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My career path began at the age of 12 when my parents gave me a machete to open green coconuts for the tourists on a remote jungle shoreline in Costa Rica, where I was raised. One of those tourists was from Eugene, Oregon and asked me if I wanted to go to high school in America. The rest is history.



Today I am a double-Duck, with over five years of experience working at the University of Oregon including Business Affairs Office, Office of the Provost, and now VPFA. The community of professionals here has provided me with robust opportunities, advice, career guidance, and professional support. This atmosphere continues to inspire and motivate me to do the best I can every day. I take great responsibility in providing the highest level of service to the university community I serve, and I am continuously striving to leave the University of Oregon in a better position than when I arrived.

I am in a unique position as I am both an alumnus of the University of Oregon and I have worked as a classified staff and now as an OA. I currently serve on the VPFA Diversity Committee where I focus on the engagement of underrepresented communities. Due to the public-facing nature of my role, I regularly work with individuals across campus ranging from members of senior leadership and students to custodian staff. My experience and familiarity working with stakeholders across campus will be an asset to this position. If elected I will continue to apply lenses of equity, inclusion, access, and excellence to guide my efforts.