

David Acosta, M.D.

Keynote Speaker

“Transformational Leadership:
Reinvent Yourself and Perform Beyond Expectation”

David Acosta, M.D. is the Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion, the Chief Diversity Officer for UC Davis Health System, and Senior Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for UC Davis School of Medicine. He is a Clinical Professor in the Health Sciences, Board-Certified in Family Medicine, and completed his medical education and residency training at UC Irvine and UC San Francisco respectively. His extensive work experience spans the pipeline continuum working with URM pre-health students to faculty, and includes holding executive leadership positions in rural community health centers, residency and fellowship programs, diversity affairs and admissions. His teaching focuses on cultural competency, unconscious bias, equity and inclusion, health disparities, and Hispanic health. He's been the Principal Investigator for a number of grants (NIH, HRSA, RWJF) building pipeline programs for URM students interested in health careers. He is the Immediate Past Chair of the AAMC Group on Diversity and Inclusion, and served on the AAMC MR5 Advisory Committee responsible for the 2015 MCAT. He now serves on the AAMC Advancing Holistic Review Project Advisory Committee focusing on holistic admissions. He was recently elected treasurer of the Executive Board of the Hispanic Serving Health Profession Schools organization, and serves on the Executive Committee of Building the Next Generation of Academic Physicians organization.

