Dear LLNCCC Hermanas:

I hope you are doing well as we are approaching the end of the Fall semester. I wish our students the very best in their final exams. Also, my best wishes to all staff, faculty, and administrators on their end of the semester responsibilities.

I am very excited to communicate to you that our 33rd Annual Latina Leadership Network of the California Community Colleges (LLNCCC) Conference will take place on March 19 through March 20, 2020, in the Bay Area at Skyline College and the SFO Marriott Hotel. Please, mark your calendars and register as soon as the registration opens via https://llnccc.org/conference/.

The conference committee and conference co-chairs (Dr. Angélica García and Maggie Baez) have been working diligently to prepare an excellent conference which will focus on liderazgo (leadership) highlighting the critical role that Latinas hold within our college communities and communities at large. The goal of the conference committee is to create a space for shared learning, building community, promoting leadership development, honoring cultural healing, and promising practices grounded in equity. Furthermore, the general goal is to offer a platform where individuals can share practices addressing equity, diversity, and social justice. This can only happen by sharing our collective experience and knowledge as we foster inclusion and diversity through cultural unity.

We (LLNCCC Board & Skyline College Conference Committee) are looking forward to serving you in the best way possible. As always, we would like to offer you a great experience. We would like to invite and encourage you to embrace the safe environment we will be proving you as we re-create and co-create ourselves through our shared teaching and learning approach.

I would like to thank Dr. Jannett Jackson, Interim President of Skyline College, and her administration for opening their doors to co-host the 2020 conference. I am very appreciative and grateful for the conference committee’s commitment and arduous work as they continue working to make this conference a great one. Also, I would like to thank former LLNCCC Presidents for their contribution to making LLNCCC a strong and powerful organization.

Finally, on behalf of the LLNCCC Board and the Conference Committee, bienvenid@s a tod@s (students, staff, faculty, and administrators) to your LLNCC familiar! I look forward to meeting our faithful returning and new LLNCCC members at our 33rd Annual LLNCCC Conference!

En solidaridad,

Ana M. Gómez de Torres, Ed.D.
LLNCCC President
33rd Annual Latina Leadership Network of the California Community Colleges Conference

March 19-20, 2020
Skyline College & SFO Marriott Hotel
Dear Colleagues,

On March 19 - 20, 2020, the 33rd Annual Latina Leadership Network of the California Community Colleges (LLNCCC) Conference seeks to empower Latinas to understand the true potential and power that our voices have for making change in our communities. The conference theme this year is “Liderazgo con Corazón y Valor: Closing the Equity Gaps”. This conference is located in the BAY AREA at Skyline College and the SFO Marriott Hotel.

The focus on Liderazgo (leadership) highlights the critical role that Latinas hold within our communities and within our community colleges. This conference space is to create a space for shared learning, building community, promoting leadership development, honoring cultural healing, and sharing promising practices grounded in equity. The mission of the LLNCCC Conference is to create a space for sharing high impact practices addressing equity, diversity, and social justice issues faced by the Latinx community. We come together to harness collective experiences and foster inclusion practices through cultural unity.

We invite you to submit a presentation proposal that centers the experiences of Latinas in higher education. Presenters should focus on capturing the essence of the conference theme, more specifically on leadership with heart and courage. Presentation proposals are welcomed from all areas of the college.

Guidelines for proposal submissions: DUE: Friday, December 20, 2019

- Presentations should address the following:
  - Session Description and its connection to the conference theme
  - Intended Audience (e.g. Students, Professionals, Both)
  - Session learning outcomes
  - Participant Engagement Format
  - List of Presenters and identify lead presenter
  - All presentation sessions are 60 minutes
  - All presentation sessions will take place on Friday, March 20, 2020
  - All presenters are expected to pay conference attendance registration (this includes any student presenters)

All selected presenters will be notified by Monday, January 6, 2020. Click here to submit your proposal: 33rd Annual LLNCCC Conference: Workshop Proposal. Additionally, as leaders on your campuses, please consider attending and/or supporting faculty, classified professionals, students, and administrators to attend the two-day conference March 19-20, 2020.

In community,

LLNCCC Conference Committee
Co-Chair, Angelica Garcia, Ed.D &
Co-Chair, Margarita Baez
4th Latina Leadership Network Leadership Institute at the 33rd Annual LLNCCC Conference

Don’t miss the Leadership Institute webinars leading up to the 2020 Leadership Institute. Information about our webinars coming soon through out Listserv.
ACAP Award Presentation Awarded to Joanna Valenzuela of Modesto Junior College—
A bright light in today’s constellation of talented local future nurses, pharmacists, and doctors.

Joanna Valenzuela is one of the 2019 HPSJ Health Careers Scholarship Award winners and a member of Health Plan of San Joaquin.

