

Short Intro:

Sam Centellas (Sen tay us)

Sam Centellas joins us today from South Bend, Indiana where he is the Executive Director/CEO of La Casa de Amistad a Latino focused non-profit community center.

Sam was born in Santa Cruz, Bolivia and came to the States in the 1st grade. He grew up in Michigan, loved cars and went on to Western Michigan University where he received an Honors Degree in Engineering and Communications. He worked in a concept design studio working on properties for AutoShows around the world and holds one US Patent.

Despite being in his dream job, he knew he wanted to do more to give back to his community. He went back to school for a Masters Degree in College Student Affairs from Grand Valley State University. He has since committed his time to helping others in his community succeed.

Sam involvements range from economic development, to fraternity hazing prevention, and leadership development of college students. Sam most recently served as National President of Sigma Lambda Beta, the nations largest collegiate Latino fraternity; he helped found the national Hazing Prevention Organization in Denver, and has done consulting and speaking at over 100 colleges around the country.

In his community Sam is a Member of the Hispanic Leadership Coalition of St. Joseph County, serves on a Funding Allocation Board for the St. Joe County United Way, and was appointed by the Mayor of South Bend to the Diversity Utilization Board helping develop minority and women owned businesses and appointed as a Commissioner for the Housing Authority.

Sam's passion for education and the community has him here today, please Welcome Sam Centellas....