

Welcome Jonathan Vega

GRTC welcomes Jonathan Vega.

It is our pleasure to extend a warm welcome to Jonathan Vega, who has joined the Glycobiology Research and Training Center staff as the Chief Operations Officer. Jonathan holds a Master's degree in Business Management and comes to us with over ten years of experience in higher education having served in various roles creating and managing undergraduate and graduate student programs. Jonathan has vast expertise in designing and implementing programmatic strategies, fiscal management, and program assessment. Most recently he served as Campus Director and Director of Student Services at Alliant International University, where he was responsible for operational effectiveness, growth, and successful day-to-day campus operations.



Jonathan is a dedicated advocate of diversity and inclusion with strong track record of leading student advocacy programs, including in previous roles on the UCSD campus. As a Special Programs Manager of the UCSD Success Programs, he oversaw the administration and management of UCSD research and undergraduate programs designed to facilitate the academic and social integration of incoming students from under-represented, marginalized, and underserved socio-economic backgrounds. He was instrumental in establishing new initiatives to facilitate high touch programs to reduce student attrition and promote their academic success. Key to his role was creating a community that was diverse, welcoming, and student-centered – a role he hopes to continue as part of our Center. Prior to his work in academic programs, Jonathan was a part of a non-profit organization that sponsored Latinx students to attend universities nationwide by informing and educating students and their families about the benefits and opportunities of higher education.

Jonathan is looking forward to working with the GRTC leadership and staff to advance our Center's research, training, education, outreach, and philanthropic goals. He will bring his passion for creating opportunities for traditionally underrepresented and underserved students to help us advance our goals of enhancing diversity and inclusivity within our community and, more broadly, the field of glycoscience.

Please join us in welcoming Jonathan!

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