David Ibarra

David Ibarra is Utah native who has benefited both from his heritage as a Latino and from the Utah Foster Care System, which he was placed in from ages 2-14. He says, "Utah is a wonderful place to live no matter what ones nationality is. But I have always realized that as a Latino I must work a little harder and a little longer than others to achieve my desired end results." David is now a well-known leadership consultant and entrepreneur, and is the founder of several companies. He has received U.S. patents for performance management software and has two additional patents pending.

David Ibarra's background spans careers in the hospitality and automotive industries. He also owned and operated several restaurants in the western United States. Maintaining an active role in community and government affairs, David was appointed by President Clinton in 1999 to serve on the U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors. He is a member of numerous boards.

In 2004, David created the Ibarra Foundation to invest in the future success of the Latino community by making college education more attainable for Latino students living in Utah communities. Currently, 15 students are receiving full tuition scholarships from his foundation, with 14 in the state of Utah and one in Costa Rica. David is an inspiring public speaker who has addressed audiences nationwide.

"The thing I admire most in others is when people do what they say they are going to do. I admire doers and not just talkers."