

# CARLOS OSVALDO TURNER CORTEZ, PH.D.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL ABSTRACT

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Carlos O. Turner Cortez, Ph.D., presently serves as the chancellor of the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD), the seventh-largest community college system in the United States. Most recently, he served as the president of San Diego College of Continuing Education (SDCCE), one of the four colleges that comprise SDCCD. In this capacity, he oversees more than 100,000 students annually. Cortez is also an adjunct faculty at John Hopkins University, New York University, and the University of California, Berkeley. His research interests center on the role of educators and administrators of color in the historical development of American social welfare and education policy. Cortez is also an expert in the area of promoting equity and access in urban education through literacy and policy initiatives.

Dr. Cortez has taught consistently for the past 23 years. He has served as an administrator for 16 years and as CEO for 11 years. Prior to leading SDCCE, Cortez most recently worked as the acting vice president of instruction at Berkeley City College (BCC). Before BCC, he served as director of Education Extension at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). He began his career in education as a Teach for America Corps member. His experience spans the public, private, and charter school sectors in Washington DC, Houston, New York City, Los Angeles, Berkeley, and San Diego. Cortez served as principal of New Village Charter School in Los Angeles, and as assistant principal of special education services at Grape Street Elementary School. In these positions, he was known for his dedication to teachers and students, the development of innovative programs and services, astute fundraising, and sound fiscal management.

Throughout his career, Cortez has elected to work primarily with underserved, ethnically diverse student populations from low-income communities. He has been a staunch advocate for policy and finance reform as a member of various state and federal level legislative task forces, including his current service on the California League of Community College's Advisory Committee on Legislation and the Noncredit Coalition. His commitment to social justice drives his passion for urban education reform. Cortez serves on several regional and national non-profit boards, including the Campaign for Free College Tuition, the Trevor Project, the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE), the San Diego Workforce Partnership's Workforce Development Board, the Jackie Robinson YMCA, and Goodwill, Inc. San Diego.

In 2017, Cortez was awarded the Martes Award for Excellence in Research by the Association of California Community College Administrators and was recognized as San Diego Male Leader of the Year by California State Assembly member Shirley Weber. In 2018, he received the Excellence in Continuing Education Award from the Association of Community and Continuing Education (ACCE); the 2018 Innovation of the Year Award by League for Innovation in Community Colleges; and The RP Group Research and Planning Project award. In 2019, he was awarded the Teach for Innovation McGrory Award for Innovative Alumni Leadership and his organization was named the 2019 NACCE Heather Van Sickle Entrepreneurial College of the Year. In 2020, Cortez was awarded the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) Lighthouse Awards as a Turnaround School Leader and was named a 2020 Top 100 Leaders in Education by the Global Forum for Education and Learning.

Dr. Cortez's educational background includes a bachelor's degree in History and Sociology from Georgetown University; a master's degree in Race and Gender Politics from New York University; and a doctor of philosophy in Education Policy and Administration from the University of Southern California. All three degrees focus on African American feminist political history.

## EDUCATION

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- 2006 DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
EDUCATION POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES, CA
- 1999 MASTER OF ARTS  
AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S HISTORY  
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY NEW YORK, NY
- 1997 BACHELOR OF ARTS  
AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S HISTORY  
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON, DC

## CERTIFICATES AND CREDENTIALS

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- 2018 STRATEGIC PERSPECTIVES IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE  
HARVARD UNIVERSITY CAMBRIDGE, MA
- 2005 CALIFORNIA STATE TIER I AND II PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE  
CREDENTIAL (P-12 PRINCIPAL)  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES, CA
- 2002 CLEAR CALIFORNIA STATE TEACHING CREDENTIAL (CLAD), SECONDARY  
SINGLE SUBJECT SOCIAL STUDIES  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES, CA
- 2002 CALIFORNIA STATE ENGLISH LEARNER (EL) AUTHORIZATION AND  
CROSS-CULTURAL, LANGUAGE, AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT (CLAD)  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES, CA

# ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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## CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND TEACHING

