

## David Anthony Rancourt

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### Education

- PhD (ABD 2024) University of Bucharest, Bucharest Romania. Faculty of Philosophy. Focus of Study Moral Theory and Applied Ethics. Dissertation title: Ethics and Lobbying: How lobbying works and grows in advancing democratic societies.
- Institute for Cultural Diplomacy, Berlin, Germany. Specialization certificate in cultural diplomacy and international relations. A two-year PhD track program in conjunction with the University of Bucharest. Completed in 2022.
- MA - Master of Arts, Political Science. University of Florida, 1990.
- BS - Bachelor of Science, Economics. Florida State University. 1988.

### Working/Job History

- New College of Florida, Interim Provost, January 2024.
- New College of Florida, VP of Enrollment Management, Admissions, and Financial Aid, November 2023. Dean of Students, VP of Student Affairs, August 2023.
- Founding Partner, Domini International, commodities trading. 2021-2023.
- Chairman, Champion Consultants and Champion Companies. Investment, communications, political, and business management. 2012-2021.
- Partner, Bankers South, AgAmerica, the largest private agriculture lender in the U.S. Helped develop and create fundraising apparatus for the company. 2010-2012.
- Co-Founder, Managing Partner, Southern Strategy Group. Built the largest lobbying firm in Florida and created America's first state level, multi-state mega lobbying firm. Managed over 40 clients personally, helped grow firm to over 300 clients. 2000-2010.
- Deputy Chief of Staff, Governor Jeb Bush, 1999. Oversaw agencies regulating Environmental Affairs, Community Affairs, Emergency Management, Corrections, Juvenile Justice, Children and Families, Health Care, Transportation and Appointments.
- Director of Appointments, Jeb Bush Gubernatorial transition team, 1998. Recruited, vetted, and recommended all high-level appointees to the Governor.
- Deputy Secretary of State, Florida Department of State, 1998.
- Director, Florida State Division of Elections, State Elections Director. 1994-1997.
- Campaign Manager Jim Smith for Governor of Florida. 1994.
- U.S. Army, Florida National Guard – Active-duty Spring 1993, Reserves. – 1996.
- Direct Mail Systems, Commercial and Political Marketing 1993
- Campaign Manager, Congressman Mike Bilirakis 1990, 1992.

### Appointed Official Boards and Commissions

- Florida Legislature: Department of State Constitutional Transition Task Force, 1999.
- US Department of Defense, Federal Voter Assistance Task Force, On-line Voting 1996, 97.
- Florida Secretary of State's Election Reform Commission, Chairman, 1995, 96.

### **Volunteer, Leadership, and Service**

- Deerfield Academy Class of 1984. Class Agent, and Reunion Co-chair 2012-Present.
- Florida State University, Republic of Panama. Board of Directors, 2008-Present.
- Florida State University International Programs. Board Member, 2010-Present.
- Pi Kappa Alpha, Delta Lambda Chapter. Alumni Board Member, 1990-Present.
- Seminole Boosters, Member 2008-Present. National Chairman, 2015.
- Florida Gubernatorial Fellows, Member 2006-12, Chairman 20010-12.
- Florida Center for the Performing Arts, Vice Chairman 2010-2012.
- Leon High School Lacrosse Parents Association, 2010-2011.
- Republican Party of Florida, Finance Co-Chairman 2008.
- Charles Bronson for Agriculture Commissioner, Campaign Chairman 2004, 2008 .
- Pop Warner Football, Coach 2004-2008. Tallahassee Florida.
- Charlie Crist for Education Commissioner, Campaign Chairman, 2002.
- Florida Elections Commission, Member 2000-2004.
- International Republican Institute. Participated in observation teams that provided public reports on voter registration and voting in Haiti and Nicaragua, 1995-97.
- Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, VP and President, 1985-6. Florida State University.
- Florida State University Varsity Football. Citrus Bowl. Team Member. 1984.
- Deerfield Academy, Captain Football and Baseball teams 1983-84.

### **Honors and Awards and Distinctions**

- Seminole Boosters - Godfrey Smith Leadership and Dedication Award.
- Governor Jeb Bush Administration – Leadership and Service Award.
- Florida Department of State – Division of Elections. Created America’s first on-line accessible campaign finance database with all contribution and spending records for state-level filed candidates accessible via the internet.
- Florida Department of State – Developed first statewide voter file to fight voter fraud.
- Florida Department of State – Division of Elections. Developed and broadcast America’s First statewide election with combined local results via the Internet.
- Florida Supervisors of Elections Service Award – for service to the State and Supervisors.
- U.S Army, Infantry Training Center, Ft. Benning Georgia – Distinguished Honor Graduate of Basic Training, Alpha Company, First Battalion, Third Infantry Division.
- Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Honor Society -Florida State University Chapter.
- Order of Omega – Florida State University.
- Scalp Hunters – Florida State University leadership society.
- Deerfield Academy Book Award.

### **State and Federal Official Public Appearances, Testimony, Cited, and Publications.**

- 2023-24 New College of Florida, Campus Master Plan commission. Led the public discussion and dialogue as emcee for a series of legally mandated public hearings to amend the campus master plan for the College.
- 2023 Presenter at The International Conference – The Future of UNESCO Chapters: Culture, Education and Sustainable Development. The first edition: Culture as a Global Public Good.
- 2023 New College of Florida Presidential Search Committee Interviews. Led, directed, and interviewed the public participation mandated interviews for the final three candidates for President of the College.
- 2023 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics – New College of Florida Faculty Representative.
- 2022 Commencement Speaker, Florida State University, Republic of Panama Campus.
- Feature Article: David Rancourt, Chair Seminole Boosters leadership commitments and contributions to FSU through the years.
- 2009 Lead Panelist Florida Offshore Drilling Debate. A forum hosted by PBS station WFSUTV. Also lead multiple public forums and debates throughout Florida.
- 2000-2012 Testified before numerous legislative committees and the Florida Cabinet relegating to client related legislation, permitting and land purchase opportunities.
- 2000 Florida Department of State Constitutional Revision Commission panel. Appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the Article IV State Panel to transition the elected Secretary of state to a gubernatorially appointed position per the 1998 constitutional revisions.
- 1997 Cited in Florida State University Law Review article titled “The Politics of Ethics and Elections: Can Negative Campaign Advertising Be Regulated? By Cleveland Ferguson, III.
- 1996 Federal Voter Assistance Program (Department of Defense Overseas Voting) Internet Voting Panel exploring options of public and private keys or blockchain technology to enable cyber or internet or cyber voting for overseas voters.
- 1995, '96, '97 Numerous appearances before Florida legislative committees in testimony for election reform package which I authored and presented as Director for the Division of Elections. The omnibus package was passed and signed into law in 1997.
- 1995-7 Cited and interviewed in dozens of television and radio programs and news articles regarding elections, election laws, reforms and voting participation.

### **Personal**

- Married 31 years to Regan E. Rancourt, PhD.
- Children: Wyatt (son) and Mrs. Katie Rancourt, Gabrielle (daughter) and Christopher Chavez.
- Two Grandchildren: Millie Chavez and Halle Rancourt.