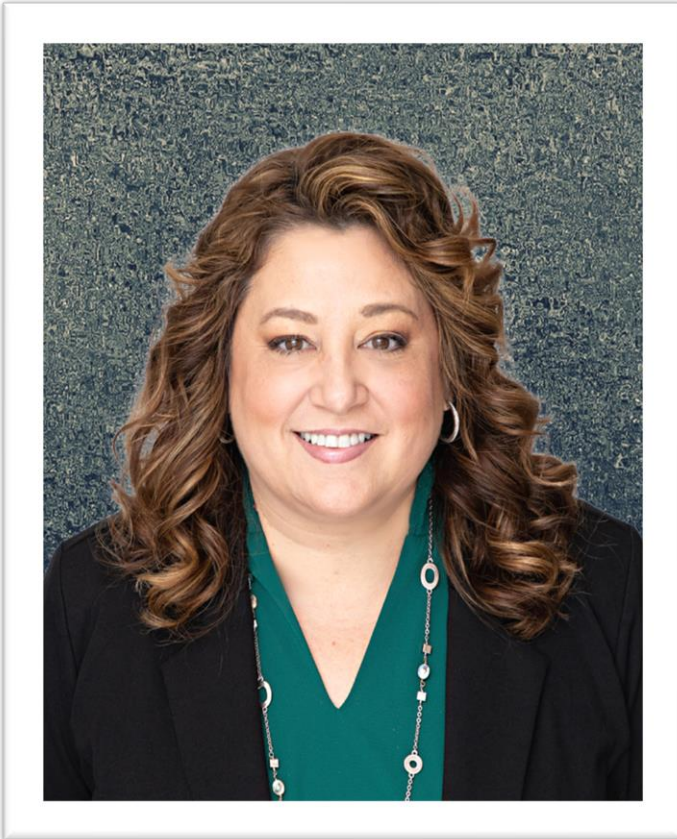


## Introducing Chancellor Candidate, Nicole Albo-Lopez



Open Forums for Dr. Albo-Lopez will be held on March 13, 2023  
Personal biography was provided by the candidate

Nicole Albo-Lopez, Ed.D. is the Interim Vice Chancellor of Educational Programs and Institutional Effectiveness at the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). As the chief instructional officer and educational leader working within one of the largest and diverse community college districts in the nation, she is a strong and proven advocate for access, equity, and academic excellence. Her experience coordinating district-wide academic programs such as the Los Angeles College Promise, her strong commitment to social justice and equity efforts, along with a history of advocating locally, statewide, and nationally for resources to support student success; demonstrates her commitment to positively changing the lives of students and uplifting the wellbeing of the communities she serves.

Nicole is a proud graduate of Spokane Community College where she earned a certificate in dental assisting, and after a successful career working in the dental field, transitioned to an adjunct faculty position at Rio Salado College (Tempe, AZ). Shortly after joining RSC, she was promoted to Clinical Dental Assisting Program (CDA) Director, and subsequently shepherded the CDA program through its inaugural Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accreditation. Later in her tenure, as a full-time faculty member and department chair, she assisted the American Dental Association (ADA) with creating and

implementing its Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC) pilot program in partnership with urban, rural, and tribal communities linked to Salish Kootenai College, Temple University, UCLA, and the University of Oklahoma. In addition to this exciting work, she created a dual enrollment CDA program allowing high school seniors to concurrently graduate with their dental assisting certificate and high school diploma. Leveraging the success of these innovative technical education programs, Nicole collaborated with the RSC adult basic education program to create a contextualized program modeled off I-BEST, affording students with opportunity to earn their GED and dental assisting credential simultaneously.

As a known and trusted campus leader, Nicole moved from faculty into administrative positions at RSC, serving as the Associate Dean of Institutional Integrity and Interim Dean of Instruction. The Albo-Lopez family relocated to southern California in 2012, and she joined the LACCD as Dean of Academic Affairs and Workforce Development at Los Angeles Trade Technical College (LATTC). In this role, she oversaw the curriculum and scheduling unit, along with various adult education, outreach, and workforce programs. Given Nicole's expertise with workforce development, she was appointed as the Los Angeles Orange County Regional Consortium representative and voting member responsible for creating new technical education programs focused on opening doors for adult, disenfranchised, and incumbent workers; facilitating upskilling for the region's existing labor force; expanding employment opportunities for students, and offering more highly trained candidates for employers across Los Angeles County.

In 2017, Dr. Albo-Lopez was appointed within the LACCD as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Workforce Development, and additionally filled the role of Interim Vice President of Student Services prior to being selected to lead in her current executive position as Interim Vice Chancellor. She holds a master's degree in Health Professions Education from Midwestern University (Glendale, AZ) and a doctorate in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University (Flagstaff, AZ). Nicole has more than twenty-years of demonstrated experience promoting and sustaining the mission and vision of the American Community College. As a product of the community college system, she serves as an advocate with a deep commitment to provide opportunities for students to earn credentials allowing them to earn a livable wage and realize their personal dreams...just like she did! Dr. Albo-Lopez's formal education, combined with the on-ground experience working at two large multi-college districts in a variety of key positions, molded her into an energetic, innovative, committed, and visionary leader – focused on creating and supporting strong, vibrant, equity-minded institutions of higher education.