



Josh Godinez, M.A.Ed.

Professional Learning Specialist



BIOGRAPHY

"I am the grandson and son of hard-working role models whose sacrifices and example made me believe that, while I will always face unique challenges along my journey, success is attainable with hard work, dedication, and perseverance. As a first-generation college student, I know the importance of having structured and intentional support from strong mentors who reinforced the belief that anything is possible if I continue to believe and dream. To encourage, empower, and enable students is my passion, my pride, and my purpose."

Josh Godinez is a high school counselor at Centennial High School in Corona, California. He is also a Past Chair of the Board for the California Association of School Counselors (CASC) and was named the 2019 California School Counselor of the Year. Josh supported the development of a data-informed program for a new high school in Fontana, California where he served as head counselor prior to his current assignment. He also has served on the California MTSS Design Committee, the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction's Data Transition Team, California Department of Education's Mental Health Coalition Meeting, and the CASC Policy, Advocacy, and Legislation Committee. He is a champion of advocacy and the advancement of school counseling. Prior to school counseling, Josh was a high school social studies teacher for nine years, a Beginning Teacher Support mentor, and served as an adjunct professor in the Teacher Education Department at Claremont Graduate University.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 2020-2022 California Association of School Counseling President/Board Chair
- 2021-2022 CTA Ambassador to the Pupil Personnel Services Coalition
- 2020-2022 Department of Education Mental Health Services Coalition
- 2019-2023 California MTSS Design Team Committee Member
- 2019 California School Counselor of the Year
- 2012-2015 Head Counselor, Jurupa Hills High School, Fontana, CA

FUN FACTS

- Josh loves Disney and The Disneyland Resort is his second home!
- Josh enjoys traveling to learn about people, culture, and history.
- Josh loves musical theatre, he has been a performer and helped to produce works at the high school and regional community levels.



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