



## **Board of Directors Advisor Representative Election**

**Name:** Dr. Diego Tibaquirá

**College:** Miami Dade College – Padrón Campus

**Chapter:** Beta Kappa Iota

**Advisor Start Date:** 2005

### **How long have you served as a chapter advisor?**

I have been an advisor for 16 years

- 4 years from 2005-2009
- 12 years since 2014-Present

### **What is your position at the college?**

I'm a full-time Professor of Computer Science with a concentration in Cybersecurity, Cloud Computing, and Artificial Intelligence

### **What does student success mean to you, and where does Phi Theta Kappa fit into that story?**

In my opinion, student success is best exemplified when my students maximize their potential. Phi Theta Kappa opens doors to opportunities that students might not have otherwise to reach their maximum potential. I want my students to succeed academically, but I also want them to become civically engaged, give back to their community by becoming involved and helping others, and recognize that we all have a role to play in growing and advancing our communities.

**Describe your most significant contribution to Phi Theta Kappa's mission.**

**Service** – Having led 4 major projects that fundraised over 20K each for Cancer Awareness (twice), National Alliance for Mental Illness, and Overtown Youth Center.

**Scholarship** – Helping my students maximize the opportunities afforded to them through many different scholarships. Since 2014, my students have received 18 Jack Kent Cooke Awards, 8 Jack Kent Cooke graduates, 8 All-USAs, 8 New Century Scholars, 5 Hites, and 98 Leaders of Promise.

**Transfer** – Princeton, Yale, John Hopkins, UNC, Michigan, UM, and Cornell (and many more)

**Why do you wish to serve as the Advisor Representative to Phi Theta Kappa's Board of Directors?**

I would like to lend my voice to support inclusivity and advocate for all student members and advisors. If selected as the Advisor Representative, I plan to work to help shape the future of PTK in our ever-changing world. To bring my Computer Science expertise in Cybersecurity, Cloud Computing, and Artificial Intelligence to help all our members, advisors, administrators, and every college campus with a PTK chapter take full advantage of every opportunity.

**Additionally, please provide a “PTK Bio” below that highlights your involvement with Phi Theta Kappa in list format (including key roles, dates, and recognition).**

- Advisor, Beta Kappa Iota Chapter at Miami Dade College Padrón campus
  - 16 years and counting
  - 4 years from 2005-2009
  - 12 years since 2014-Present
- 2022 – 2026 Member of the PTK Honors Program Council
- 2020 & 2025 Faculty Scholar
- 2019 – Distinguished Advisor
- 2022 & 2024 – Continued Excellence Advisor – Multiple Times
- 2022 – 2026 – Civic Scholar Editorial Board Member
- Honors Case Study Judge
- 2023 – 2026 – Catalyst Presenter – Honors Program Guide
- 2018 – Leadership Development Studies Certification
- Completed the Advisor Training and contributed to the training