

Hispanic Heritage Month



My family is of Puerto Rican descent, and Cayey, P.R. is our hometown. I'm currently a volunteer parent on my son's 14U Travel Baseball team, where I act as the unofficial General Manager. I assist Latino families with navigating through the travel baseball program at Smash It Sports, particularly families displaced by Hurricane Maria who reside in the City of Rochester. I enjoy the team's diversity, players from Rochester, Penfield, Newark, Pittsford, and Irondequoit, and introducing them to Puerto Rican baseball traditions and our culture.

I was an Adjunct in the Criminal Justice Program; after retiring from the Rochester Police Department in 2020, I decided to come home. My educational journey started here at MCC in 1994, and I wanted to give back to the MCC Community. I started teaching in 2010, but in my current role as your MCC Chief of Public Safety, I've been here since July 21, 2021. My life path was simple; I wanted to serve my country, then my community, and continue that servant leadership path.

I earned my A.S. in Criminal Justice from MCC, transferring and obtaining my B.S. in Criminal Justice from SUNY Brockport. I returned to school and received my Master in Public Administration again from SUNY Brockport. I've also attended military and law enforcement training over the years, including the FBI National Academy.

Born and raised here in the City of Rochester, but have lived in the following places: Cayey PR, Caguas PR, Bayamon PR, Parris Island SC, 29 Palms CA, Quantico VA, Amman Jordan, Damascus Syria, Bogota Colombia, Camp Doha Kuwait, Baghdad, and Iraq. You can find a Latino Night anywhere in the world you go. Always proud of my heritage and where I came from.

I have a great sense of humor, I don't take myself as seriously as many folks believe, and that my past life experiences both in the military and in law enforcement have shown me is that we need to laugh more. I'm also very appreciative to be your Public Safety Jefe, and I'm here to be of service, and yes, my family and many in the Latino community call me Chino, and I've embraced it.