



## **Dr. Abel Antonio Chávez, President of Our Lady of the Lake University**

Dr. Abel Antonio Chávez joined Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) as its 10th president in July 2022. Within his first eight months, he led efforts to secure more than \$22 million in donations and grants and raised the profile of the university.

As a scientist in community-based energy, material, and greenhouse gas emissions accounting, Chávez served as lead author on multiple global assessments. He holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Colorado Denver, an MBA from the University of Houston, and a Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Colorado Denver. Prior to joining OLLU, Chávez served as Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success at Western Colorado University.

Committed to serving minority and underserved students, Chávez has led several initiatives including one in Colorado and another one for Mexican students. In recognition of his commitment and service, the Mexican Government presented him with the “Ohtli Award” - their highest civil honor.