

DEI Community Spotlight

Marlon Jackson, Admissions Counselor ¡Hola! Bonjour! Dobar dan! Guten tag! Hello!



My name is Marlon Jackson, and I am the new Admissions Counselor for Health Sciences.

My perspective on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) is unique and personal since I am a living example of the benefits of such principles.

I am originally from Guatemala City, Guatemala. When I was seven years old, I was adopted and placed in a very diverse family. My adoptive parents had three biological American Caucasian boys, followed by two adoptive Russian girls and finally four adoptive Guatemalans (my two biological siblings, an adoptive brother, and me). From the very beginning of my new adopted life, I was put in an environment that was diverse, inclusive and equitable. I grew up outside my original culture in rural Iowa. So, from the very beginning I have lived within DEI.



Through the power of education along with many helping hands I am able to serve in this position. What inspires me to do such work is knowing that I can help other individuals like me achieve goals thought to be impossible by embracing DEI policies and strategies within the educational system. It is this reason that I am a proud supporter and believer in the mission of DEI. It can be said that I am a product of DEI because I am a good metaphor of what can come if such principles are invested and upheld.