

Ricardo Nazario-Colon has served as Western Carolina University's Chief Diversity Officer since June 2016. Prior to his appointment at WCU, Nazario-Colon served as director of student activities, inclusion and leadership at Morehead State University from 2011-2016. While at the university, he also served as the director of the University Center and conference services from 2012-2014.

From 2007-2011, Nazario-Colon was the director of the Office of Diversity Programs at Western Kentucky University and held several positions related to diversity at Western Kentucky University including executive director of the Multicultural Affairs Division, co-chair of the President's Commission in Diversity, multicultural programs director and director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center.

Nazario-Colon served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1984-1992. He earned his bachelor's degree in Latin American studies and Spanish Literature from the University of Kentucky in 1992 and his master's of science for teachers degree in secondary education with an emphasis in Spanish from Pace University in 1996.

