Dear LLNCCC Hermanas:

As you know, we are facing many political and social challenges that have been affecting our Undocumented communities. Our communities are facing threats of deportation. And, in some cases, our students’ parents are being deported. Many of our students are emotionally and mentally overwhelmed by this. On behalf of the LLNCCC Board, I want to express our solidarity and support to our students and our communities during these difficult times. We encourage students to find support within their colleges and communities. Below are some links provided by the Community College League of California:

Website links
http://www.cdss.ca.gov/Benefits-Services/More-Services/Immigration-Services/Immigration-Services-Contractors
http://ready-california.org/resources/resources-for-students-families-and-educators-support-undocumented-students-and-families/
https://immigrantguide.ca.gov/en/daca/

Know Your Rights Cards
https://www.ilrc.org/red-cards

Recorded Webinars
Know Your Legal Rights Webinar: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3mf_oxLcO&feature=youtu.be
Paying for College Webinar: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pPwkLL3ym48&feature=youtu.be
Empowering Entrepreneurship: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ft3PW-6F_6g&feature=youtu.be
Prioritize Mental Wellness: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWIsM5JphFE&feature=youtu.be
Advocate with Art: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWTbP1xpxM&feature=youtu.be

LLNCCC will be offering professional and student’s webinars to support our students and professionals on these topics once the Fall semester begins.

Please, do not hesitate to contact us or any of our allies for support and guidance.

La unidad hace la fuerza, and together, we can face this horrifying and dehumanizing experiences our communities are facing.

En solidaridad,

Ana Gómez de Torres, Ed.D.
LLNCCC President

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Latina Leadership Network of the California Community Colleges Resolution in Support of our Undocumented Community

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges is the nation’s largest post-secondary education system in the country and is committed to serving all residents, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, California is home to 223,000 people who are participating in the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program that provides eligible immigrant youth who came to the United States as children protection from deportation and work authorization if they meet stringent conditions: and

WHEREAS, the deportation of these undocumented students would result in a massive negative impact in the lives of our student population and the country at large, by not allowing for equal educational and professional opportunities for those who are citizens at heart; and

WHEREAS, In California, undocumented students have access to college through the laws: AB 540, AR 130, and AR 131. While these state policies alleviate some financial burden, eligibility for such policies is limited, but combined make college access and retention more realistic for some undocumented students.

WHEREAS, California’s diversity is a great source of innovation and industry, making California one of the largest economies in the world and an economic engine for the United States; and

WHEREAS, Studies show that deporting all of the DACA recipients in the United States would cost the federal government $60 billion and cause $280 billion in losses to the U.S. economy over 10 years, according to the Cato Institute; and

WHEREAS, On Sept. 5, 2017, President Donald J. Trump’s administration announced plans to eliminate the DACA program after a six-month pause to allow Congress to address the issue; and

WHEREAS, since Sept. 5, 2017, Congress has yet to make any advancements on a DACA solution. now, therefore, be it;

Latina Leadership Network of the California Community Colleges in collaboration with the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, the Community College League of California, Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, and other immigrant advocacy groups declares that it remains steadfastly in support of DACA recipients and other undocumented students in the California Community College system, and call on Congress to immediately and permanently preserve the DACA program and further work toward comprehensive immigration reform.
2019 LLNCCC Board Retreat

Back Row from left: Ariana Gonzalez (VP Central), Dayana Zepeda (Esperanza Newsletter Editor), Maggie Baez (VP North), Dr. Michelle Garcia (VP South), Vanessa Prieto (Member-at-large South), Glenda Moscoso (Member-at-large Central), Kimberly Arauz (Region Area Representative-south), Claudia Diaz (Treasurer), Cynthia Diaz (Webjefita).

Front Row from left: Estella Vazquez (Region Area Representative-Central), Carla Rosas (President Elect), Dr. Ana Gomez de Torres (President), Gilary Carrasco (Student VP-North).

Members not pictured above: Julia Figueroa (Student VP-Central), Danna Chavez (Regional Area Representative-North), Dr. Angelica Garcia (Member-at-large, North)

Congratulations
Carla Rosas!
President Elect

Carla Rosas has served in higher education for over 12 years. Currently, Ms. Rosas is a Senior Academic Services Manager at Los Medanos College, located within the Contra Costa Community College District (CCCCD). Prior to working at Los Medanos College, she worked at Diablo Valley College for 7 years. She has a B.A. degree in Liberal Studies from CSU-East Bay and an M.A. in Leadership from St. Mary’s College of California. She is working on her doctoral degree in Educational Leadership at St. Mary’s College of California. Ms. Rosas’ experience includes, developing and implementing programs and services for areas including Financial Aid, Student Life, Transfer, Outreach and most recently Student Success & Retention Programs.
Interested in starting an LLNCCC chapter or becoming a member?

Its easy! Visit the website below, and complete the electronic application form that applies to you.

