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Ivy Tech Community College names Marcos Rodriquez, Jr. Chancellor of Ivy Tech Lake County

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – Ivy Tech Community College announced today Marcos Rodriquez, Jr. is the new Lake County chancellor, effective immediately.

Rodriquez has served as the interim chancellor since July and moved to that role after serving as the Site Director for the Ivy Tech Michigan City site and as the apprenticeship manager for Ivy Tech Lake County, Valparaiso, and Lafayette. He has 19 years of experience managing and implementing processes within higher education and has been responsible for initiatives around technology and database management integration, budgets, and operations planning.

“Marcos is well-known in the Region and brings community connections and a desire to help students build a better every day after graduation in our Lake County communities,” said Ivy Tech President Sue Ellspermann. “His goals align to the College’s new strategic plan, Higher Education at the *Speed of Life*, producing more graduates, securing more workforce-aligned partnerships, continuing to improve the student experience, and launching initiatives that will provide pathways to high-wage, high-demand careers for all students.”

“Lake County is a diverse and accomplished community with a bright future, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to lead this campus in our mission to support our students’ aspirations, grow our community partnerships and create future possibilities,” said Rodriquez. “I am committed to working with everyone in the community to make Lake County an even better place to live, work, and learn.”

As chancellor, Rodriquez will provide oversight for campus operations and services and will ensure the campus is meeting enrollment, completion, retention, and student success goals. Rodriquez will build upon employer and community outreach and partnerships, ensuring the availability of the College’s instructional and student support services, strengthen fundraising efforts, and lead a team to successfully meet the needs of a diverse community and student body on campus.

In addition to his roles at Ivy Tech, Rodriquez also has served as an adjunct faculty instructor for the College of Court Reporting in Valparaiso, where he teaches personal finance and has previously taught human relations, modern history, and culture and society.

Marcos earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Valparaiso University and a Master of Business Management from Indiana University. In addition to his work at Ivy Tech, Marcos is a member of the Economic Development Workforce Taskforce, the Chamber of Commerce Retention and Expansion and Ambassador Committees, and an Advisory Board Member of the Construction Management Program.

About Ivy Tech Community College

Ivy Tech Community College is Indiana's largest public postsecondary institution and the nation's largest singly accredited statewide community college system, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Ivy Tech has campuses throughout Indiana and also serves thousands of students annually online. It serves as the state's engine of workforce development, offering associate degrees, short-term certificate programs, industry certifications, and training that aligns to the needs of the community. The College provides seamless transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana, as well as out of state, for a more affordable route to a Bachelor's degree. Follow Ivy Tech on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#) for the most up-to-date information.

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About Marcos Rodriquez, Jr.

Marcos Rodriquez Jr. is a seasoned educator and leader with a passion for student success and community engagement. He has nearly 20 years of experience at Ivy Tech Community College, where he has served in a variety of roles, including Site Director, Apprenticeship Manager, and Career Counselor.

In his role prior to Interim Chancellor, Marcos oversaw the LaPorte County sites and apprenticeship programs for the Lake County, Valparaiso, and Lafayette service areas. He has a proven track record of developing and expanding community partnerships, leading to initiatives that strengthen the future of students and communities.

Marcos is committed to providing all students with access to high-quality education and training that prepares them for success in the workforce. He is also dedicated to promoting equity and inclusion in higher education. Marcos is a member of several committees and community organizations, including the La Porte Economic Development Workforce Taskforce, Retention and Expansion Committee, and the Michigan City Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Committee. He also served as an

Advisory Board Member for the Construction Management Program and has delivered courses in Personal Finance, Culture & Society, and Modern History for the College of Court Reporting as an adjunct instructor.

Marcos holds a Master's in Business Administration from Indiana University Northwest and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Valparaiso University. He is a highly motivated and accomplished individual with a deep commitment to education and the community. Outside of Ivy Tech, Marcos enjoys spending his time with his family, camping and hiking at Indiana's state parks, with a goal of obtaining every Hoosier Quest Explorer pin for each of the 32 state parks.

