert in housing, he has testified before Congress and was asked to serve as a member of the House Democratic Caucus Housing Committee for the United States House of Representatives. Moreover, he has been published by the National Hispanic Center for Advanced Studies and Policy Analysis, and the National Hispanic University. Additionally, he is an artist, poet and playwright and former owner of MITO's Art Gallery in San Antonio.



Sylvia Puente

2024 MLA Trainer

Sylvia Puente is a public policy expert, a civic and Latino community leader who is the President & CEO of the Latino Policy Forum, a nonprofit that works for equity, justice, and economic prosperity on behalf of Latinos in Chicago and Illinois through public-policy advocacy and analysis on issues including education, housing, and immigration. Nearly 15 years at the Forum, Puente has grown the organization into a central voice on Latino issues and has established herself as a thought leader in the arena.

Puente was selected by Governor JB Pritzker to serve on his transition team as part of the Educational Success Committee. She has been appointed to the Restore, Reinvest, Renew Board and the State Housing Task Force. She was appointed by previous Illinois governors to the Illinois Early Learning Council, on which she still serves, and the Illinois Education Funding Advisory Board. She is also a board director of Advance Illinois, a public policy agency working to improve education in the state.

Puente is frequently cited as an expert on Latino issues and has published numerous reports and articles that articulate their vital role in society. She is a recipient of the Ohtli Award, Mexico's highest recognition of those serving the Mexican community outside of Mexico. She received an honorary Ph.D.'s from Governor State University in 2023 and Roosevelt University in 2021 for her social justice work. Sylvia has also received the 2023 Career Achievement Award from the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, highlighting alums who have served as significant leaders in the public, private, or nonprofit sectors, creating meaningful positive change within their institution and society. She has also been recognized by Hispanic Business Magazine as one of the "100 Most Influential Hispanics in the U.S."



Sherida Morrison

2024 MLA Trainer

Nonprofit executive, social entrepreneur, and educator with over 25 years' experience in the philanthropic sector. Highly skilled in nonprofit management, coalition building, community engagement, theory-based program and curriculum design, data-informed evaluation, grant writing and management, org design, strategic development and planning, change management, and DEIJ (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice) practices. Significant contributions to the sector through published manuscripts, research and evaluation, CBPR, local and national conference and poster presentations. Able to integrate sociological frameworks and change management theories to develop innovative strategies to address org design, community engagement, coalition and partnership building, and diversity and inclusion.



**We graciously
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MLA trainers!**

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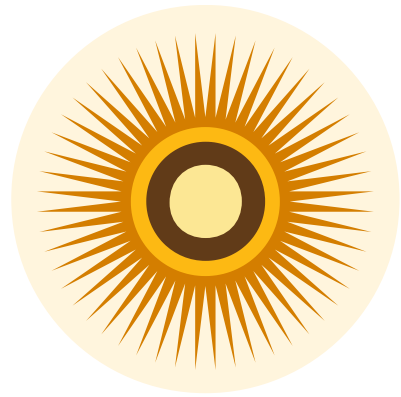
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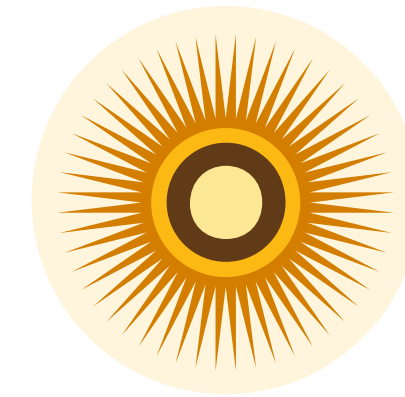


