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## **MIMI GONZALEZ JOINS HARTFORD PROMISE AS DIRECTOR OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT.**

HARTFORD CONNECTICUT: Mimi Gonzalez, a Master of Science in Organizational Performance, has joined Hartford Promise as Director of Career Development. She is a distinguished Organizational Development Consultant and equity strategist committed to optimizing pipelines and retention strategies for Black and Latine Gen Z talent in organizations.

“As a core part of my mission at Hartford Promise, I aim to equip students with the tools, mentorship, and opportunities to acclimate to the modern workplace, ensuring that they also remain true to their identities.” says Gonzalez. Concurrently, she will work with business leaders to recognize and tap into the immense potential of Hartford Promise Scholars, fostering collaboration and equitable opportunities for them to advance and succeed professionally.

“We are thrilled to have Mimi Gonzalez join our Hartford Promise team,” says Richard Sugarman, President of Hartford Promise. “She brings a high degree of career development experience and professionalism, and we are excited to see all the ways she will help our Scholars thrive and reach higher.”

Mimi has several years of experience spanning human resources, diversity equity & inclusion, program development, strategic planning, communications, change management, and social impact in both corporate and non-profit sectors. She is committed to ensuring that Hartford Promise Scholars flourish and thrive in the workplace.

Mimi became a member of the Obama Foundation Community Leadership Corps in 2019, serving as a keynote speaker at the Obama Foundation Summit in Chicago, sharing the panel with many notables, including President Obama. She is a member of the Board of Hillyer College of University of Hartford and also serves a pivotal role on the Racial Equity Taskforce at University of Hartford, and was the recipient of Hillyer Colleges Outstanding Young Alumnus Award in April of 2022.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Mimi's serves as a social justice coach for Farmington High School as well as a podcast host. She is dedicated to breaking barriers, fostering inclusivity, and championing the next generation.

About **Hartford Promise**: Hartford Promise is a large-scale college scholarship and college success program for Hartford Public Schools students. Hartford Promise provides individual students from Hartford Public high schools who have maintained a B average, had a 93% attendance rate, and resided in Hartford with up to \$20,000 in scholarships to attend the college of their choice, along with providing the support services and key relationships that lead to college success. There are currently 509 Hartford Promise Scholars attending 90 different colleges all over the country. They are succeeding at a high rate, and many are returning to Hartford to give back and be part of a diverse talented pipeline of professionals and employees.

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