

Impact Award: 2026

There are a few people who are so impactful, so recognizable, they go by just one name:

Cher.

Prince.

Beyoncé.

And in our profession, in this region... there's one name that carries that same kind of weight, and tonight we honor a leader who has spent his career expanding opportunities for students—while also lifting up and challenging all of us as professionals to be better.

Someone who doesn't just talk about values like access, equity, and integrity—but insists we actually live them.

He holds systems accountable.

He holds organizations accountable.

He holds us accountable.

And just as importantly—he holds himself to that same standard.

That kind of leadership isn't always easy.

But it's exactly the kind of leadership our field needs. Because words matter, but actions matter more and real impact isn't just about outcomes—

It's about consistency, courage, and the willingness to push all of us forward.

And this year's PCACAC Impact Award recipient does that every single day.

So tonight, it is my honor to recognize our own PCACAC superstar whose first name has become synonymous with purpose, integrity, and impact in our region and the students and professionals who need it most.

So please join me in congratulating this year's impact award winner Sanjay (Mitchell).

Presented by: Adam Ortiz