



Chris Chavez

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Chris Chavez is senior manager of Communications for United Launch Alliance. In this role, Chavez manages the rocket company's corporate communications, including employee and media relations. Chavez also leads corporate citizenship efforts in states where ULA's 3,800 employees live and work, including Colorado, Florida (Cape Canaveral), California (Vanderberg Air Force Base and San Diego), and other rocket production locations in Alabama and Texas.

Chavez is a 22-year communications professional, excelling in all areas of strategic public relations, including community relations and corporate philanthropy, media relations, public policy, event management, and internal communications. He has counseled both nonprofits and Fortune 200 corporations, including AT&T, Qwest, Martin Marietta and the Downtown Denver Partnership, Inc.

Chavez serves on the boards of directors of The Park People and the Mayor's Commission on Strategic Partnerships. He recently co-chaired committees for the Democratic National Convention Host Committee. Chavez also is a past board member of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce Leadership Foundation, Colorado Nonprot Association, Museo de Las Americas, Metro Volunteers and the Latin American Research & Service Agency (LARASA). He is a member of the Leadership Denver Class of 2000 and was named to the *Denver Business Journal's* "40 under 40" list of young business leaders.

A Wyoming native, Chavez earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Wyoming where he graduated with honors. After graduation, Chavez gathered six state writing awards as a reporter for the *Jackson Hole Guide* newspaper in Jackson, Wyo. Chris and his wife Jennifer are the proud parents of two Denver Public Schools students, William and Sofia, and reside in Denver.