

I-House Alumni Spotlight: Dr. Victor Santiago Pineda



Human rights expert, social impact entrepreneur,
and two-time presidential appointee

October is
National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)

Years at I-House: 1999–2002
Birthday: November 17, 1978
Country of Origin: Venezuela



*“At I-House, I had the chance to develop
the most meaningful friendships that
helped transform my own self-confidence.”*



About Dr. Pineda:

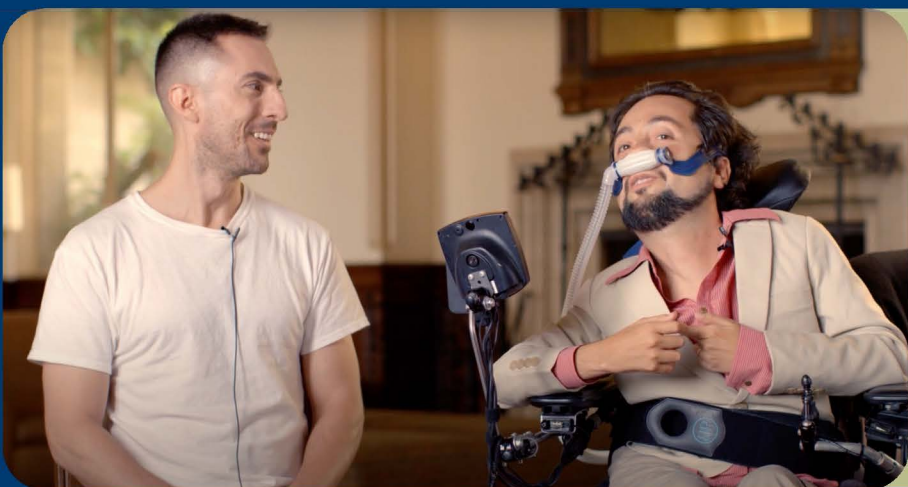
Victor Santiago Pineda was born in Venezuela but moved to the United States when he was seven years old because he was denied an education due to his disability in his home country. While at Berkeley, he was elected senator for the ASUC student government, revived the Disabled Students' Union, and established the Pineda Foundation, which seeks to provide occupational skills to youth with disabilities.

Education:

- B.A. in Political Economy & B.S. in Business Administration, UC Berkeley
- Master's in City & Regional Planning, Regional Economic Development, UC Berkeley
- Ph.D. Urban Planning & Social Policy Development, UCLA

Current Roles:

- Executive Director of the Center for Independent Living
- President & Founder of The Victor Pineda Foundation / World ENABLED
- Director of UC Berkeley Inclusive Cities Lab
- Senior Fellow at the Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government in Dubai



Watch on YouTube:

If These Old Walls Could Speak

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Hear from Dr. Pineda and Milos Petrovich about how they formed their strong friendship while at I-House



*“I-House instilled in me a deep understanding of
humanity and inspired me to contribute my
knowledge about disability and human rights
with the rest of the world.”*



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pinedafoundation.org