

Meet the Associate Vice President of SSSP



Dr. Viridiana Diaz has been in the field of higher education for the past 20 years. She serves as the Associate Vice President of Strategic Student Support Programs at Sacramento State. She has dedicated her professional career to creating a more inclusive campus for first-generation, Pell eligible, migrant, immigrant, undocumented, LGBTQIA+ and out of school youth. She provides primary oversight to equity programs and affinity centers offering academic advising, personal counseling, tutoring, mentoring, peer-based support and population specific interventions including the College Assistance Migrant Program, High School Equivalency Migrant Program, Serna Center, Dreamer Resource Center, Multi-Cultural Center, Pride Center, Women's Resource Center and Career Center.

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