JULY 2021-PRESENT

CHANCELLOR

SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

SAN DIEGO, CA

### GOVERNANCE, LEADERSHIP, AND ADVOCACY

- Encourage frequent, open, and effective communication throughout the District and in the community.
- Ensure participatory governance and promote collegiality, cohesiveness, and respect among all District constituents.
- Facilitate and create a unified community and District environment by developing and strengthening relationships between the credit colleges and the college of continuing education, the District Office, and the communities served by the District.
- Promote a positive image of the District through appropriate marketing, outreach, and community relations strategies.
- Strengthen and develop cooperative partnerships with industry, local K-12 districts, and other institutions of higher education.
- Promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within the District and within its instruction and services.

### INSTRUCTION, LEARNING, AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- Promote and support equity-minded and culturally competent teaching, learning, and student success through the maintenance and improvement of high-quality instruction and services in both credit and noncredit programs.
- Support associate and baccalaureate degree completion, certificate completion, transfers to four-year institutions, and career and occupational education and opportunities for workforce training.
- Fulfill the needs of a diverse student body by working with faculty, staff, and students to initiate innovative programs and curricula, student support services, and appropriate co-curricular activities.
- Ensure programming and decision-making are informed by meaningful data analysis, both quantitative and qualitative.
- Ensure the development and implementation of research and strategic planning regarding the need for new and/or improved educational programs and services.

# ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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## CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND TEACHING

JULY 2021-PRESENT  
CONTINUED

CHANCELLOR  
SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

SAN DIEGO, CA

### HUMAN RESOURCES/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

- Demonstrate effectiveness and commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and equal employment opportunity for all categories of staff.
- Provide leadership to ensure responsible, effective, and productive collective bargaining processes and relationships.
- Support culturally competent professional growth and development for all employees.

### PLANNING, FINANCE, AND FACILITIES

- Provide leadership and accountability for strategic planning and annual goals.
- Ensure the integrity and stability of the District's finances through an effective and transparent financial management system and by providing advocacy for ongoing state and federal funding.
- Pursue and ensure the effective management of alternative sources of revenue, including state and federal grants, bond measures, property leases, and private philanthropy.
- Provide and ensure the effectiveness and availability of appropriate technology for all district functions.

# ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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## CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND TEACHING

JULY 2015–JUNE 2021

PRESIDENT

SAN DIEGO COLLEGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

SAN DIEGO, CA

### ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

- Effective management of a \$60+ million average annual operating budget with exceptional annual audits and external ratings, and oversee 1,000+ employees with productive relationships with the American Federation of Teachers Local 1931 as well as the Academic and Classified Senates.
- Of the four institutions in the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD), San Diego College of Continuing Education (SDCCE) leads the District in both enrollment and productivity (average class size) for the four past academic years, exceeding established targets—resulting in significant additional revenue through state apportionment.
- SDCCE leads the region's 10 colleges and ranks 9 out of 115 colleges statewide in strong workforce outcomes: career technical education certificate completion and job placement, which has resulted in significant additional revenue through incentive funding.
- Over the past six years, SDCCE has developed dozens of new innovative instructional programs, such as python coding, cyber security, mobile application development, digital media, acute care nursing, and advanced construction trade apprenticeship pathways.
- In fall 2020, SDCCE launched the award-winning ICOM (Interactive Competency-based Online Micro-credentialing) Academy—the most intuitive, dynamic, and robust distance education platform in the state of California with professionally produced courses requiring synchronous instruction, project-based learning, online laboratories, and accessibility to all brick and mortar student success services fully online while eliminating textbooks costs through the adoption of Open Educational Resources.
- SDCCE was named the 2019 National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship's Heather Van Sickle Entrepreneurial College of the Year for reinventing online career education.

### BUDGET AND FINANCE

- Enrollment management: SDCCE has exceeded enrollment targets for six years running and productivity targets (average class size) for the past four years which has resulted in significant additional revenue in the form of state apportionment.
- Development: SDCCE established a new Foundation in 2016, which has led to the cultivation of exponentially greater resources for the institution. Development outcomes have doubled annually for five years. I have raised over \$40 million dollars over my 16+ years as an educational administrator, including \$6+ million dollars this year, to-date.
- Entrepreneurship: SDCCE's Foundation restructured the Employee Training Institute in 2016, which provides customized contract education and fee-based education services for the District, joining the UNMUDL marketplace to serve an international audience and generate millions in annual discretionary revenue.

# ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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## CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND TEACHING

JULY 2015-JUNE 2021  
CONTINUED

PRESIDENT

SAN DIEGO COLLEGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

### EQUITY, INCLUSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

- Through astute development, SDCCE expanded student success services for students by exponentially increasing staffing (e.g., new vice president, dean of student equity, dean of career and college transition, welfare to work director, 8 new counselors, and over 2 dozen new classified professionals).
- In 2015, SDCCE established “7 Pillars of Student Success” to increase housing, food, transportation, and emotional security for students; textbook and course material affordability; and financial literacy to inform development efforts that led to the establishment of dozens of initiatives including SDCCEats Marketplace (food pantry); SDCCE Farm to Family Fair (monthly community food distribution and resource fair), and SDCCE’s first mental health services unit.
- SDCCE’s Foundation donated \$10,000 for the 2021 Justice Summit to foster the civic engagement and political education of young adults in San Diego County around issues of racial justice.
- In 2017, SDCCE established the San Diego Promise, which provides high school students with a 2-year college scholarship plus textbooks for graduating high school seniors. The SDCCE Foundation raises funding that expands this opportunity to serve adult learners who complete programs at SDCCE, thereby creating the only Promise program in California for low-income adult students.
- In 2016, SDCCE launched San Diego Gateway to College and Career, an award-winning learning community to serve disproportionately impacted groups of students ages 18-24 (e.g., justice-involved, homeless, former foster youth, and students with disabilities) through paid internships, inclusive counseling, student success grants, and San Diego Promise college transfer scholarships.
- In 2017, SDCCE formed Rising2Success Pathways, an award-winning learning community to serve disproportionately impacted groups of students over the age of 24 (e.g., justice-involved, homeless, former foster youth, and students with disabilities) through paid internships, intrusive counseling, student success grants, and San Diego Promise college transfer scholarships.

### COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT

- SDCCE established advisory committees for each of the 75+ career education programs as well as a 40-member Foundation Advisory Committee to engage key community and industry partners in institutional planning; to formalize mutually beneficial partnerships, and explore joint fundraising projects. Over the past six years, I have served on several regional and national non-profit boards, including the Campaign for Free College Tuition, the Trevor Project, the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship, Teach for America San Diego, the San Diego Workforce Partnership’s Workforce Development Board, and the Jackie Robinson YMCA.
- SDCCE works with 200+ community organizations to provide off-site courses, serving students at locations most convenient for them while providing essential programming to the employees and clients of these churches, community centers, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, homeless shelters, housing authorities, and workforce development agencies.

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## CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND TEACHING

JULY 2015-JUNE 2021  
CONTINUED

PRESIDENT

SAN DIEGO CONTINUING EDUCATION

### POLICY ADVOCACY

- Each of the three degrees I have earned (B.A., M.A., and Ph.D.) focus on the historical contributions of African American women to social welfare and education policy in the United States.
- Over the past six years, I have served on several boards and committees that focus on policy advocacy including the Campaign for Free College Tuition, the Workforce Development Board, California League for Community Colleges Advisory Committee on Legislation, California State Senate Select Taskforce on Autism Spectrum Disorder, and the Noncredit Coalition.
- I led the execution of a statewide study and report—The Past, Present, and Future of Noncredit Education in California, 1856-2018—that generated a list of policy recommendations that have been adopted by the Association of Community and Continuing Education, and subsequently received multiple awards including Association of Community and Continuing Education (ACCE) Excellence in Continuing Education, 2018; The RP Group Research and Planning Project Award, 2018; and Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA) Mertes Award for Research, 2017.
- I regularly meet with, lobby, and testify before county and state elected officials. I schedule annual campus tours for local, state, and federal elected officials and other relevant dignitaries.

### RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

- SDCCE created an Office of Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness, which has precipitated an institutional shift toward a culture of data-informed decision-making and facilitated the development of SDCCE's first strategic plan as well as an exceptional accreditation site review in spring 2016.
- SDCCE conducted the first comprehensive, 3-year longitudinal study of noncredit programs statewide and published the award-winning report: The Past, Present, and Future of Noncredit Education in California, 1856-2019.
- As an international border institution, SDCCE initiated the first study on the binational adult learner student experience in the United States to examine best practices to support the educational development of immigrant students, which will be concluded by fall 2021.
- With great success, I have overseen the accreditation process for four types of educational institutions (K-12, community colleges, adult education, and Tier I research institutions) as well as the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and the Board of Registered Nursing during my 16+ years as an administrator.

# ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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## CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND TEACHING

JULY 2013-JUNE 2015

VICE PRESIDENT OF INSTRUCTION  
BERKELEY CITY COLLEGE

BERKELEY, CA

### ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

- I spearheaded the community college systems engagement with the Berkeley City 2020 Vision and led efforts to modernize the South Annex Campus to increase enrollment capacity for the college, particularly for at-risk high school students in the local public schools.

### BUDGET AND FINANCE

- With my outstanding team, I effectively managed a \$22 million annual budget for the Office of Instruction, with exceptional annual audits, and oversaw over 600 employees with productive relationships with the Academic and Classified Senates.

### EQUITY, INCLUSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

- I facilitated the development and implementation of the college's student equity and inclusion plan and established several learning communities to support the student success of vulnerable groups with intrusive wrap around student success services and innovative instructional program development.

### COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT

- Working with highly competent deans, coordinated advisory committees for each of the 40+ career education programs to engage key community and industry partners in alignment with the Career Pathways Trust Grant.

### POLICY ADVOCACY

- Served on the California League for Community Colleges Advisory Committee on Legislation and regularly met with, lobbied, and testified before county and state elected officials.

### RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

- Hired consultants to establish an ad hoc Office of Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness, which supported integrated planning efforts and facilitated an exceptional accreditation site review. BCC was the only college in the District to satisfy accreditation requirements.



## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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### CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND TEACHING

JULY 2013-JUNE 2015	DEAN OF INSTRUCTION PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	BERKELEY, CA
MARCH 2009-JUNE 2015	EDUCATION EXTENSION DIRECTOR UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES LOS ANGELES, CA	
JULY 2006-MARCH 2009	PRINCIPAL LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	LOS ANGELES, CA
JULY 2001-JUNE 2005	TEACHER LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	LOS ANGELES, CA
AUGUST 1999-JULY 2001	TEACHER - TEACH FOR AMERICA CORPS MEMBER NEW YORK CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION	NEW YORK, NY
JANUARY-JUNE 1998	HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATOR NEW YORK PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP	NEW YORK, NY
2020-PRESENT	ADJUNCT UNIVERSITY TEACHING AND DOCTORAL COMMITTEE SERVICE NEW YORK UNIVERSITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ED LED-GE 3033: LEADERSHIP II</li></ul>	NEW YORK, NY
2018-PRESENT	INTERNATIONAL SPORTS SCIENCES ASSOCIATION COLLEGE OF EXERCISE SCIENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>HIST 102 UNITED STATES</li><li>HIST 203 HISTORY OF SPORT</li><li>SOC 101 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY</li></ul>	CARPINTERIA, CA
2018-2020	JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>883.718 DISSERTATION RESEARCH</li><li>DOCTORAL STUDENT ADVISOR</li></ul>	BALTIMORE, MD

# ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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## ADJUNCT UNIVERSITY TEACHING AND DOCTORAL COMMITTEE SERVICE

**2018-2019** ASPEN UNIVERSITY DENVER, CO

- EDD 832 HUMAN POTENTIAL AND MOTIVATION
- EDD 830 LEADERSHIP THEORY
- EDD 834 CREATING STRATEGIC CHANGE THAT LASTS
- EDD 838 BUILDING SUCCESSFUL ORGANIZATIONS THAT ENDURE
- MED 705 RESEARCH ON EFFECTIVE TEACHING
- MED 725 CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENTS AND MANAGEMENT
- MED 761 CURRICULUM MAPPING AND ASSESSMENT DATA
- RSH 900 DOCTORAL WRITING AND INQUIRY INTO RESEARCH

