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Plinio Ayala became President and CEO of Per Scholas in November 2003 after having served as the agency's Vice President of Operations with oversight for the bulk of the agency's programs. Today he leads the organization in its national expansion into new cities with the sixth Per Scholas site opening to open in 2016. He served as Director of Program Operations at SOBRO, and before that as Chief Program Officer at Jobs for Youth (1988 – 1993). In 2012, he joined a diverse group of stakeholders with decades of experience in the city's workforce system to develop a blueprint for the city's new mayor, Re-Envisioning the New York City Workforce System, a workforce development plan that works for both job seekers and employers to strengthen the local economy. In 2006, he received the Liberty Award from the New York Post for his work, and in 2005 was issued a Citation of Merit by the Bronx Borough President for his leadership in Bronx County. Mr. Ayala has more than 20 years of nonprofit management experience and, as his experience reflects, is deeply committed to the Bronx and poverty alleviation. When not at Per Scholas, Plinio spends time with his three children and wife — and the New York Mets.