

## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **Dr. Abel Gonzales**

Dr. Abel Gonzales is passionate about education. Throughout his 22-year career, he has served in leadership capacities ranging from public school teacher and coach to student advocate and director. Currently, as Director of Instructional Outreach Programs



(Division of Strategic Enrollment) at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), Dr. Gonzales develops and refines academic programs and partnerships focused on increasing college access, readiness and enrollment. Previously, he served as Dual Credit and Early College High School Director (2012-2014), Title V STEM Director (2011-2014) and Gateway to College Director (2008-2014) at his alma mater, Palo Alto College. Determined to increase the success rates for community college transfer students, Dr. Gonzales serves on the UTSA First Generation and Transfer Student Council, advocating for this underserved student population. Additionally, Dr. Gonzales focuses his research efforts on developing and sustaining academic pathways for transfer populations. Dr. Gonzales grew up in south San Antonio and proudly graduated from a community college. He recently earned his doctorate in Educational Leadership from UTSA, while also holding a Master of Science in Educational Administration, Bachelor of Science in Education from Texas A&M University – Kingsville, and an Associate of Science from Palo Alto College.