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Misael Cabrera is the inaugural Director of the School of Mining & Mineral Resources at the University of Arizona. The School's vision is to be the best school for multidisciplinary education and innovation in mining and sustainable mineral resources. With a background in multinational engineering firms, Misael made a notable shift to public service in 2011, ultimately becoming the first Latino and longest-serving Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). Under his leadership, ADEQ was recognized 28 times for excellence. Successes included the redevelopment and reclamation of several mine sites, the closure of the first six state superfund sites in ADEQ history, and the tripling of employee engagement. Misael is a first-generation college graduate with an engineering degree from the University of Arizona. Currently, he serves proudly as a professor of practice and Director at his alma mater.