



**Alumni Association Board of Directors
Director Biography**



Iyan Barrera-Sandri, Johnston 2008, SOE 2015

Career

Iyan joined the professional staff at the University of Redlands computer center after graduation-as the computer lab coordinator. Iyan, through his work has become a computer lab supervisor, planning projects, supervising students, and maintaining computers.

University of Redlands

As an undergraduate Iyan was a work-study student in the computer lab, participated in the Summer Science Research Program, served on the selection committee for a Biology Professor, and was a member of the Johnston Science Collective. At the School of Education Iyan was a member of the social committee. He is currently in his final academic year of the School of Educations Ed.D. program.

Since graduation Iyan has mentored students in a first-year seminar, been a guest lecturer, lead a Johnston renewal mini course planning Buffalo grazes, participated in SOE “Lunch and Learns,” volunteered at commencement, been active in URSAA and is currently the Vice President, and is a member of the University Council on Inclusion and community (UCIC).

Community and Civic

Iyan has worked for the last 14 years with the Success Academy, where he has led, planned, and mentored foster youth activities. Through his connection with the Success Academy and work, Iyan help organize and lead a GeoKid camp. During COVID He worked with Danise Davis and the University’s Makerspace to print PPE for local hospitals.

A long time proponent of educated voting, Iyan is a member of some political groups in Redlands. A semi-regular attended of City Council meetings Iyan has lobbied the City to Proclaim November 2018 Diabetes Awareness Month and June 2019 PRIDE month. After the proclamation, Iyan worked with others to create the first PRIDE event for Redlands, bringing over 2,000 people.

Education

Iyan earned a Bachelor of Science in Astrobiology and Science Fiction in 2008, as well as a Master of Arts Degree in Higher Education in 2015 from the University of Redlands. He began the Ed.D Program in Educational Leadership in the fall of 2018 in the School of Education.

Personal

Iyan was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at the age of 20 when he was a student at the University of Redlands. He recently celebrated 15 years of survival with the chronic illness and has worked to educate others about it. Iyan is also an avid trekie and James Bond fan. Days before the COVID shut down he eloped in a friends kitchen. Iyan enjoys participating in LGBT+ events, going to Prides, queer clubs, and Gay Days at Disneyland. As a hobby, Iyan brews his own mead.