

Dr. Tania M. Acosta is a first-generation high school and college graduate. She currently serves as the Dean of Students at the Homestead Campus of Miami Dade College. Dr. Acosta is a seasoned administrator, having more than 24 years' experience in key senior-level positions including Interim Campus President, Director of Campus Administration, Emergency Management Incident Commander, Chief Information Officer, Facilities Coordinator, and Adjunct Faculty for the School of Global Business, Trade and Transportation.

Her experience involves key roles and responsibilities specifically relating to Student Enrollment Management, Institutional

effectiveness, Strategic Planning, Community Resource Development, Employee Compensation, Deferred Maintenance, Emergency Management, Fiscal Accountability & Austerity Measures, Employee Leadership Training and Development.

Dr. Acosta's background includes training and experience dealing with mental health, and suicide prevention. She currently chairs the campus Behavior Intervention Team (BIT), has National Incident Management System (NIMS) certification, and served as Campus Incident Commander for more than a decade. Furthermore, she served as a member of the Dept of Justice (DOJ) Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinated Community Response Team.

In the community, she served as a member of the Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce, and currently sits on the Board of the Economic Development Council (EDC) of South Miami-Dade. The EDC serves several communities in South Miami-Dade including the Village of Pinecrest, the Village of Palmetto Bay, the Town of Cutler Bay, the City of Homestead, the City of Florida City, and a number of unincorporated areas. The EDC serves a community of over 600,000 residents, 140,000 workers, and 20,000 businesses. In her capacity as a Board Member, Dr. Acosta has oversight of the strategic economic development plan dedicated to the sustainability, resiliency and vitality of the unique communities served by the EDC.

Dr. Acosta is a graduate of The Chair Academy's Global Leadership Advanced Academy; a graduate of the Dade Community Foundation's Miami Fellows Initiative Class V; and a graduate Fellow of the Dr. Ted Martinez Jr. National Community College Hispanic Council (NCCHC) Leadership Program.

Dr. Acosta earned a Baccalaureate degree in Public Administration from Florida International University; a Masters degree in Business Administration from American Intercontinental University; and a Doctor of Education degree in Higher Education Leadership/Organizational Leadership from NOVA Southeastern University.