



**Lunch Keynote Speaker:**

Dr. David E. Bernier-Rivera

Designated Puerto Rico Secretary of State



Dr. David Enrique Bernier Rivera, who hails from the municipality of Patillas, was educated in the public education system of Puerto Rico and is a product of the Specialized School of Sports of the Albergue Olimpico in Salinas. His education includes a bachelor's degree in Natural Sciences from the University of Puerto Rico, Cayey Campus, and a doctorate in Odontology from the Medical Sciences School of the UPR.

From 2003 until 2004, he served as the Executive Director of the Office of Youth Affairs of the Government of Puerto Rico. In 2005, with 27 years of age, he was named Secretary of the Department of Sports and Recreation, becoming the youngest cabinet member in the history of Puerto Rico. His endeavors in favor of the sport have gained him multiple accolades.

He was President of the American Council of Sports, an organization composed of all the ministers of Sport of the Americas, President of the Organizing Committee of the Central American Games which were held in Mayaguez in 2010, and president of the Olympic Committee of Puerto Rico, the most important entity of International Sport in Puerto Rico. He was recently designated as Secretary of State of Puerto Rico by the Governor Elect of the island.