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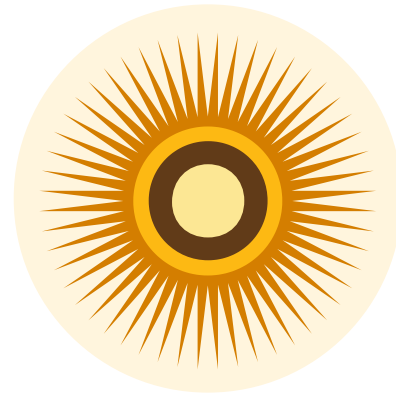
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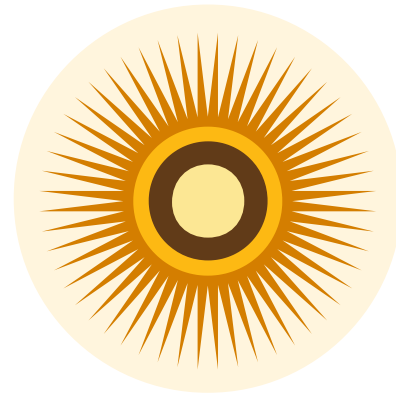
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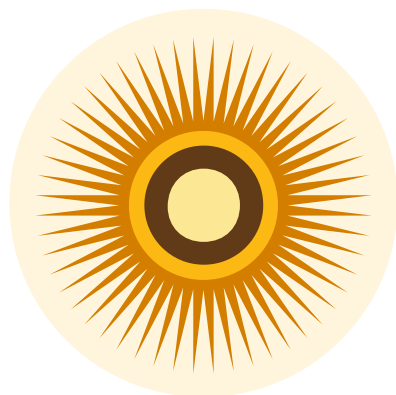
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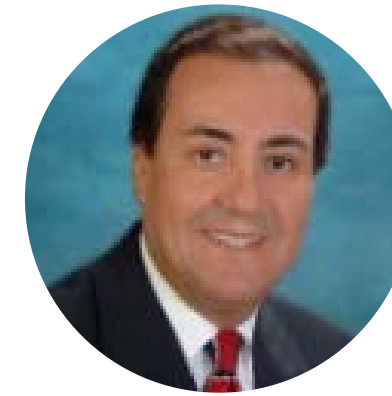
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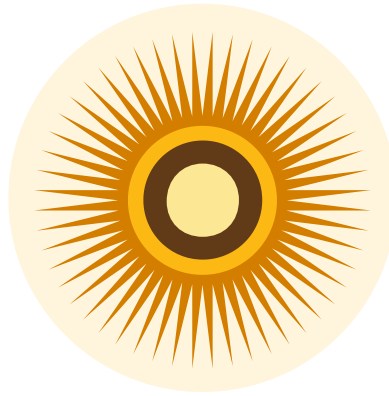
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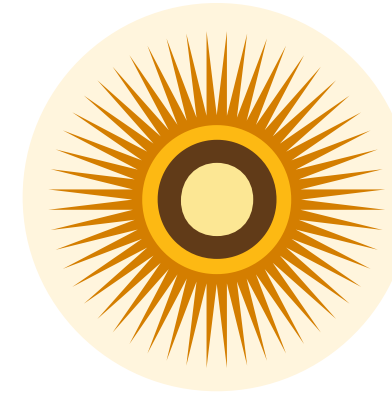
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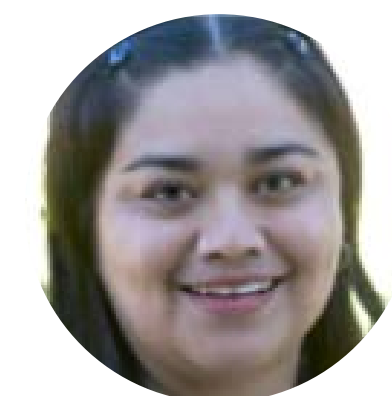
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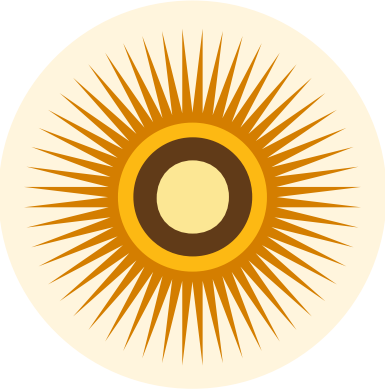
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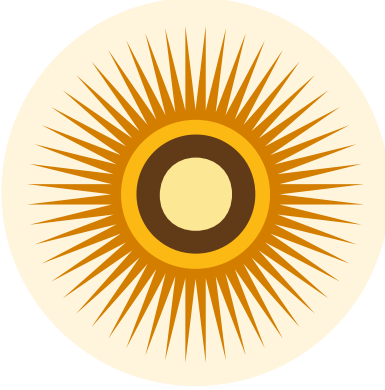


