

Biography

Dr. Maria Oralia De los Reyes

Dr. Maria Oralia De los Reyes is the Assistant Dean of the Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering Rio Grande Valley Engineering Initiative at Texas A&M University Kingsville (TAMUK) since 2016, previous to this position she served as the Director of Operations for the Engineering Programs in the Valley (2015-2016). As the Assistant Dean, she oversees the day-to-day operations in the Rio Grande Valley.



Before working at TAMUK, she served as Director of Title V and Learning Communities at the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College from 2009 to 2014. She also served as a Social Science Research Associate at Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) at The University of Texas at Austin in 2007 and as a Senior Research Analyst at The Cross Border Institute for Regional Development at The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College from 2001 to 2006.

Dr. De los Reyes holds a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from the Matamoros Institute of Technology; a Masters degree in Business Administration from the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from The Community College Leadership Program at The University of Texas at Austin. In addition, Dr. De los Reyes has twelve years of experience in the private sector (manufacturing) and over fifteen years of experience in higher education research and administration. Her research interests are in the areas of student retention, student engagement, and assessment, particularly in evidence-based student success initiatives.

As a low income, Hispanic, female, and first generation student, Dr. De los Reyes overcame a lot of barriers that ignited her interest and passion for helping students succeed, specifically disadvantaged students. Her purpose in life is to transform and make a positive impact in the lives of the people she works with, the students, and the community she serves.