

Greg Sanchez – Biography

Greg Sanchez served in the U.S. Navy from 2002 to 2007, completing two Post 9/11 deployments on the USS Ogden (LPD-5). In 2018, he became justice-involved, leading to his participation in the Veterans Treatment Court (VTC), specializing in supporting criminally convicted veterans.

Post VTC, Greg demonstrated resilience on his journey to earn a U.S. History degree from the University of California, Riverside. As the campus chapter president of the Underground Scholars Initiative (USI), he played a pivotal role in securing \$4 million in annual state funding, benefiting justice-impacted students across all nine University of California campuses.

Greg's advocacy extends nationally; he's spoken before Congress on student veteran education and restorative justice, and he is a current member of the Los Angeles County Military and Veterans Affairs' Lived Experience Advisory Committee, which focuses on rehabilitating justice-involved veterans.

Now in Chicago, Greg serves as the liaison for the Veterans Restorative Justice Project. Facilitating communication between entities, he leverages academic training and lived experience as a justice-involved veteran. Concurrently, as a graduate student at the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy, Greg focuses on evidence-based, socially impactful research using innovative methodologies in quantitative data analysis.