

# Florencio Olguin Jr., MPA

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Florencio Olguin Jr. serves as Director of Operations for Student Affairs at the University of New Mexico. Prior to his current role, Florencio served as Academic Operations Officer for the College of Fine Arts at UNM where he directed all administrative functions of the College including human resources, faculty affairs, facilities management, fiscal sustainability, and strategic planning. Prior to his work with CFA, Florencio spent 8 years at UNM's Anderson School of Management where he was Director of Student Services and oversaw the operations of a comprehensive team that included academic advisement, career services, graduate admissions, and student recruitment. Florencio has also held adjunct faculty positions in First Year Experience at Central New Mexico Community College and UNM.

A first-generation college graduate and native New Mexican, Florencio received his master's degree in public administration and bachelor's degree in political science and journalism/mass communication – both from UNM. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in educational leadership and administration at New Mexico State University and was named a 2022-2024 Jackson Scholar by the University Council for Educational Administration. His research interest revolves around understanding, through a critical theoretical lens, the collegiate aspirations of rural Latina/o/x students. During Florencio's doctoral studies, he worked with UNM's Rural Student Project which led to his contributing authorship of notes from the field in a forthcoming book entitled *Race and Rurality: Considerations for Advancing Higher Education Equity* to be released in 2024 by Routledge Press.

Florencio attributes his academic and career success to programs within UNM Student Affairs that enabled him to grow into the leader and scholar he is today.