

Biography

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Dr. Uzziel Hernandez Pecina has been an educator in the Kansas City Latino community for more than 18 years and has lived in Kansas City, Missouri all of his life. He is a graduate of Westport High School (86'), earned both a Bachelor's degree in Modern Languages (91') and a Master's of Science degree in Urban Education (97') from **Kansas State University (KSU)**. He is a recent graduate from the Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis Doctoral Program at **University of Missouri-Columbia (MU-C)**, where he earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Ed.D) in the fall of 2010. His current position at **University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC)** is Assistant Teaching Professor of Education Administration in the Division of Urban Leadership and Policy Studies in Education (ULAPSIE) in the School of Education (SOE). Uzziel is currently teaching undergraduate and graduate courses to pre-service teachers and graduate students in SOE-UMKC.

Dr. Pecina was a Spanish teacher and Principal at Guadalupe Center's Alta Vista Charter High School on the Westside of Kansas City (92'-02'). He previously taught courses at **University of Central Missouri (UCM)** as an Assistant Professor of Multicultural Education, former member of UCM's Minority Task Force, and was the Latino Student Union (LSU) co-founder and advisor on campus. Uzziel is a former Library Trustee Member of the Kansas City Library Board, a member of the Coalition of Hispanic Organizations Education Committee (COHO), a current member of both the Guadalupe Center's Inc. and the Guadalupe Educational System, a member of UMKC's Latina(o)/Chicana(o) Studies Committee, and a member of the UMKC's Hispanic Advisory Board. He is a Veteran of Kansas Army National Guard, 13B, Cannoneer, Field Artillery, and earned the rank of Specialist E-4 (89'-97'). He and his wife Adriana Melgoza Pecina have four children, two girls and two boys, who attend public schools in Kansas City, Missouri. Uzziel is also a musician and leads Trio Aztlan at private and public events around Kansas City.