Dr. Pedro (P.J.) Cabrera **Candidate Statement:**

It has been a phenomenal experience to serve as NAHJ's Academic At-Large, advocating for journalism education in K-12 and higher education. During my term, I helped transition the Academic Advisory Committee into the Academic Task Force, led and supported conference programming, moderated panels, judged scholarship applications, and fostered partnerships between NAHJ and organizations such as the Journalism Education Association and the Student Press Law Center. I have worked to strengthen the connection between NAHJ and academic journalists, educators, researchers, and students while helping elevate academic voices within our organization. My career has spanned K-12 and higher education, nonprofit leadership, journalism advising, strategic communications, and mentoring emerging journalists, with work focusing on journalism education, media literacy, and student voices.

If elected to another term, not only will I continue that work but also continue advocating for journalism education, journalism educators, and journalism students, pushing to expand opportunities for collaboration, increase NAHJ's visibility, help strengthen pathways for students into journalism careers, and ensure that educators remain a vital part of NAHJ's future.

I hope we can continue building a stronger community that supports Hispanic journalists at every stage of their academic and professional journeys. I respectfully ask for your support and vote for Academic At-Large.