

Bernie Navarro

Bernardo Navarro is a Cuban-born American businessman who has served as the United States Ambassador to Peru. He was previously Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Miami Dade College.^[1]

Early life

Navarro was born and raised in Miami to Cuban immigrant parents.^[2] He earned a Bachelors of Business Administration in international business and finance from the University of Miami and a Masters of Liberal Arts from Harvard studying Government.^[2]

Career

Navarro is the founder and president of Benworth Capital Partners, a private equity and mortgage lending firm based in Florida and in his current residence of Puerto Rico.^{[3][4]} The firm has faced legal action by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, which he settled.^{[5][4]} He also worked as President of the Latin Builders Association, a labor union, where he spearheaded the creation of the LBA Construction and Business Administration Academy.^[6] He served on the Board of Trustees of the Miami Dade College, including two years as President of the Board.^[4] The Miami Herald called him a "close ally" of Marco Rubio.^[4]

Ambassadorship

President Donald Trump announced his nomination to be the United States Ambassador to Peru on May 22, 2025.^[7] He was confirmed by the Senate on December 18.^[8] He presented his credentials to president José Jerí on February 3, 2026.^[9]

References

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Official portrait, 2026

United States Ambassador to Peru

Incumbent

Assumed office

February 3, 2026

President Donald Trump

Preceded by Stephanie Syptak-Ramnath

Personal details

Born Bernardo Navarro
Miami, Florida, U.S.

Alma mater University of Miami (BBA)
Harvard University (ALM)

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