



RUBEN MICHAEL “MIKE” FLORES, Ph. D
President

On March 3, 2018, Dr. Mike Flores was voted as incoming chancellor of the Alamo Colleges District by the Alamo Colleges District Board of Trustees. Dr. Flores will assume the duties of the Alamo Colleges District chancellor on Oct. 1, 2018.

Dr. Flores has served as president of Alamo Colleges District-Palo Alto College’s since 2012. Dr. Flores joined the Alamo Colleges District in 1999 and has held all three Vice President positions (Academic Success, College Services, and Student Success) during his tenure at Palo Alto College.

Dr. Flores is a leader for empowering students for success through resources such as high impact teaching and learning practices including usage of academic advising, learning communities, new student orientation, and open educational resources. Other campus-wide changes that took place during Dr. Flores’ presidency at Palo Alto College include new program offerings in high-growth, high-wage areas such as advanced manufacturing, energy, and health care; establishment of the Center for Mexican American Studies; and nine early college high school/pre-college partnerships since Fall 2014. Additionally, Dr. Flores led the College on an award-winning continuous improvement journey utilizing Baldrige criteria, with Palo Alto College earning the 2015 Texas Award for Performance Excellence and being a 2016 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award nominee. Most recently, Palo Alto College was designated as an Aspen Institute Top 150 Community College for 2019, a distinction that places the College in the Top 10% of community colleges nationwide.

Dr. Flores works with community colleges nationwide to increase student success as an Achieving the Dream Coach and has served as a fellow with the American Council on Education, the Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities, and conducted postgraduate study at the Harvard University Institute for Educational Management. Dr. Flores has also worked with numerous community-based organizations in San Antonio, Houston, and Chicago, and presented nationally at numerous higher education conferences regarding student engagement, evaluation, and performance excellence. He also serves as a board member for the Communities in Schools San Antonio, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, Hot Wells Park Conservancy, San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, San Antonio Tricentennial Commission, and San Antonio Youth Yes (SAY Sí) Leadership Council.

The son of migrant farmworkers, Dr. Flores was born in Del Rio, Texas, and is a 1987 graduate of Holmes High School in Northside ISD in San Antonio. He holds a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Texas at Austin, a Master of Science in Political Science from Illinois State University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Texas at San Antonio. He lives in central San Antonio with his wife Martha, a talented creative director and entrepreneur, and their daughters, Mara Zoe and Mia Ximena.