

# INTRODUCTION

RAFAEL MATOS

My name is (Speaker's Full Name). I am (leadership position), and it's my pleasure to welcome you to our program.

Rafael is an artist, educator, uncle and fraternity man. He believes life is the art of drawing without using an eraser. He was born in Puerto Rico, and at the age of 9 his family moved to New York City, where grew up in the South Bronx. He received his BFA and Masters from the University of Southern California. He is currently working on his PhD in communication media and instructional technology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is loving being a student again, but trust, he understands the struggle is real!

Rafael has an 11-year-old niece whom he loves and orders Uber Eats every now and then. He loves the arts: he enjoys painting and drawing using mixed media and is getting into film making. He loves to bake, but hates washing dishes. He enjoys traveling and wouldn't dare to do so without his TSA pre-check (it's a game changer). He likes museums, amusement parks and street fairs. He is a life member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and loves the platform his fraternity provides him to transforms lives. He does this by story. You may cry, you'll probably laugh, and you will definitely learn from his personal narrative. Hope you are ready, because he has a story to tell.

Please help me welcome, Rafael Matos.

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