



DR. MIKE FLORES

Dr. Flores assumed chancellorship of the Alamo Colleges District on October 1, 2018. He joined the District in 1999 and has served with distinction in varied teaching and administrative roles, most recently as president of Palo Alto College from 2012 to 2018.

Flores brings to his new position a strong belief in empowering students through high impact teaching and learning practices, as well as academic advising, learning communities, new student orientation, and open educational resources. He points to these as factors that encouraged him to establish new degree & certificate programs in high-growth, high-wage career areas, numerous early college high school/pre-college partnerships, the Center for Mexican American Studies, and other achievements.

Ever an advocate for continuous improvement in education programs and services, Flores utilized Baldrige criteria to help PAC gain recognition as 2015 winner of the Texas Award for Performance Excellence, 2016 nominee for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, and top 10 finalist for the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.

Flores has gained national recognition for his efforts to increase student success – as an Achieving the Dream Coach, as a fellow with the American Council on Education and with the Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities, for postgraduate work at the Harvard University Institute for Educational Management, and for his work with community-based organizations in San Antonio, Houston, and Chicago. He has presented at numerous national higher education conferences regarding student engagement, evaluation, and performance excellence. He currently serves as a board member for several local and regional community organizations. He has also been the recipient of numerous professional and personal awards.

The son of migrant farmworkers, Flores was born in Del Rio, Texas, and is a 1987 graduate of Holmes High School (San Antonio Northside ISD). He earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio, a master of science degree from Illinois State University, and a PhD in educational administration from the University of Texas at Austin.

He lives in central San Antonio with his wife Martha, a talented creative director and entrepreneur, and their daughters, Mara Zoe and Mia Ximena.

THE ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT

We want everyone to have access to college-level education – to complete associate degrees, pursue higher degrees or advance careers. So all colleges and programs in our district are designed to serve the people, the communities and the businesses of San Antonio and our surrounding areas with:

- Open admissions policies.
- Small classes, allowing personalized attention.
- Affordability – plus scholarship and financial aid opportunities.
- Academic and professional excellence of faculty and staff.
- Varied programs – associate degrees, certificates, marketable skills training, etc.
- Transferable academic credits.
- Workforce programs and career curricula.
- Commitment to diversity in the traditional sense, and in thought and conversation.

NORTHEAST LAKEVIEW COLLEGE

As one of the nation's newest community colleges, NLC currently serves approximately 6,000 students from the ten Metrocom Communities and northeast San Antonio – including Bexar, Comal, and Guadalupe Counties. It focuses on student success by offering associate degrees and continuing education, promoting engagement in civic activities and organizations, and encouraging participation in cultural and enrichment programs.

NORTHWEST VISTA COLLEGE

Open since fall of 1995, NVC was named Best Community College in Texas for 2017 by bestcolleges.com. It serves over 18,000 students per semester – on its 137-acre campus, at off-site daytime and evening classroom locations, and via Internet, hybrid and weekend courses. It seeks to empower students by giving them tools to think critically, and to learn and discover on their own beyond the classroom.

PALO ALTO COLLEGE

Founded in 1985 to provide higher education to residents of south San Antonio, PAC is ranked in the top 1% of community colleges in the U.S. and serves more than 9,000 students. It is a recognized Hispanic-Serving Institution and has been widely honored for its strategies for student success (#32 of the Top 100 Associate Degrees Awarded to Hispanics, and an average transfer rate for Hispanic students over four times higher than the Texas average).

ST. PHILIP'S COLLEGE

Originally a private Episcopal Institution founded in 1898, SPC evolved into a comprehensive public community college – one noted for empowering its student population (11,000 on-campus, 7,000 distance-learning) through educational achievement and career readiness. As a Historically Black College and Hispanic Serving Institution, it is a vital facet of a community rich in ethnic, cultural, and socio-economic diversity.

SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE

One of the oldest community colleges in Texas, SAC was established in 1925 and has a proud tradition of producing city, state and business leaders. It is also the largest single-campus community college in Texas. Located just north of downtown, SAC has a university-like feel, a wide range of specialized facilities and programs, and serves about 20,000 credit and 16,000 other-than-credit students each semester.



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