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President Martha Robles's Message

Bienvenidas!

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2011 Latina Leadership Network of the California Community Colleges Conference. The conference theme, *Latinas in Motion con Corazón*, represents the commitment and devotion of the Latina women who have worked diligently to bring you this exciting conference. Undoubtedly these are challenging times for community colleges. We find that we can't

turn on the television or our computer and not hear about the dire economy of our state. As we approach the coming year, we will experience movement and change within our institutions. As Latinas "*in motion*" we need to look to each other (our network) for support to dig deep into our *corazón* for the strength to continue to make a difference in the lives of others by getting involved, providing support to our students, and being creative and innovative during these difficult times.

I believe the conference offers valuable workshops, networking sessions and speakers to rejuvenate, re-energize and prepare us to confront the challenges ahead. More importantly, we want you to see LLN as the organization that best serves your interests and needs. In addition to an excellent program, the conference provides an exciting environment to meet your peers from across the state, build relationships, and exchange lessons learned.

¡Disfruten la conferencia!

Martha Robles

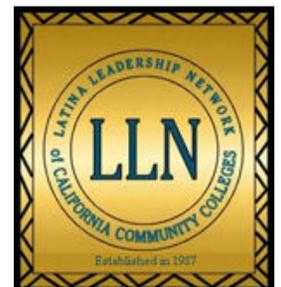
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Latina-Leadership-network.org





VP Corner, North
Eva Jimenez
Latina Leadership Network,
President- Elect
Shasta College

News from the North:

We can't believe the time is here! A year ago our Region One Chapter traveled to Visalia for the 23rd LLN Annual Conference. We had an incredible time! We gained, grew and took away from the conference our individual experiences. Committing to hosting the 24th Annual conference was not taken lightly, as we considered how far, far, far north most would need to travel. However, we were inspired by our Statewide Executive Board to bring our Latina's to Redding, Ca.

It has been twelve months of planning, coordinating, creating and promoting our upcoming conference. On March 11th and 12th our Region welcomes all our Latina Leadership Network amigas. We are thrilled to have had the opportunity to showcase our beautiful North state and to bring together an experience that will touch el corazón de la mujer!

Eva Jimenez

Vice President, North



VP Corner, South
Dr. Cynthia Arellano-Lavariere
Latina Leadership Network, Vice President
Cerritos College

News from the South:

It is time to celebrate the virtues that make Latina Leaders so influential and relevant in our society, The Latina Leadership Network in the South will host a 5 part *"La Cultural Latina"* series of events, in honor of the upcoming LLN 25th Anniversary year. Each event will highlight the goals of the LLN Mission and encourage present and future Latina Leader's to "Live the Solution". Each event will also feature mini-workshops, speaking engagements, and networking opportunities as preview of the

"SAVE THE DATE"

25th Anniversary Latina Leadership Network Conference

to be held in **Long Beach, California** on

March 15-17, 2012

“La Cultural Latina” – LLN Series

Hosted by Cerritos College

Part I

Event Date: May 20, 2011 (Tentatively held)
Event Venue: Bokaos Aveda Salon – Pasadena, CA
Event Time: 7p-12a (Tentatively held)
Entrance Price: \$25.00 at door / \$20.00 pre-sale

Guests will receive:

- Complimentary Open Champagne Bar
- Complimentary Appetizers – first come/first serve
- Complimentary Diet Coke and Illy Coffee
- Complimentary select Salon services (TBD)
- Complimentary “Thank You” Gift Bag

Event will include:

- Special Guest Speakers
- Mini- Workshops (ex. Professionals to review resumes, portfolios, etc.)
- Networking Opportunities
- Information about 2012 Conference
- Media Wall and event photographer
- Entertainment
- Much more!

Sincerely,

Dr. Cynthia Arellano Lauaricere

Vice President, South



MONTEREY PENINSULA COLLEGE STARTS LLN CHAPTER



A while back I volunteered to write an article for La Esperanza as one of the goals I set for the first year of my term as LLN Region 4 Representative. Since then, things have changed and I dropped my original idea for a story that I felt was more important to tell.

As LLN members we work very hard to develop leadership skills in our Latina students. We mentor them at the colleges, we work with them at the chapter level, we bring them to our conferences, and we set aside funds to award them scholarships. Then two years go by and they transfer to the four year institutions and the next thing you know they are graduating and starting their careers.

What happens next? They come back to us! Many times it is in the form of a guest speaker at the conference where we hear the story of their struggles to complete their education and we leave the

conference inspired and with *“mas gana sque nunca”* to continue our work. Sometimes our former students become faculty members or counselors at our campuses.

This is the story of Kelly Fletes. Kelly was a student at Monterey Peninsula College when she first became involved with the LLN. Now Kelly is the EOPS Counselor at Monterey Peninsula College and, you guessed it, she is mentoring the Latina students on campus.

As is often the case with LLN, the conference instills a lot of personal excitement and the participants go back to their respective campuses desirous of starting their own chapter. The MPC group was no exception. Eva Ochoa is a former MPC student and phenomenal Latina who attended the conference last year and is still active in the MPC LLN chapter. Eva has dedicated a lot of time to outreach and promoting the MPC LLN chapter and mentoring students. Yuliana Vasquez is another MPC LLN chapter member being mentored by Kelly and was awarded an LLN scholarship at last year’s conference.

Enter the region. Three LLN members from two different chapters went to MPC to lend a helping hand as MPC’s new LLN chapter got started. On September 29, 2010, Stephanie Ramos (Ohlone), Irene Gutierrez (San Jose/Evergreen) and Isabel Macias (San Jose City College) met with the chapter for a “How to Start an LLN Chapter” session.

On November 10, 2010, the LLN at Monterey Peninsula College held a chapter event, “Vida Nueva, Zapotec Women’s Weaving Exhibition.” This is just the beginning. With LLN, the possibilities are endless.



Isabel Macias

LLN Region 4 Representative

¡Vivas!

- ❁ ¡Viva! to Martha Robles, who was promoted to Dean of Matriculation at Modesto Community College.
- ❁ ¡Viva! to Santa Ana College, LLN Student Club Chapter, for collaborating with the EOPS Club and hosting the first "Student Leadership Summit: Empowering Future Leaders. Your event inspired many students in Region 8!!! Way to fundraise and put together a great event and wonderful speakers.
- ❁ ¡Viva! to Rocio Rubalcava, Region 7 Representativa, for hosting the LLN Executive Board Meeting at Los Angeles Harbor College, in August of 2010. A special ¡Viva! to Rocio's mother, who made a delicious lunch of chile relleno casserole, rice, beans and other wonderful treats.
- ❁ ¡Viva! to Los Angeles Harbor College LLN's Student Club, who participated in a clothing collection drive to help Shared Bread in Redondo Beach, CA, a shelter for the homeless. They collected enough clothes to help 100 homeless people. They will also be participating in a Prom Dress Drive to collect dresses for low income students, who would not otherwise be able to afford attending this time honored tradition. To see their other activities like them on Facebook: Latina Leadership Network Student Club, LAHC.

Save the Date

*24th Annual Latina Leadership Network
of the California Community Colleges Conference*

Latinas in Motion - con Corazón!

March 10-12, 2011

Holiday Inn

Redding, California

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www.regonline.com/2011_latina_leadership_network_conference*

