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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Dr. Jose
Enriquez**

Dr. Jose Enriquez is living his dream as the CEO of Latinos in Action (LIA), a non-profit he founded in 2001, LIA is now a national organization currently implemented in 210 schools in Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, and Utah, where the program was founded. LIA's mission is to empower Latino youth to lead and strengthen their communities through college and career readiness. The vision of LIA is to be the model for Latino youth engagement through the development of personal assets, excellence in education, community service, and leadership. In 2014 LIA was honored as a Bright Spot by the White House Center for Excellence in Hispanic Education.

Dr. Enriquez is an immigrant that was born in El Salvador and grew up in East LA. He attributes much of his success to his hard working mother who sacrificed everything to give him and his siblings a better life. He graduated from John Glenn H.S. in L.A. with a full ride scholarship to wrestle at Brigham Young University where he obtained 3 degrees: BA in Secondary Education Spanish, ESL. Masters in Educational Leadership, and a PhD in Educational Leadership. His previous positions include; Director of Title III and Special Programs at the Utah State Office of Education, Director of Diversity for Alpine School District, Assistant Principal for 11 years in both Alpine and Provo school districts, Spanish for 3 years prior to that. Dr. Enriquez was appointed a commissioner on volunteerism by Lieutenant Governor Bell's Utah Commission on Volunteers in 2010, and as a commissioner to the office of Multicultural Affairs by Governor Herbert in 2012.

Dr. Enriquez is married to Jaymilyn Bonnett Enriquez and is the father of 6 children; 4 girls and 2 boys.