

## **Carlos Santiago appointed Commissioner of Higher Education**

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### **Dr. Carlos Santiago appointed Commissioner of Higher Education in Mass.**

Centro congratulates Dr. Carlos Santiago on his appointment as Commissioner of Higher Education of the state of Massachusetts. Dr. Santiago is a part of Centro's *100 Puerto Ricans Preserving our History* and was honored by Centro in 2013 along with other notable Puerto Ricans in Public Service. Last year, Dr. Santiago was Centro's guest for the official presentation of the book *Puerto Ricans at the Dawn of the New Millennium*, where he served as panel discussant.

Governor Charlie Baker stated that "Massachusetts is a leader in education, but we are faced with an increasingly competitive global marketplace and continuing achievement gaps. With Carlos at the helm, I'm confident our public higher education system will rise to the challenge."

Earlier today the Board of Higher Education unanimously recommended Dr. Santiago, who joined the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education in April 2013 as the Senior Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs. His past academic appointments include that of Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (Wisconsin's second largest research university). He brings over 30 years of experience in public higher education. Santiago also served as provost and chief operating officer at the University at Albany, (SUNY). He was a professor of economics at UWM and SUNY-Albany and holds a Ph.D. in economics from Cornell University. He is also the author or co-author of six books and has published dozens of articles and book reviews, of which many focus on economic development and the changing socioeconomic status of Latinos in the United States. On two separate occasions, in 1996 and 2011, Santiago has been named one of the 100 most influential Hispanics in the United States by

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*Hispanic Business magazine.*

“I am honored by the Board’s vote of confidence,” said Dr. Santiago. “I look forward to working with the Board and the administration to accelerate the pace of change and improvement on behalf of all our students and the Commonwealth as a whole.”

Centro is proud to share this news with our community and we wish Dr. Santiago all the best in his new position.

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