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### **Talladega College graduate returns to campus as director of alumni affairs**



(Talladega, AL) Mr. Emmanuel Piña '13 was recently named director of alumni affairs for Talladega College. The former Tornado baseball player and McNair Scholar earned a Bachelor of Arts in biology from Talladega College and a Master of Science in leadership from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. His responsibilities at Talladega will include developing and implementing annual giving and alumni relations programs.

“I look forward to reaching out to alumni that we have not been in contact with. I also want to build a stronger relationship with those that we are in contact with, and update our database so that we can more easily maintain contact with all alumni,” Mr. Piña said. “Our alumni are a part of the Talladega College family and we want them to know that they are important to us.”

Mr. Piña, whose parents are from the Dominican Republic, is a native New Yorker and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. He is fluent in Spanish and previously taught high school mathematics.

“There are many surprising similarities between my new position as director of alumni affairs and my prior role as a teacher. You cannot be a good teacher without developing a relationship with students, and developing a relationship with our alumni will be one of the most important aspects of my position as alumni affairs director,” he states.

### **About Talladega College**

The oldest private Historically Black College in Alabama, Talladega College was founded in 1867 by two former slaves, William Savery and Thomas Tarrant. Talladega College is the home of the renowned Hale Woodruff Amistad Murals, which received rave reviews from the *New York Times* during a three-year, eight-city tour.