



Dr. Alberto Ruiz has served as Dean of the College of Education and Human Development at Lamar University, Vice President for Academic Affairs at University of Louisiana Monroe and Dean of the College of Education and Human Performance at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) and is a Professor of Kinesiology. Over the past 33 years, he has been employed at Lamar U, ULM and TAMUK and has served in several capacities in teaching, research, and administration.

Having received higher education executive training, as VPAA and Dean, his primary areas of expertise are: Academic Program Development and Management; Assessment of Teaching / Learning and Program Effectiveness; Identifying External Funding for Program Growth and Development; Planning Longitudinally and Thinking Strategically; Outreach Connection to Public Schools; Educator Preparation Program; Leading Successful Doctoral Programs; and Management and Development of Distance Education and Remote Site Programs. TAMUK developed a partnership with Premont ISD

which was a first partnership of its kind in the country to turnaround a school district.

While Dean at Lamar university, he had the largest graduate program in the State of Texas with over 6,00 graduate students and received approval for a Master of Education in Literacy Leadership and Alternative Certification Program. As VPAA at ULM, he was responsible initial accreditation application for Doctorate program in Physical Therapy and added a Ph.D. program in Pharmacology, as well as Master's in Music Education and a Bachelor's in Music Education. While Dean at TAMUK, enrollment growth averaged about 4.6% per year, research external funding increased from \$400,000 to \$1,675,000, 25% increase in weighted semester credit hour productions (WSCHs), retention increased over 16%, and faculty research and productivity increased three-fold. TAMUK was named the fastest growing university in the US for two consecutive years. He led the efforts for the College to offer more programs on-line and was the only College in the country to have two PPOHA grants from the US Department of Education at the same time, as well as a \$2.75 million teacher preparation grant award.

Dr. Ruiz has served as an avid sports official for the past 30 years. He was selected as one of fifteen officials out of two thousand from the State of Texas to officiate from 2001-2004 in the University Interscholastic League (UIL) State Boy's Basketball Tournament. In addition, he officiated in the NCAA Woman's Division II National Tournament, the only South Texan to achieve that honor and distinction in recent history. He was an officiating member of the Great West Conference, Lone Star Conference, Heartland Conference, and several junior college conferences. He officiated the NCAA Division II National track and field meet recently.

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Outside of work, Dr. Ruiz strives to be a positive role model for youth. The youngest of ten children, he is a first-generation college graduate. In 2008, he was recognized as the Rising Star Recipient by the Javelina Alumni Association, was named in the Who's Who among America's Teachers in 2007 and 2009, and received the Alice High School Alumni Award in 2010. He has served as President of the Rotary Sunrise Club of Kingsville, served on AACTE National Board, and is an active member of the community.

Dr. Ruiz attended TAMUK and obtained his Bachelor of Science, as well his Master in Science, in Kinesiology with a specialization in Athletic Administration in 1995. He earned his Doctorate of Education in 2001 from the University of Houston in Physical Education Pedagogy. He is an avid runner and has completed five marathons and one ultra marathon.