

# Alina M. Chester

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**Academica Corp.**, Miami, FL  
*Chief Budget Officer*

April 2014 - Present

- Responsible for overseeing budgets and financial planning for 185 public charter schools, manage over \$1 billion in revenue
- Manage grants department (14 staff) and budget department (2 staff)
- Meet with board members and principals to review budget vs. actual reports, advise principals on staffing, purchases, vendor choice, capital expenditures and renovations, resolve budget issues and questions as they arise throughout the year
- Report monthly and quarterly to 16 non-profit boards
- Work with district, state and federal contacts to resolve funding and budget concerns
- Monitor local, state and federal funding changes and issues – read legislation and provide guidance to principals, boards, company and feedback to legislators
- Coordinate accounting, HR, grant, compliance and facility teams on budget items
- Work with states directly for Local Education Agency schools in Georgia, Florida, Ohio, South Carolina & North Carolina on budget, grant and compliance
- Consult with the non-profit boards and foundations on major projects and development
- Provide ongoing financial professional development/training to 125+ principals each year

**Doral College**, Miami, FL  
*Director of Budgets & Faculty Member*

April 2021 - Present

- Director of Budgets: oversee budget and financial planning for college budget, report to board quarterly with budget & financial updates
- Faculty Member: Developed course for Masters in Education Leadership for School Budgeting & Financial Reporting, teach this course annually beginning spring 2025

**Guzman & Company**, Miami, FL  
*Investment Banking Associate*

July 2013 – April 2014

- Grew fixed income business through client research and sales
- Developed marketing strategy and execution for new renewable energy affiliate business
- Worked with team on development of company website and managed public relations including press releases and social media communication

**Paul Chester Children's Hope Foundation**, New York, NY  
*Board of Directors, Board Treasurer*

Dec 2005- Present

PCCHF is a family-run non-profit which provides free surgical care to rural areas in developing nations, primarily in Kenya, Ecuador, Colombia, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

## **EDUCATION**

**Florida International University (FIU)**, Miami FL  
International Master of Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude

Aug 2013

**University of Florida**, Gainesville, FL  
B.A. Anthropology & Political Science, Cum Laude  
Languages: Spanish (native speaker), studied French & Arabic

May 2012

**Series 7 & 63 License**  
General Securities Representative

Aug 2013