

Tony Ortiz

Entering his 26th season with Wright State University is Director of Athletic Training Education and Latino Community Liaison (LCL) Tony Ortiz. Ortiz created the current Degree Program (B.S. Athletic Training) in 1985, and became the LCL in 2007.

A native of Lorain, Ohio, Ortiz also is a Senior Lecturer in the College of Education and Human Services. To stay on top of his profession, he continually attends and conducts sports medicine clinics, is an accreditation site visitor for the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education and presents Latino Education lectures throughout the country.

Before coming to Wright State, Ortiz worked as a teacher and athletic trainer at nearby Beavercreek High School.

In addition to receiving many awards during his career, Ortiz was selected as the Ohio Athletic Trainer of the Year in 1989. He is the past president of the Ohio Athletic Trainers Association and received the Most Distinguished Athletic Training Award from the National Athletic Trainers' Association. Several years ago, he was inducted into the Ohio Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame. In 2011 the "Tony Ortiz Athletic Training Scholarship" became endowed. He is currently the President of the League of Latin American Citizens of the Dayton, Ohio chapter and the chair and creator of the Latino Dayton Dream team. He created "El Puente Learning Center" in Dayton to help narrow the achievement gap in the Latino Community.

Ortiz received his bachelor's degree in Education and Athletic Training from Bowling Green State University in 1978 and earned his master's degree in Education there two years later.

Ortiz resides in Beavercreek with his wife, Lillian, and their daughters, Maria and Melissa.

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