**2017-PRESENT** NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SAN DIEGO, CA

- CED 602 SOCIETAL ISSUES IN SCHOOLS
- CED 614 ETHICAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS
- CED 637 SCHOOL COUNSELING RESEARCH
- EDA 654 INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP
- ILT 606 LEARNERS AND LEARNING
- ILT 608 DESIGN AND PROCESS OF TEACHING
- MAT 651 ASSESSING EDUCATIONAL LEADERS
- MAT 652 LEADERSHIP ACCOUNTABILITY
- MAT 653 MOTIVATIONAL LEADERSHIP
- MAT 654 SEMINAR IN SOCIAL ISSUES
- MAT 655 LEADERSHIP IMPACT SEMINAR

**JANUARY-JUNE 1998** UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY BERKELEY, CA

- EDUCX 316.13 EARLY ORIENTATION
- EDUCX 316.16 CURRICULUM DESIGN AND ASSESSMENT
- EDUCX 316.18 CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS

**2013-2019** CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY MT PLEASANT, MI

- EDUC 620 ADMINISTRATION WITHIN DIVERSE POPULATIONS
- EDUC 662 SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**2009-2013** UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES, CA

- EDUCX 312.8A HEALTH EDUCATION FOR TEACHERS
- EDUCX 424.11 SINGLE SUBJECT TEACHING METHODS IN ENGLISH/HUMANITIES
- EDUCX 829.13 CHARTER SCHOOL LEADERSHIP: PROP 39 & BEYOND
- EDUCX 829.14 CHARTER SCHOOL LEADERSHIP: SURVIVING AND THRIVING: FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS
- EDUCX 829.15 CHARTER SCHOOL LEADERSHIP: SOCIAL JUSTICE AND REVOLUTIONARY PEDAGOGY: TOLLS FOR DEVELOPING A POSITIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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### ADJUNCT UNIVERSITY TEACHING AND DOCTORAL COMMITTEE SERVICE

**2010-2013** UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES, CA

- EDUC 501 INSTRUCTION FOR TEACHING ENGLISH AS A NEW LANGUAGE
- EDUC 505T INTEGRATING LITERACIES IN SECONDARY CONTENT INSTRUCTION - TESOL
- EDUC 506 NEW MEDIA LITERACIES IN HIGH NEEDS SCHOOLS
- EDUC 513A TEACHING ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS IN SECONDARY CLASSROOMS
- EDUC 516 THE FRAMING EXPERIENCE
- EDUC 517A UNDERSTANDING THE SOCIAL CONTEXT OF URBAN SCHOOLS
- EDUC 517B UNDERSTANDING THE SOCIAL CONTEXT OF URBAN SCHOOLS
- EDUC 519 HUMAN DIFFERENCES
- EDUC 552 LITERACIES IN THE CONTENT AREA - HUMANITIES
- EDUC 568 A GUIDING PRACTICE A
- EDUC 578 INTEGRATING THE ARTS IN SECONDARY ENGLISH AND SOCIAL STUDIES

**2009-2010** UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO, CA

- EDUCX 30057 HEALTH EDUCATION FOR THE TEACHER
- EDUCX 30087 TEACHING THE GIFTED AND TALENTED: DIFFERENTIATING THE CURRICULUM

## RECENT ACADEMIC RESEARCH

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- Binational Adult Noncredit Learner Experience on the Mexicali Border, 2021
- The Past, Present, and Future of Adult Noncredit Education in California, 1856-2018
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- The Past, Present, and Future of Adult Noncredit Education in California, 1856-2016
- FIPSE Federal Research Grant, Principal Investigator, 2010-2013
- TPSID Federal Research Grant, Principal Investigator, 2010-2015
- Dissertation, Crusaders for social justice: black female educator-activists in social welfare reform in Los Angeles during the golden age of the black power movement, 1966-1975