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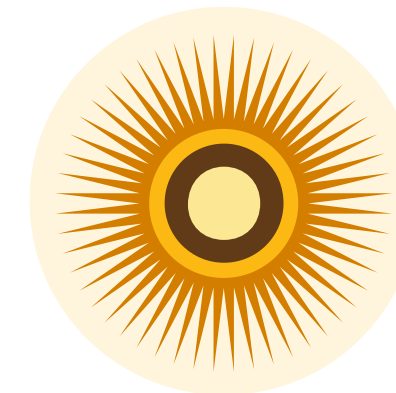


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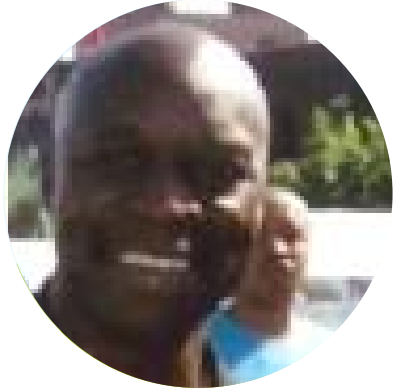
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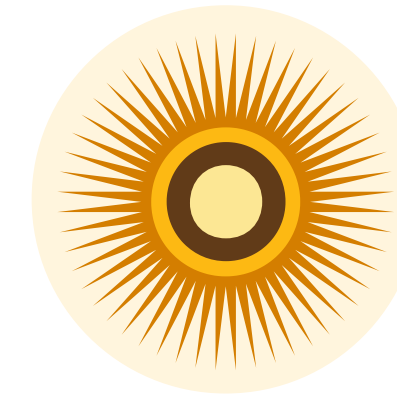
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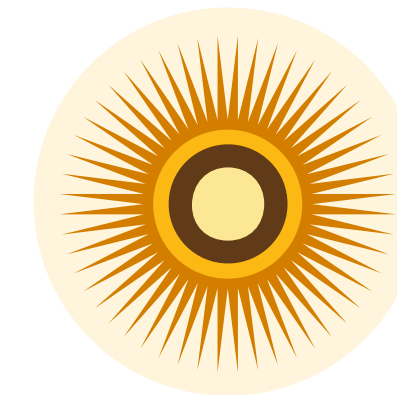
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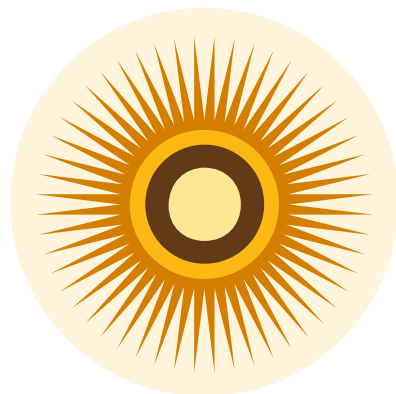


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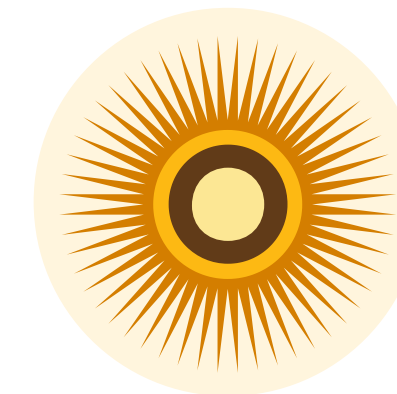
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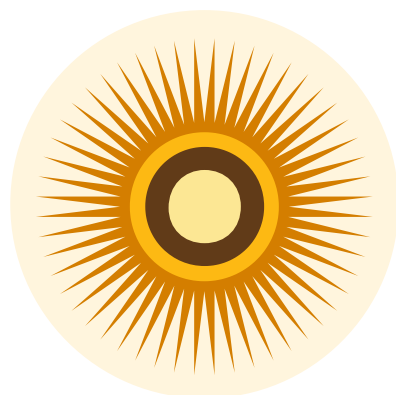
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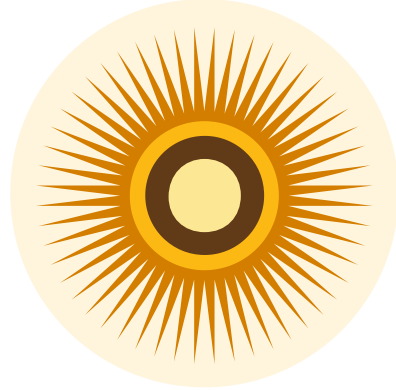


