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KConnect President & CEO

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“After graduating, I joined GVSU, where I worked for over seven years. I served as the Associate Director of Diversity Recruitment, co-founded Laker Familia, established the Latino Alumni Chapter, and launched the DACA/Undocumented Student Taskforce. I'm also proud to be one of the founding members of the Latino Graduation Ceremony - one of my favorite traditions.”

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“Although I grew up in both Mexico and the United States as a bilingual Latino, LAS helped me realize that my understanding of Latin America only scratched the surface. The courses, conversations, and readings opened my eyes to the deeper complexities of culture, history, and power.”

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Without the foundation provided by LAS, I would not have accomplished as much. I went on to become the President & CEO of KConnect and made history as the first Latino to be both appointed and elected to the Grand Rapids Community College Board of Trustees. LAS armed me with the knowledge, passion, and power I needed to get through some challenging years at a university that needed so much.

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