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José Jaime Rivera, Ph. D. is the President of Universidad del Sagrado Corazón [The University of the Sacred Heart] in San Juan, Puerto Rico since November 1992. Throughout his forty two years of experience in higher education he has occupied key administrative leadership and faculty positions at universities in Puerto Rico and the United States. He has also served as evaluator for accreditation and consultant in academic development, institutional assessment, strategic planning and accreditation for universities in Puerto Rico, the United States, Mexico, Argentina, Switzerland, Spain and the Dominican Republic.

Dr. Rivera is active in community and professional organizations. He presides over the board of directors of two of his key initiatives: the Alliance for Economic and Financial Education organized by USC and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and the Educational Policy Institute for Community Development established with the support of the Ford and Kellogg foundations. In December 2009, he was re-elected to the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Historical Foundation of the Puerto Rico Supreme Court, the Board of Directors of the Hispanic Educational Telecommunications System (HETS) and of the College Entrance Examination Board's Advisory Group. He co-chairs de Puerto Rico Center for Freedom of the Press established in 1999 by USC and the newspaper El Nuevo Día.

He has chaired the Board of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities [HACU] [2007, 2008] and HACU's Federal Government Relations Committee [2009, 2010]. He had served as an elected member of the Commissions on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools [1997-2002]; the Board of Governors of United Ways of Puerto Rico, ASPIRA's National Board, and on two

Task Forces appointed by the Honorable Chief Justice of the Supreme Court--one to revise the Judges Code of Ethics and another on the Future of the Justice System of Puerto Rico. During the past twenty years, the last five governors of Puerto Rico have appointed him to numerous commissions, task forces and public agency boards. He has been president of both the Association of Private Colleges and Universities of Puerto Rico [ACUP] and the Association of Puerto Rican Universities' Presidents.

Dr. Rivera holds a B.A. in Economics from the University of Puerto Rico (Magna Cum Laude-1967); a M.A. in Higher Education Administration from New York University (Summa Cum Laude-1972); and a Doctorate in Philosophy in Organizational and Administrative Studies from New York University (Summa Cum Laude-1981).

He has received numerous awards and recognitions, among them: the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities [HACU] President's Award for Excellence; the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education [AAHHE] Distinguished Leadership Award; the Angel Ramos Distinguished Citizen Award by the Puerto Rico Association of Radio Stations; the Distinguished Services Award of the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce; the Distinguished Alumni Award, by the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus on its Centennial Celebration in 2003, the Integrity Award, by the Better Business Bureau of Puerto Rico; the Top 25 Latinos in Education, and the Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice granted by H.H. Pope Benedict XVI. He is a member of professional association in the fields of Economics and Higher Education and a member of the Puerto Rico Academy of the Spanish Language, and a Correspondent Member of the Real Academia Española de la Lengua. He was also elected to the Puerto Rico Academy of Arts and Sciences.