She met CEO Amy Shin who presented her with the 2019 Association for Community Affiliated Plans (ACAP) Scholarship. Ms. Valenzuela was selected by a national panel in Washington, D.C., after competing in a nationwide pool of outstanding post-secondary health care professionals-in-the-making who also are members of their local Medicaid plans (called Medi-Cal in California).

Joanna Valenzuela currently is a nursing student at Modesto Junior College and is taking courses to transition into the California State University, Stanislaus Bachelor of Science/Nursing program. She would like to pursue a career as a Nurse and ultimately work through our local safety net provider network to serve as a Nurse Practitioner. In addition to Joanna’s rigorous coursework she also serves as a member to MJC’s LLNCCC Chapter.
On Wednesday, July 10, 2019, Ms. Flerida Arias was unanimously approved by the Yosemite Board of Trustees as the new vice-president of student services at Modesto Junior College (MJC).

Ms. Arias began her new position on July 11. Ms. Arias takes the roll after serving for several months as the interim vice-president of student services.

“MJC is the community’s college. We believe in serving our community. We are here to help students realize their dreams even if those dreams are bigger than their reach. I love MJC and I am humbled to have the opportunity to serve,” said Arias.

Ms. Arias is a home grown product of MJC with 23 years of service. She is a graduate of the institution. After completing her studies at MJC, Ms. Arias received her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from UC Davis, and her Master's Degree in Education from Mills College.

She began her career as a program specialist for MJC’s TRIO Pre-College Programs. She would later be promoted to Director of TRIO Pre-College Programs. In 2015, Ms. Arias was named as the college’s first Dean of Student Equity. She was later promoted to Dean of Student Services. Ms. Arias becomes the first Latina and first former classified staff member to be named vice president at MJC. In 2015, Ms. Arias was the recipient of MJC’s prestigious Purdy Award. The Purdy Award recognizes distinguished performance and excellence in teaching (faculty award) and excellence in service (management or classified staff award) at Modesto Junior College.

“I have never seen anyone so passionate in serving our students and our community. I look forward to seeing her move our students, our college and our community toward shared goals,” said Dr. James Houpis, president of MJC.

Ms. Arias’ selection comes after a nationwide search. The search committee was chaired by Dr. Chad Redwing, MJC’s president of the Academic Senate. President Houpis conducted second interviews for the position ultimately recommending Ms. Arias to the YCCD Board of Trustees.
Fall MJC LLN Chapter Events

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS PAINT PARTY
10.24.19 | 6PM
EL MARISQUERO
601 TULLY RD.
MODESTO
$35 General Admission
$30 Student Rate
All proceeds go towards scholarships for Modesto Junior College students

READY, SET, PAINT
The Latina Leadership Network invites you to a Frida paint party fundraiser to raise funds for scholarships for MJC students
NOV. 21ST 6PM
EL MARISQUERO
601 TULLY RD.
MODESTO
$35 General Admission
$30 Student Rate

Loteria Night
The Latina Leadership Network presents
Join us as we raise funds for Modesto Junior College student scholarships
$35 General Admission
$30 Student Rate
12 December | 6PM
El Marisquero
601 Tully Rd., Modesto

Help us spread the word, share the invitation with your network: https://www.facebook.com/events/635228666882048/
LLN Cuesta College Chapter in collaboration with the Monarch Center and Cal Poly will be completing a 5 hour **Train the Trainer event on December 6, 2019**. The goal is to have as many individuals as trainers in order to increase and expand the Undocu-Ally trainings at both SLO and NCC.

**Monarch Centers**

The Monarch Center and Members of the Dreamers United Student Club in collaboration with Cal Poly’s Dream Center, hosted the first Undocumented Student Panel.

The “Undocumented and Unafraid” Panel included Three Cuesta and Two Cal Poly students who share their powerful and inspirational stories of struggles and successes while learning how to navigate the educational system being undocumented. The goal was to start having these types of honest conversations so we can reflect on what their needs are and how we can improve our programs and services to help them succeed. Attendees included, LLN Cuesta College Chapter Members, the Three Latinx student Clubs, Faculty, Deans, Program Coordinators and a Mexican American History Class. Thanks to the great feedback we have received, The Monarch Center will be planning another event in 2020.

**Student Club Activities:** October was a very busy month for our student clubs and their advisors and co-advisors!

- **Dreamers United Club and MEcHA Club**, participated in the Fall Festival on November 13th to recruit students.
• **Latino Leadership Network:** In collaboration with the Student Success and the Cultural Center had the following events in both Campuses:

1. A skull Making Party
2. Cultural Appropriation Discussion led by Club advisor Diane “Dee Limon”
3. Helped with setting up the Altars, decorations, flower making etc.
4. Dia De Los Muertos Celebration included day and evening events with food and showcasing “Coco” Movie

• **MEChA:** Their club hosted a fundraising event. Tamales, Hot Chocolate and Aguas Frescas were sold on October 23.