## AWARDS AND HONORS (5 YEARS)

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- Global Forum for Education and Learning's 2020 Top 100 Leaders in Education
- San Diego County of Education 2020 Turnaround School Leader Lighthouse Award
- National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship 2019 Heath Van Sickle Entrepreneurial College of the Year Award
- Teach for America's Teach for Innovation 2019 McGrory Award for Innovative Alumni Leadership
- Association of Community and Continuing Education (ACCE) Excellence in Continuing Education, 2018
- League for Innovation in Community Colleges Innovation of the Year Award, 2018
- The RP Group Research and Planning Project Award, 2018
- Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA) Mertes Award for Research, 2017
- 79th District, Assembly Member Shirley Weber Distinguished Male Leader Award, 2017
- Berkeley City College, Employee of the Year Award, 2015

## PUBLIC SERVICE

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- 2021-Present Advisory Council, The Campaign for Free College Tuition
- 2020-Present Governance Steering Committee, UNMUDL
- 2019-Present Board of Directors, Goodwill, Inc., San Diego
- 2019-Present Board of Directors, National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship
- 2017-Present Board of Managers, Jackie Robinson YMCA
- 2017-2019 Board of Directors, The Trevor Project
- 2016-2020 Board of Directors, San Diego Workforce Partnership Workforce Development Board
- 2016-2020 Board of Directors, Thrive Charter School Foundation
- 2016-2018 Advisory Board, Teach for America San Diego
- 2016-2018 Board of Directors, International Cottages, House of Puerto Rico
- 2015-Present Board of Directors, San Diego Continuing Education Foundation
- 2014-Present Advisory Committee on Legislation, Community College League of California
- 2010-2013 Member, California State Select Task Force on Autism Spectrum Disorder
- 2010-2013 Board of Directors, Green Ambassadors
- 2010-2013 Board of Directors, Environmental Charter Schools
- 1999-2001 AmeriCorp Member
- 1999-2001 Corps Member, Teach for America

## PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS (5 YEARS)

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- 2020 AACCC, American Association of Community Colleges
- 2020 The League for Innovation in the Community College
- 2019 NACCE, National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship
- 2019 Building Workforce Partnerships Conference, California Labor Federation
- 2019 IICE, Ireland International Conference on Education
- 2019 The Council for the Study of Community Colleges
- 2019 ACCE, Association for Community and Continuing Education
- 2019 The League for Innovation in the Community College
- 2018 Live Well San Diego, Live Well Advance Conference, San Diego, California
- 2018 San Diego Workforce Partnership Opportunity Summit, San Diego, California
- 2018 CIES, Comparative and International Education, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2018 HACU, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2018 OEC, Open Education Conference, Niagara Falls, New York
- 2018 ACCT, Association of Community College Trustees, New York, New York
- 2018 CCLC, Community College League of California, Mission Hills, California
- 2018 LICE, London International Conference on Education, London, United Kingdom
- 2018 The New World of Noncredit, Building and Expanding Programs in Community Colleges, San Diego, California

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- AmeriCorps
- American Education Research Association (AERA)
- American Studies Association (ASA)
- Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA)
- Association of Community and Continuing Education (ACCE)
- Community College League of California (CCLC)
- Comparative and International Education Society (CIES)
- Holmes Partnership ScholarIrvine Fellows Program (IFP)
- Scholars, Writers and Artists for Social Justice (SWASJ)
- Teach for America (TFA) University Continuing Educators Association (UCEA)

# KEY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

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## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

- 2010: United States Department of Education - Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE): Culturally-Inclusive Positive Behavior Supports Teacher Training Program, \$650,975.
- 2010-2014: United States Department of Education - The Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities (TPSID), \$4,500,000.