**Member benefits include:**

- Access to the LLNCCC Listserv
- Esperanza Newsletter
- LLNCCC activities

Visit us at:

Butte College LLNCCC Chapter

Visit us at:

http://llnccc.org/membership/
2019 LLNCCC Conference Highlights

EL PODER DE LA VOZ LATINA

Transforming Communities and Building a Pathway to Equity and Success
2019 LLNCCC Leadership Institute Highlights

2019 LLNCCC Leadership Institute
Santa Ynez Valley Marriott, Buelton
Friday, March 22, 2019 10:40 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Leadership Institute is for professionals only and takes place simultaneously as the conference workshop breakout sessions.

Latinas Smashing Imposed Ceilings, Blazing a Trail to the Top!

Are ceilings limiting the number of Latinas in top policy making positions? Participate in this empowering institute to smash those ceilings:
- Learn from testimonios de mujeres fuertes y poderosas
- Explore your own skills, power and potential.
- Develop your own strategic plan to move up the ranks.

Don’t Miss These Important Sessions:

California Initiative Overview
Dr. Daisy Gonzales, Deputy Chancellor of the California Community College

Smashing Ceilings, Latina Empowerment and Destiny - Dr. Ramos
Learn from stories of Latina pioneers in top leadership positions. Explore the hard-learned lessons of the first Latinas to serve in key positions including president, provost, dean.

Testimonio de Mujeres Poderosas - Panel of Administrators
Dr. Martha Garcia, President, Imperial Valley College
Dr. Angelica Garcia, Vice President Student Services, Skyline College
Yvonne Teniente-Cuello, Dean of Student Services, Counseling and Matriculation, Allan Hancock College
Carla Rosas, Director of Student Success and Support Program, Los Mendanos College

Latina Leadership Guiding Principles and Lessons Learned - Dr. Ramos
Authentic leadership is critical to individual and institutional success. Explore how our traditional guiding principles of Corazón, Coraje y Servicio al Próximo fit into our roles within the institution. Develop a personal strategic plan to guide your own advancement.

View Conference Details and Leadership Institute Agenda Visit:
http://llnccc.org/conference/

Dr. Sofía Ramos is president and founder of Luminario Education Strategies, LLC. With more than twenty years experience developing Latinx talent. Her partnerships have included Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU); University of California Berkeley’s Executive Leadership Academy and Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute.
Diana Rivera Rios
College: El Camino Community College
Major: Chicana/o Studies
Career: Professor
Transfer: Fall 2019

I am a first-generation college student from Inglewood, Ca. I currently attend El Camino College and I will be transferring in the Fall 2019 to pursuing a degree in Chicano/a Studies. I am a proud daughter of immigrant parents from Guerrero, Mexico. Through witnessing the hard work of my mother as a line-server at a restaurant and the financial chokehold caused from my father’s disability, I realized the importance of a higher education. My passion is giving back to my community and help other community college students navigate the transfer process.

My name is Athziri Zaragoza, I am majoring in History and planning to transfer fall 2019. I plan on becoming a criminal attorney by the age of 25 and pursuing a PhD. I will always honor where I came from and focus on the East Los Angeles community once I have the abilities and resources to give back.

Athziri Zaragoza
College: East Los Angeles Community College
Major: History
Career: Law
Transfer: Fall of 2019

South Region
Hello, my name is Andrea Salazar Santos and I am a Computer Science major at Allan Hancock College. I was born in Las Vegas, Nevada, and I moved to California in my early teens. When my family moved, we were homeless for a few years and then we found a place here in Santa Maria. I was fortunate to be a part of a supportive community and I witnessed so much greatness in the people around me. If not for them, I would not have believed I could get an education.

My academic goal is to achieve a bachelor's degree in computer science. After that, I want to work within my field while making progress towards a master's then doctorate. I want to specialize in software engineering. Once I acquire my bachelor's degree, I intend to get a job as a software developer. I see myself exploring software development for prosthetics and robotics.

My name is Luz Aurora Zepeda. I am wife and mother of two; a 4-year-old boy and a 17-month-old girl. I am a nursing major student planning to transfer to a 4-year school program at CSU Channel Islands. I am the oldest of six kids and the first generation to attend college. My short-term goal is to become a registered nurse and my long-term goal is to work in a hospital as a nurse. I love spending time with my little ones, and family.
When deciding what major, I was going to pursue, there was no doubt in my mind that it was going to be sociology, with a minor in Spanish. My passion is to help others in my community, especially children and young adults that are facing hardships. I can relate because I’ve lived these hardships. I believe it is important to have someone that you can trust for guidance, emotional support, and encouragement. My goal is to become a social worker so that I can help make a difference in people’s lives. I have continued to work full time as I go to school full time. I know it will take me some time to achieve this goal, but I am motivated to earn my degree, no matter how long it takes.

I am currently a sophomore at Cañada College, earning AA-T in Sociology. Will transfer to dream school, University of Southern California in Fall 2020. Spends days helping community, working on campus as a student ambassador, and taking dance classes.

Lilia Baez Mendoza

College: Cañada College
Major: Sociology
Career: Social Justice Work
Transfer: Fall 2020 ideally to USC
A total of 25 Cuesta students and staff attended the annual Latina leadership Network Conference in Buellton, CA making it the largest, most successful event for our LLNCCC Cuesta Chapter!

