



EDWARD PADILLA

B.A. PERFORMING ARTS '10

A graduate of CSUCI's Performing Arts program, Edward Padilla is the prospect research manager and database specialist at CSU Los Angeles. In this role Padilla maintains the university's donor database and finds prospective donors to support the university's educational mission. "What I like most about my job is the team of individuals I work with on a daily basis," he said. "I often have to be creative and think outside of the box."

After graduating, Padilla worked as a CSUCI staff member in the Division of Academic Affairs for nearly five years. He also spent time working with the Los Angeles-based California International Theatre Festival.

Padilla credits his student work experience in CSUCI's Division of University Advancement for leading him to donor relations.

"My experiences in academics, as a student assistant and a staff member at CSUCI, have helped shape my professional career and shown me the importance of enjoying what you do for a living," he said. "I learned how to be professional, accountable and the importance of keeping relationships and finding new ones."

"In my Performing Arts classes, I learned the value of patience, teamwork, putting in 120 percent, and that it is OK to fail."

Padilla is currently working on a master's degree in public administration at CSU Los Angeles.

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