

JOSÉ A. VILLAR

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STUDENT SUPPORT BIO

José Villar is a highly innovative, servant leader who has made it his life's work to ensure that students from all backgrounds have the opportunity to pursue their educational goals and realize their full potential. Currently serving as the Director of the College Enrichment & Outreach Programs at the University of New Mexico, José is responsible for the strategic oversight of operations of a large, integrated, department consisting of eight (8) interconnected programs that promote the P-20 educational pipeline.

As a candidate for the Executive Director of Student Support position, José brings a wealth of expertise and a proven track record of collaborating and implementing programs and services that have significantly improved the student experience and promoted academic success. Throughout his career, José has been known for his unparalleled work ethic, passion, and collaborative approach to removing barriers and advocating to create an accessible, supportive, and engaging campus environment.

From a first-generation & low-income student, wondering if college was even a possibility, to eventually holding a Master of Business Administration, José has a personal connection to the challenges that students from underserved communities face. Furthermore, José knows that education is a powerful tool for social mobility and has the potential to change lives. This combination and his unwavering dedication to student success, make José an invaluable asset to the University for New Mexico.