

Dr. Pedro José Santana

Dr. Pedro José Santana has served as the Dean of Students at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey for the past six years and, concurrently for the last two years, as a Board Member of the Robert A. Davis Endowed Scholarship at Buffalo State College. Additionally, for the last five years he has been a Peer Evaluator and Compliance Reviewer for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. He advanced to the office of Dean after serving Stockton College as Associate Dean of Students and Director of the Educational Opportunity Fund program for nine months, Assistant Dean for more than two years, and Associate Director in the Office of Housing and Residential Life for nearly four years. He came to Stockton College following a year of service to Southern Connecticut State University as Assistant Director/Area Coordinator in the Office of Housing and Residential Life. Prior to that, he served as Area Coordinator in the same office at Eastern Connecticut State University and as Assistant Area Coordinator and Residence Hall Director before that.

Dr. Santana earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and American Studies at the University at Buffalo, followed by a Master of Science in Student Personnel Administration at Buffalo State College, a Master of Science in Organizational Management at Eastern Connecticut State University, and he completed 27 credits towards a Master of Science in Global Affairs at Rutgers University. He earned a doctorate in Business Administration at Wilmington University (DE). Other training and educational experience has included a fellowship with Lead New Jersey, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators' Student Affairs Institute for Four-Year Colleges and Universities, the Professional Seminar in Leadership Dynamics at Southern Connecticut State University, and most recently, he is completing the Executive Leadership Academy (ELA) a year-long program cosponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, and the American Academic Leadership Institute to prepare experienced provosts and vice presidents to become successful presidents. Lastly, Dr. Santana is currently completing a Certificate in Fundraising Management at Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.

Dr. Santana has served as a teaching assistant while pursuing his graduate work for Dr. Gary Rommel in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science at Eastern Connecticut State University, and was an Adjunct Professor in the School of Business for more than six years at Richard Stockton, and within the Division of Business at Wilmington for three months. He is a member of the La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Beta Delta International Honor Society for Business, Management and Administration, Chi Alpha Epsilon National Academic Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa National Honor Society, Council for Black Faculty and Staff, and other academic and professional organizations. His extensive volunteer and committee work includes participation on the Institutional Research Council, the Committee on Equity and Diversity, the Behavioral Intervention Team, the Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment Task Force, and

many more at Richard Stockton College. He served on the Community Development Committee, the Community Service Advisory Committee, the Energy Conservation Committee, and on other planning and management bodies at Eastern Connecticut State University and the Campus Food Service Committee at Southern Connecticut.

Dr. Santana has developed successful grants in support of institutional activities, and has been the recipient of multiple award and honors, including the Stockton Student Veteran Organization Award, Stockton MLK Community Engagement Award, Dedicated Service Awards from the State of New Jersey, and a Certificate of Recognition-Multicultural Affairs from the Joint Meeting of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA). His volunteer work includes support for his institutions, child and family services, domestic violence victims, and other charitable and social causes.