



PRESS RELEASE

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Findlay, Ohio - Dr. Brent Sleasman, President of Winebrenner Theological Seminary, announced today that the institution has hired Dr. Gregory A. Guzmán to serve as Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Director of Development at the Findlay-based graduate school. Guzmán will serve as a member of Winebrenner's senior leadership team planning and executing the institution's strategic initiatives.

Sleasman shared, *"It is a privilege to welcome Dr. Gregory A. Guzmán to Winebrenner Theological Seminary as we celebrate our 75th year of equipping leaders for service in God's kingdom. Greg's ability to thrive in mission focused, faith-based settings along with his experience working with institutional advancement gives me the confidence that we have found the best person to lead this part of our organization into the future."*

A Toledo native, Dr. Guzmán is the only Latino to have ever served as a University President in Northwest Ohio and is currently a Commissioner to the Ohio Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs for NW Ohio, appointed by Ohio Governor John R. Kasich in 2015.

Prior to Winebrenner, Guzmán served as the executive director of Central City Ministries of Toledo (CCMT), an urban faith-based, non-profit, school system in Toledo, Ohio. Under his leadership, the system gained strong increases in enrollment and development, physical plant improvements, and was named for three consecutive years as a Top Workplace by Workplace Dynamics and The Blade Newspaper. CCMT is the only school, district, or system to have ever received this level of consistent recognition in NW Ohio.

During his tenure as Campus President of Herzing University – Toledo, a regionally accredited non-profit Master's level collegiate institution, Guzmán created the lowest cost Bachelor's Degree Program, in the region, by forming collaborative partnerships with area community colleges and established the institution as the only school in Lucas County to be a certified SAP University Alliance affiliate.

"I am honored to join Winebrenner Theological Seminary and Dr. Sleasman as they, with the Churches of God General Conference, continue to provide theological studies here in NW Ohio. As the only graduate-level theological institution in NW Ohio, its role in preparing servant leaders is needed more than ever before in our communities", Guzmán said.

Guzmán has an earned Ph.D. in higher education from The University of Toledo and a Master's in Public Administration from Bowling Green State University. He, his wife, and children reside in Monclova, Ohio.

Founded:

Winebrenner Theological Seminary was established in 1942 as a graduate school of theology of Findlay College (renamed The University of Findlay in 1989). In 1961, Winebrenner received its charter from the State of Ohio, to become an independent, degree-granting institution.

Accredited:

Winebrenner is a fully accredited institution. It is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, and by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) with the current status of 'Notice'. Winebrenner is chartered by the State of Ohio and has received a Certificate of Authorization from the Ohio Board of Regents.