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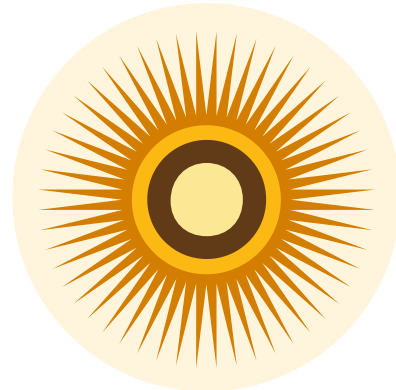


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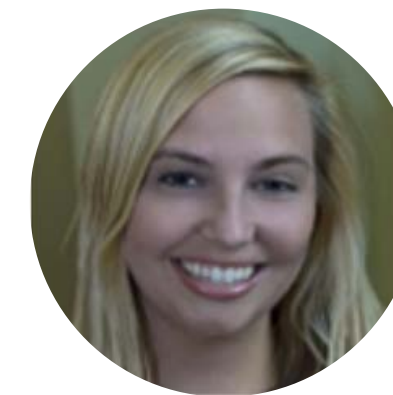
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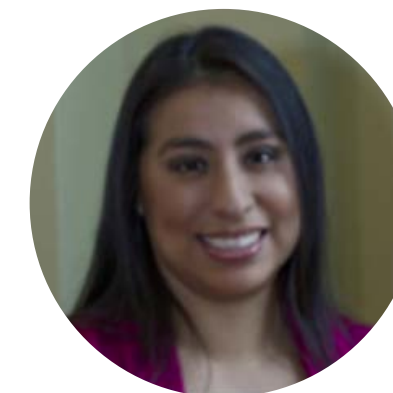


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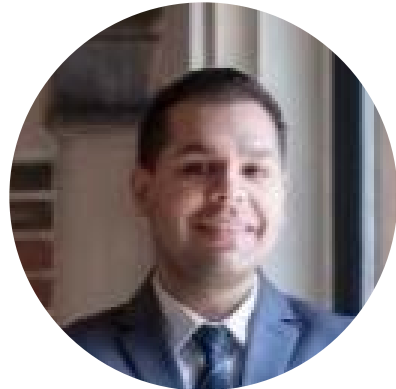
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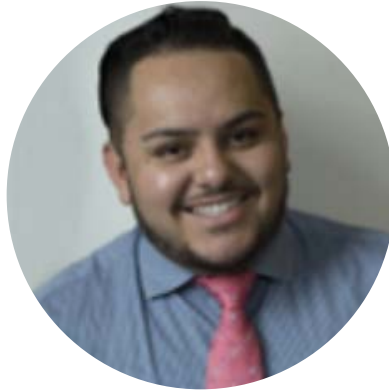
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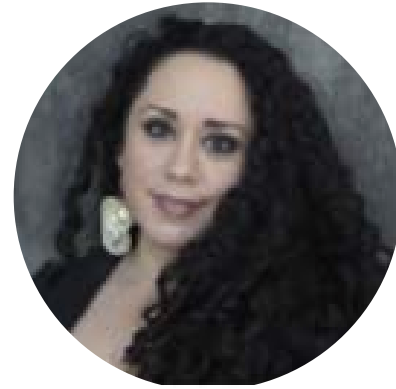
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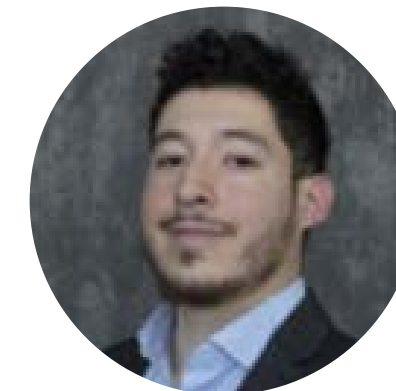
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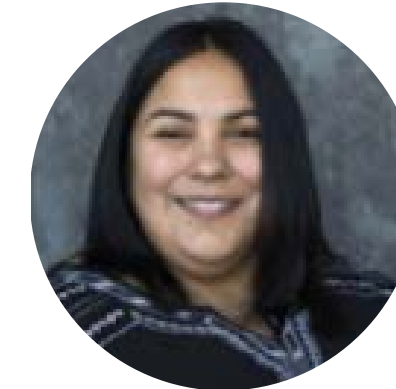
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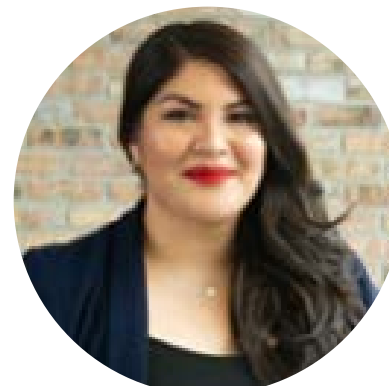


