

Alexis Ortiz

General Counsel

Alexis Ortiz serves as General Counsel for the Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School. With a J.D. and an LL.M. in International Human Rights from Northwestern University School of Law, Alexis brings a deep expertise in advocacy to her work. During her time at Northwestern, she honed her skills in the human rights clinic and led as Co-President of the Latino/a Law Students Association.

Ms. Ortiz has over a decade of experience as a legal adviser, and a deep commitment to public service and using the law as a force for good in the world. Prior to joining Carlos Rosario School, she served as an Attorney-Adviser at the U.S.

Department of State, where she worked on a wide range of issues including employment law, international marine conservation treaties, and international educational programs, among many others.

In her free time, she loves spending time with her family, reading one of the many books she has checked out from the public library, and watching nature documentaries.



Udean Mars Williams

Assistant Principal, Sonia Gutierrez Campus

Udean is originally from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, a small island nation in the Eastern Caribbean. She has taught various science courses at the K-12 level and served as an adjunct professor in psychology, along with holding administrative roles. Udean holds a PhD in International Psychology, a Master's in Educational Administration, and a Bachelor's in Biology/Chemistry.

With her diverse interests, Udean believes that education is not just a tool for personal advancement but a moral and civic imperative that shapes the fabric of our society. Hence, every individual (students, staff, and faculty) brings unique perspectives, strengths, and needs, which collectively foster a culture that honors the potential of each learner and contributes to the broader social good.

Udean is excited to join Carlos Rosario School and looks forward to supporting and collaborating with everyone.



John Marchese

Vice President of Advancement

John Marchese joined the Carlos Rosario School team in 2025, bringing him back to the DC area. As Vice President of Advancement, he leads the Development and Communications teams in their efforts to tell the School's story, forge new connections, and deepen partnerships and engagement to fulfill the School's mission.

He earned a BA in Philosophy with a Spanish minor from Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, an MA in Philosophy from Loyola University Chicago, as well as an MA in Romance Languages & Literatures and a Ph.D. in Literature from the University of Notre Dame.

His dissertation focused on twentieth century prose from El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, and Nicaragua. As someone who has been both student and teacher of language and cultures, he feels right at home in the Carlos Rosario School community.

Parallel to his work in education, his professional career has been marked by service to migrants and the root causes of migration. He led Su Casa Catholic Worker in Chicago, which operated a family shelter for migrants impacted by violence and displacement and later launched a migrant justice program during the time he served as Executive Director of the Quixote Center in



Maryland. Most recently, he served as Executive Director for a community college foundation in Upstate New York.

John has earned the CFRE (Certified Fund Raising Executive) designation and served on the board of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Finger Lakes Chapter, in addition to several other boards in human services, advocacy, and the arts.