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Dr. Sandra Rodriguez has served for 28 years in the San Bernardino City Unified School District. She started her career as an instructional tutor and continued to pursue her career. She eventually was promoted to a resource specialist teacher, vice principal, high school principal, and employee relations director. She is currently the Assistant Superintendent of Student Services.

Dr. Rodriguez is passionate about serving the needs of all students and truly believes that every child deserves the best education possible. She is an equity warrior and is called to serve in underserved communities. Dr. Rodriguez also serves as an adjunct professor at California State University, San Bernardino. She is a past president of Region 12 ACSA.

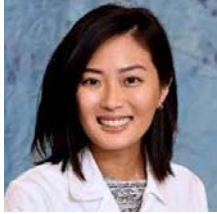
She holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from California Baptist University, two master's degrees in Special Education and School Administration and in 2020 she received her doctorate degree in educational leadership from Azusa Pacific University.

Dr. Rodriguez is committed to excellence in education. "I believe that education can change the course of history for families. Education is our best attempt to ensure equity for our children." Sandra is a "home grown" educator. She believes that children thrive when the community surrounds and supports them.



Adwoa Osei, MD FAAP is the Program Director for UCR PRIME Leadership Education to Advance Diversity, Co-director for the Health Equity, Social Justice, Anti-Racism (HESJAR) curriculum, Clerkship Director for Pediatrics, and Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics in the University of California School of Medicine. Dr. Osei has led the School of Medicine team in the development and implementation of a new Health Equity, Social Justice, Anti-Racism (HESJAR) across multiple SOM domains (Graduate Students, UME, GME, Faculty, Staff). She has developed innovative new methods for involvement with local communities of diversity to share their experiences and educate those in the School of Medicine on the impact of the level of their cultural competencies on those around them, partnering with health insurance agencies to train physicians on diversity, belonging and anti-racism. She is a physician consultant for Black Infant Health in Riverside County.

She leads the UCR clinic for Leadership Education in Neurodiversity and has served on expert panels on disabilities and trauma informed care for the CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics. She is part of the ACES Aware initiative and together with the regional AAP, helps train physicians in ACEs and related topics. Dr. Osei received the Berton Mathias Award in 2008 for clinical excellence and compassion in patient care, Academy Award for Excellence in Compassion in 2017, Teaching Excellence Award in 2020 from UCR SOM Alumni and Outstanding Pediatrics Instructor in 2020 and 2021.



Dr. Toshia Yamaguchi is a child and adolescent psychiatrist who recently joined the faculty at the UC Riverside School of Medicine. She received her medical degree at Creighton University School of Medicine, completed her adult psychiatry residency at UC Riverside, and stayed at UCR for additional fellowship training in child and adolescent psychiatry. She currently treats college students, graduate students, medical students, as well as children and adolescents at UCR Health in Riverside.



Dr. Giovanna Brasfield, commonly known as “Dr. G,” serves as the CEO and Principal Consultant for Brasfield & Associates. As the CEO and Principal Consultant, Dr. G specializes in diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) program development and management, training/education and outreach, as well as client representation for the implementation of contractual commitments, and development of DEI programs. Before relaunching her consultancy, Dr. G served as the vice president of project diversity and inclusion for Flatiron Construction’s Southwest Division and served as the Inclusivity Manager for LINXS Joint Venture, delivering one of the regions key infrastructure projects, the Los Angeles World Airport’s Automated People Mover (APM). While at Flatiron in her role, Dr. G assisted the Southwest District in meeting its DE contract requirements on existing and upcoming projects pursuits that engage women, diverse businesses, the local workforce, and youth engagement.



Melissa Berg is a shareholder and the Director of Inclusion, Culture, and Engagement at Dome Construction. Melissa has been in the construction industry for 20 years, working on the construction of healthcare facilities for most of her career before her transition to her new role in 2020. Melissa served for (5) years on the founding board for the Northern California chapter of Women in Construction Operations (WiOPS), which is a non-profit that serves over 450 members in the Bay Area whose primary focus is to educate and mentor women in construction. Most recently she was interviewed and selected for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Steering Committee for the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of CA to continue working on her passion to drive inclusive and equitable change in the construction industry that she loves.



Jann Whetstone is CEO of JW Whetstone & Sons Reconstruction & Consulting, Trades Specialist/Instructor for JTM Academy/LA Urban League CCA- Apprenticeship Readiness Program. Ms. Whetstone has been in the construction industry for over 26 years, 25 years as a Journeyman Inside Wireman Electrician with IBEW-International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 11. Ms. Jann as her students call her has been a part of many historical building projects Staples Center/Crypto.com, Cathedral Our Lady of Angels, Pier 400-Port of LA and Destination Crenshaw. She has worked with and for several well-known organizations and educational institutions; SBCTC, UCLA-LOSH and coauthored a Construction Case Study Guide for the State of California Commission on Workers Compensation. Ms. Jann is also a former Commissioner of the Commission on the Status of Women appointed by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.



Venessa Ingalls 4th Generation Union Wireman 15-year member of IBEW #440 in Riverside County. Completed a 5-year apprenticeship to become journeyman wireman. Ran work as a Forman in LA county • Founded Tradeswoman Sisterhood in 2016 to promote equitable opportunities available to women in the building trades and to help tradeswoman network • Currently working as a political Registrar, membership development, organizer for IBEW #440.

