

Major Accomplishments and Achievements

- In 1992, Tapia was elected to the National Academy of Engineering. Tapia became the first native-born Hispanic to ever receive this recognition.
- Tapia also serves as the Associate Director of Minority Affairs for the Office of Graduates at Rice University.
- Named one of the twenty most prominent leaders in math education by a minority
- Educator of the year by the Hispanic Engineer Magazine
- He was awarded the “George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching.”
- Tapia has been featured in numerous magazine articles including the Houston Chronicle, Hispanic Engineer, and SACNAS.
- While professor at Rice University in Houston, Texas, he received first place in student teacher evaluations.
- He has received the “Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring.”
- Appointed to the National Science Board by President Clinton.
- Written over 60 paper on Mathematics.