

Rudy Lozano

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Rudy Lozano Jr. is a Vice President in Global Philanthropy at JPMorgan Chase & Co. and leads The Fellowship Initiative in Chicago, a program that equips young men of color from low-income, underserved communities with the skills, experiences, and resources needed to complete high school prepared to excel in colleges and careers.

Rudy spent most of his career working in the not-for-profit sector and alternative high schools advocating for positive youth development and community advancement. He developed his passion for youth organizing and advocacy growing up in an environment and home that was civically engaged in local and international social justice issues. Rudy has drawn upon personal experiences, growing up in a single-family home, to better serve youth and families of color from working class communities.

Rudy has worked in many capacities with several community-based organizations, including Instituto del Progreso, Enlace Chicago and the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. He is highly proficient at supporting adolescent development, providing academic and career counseling, identifying and addressing trauma, and knowledgeable about education policy.

Rudy's passion for change led him to run for the Illinois State Legislature in 2010 and 2012. While unsuccessful in obtaining a seat in the legislature, he was able to ignite a movement within Chicago's southwest side that led to more non-traditional candidates of color running for office and challenging the status quo. He continues to support civic engagement in underserved communities, including expanding opportunities for low-income candidates of color, through his volunteer activities.

Rudy's vision for a better world stems from his parents' exposing him to political activities and involvement at an early age. This exposure has led Rudy to attending conferences around the world, organizing in his neighborhood, sitting on local school councils, participating in numerous leadership opportunities and developing an understanding that the world is inter-connected and that all people deserve fundamental human rights and dignity.

Rudy is alum of Chicago Public Allies and Leadership Greater Chicago graduate class of 2011. He obtained his BA in Community and Youth Development from Northeastern Illinois University and his M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from University of Illinois at Chicago. Rudy is a proud son, brother, husband and father to two amazing girls.

