

## Cecilia Preciado Burciaga's Bio

Cecilia Preciado Burciaga has a long and distinguished record in higher education. She has exhibited a professional and personal commitment to creating educational and learning opportunities for the Latino population in California and throughout the country. A native Californian, Ms. Burciaga has demonstrated experience and understanding of California's post secondary public and private institutions. Ms. Burciaga served as one of the founding administrators of California State University, Monterey Bay. She first worked in the Office of the President and later as the Associate Vice President of Student Affairs.

Before working at California State University, Monterey Bay, Ms. Burciaga served in various administrative capacities at Stanford University, including Associate Dean of Graduate Study, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs, and Assistant to the University President as Director of the Office of Chicano Affairs. Ms. Burciaga, along with her late husband, artist and writer, José Antonio Burciaga, served as Resident Fellows at the Chicano Theme Dorm, Casa Zapata.

Prior to her work at Stanford University, she worked as a Foreign Service Intern for the US Information Agency, a Program Officer for the Interagency Committee on Mexican-American Affairs, a Commissioner for the US Commission On Civil Rights, and as a teacher in the Chino School District. She has also served on numerous Boards, including the United Way of Santa Clara County and the Palo Alto Red Cross. Ms. Burciaga is a lecturer at San José State University in the Educational Leadership Program.

In addition to many awards and honors, including the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award and Top 100 Most Influential Latinas of the Century awarded by Latina Magazine, Ms. Burciaga has served on the White House Commission on The Education of Hispanic Americans during the Clinton Administration and on the National Advisory Committee on Women during the Carter Administration.

Ms. Burciaga is a graduate of California State University, Fullerton where she earned her Bachelor's Degree and Teaching Credential; she received her Master's Degree in Policy Studies in Higher Education from UC Riverside; and she has completed doctoral coursework at the University of La Verne.