• **Watched Under The Moon Movie**

• **Organized to do a Book and Toy Drive for Immigrant families in La Frontera in collaboration with Dreamers United Club**

• **Mechistas actively participated in assisting with the Cultural Mural.**

Cuesta finally has the first Cultural Mural thanks to the Equity and Student Success!
This was a collaboration with the Public Art Acceptance Taskforce, a subgroup of Faculty staff and students and with approval of Dr. Stearns and the Executive Team. The artist selected was Carlos Callejo who completed the mural on October.

Latin Professionals Summit

On November 9, a Cuesta College team attended the 5th Latinx Professionals Summit (COLEGAS) at Skyline College. Event continues inspiring Latinx professionals in the Community Colleges to network and move up the ladder in the educational system.

Future Events:

LLN submitted 5 proposals to the HIS Grant for funding. 3 have been approved already!

1. $3,950.00 for end of Term Celebration and the Joy of Teaching Event. LLN Cuesta Chapter Members, The Three Latinx Student Clubs and the Teachers’s Pathways Student Club members will be attending this wonderful celebration on December 5th at Madonna Inn. Keynote speaker will be the teacher of the year.

2. Latinx Graduation Reception for Spring, 2020 for $7,300 to include more Latinos and their families since the graduation last year was so successful!

3. Funding to take 6 students to the Latina Leadership Network Conference at Skyline College in the Spring for $8,000

Two more are being considered.
Fall Cuesta College LLN Chapter Events

Dia de los Muertos

Join us for Day of the Dead Events in October!

Skull Making Party
October 15, 12-1 p.m.
Room N302, North County Campus
Eat yummy food and make sugar skulls for the Day of the Dead Celebrations

MECHI: Dia de los Muertos Fundraiser
October 18, 12-3:30 p.m.
In front of Building 300
MECHI will be selling tamales, pan de muerto and Mexican hot chocolate.
All proceeds will be used for future MECHI activities

Cultural Appropriation Discussion
October 20, 10:30 a.m.
Room N303, North County Campus
Available via zoom on the SLC Campus
Join Dee Limon for a discussion about how to be respectful when celebrating the Day of the Dead

Dia de los Muertos Celebration - SLO Campus
October 30, 6-8 p.m.
Room N303, San Luis Obispo Campus
Watch Coco, eat pan de muerto, & decorate sugar skulls

Dia de los Muertos Celebration - North County Campus
October 30, 6-8 p.m.
Room N303, North County Campus
Watch Coco, eat yummy food and decorate sugar skulls

Visit altars on both campuses!
Day of the Dead Altar - SLO Campus
Student Success Center Lobby
October 28 to November 1st
Day of the Dead Altar - North County Campus
Campus Center Building Lobby
October 24 to November 1st
Contact Ali Phelps at allphelp@csuci.edu if interested in helping with the altar

California Community Colleges
Undocumented Student Action Week
OCTOBER 14-18, 2019

The Monarch Center & Cal Poly's Dream Center
Invite you to join us for the

Undocumented & Unafraid

Student Conversation
Join us for lunch and to hear stories of struggle, resilience and success from Cuesta College and Cal Poly's undocumented students. Learn how you can become an ally and advocate for dreamers on our campus.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17
SLO - ROOM 3134
12:00PM - 1:30PM

RSVP by October 11, 2019 to Estella Vazquez at evazquez@cuesta.edu

*Event is by invitation only!
The Latina Leadership Network of the California Community College (LLNCCC) Region North hosted a professional mixer on October 11, 2019 at Hannah Nicole Vineyards in Brentwood. The mixer was an opportunity to promote LLNCCC mission, vision, and goals to new and current Latinx professionals working in the community colleges in the San Francisco Bay Area. We had participants from Los Medanos College, Skyline College, De Anza College, Diablo Valley College, Berkeley City College and Ohlone College. We had a great time networking, learning, and empowering from each other. Our hope is to continue to promote mixers in our region to promote our organization but also to motivate each other into professional development, and advancement.
**Ingredients**

- 1/2 cups Maseca the one used for tortillas
- 2 cups water
- 3 cups milk
- 1 stick of cinnamon
- 3/4 cup of brown sugar
- 1 tbsp of vanilla

**Instructions**

1. Add the maseca to a pot and slowly stir in the water until there are no lumps.
2. Turn heat to medium high and stir in the milk.
3. Add the cinnamon and sugar. Stir for about 3-5 minutes.
4. Reduce heat to low and simmer for about 5 more minutes, stirring often.
5. Add the vanilla and stir. Remove from heat.