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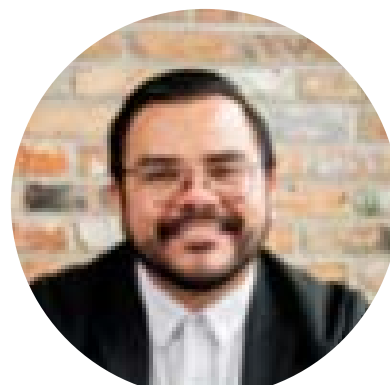


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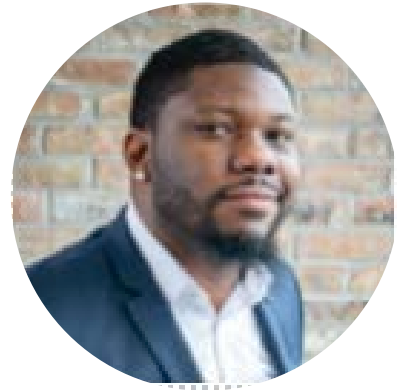


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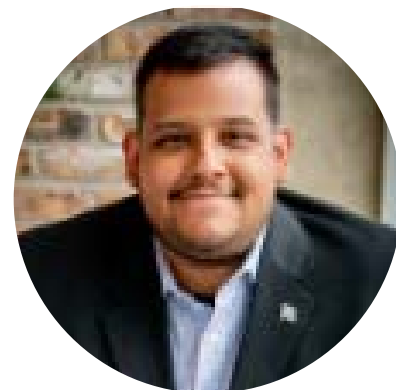
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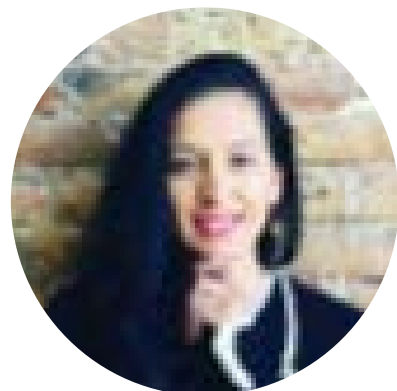


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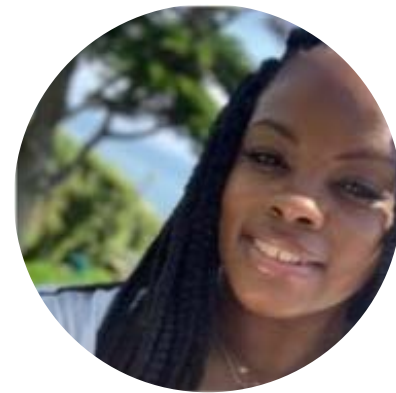
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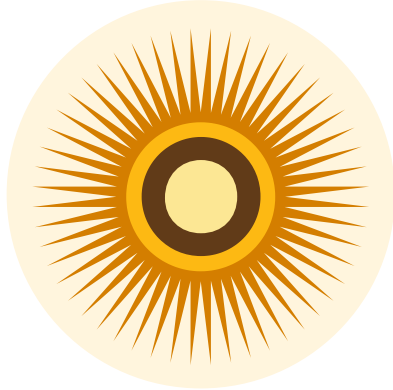
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