

DR. BEATRIZ ESPINOZA Tuesday, May 30, 2023 9:15am – 10:15am – Finalist Forum Zoom Meeting Link Zoom Meeting ID: 848 5337 8904 Passcode: 913386

Dr. Espinoza has enjoyed a 30 plus year career in higher education. Her university and community college experiences expand the roles of faculty, researcher, counselor, director, dean, vice president, vice chancellor and president/CEO across six states. Her college journey began as a first generation college student with the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) Scholarship. Dr. Espinoza completed her undergraduate studies in psychology at UT-Pan American, her master's and doctor's degrees in rehabilitation psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a post-doctorate in community college leadership at the University of Texas-Austin, and served as a Kellogg Fellow with the Minority Serving Institutions higher education leadership program. Her educational journey was successful because of the encouragement of family, the guidance and support of college professors and support staff, and the mentorship of supervisors and colleagues in higher education. In return, she has made a lifelong commitment to paying it forward by ensuring community college students and communities receive the benefits of attaining a college degree and having an exceptional higher education experience.