

# Segue IFL is honored to announce new members to its Board of Directors. Welcome to Segue!



**Dr. Anthony Rodriguez** graduated from the University of New Mexico with a Ph.D. in Special Education, with an emphasis in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Mathematics Education.

For 16 years, he taught students with low incidence disabilities mathematics and was the recipient of the 2011 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Education in the State of New Mexico. His mathematics program at Cibola High School was awarded an Intel Innovation Grant in 2012 to continue the community-based program that created jobs, built partnerships to local businesses, and taught real-world mathematics skills within a growing and landscaping program.

Dr. Rodriguez has developed an inclusive mathematics curriculum for Illustrative Mathematics, Oro Valley, AZ. He is a proud member of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD), serving on their Board from 2016-2020; TODOS –Mathematics for All; and The National Council for Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM).

He currently works as an Associate Professor of Education at Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island. He enjoys coaching, building things, and spending time with his cool kids and cat (Gary).

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**Mr. Lee Lewis** is the President of Junior Achievement RI. He has been with JA since 1998, serving in a variety of positions for the organization until 2007, at which time he was named President.

Lee holds an Associates in Business Administration with a concentration in leadership studies, Bachelor of Marketing; and a Master of Business Administration - Global Business Management with a concentration in marketing from Johnson & Wales University in Providence, RI.



Lee was inducted into the National Commission for Cooperative Education Hall of Fame in 2007 as well as the Providence Business News 40 Under Forty Class of 2008. He was the Johnson & Wales University commencement ceremony's alumni induction speaker for the graduating class of 2008 and was selected as a finalist for the JA Worldwide Karl Flemke Pioneer Achievement award in 2008 & 2009. In 2010, Lee received the Central Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce Business and Education Advocate of the Year award. He has also received the 2017 Stars of the Industry Education Ambassador of the Year award from the Rhode Island Hospitality Education Foundation. And, he was a finalist of JA USA's highest honor for the 2018 Charles R. Hook Award.

Along with his work with Junior Achievement of Rhode Island Board of Directors, Mr. Lewis is also on the Junior Achievement's Executive Leadership Council, the Rhode Island Hospitality Education Foundation Board of Directors, and U.S. Representative James R. Langevin – Education Advisory Council.

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**Mr. Sebastian Gonzalez** was born in Mexico and was raised in Los Angeles California. He moved to Central Falls four years ago and is the eldest son of a family of six. He was the first one to graduate from high school and first one to attend college.

Mr. Gonzalez studied Music Business and Music Theory. He has always loved being involve with his community ever since he was a teenager. Mr. Gonzalez has coached a youth soccer team in his community while living in Los Angeles to get kids off gang related activities. He has always believed that kids are our future and that their future depends on the lessons and actions we adults teach.

A resident of Central Falls, Mr. Gonzalez is a parent of two boys and a little girl. One of his children is attending Segue at the moment. He is proud to say that he is a part of Segue's FEC parent committee and believes that the more parents are involved in their children's schooling, the more they can help them reach their goals. He is excited to bring all of his experiences in working with youth and families to his role on the Segue Board of Directors.