



Fact Sheet

Chancellor Juan Sánchez Muñoz



Dr. Juan Sánchez Muñoz assumed his role as UC Merced's fourth chancellor on July 1, 2020, coming to UC from the University of Houston-Downtown, where he served as president since 2017. Muñoz's move to UC is a return to his California upbringing and academic roots. During his first year as chancellor, Muñoz has set the university's course for the next decade with an ambitious strategic plan that focuses on growth, impact and equity and justice. To learn more about Chancellor's priorities, visit strategicplan.ucmerced.edu.

EDUCATION

PhD in Curriculum and Instruction: Division of Urban Schooling - University of California, Los Angeles, 2001

MA in Mexican American Studies - California State University, Los Angeles, 1994

BA in Psychology - University of California, Santa Barbara, 1990

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- Northern Central Valley 1300 Campaign – Co-Chair
- American Council on Education (ACE) – Board of Directors
- Bay Area Council – Council Member
- California Strategic Growth Council – Council Member
- CVHEC Executive Committee
- Excelencia In Education – Board of Directors
- Gallo Center for the Arts – Board of Trustees
- HACU - Governing Board
- Maddy Institute – Board Member
- Presidents of Color Research Project (College Futures Foundation)
- Stanislaus 2030 – Executive Committee Member
- Texas Lyceum
- Yosemite Conservancy – Council Member

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Issues of educational access, racial and ethnic equity, and the elimination of institutional structures that prevent the success of all students across the diverse landscape of public education.

PERSONAL

Chancellor Muñoz is married to Zenaida Aguirre-Muñoz, PhD, an accomplished scholar and professor at the University of California, Merced. They have three sons: Joaquin Diego Muñoz, who attends the United States Merchant Marine Academy; Cruz Santos Muñoz, a sophomore at Texas State University San Marcos; and Juan Amado Muñoz, who attends high school in Merced.

