

Johnny Garcia, Ph.D.
CEO, SimIS, Inc.



Inspired by his parents and grandparents and dedicated to a life of service for family, community, and the technology industry, Dr. Garcia is the Founder and CEO of SimIS, Inc., and owner and investor in numerous other businesses.

Dr. Garcia has become a thought leader and innovator in the modeling and simulation, and healthcare industries. He serves area youth through his robust internship programs. His philosophy of making a difference permeates his many service activities; board memberships, STEM program development initiatives and, volunteer service to local, state, and international organizations mentoring newly started small businesses and nonprofits.

He serves on numerous boards such as the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Coastal VA, Vice Chair Hampton Roads chamber, Portsmouth Partnership, Begin Again Foundation, Chair Hampton Roads workforce council, Chair ODU College of Engineering, Chair ODU VMASC, Boys and Girls Club, Star base Victory, Chair Communities in Schools, Portsmouth Athletic League, First Chesapeake Robotics, and many others.

Dr. Garcia served 5 years in the U.S. Navy as an enlisted operations specialist second class petty officer and worked in industry for 15 years before founding his first business SimIS, Inc.

Dr. Garcia is a known leader in the community and his service is his compass. Dr. Garcia has degrees from Old Dominion University (PhD), St. Leo College (BA and BS) and the Florida Institute of Technology (MS and MBA).

He is the proud father of a wonderful set of 19-year-old twin daughters – Hope and Faith – and married to his lovely wife of 35 years, Lorena.