## SAN DIEGO COLLEGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION, SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

- 2015-2021 (annual allocations): United States Department of Labor Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult Education Family Literacy Act, \$11,802,432
- 2016-2021 (annual allocations): Arthur N. Rupe Foundation, \$132,000
- 2016-2021 (annual allocations): United States Department of Labor Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Formula Program, \$440,000
- 2018-2021 (over four years): California Coast Credit Union, \$11,000
- 2018: City of San Diego - Community Projects, Program, and Services, \$6,500
- 2018: County of San Diego - Neighborhood Reinvestment Program, \$12,899
- 2018: Goodwin Family Memorial Trust, \$5,800
- 2019: City of San Diego - Community Development Block Grant, \$292,000
- 2018: Las Patronas, \$8,619
- 2019: Sempra Foundation, \$10,000
- 2019: California Virtual Campus-Online Education Initiative (CVC-OEI) Improving Online CTE Pathways Grant, \$500,000
- 2019: Irvine Foundation, with the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation, \$300,000
- 2019: Lucky Duck Foundation, \$200,000
- 2020: California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Communications Interoperability Grant Program (SCIGP), \$100,000
- 2020: City of San Diego - Art, Cultures, and Community Festivals, \$5,000
- 2020: County of San Diego - Classified School Employee Professional Development Block Grant, \$5,000
- 2020: County of San Diego - Community Enhancement, \$15,000
- 2020: County of San Diego - Neighborhood Reinvestment Program, \$10,168
- 2020: Parker Foundation, \$75,000
- 2020: Sempra Foundation, \$15,000
- 2020: Salesforce, \$21,000
- 2020: San Diego Community Foundation, \$35,000
- 2020: United Way of San Diego County, \$48,060
- 2020: United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Construction Trades Apprenticeship Readiness Grant, with the San Diego Workforce Partnership, \$1,363,636
- 2020: Wells Fargo, \$103,042

## SELECTED MEDIA (5 YEARS)

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**Patch June 12, 2021: SDCCD** : Summer Session Begins June 14 At San Diego College Of Continuing Education

**San Diego Community College District July 1, 2021:** Carlos O. Turner Cortez ushers in new era as chancellor of SDCCD

**EdSource May 24, 2021:** San Diego community college enrollment dips as students seek employment

**Leading Forward Podcast April 28, 2021:** Reimagining the Transition from K12 to Higher Ed with SDCCD Chancellor Designate

**Inside Higher Education April 9, 2021:** New Presidents or Provosts: Bentley U, Luther College, Minnesota State U-Mankato, Saint Paul College, San Diego CC District, Wayne State U, Western Kentucky

**San Diego Union Tribune April 2, 2021:** Carlos Cortez, idea-a-minute historian, gets a shot at energizing San Diego community colleges

## SELECTED MEDIA (5 YEARS)

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**City Times March 26, 2021:** SDCCD's chancellor-elect draws inspiration from the views of his guru

**Hispanic Outlook on Education Magazine March 22, 2021:** Dr. Carlos O. Cortez next Chancellor at the SDCCD

**Community College Daily March 21, 2021:** Carlos O. Cortez has been named the next chancellor of the San Diego Community College District in California, effective July 1

**KUSI March 17, 2021:** The San Diego Community College District Announces Its Next Chancellor

**San Diego Metro March 17, 2021:** Carlos O. Cortez named chancellor at San Diego Community College District

**Fox 5 San Diego March 16, 2021:** Local community college district names veteran educator as next chancellor

**Diverse Issues in Higher Education March 16, 2021:** Dr. Carlos O. Cortez Named Chancellor of San Diego Community College District

**College Professor March 16, 2021:** Carlos Cortez named chancellor of San Diego Community College District

**Colorado Daily Newswire March 16, 2021:** Dr. Carlos O. Cortez named Chancellor of the San Diego Neighborhood School Di...

**SDCCD News Center March 16, 2021:** Dr. Carlos O. Cortez named Chancellor at the San Diego Community College District

**SD City Times March 16, 2021:** BREAKING: SDCCD selects Carlos Turner Cortez as new chancellor

**San Diego Union Tribune March 16, 2021:** Carlos Cortez named chancellor of San Diego Community College District

**Times of San Diego March 16, 2021:** SD Community College District Taps Carlos Cortez to Succeed Chancellor Constance Carroll

**SD News February 19, 2021:** Regional Task Force on the Homeless adds new board members

**San Diego Metro February 9, 2021:** Finalists announced for chancellor of San Diego Community College District

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