Students and Staff were very impressed with the conference and they appreciated being able to engage in partnerships, collaboration opportunities with Community College professionals throughout California.

**LLNCCC Conference Debrief Luncheon**

April 24. LLN organized a Luncheon for supporters who helped us take 20 faculty, staff and students to the 32 Annual Latina Leadership Network Conference in Buellton. We awarded all of our donors who have made the difference for our chapter.
On May 24, 2019, the Latina Leadership Network of the Cuesta College Chapter in collaboration with the three Latinx Student Clubs – Dreamers United, Latino Leadership Network, and MEChA – hosted the first Latinx Graduation Reception. The reception took place immediately following the Cuesta College commencement ceremony.

During the reception, 14 first-generation Cuesta College students were honored for their resilience and educational trajectory as they closed one chapter of their lives and embarked on a new one. Students were celebrated by faculty, staff, family, and friends for their accomplishments. This reception demonstrated the commitment Cuesta College has as a Hispanic Serving Institution and it brought a sense of belonging and connectedness between the Latinx Community and Cuesta College.
On June 28, over 200 Latinx professionals from all over California’s Community Colleges attended the 4th Latinx Professional Summit which was another great success. This event is growing fast and the name of the organization was selected as “COLEGAS.”

Some of the presenters included:

◊ Welcome by Dr. Guadalupe R. Corona and Nora E. Vargas Governing Board Vice President Guevara & Leticia Cazarez
◊ Keynote Speaker was Herbert Siguenza, Founding member of Culture Clash, Actor, Comedian and Activist
◊ Dr. J. Luke Wood, Chief Diversity Officer SDSU
◊ Dr. Michaela Mares Tamayo who talked about our names, Lemon Grove, Chicano Park and immigration issues to reflect on.
◊ Dr. Michael Gutierrez, President Sacramento City College
◊ A panel of Activist women who share their stories

Next Summit will be in September.

Glenda Moscoso and Estella Vazquez delivered the LLNCCC center pieces to Dr. Martha Garcia and other guest speakers present at the Latinx Summit. The centerpieces were presented on behalf of the LLN CCC BOARD as requested and as a thank you for their participation in the 2019 LLNCCC Conference.
Celebrating a Life

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANDREA BLANCO

The Cuesta College Chapter of the Latino Leadership Network (LLN) announced the renaming of its scholarship in memory of a local education advocate, Andrea Blanco, at her Celebration of Life at Pacheco Elementary School on Saturday, July 20. The beloved Laguna Middle School teacher's advocacy will live on in the newly named "LLN Andrea Blanco Scholarship," which supports AB-540 students attending Cuesta College.

“We want to acknowledge all the amazing work that Andrea did for the Latinx youth in our community,” said Alicia Paniagua, President of the LLN Cuesta College Chapter. “Our Chapter has agreed that Andrea’s legacy must be carried on through continued care and support of those she so lovingly dedicated her life. This scholarship will be such a special way of honoring her legacy.”

For those in the community who want to donate toward the scholarship, please contact the Cuesta College Foundation at (805) 546-3279, or send a check to the Cuesta College Foundation, P.O. Box 8106, San Luis Obispo, CA 93403, Attn: LLN Blanco Fund.
Upcoming Region Events

LLNCCC North Region
Professionals Mixer

Date: October 11th
Time: 3:30pm-5:00pm
Location: Hannah Nicole Vineyards
Brentwood, CA 94513

RSVP by September 27th

Margarita Bacz
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Save the Date!
33rd Annual LLNCCC Conference
Skyline College
March 19-21, 2020
Scholarship Opportunity!

Application Information

The Latina Leadership Network of the California Community Colleges (LLNCCC) will be awarding two scholarships per Region Area (North, Central and South) for a total of six student scholarships of $500 to Latina Students currently attending a California Community College.

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- 24 units of college course work completed
- Must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Currently enrolled in a California Community College
- Must provide a transcript of all work completed (unofficial transcripts will be accepted)

LLNCCC Scholarship recipients will be honored at the 2020 LLNCCC Conference on Saturday, March 20th. The reception will take place at Skyline Community College in San Bruno. Scholarship recipients are strongly encouraged to be present, however, It is not a requirement to qualify.

Applications due by October 15th

Questions? Contact:

Ms. Maggie Baez
LLNCCC Scholarship Chair
MBaez@llnccc.org

Link to application
http://llnccc.org/student-scholarships/
Recetas de Abuelita: Horchata

Ingredients
- 1 cup white rice uncooked
- 2-3 inch piece of Mexican canela (cinnamon)
- 2 1/2 cups hot water
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups cold water

Instructions
- In a bowl, combine the rice, cinnamon and 2 1/2 cups of hot water. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

- Next day, transfer mixture to the blender with 1 cup of sugar. Blend on high several times until as smooth as possible. Strain horchata using a fine wire mesh strainer.
- Once you strain it into a large pitcher, mix in 2 cups of milk and 2 cups of cold water.