

Greetings,

My name is Francellis Quiñones and I would like to express my interest in the Chief Officer of Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion position. I have reviewed the posted job description and feel that I would be an exceptional candidate for this position. I have spent the past twenty years deeply entrenched in doing community engagement as a teacher, community mobilization, and diversity, equity, and inclusion work; and creating and facilitating projects, workshops, and training in the Merrimack Valley Area as the Co-Founder and President of Quiñones Culture Consultants. I am a thoughtful, self-reflective, diplomatic, and confident leader with knowledge of and experience in innovative and emerging practices in the areas of equity and social justice in higher education and our communities. My specialty has been curating safe and bold spaces, cultivating connectivity, relationship formation and partnership acquisition. My methodology and philosophy are grounded in transformative pedagogy, and I have expertise in fostering community both virtually and in-person. At this time, I am seeking a position that would allow me the opportunity to utilize my vast experience in community engagement and community organizing in a way that contributes to seeing a more just and equitable society realized in the Merrimack Valley. I feel my background in community engagement, cross-sector work, community mobilizing, and DEI education situate me well for this position. I ask that you please review my resume and consider me for an interview.

Brief bio: I am President of Quiñones Culture Consultants and the Organizing Program Manager at UTEC. I was an educator for almost fifteen years in the Boston Public Schools, Weston Public Schools, and Greater Lawrence Technical School before creating my own consulting company with my husband and Chief Operating Officer, Miguel A. Quiñones. I was a history teacher, a teacher leader in all my schools, and the coach of my daughter's soccer teams in Haverhill Youth Soccer and the Bradford Christian Academy's middle school. I am also active in the community, serving on the board of The Haverhill YMCA, and volunteering with local organizations like Haverhill Youth Soccer, POSE, Leaving the Streets Ministries, VIP Haverhill, and proud member of the LEADS 3.0 cohort working on cross sectional projects to create systemic change in the Merrimack Valley area. Originally from the Dominican Republic, I live in Haverhill with my husband Miguel and two daughters, Isis and Phoenix. When I am not wearing my educator hat or serving in the community, I love to hike, go to the beach with my family, and go to amusement parks. The Quiñones family is very civically involved in the community, with our daughters being active participants and presenters at rallies and marches. As the Organizing Program Manager at UTEC, I get to use my passion for history, social justice, and activism.

I earned my Bachelor's degree from University of Massachusetts Amherst in Political Science with a Certificate in International Relations, and my Master's degree from the University of Essex in Colchester England in International Relations.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this position. I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

Francellis Quiñones

