David Gilbert Olguin ECC Bio Fall 2020

David Olguin is a non-traditional, first generation graduate of Front Range Community College Westminster; currently seeking a BA in Public Service with an Ethnic Studies minor from the University of Colorado Denver. David currently serves as the Student Advisor to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, the Co-Chair of the Equity Champions Coalition at the Colorado Department of Higher Education, the Liaison to the Colorado Student Government Coalition, as advisor to Governor Polis' GEER funding program RISE, as well as a proud member of the Latinx Undergraduate Leadership Advancement program of CU Denver's Latinx Student Services.

David seeks to effectively develop policy that removes barriers and disparities experienced by the Latino, Latina and Latinx community. He is focused on serving *la Raza* and believes, "We must utilize the educations gained to benefit *la gente*, and not simply to 'take the good stuff and run.' For we own generations of wisdom, and in the tradition of our people, we must carry those lived experiences forward. We must lift those voices, evoke the histories, and gather like minds to drive change through strategic and intentional action."

