



The Latino Alumni Chapter Distinguished Alumni Award

Carlos Vivaldi

BA Government and International Politics '21

Carlos Vivaldi, BA Government and International Politics '21, is a public service professional and policy strategist dedicated to advancing equity, leadership, and opportunity across government and civic institutions. Born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico, he brings deep expertise on the island's political, economic, and territorial challenges, with a focus on the intersection of federal policy and local impact.

Vivaldi began his career on Capitol Hill where he held multiple congressional roles, including director of scheduling and policy advisor. He later joined the Biden-Harris administration as a special assistant on higher education policy at the U.S. Department of Education, where he worked on expanding financial aid access, advancing student debt relief, and supporting efforts to decentralize Puerto Rico's bureaucratic education system. He later served at the U.S. Department of the Treasury as special advisor on racial equity, focusing on fiscal inclusion and economic development for Black and Hispanic communities.

He is currently the senior manager for program partnerships at the renowned Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, where he leads national initiatives and prepares emerging Latino leaders for careers in public service. Vivaldi is about to graduate with his master's degree in legislative affairs at George Washington University's graduate school of political management.