

### Professional Biography of Dr. Anthony Cruz

Dr. Cruz currently serves as the Campus President of the Miami Dade College - Hialeah Campus in Florida. He most recently served as the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at St. Louis Community College. During his twenty-four years of higher education experience, Dr. Cruz has used his expertise to increase educational opportunities, enhance the student experience and bolster student success. Dr. Cruz has worked at several community colleges and universities including St. Louis Community College, Sinclair Community College, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Broward College, Kaplan University, and Florida International University.

Dr. Cruz is a native of Chicago, Illinois who grew up in Miami, Florida. As an Ohio resident, he worked collaboratively with community partners to build pathways for students to succeed in a community college setting. In Missouri, he continued to work on initiatives to remove barriers to student success. As a Miami-Dade County resident, he continues to create innovative approaches to reduce the skills gap and increase the number of college graduates.

Dr. Cruz currently serves on the NASPA James E. Scott Academy Board and has been a faculty member with the NASPA Escaleras Institute. He previously served on the Missouri Community College Association of Chief Student Affairs Officers (CSAO) Council, the St. Louis Graduates Steering Committee, Ohio Council for Two-Year College Chief Student Affairs Officers, on the Board of Directors of the English Language Learning Foundation, Inc., Member of the Welcome Dayton Committee, and Board Trustee of the Miami Valley Child Development Centers Inc. Dr. Cruz has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Florida International University, a Master in Public Administration from Florida State University, and a Doctorate in Higher Education from Florida International University.