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Vision and Leadership: Opportunities and Challenges for the School of Education and UCR

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Land Acknowledgement

I would like to begin by respectfully acknowledging the Cahuilla, Tongva, Luiseño, and Serrano peoples, their ancestors and descendants. UCR is built on their homelands. Iam grateful to have this opportunity to gather here today and to share this space and conversation.



Educational Pathway

Calexico K-12

Pomona College

Stanford U.

- The Value of Education

- U.S.-Mexico Border

- B.A. in Psychology

- Ray Buriel, Mentor

- Ph.D. in Education

- Deepened Mission



U. of San Francisco

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- Irvine Diversity Fellow
- University Partnerships

Scholarship and Leadership: My Journey

San Diego State

Cal State Fullerton

- School-Community Partnerships
- Compact for Success

- Multiple Leadership Roles
- Institutional Breadth and Depth

Cal State Bakersfield

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To lead UCR's School of Education emerging from the pandem ic to collectively advance an aspirational, shared m ission to shape the future of educational theory, research, policy, and practice with ever-increasing impact.

In doing so, promote educational equity, inclusive excellence, and social justice across vibrant, diverse communities in the region and beyond by working together toward discovery, innovation, and impactful change.

UCR, the first HSI in the UC, is well-positioned to lead toward this mission. As Dean, I would endeavor to facilitate collective efforts toward the fulfillment of this mission with deep, unwavering commitment.

Leadership

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Mission & Values

- Impact
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Intentional
- Responsive
- Aspirational

Opportunities and Challenges: Key Priorities

- Engage in conversations as a School to identify key areas to address and build on strengths to maximize the impact of our efforts on the field and communities we serve.
- As we emerge from the pandemic, double -down on our commitment to address equity and justice in schools and communities.
- Engage in collaboration across the university and with community partners and stakeholders to move forward in key areas, timely projects, and strategic initiatives.
- Move forward intentionally and purposefully with the implementation of a strategic plan to attain shared goals for growth, sustainability, and impact.