

50th Year Anniversary

Chicanx Youth Conference: Nuestra Historia, Nuestro Futuro

January 28, 2023

Satellite Student Union



California State University, Fresno

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Bienvenidos

On behalf of Outreach and Special Programs (OSP) and the Chicax Youth Conference (CYC) Planning Committee, we would like to welcome you to the 2023 Chicax Youth Conference. We are delighted to have you on campus today (at your university) participating in the 50th Annual Chicano Youth Conference celebration!

Thank you for joining us and continuing on with this tradition to help prepare you for the future. We hope you enjoy the workshops, learn something new, make new friends, come back soon, and make plans to become a Bulldog alumni.

Gracias and enjoy the conference!

Martina Granados, Director
Fresno State Outreach and Special Programs

UNIVERSITY MAP



Agenda

8:00 to 8:45 a.m. | Check-In and Pan Dulce

Note: If checking in after 8:30 am, individuals and groups will be directed accordingly by Fresno State ambassadors or volunteers.


8:50 to 9:05 a.m. | Opening Ceremony: Fresno State Aztec Dance Club

 Satellite Student Union

9:05 to 9:10 a.m. | Opening Remarks

 **Ricardo Andrade**, Outreach and Special Programs

9:10 to 9:20 a.m. | University Welcome

 **Dr. Saúl Jiménez Sandoval, Ph.D.**, Fresno State President


9:20 to 9:30 a.m. | CYC Recognition Award and Keynote Introductions *by Jennifer Madrigal*

9:30 to 10:00 a.m. | Keynote Speakers


 **Hon. Rosendo Peña Jr.**, Associate Justice - Fifth District Court of Appeal

 **Lizbeth De La Cruz Santana, Ph.D.** Candidate - UC Davis


10:15 to 11:00 a.m. | WORKSHOPS SESSION I

 Various locations - See Map

11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | WORKSHOPS SESSION II

 Various locations - See Map

12:05 to 12:30 p.m. | Los Danzantes De Aztlán

 Satellite Student Union

12:30 to 1:30 p.m. | Lunch and Resource Fair

 Outside Satellite Student Union

1:30 to 1:40 p.m. | Conference Evaluation

 Inside Satellite Student Union

1:40 to 1:45 p.m. | Closing Remarks

1:45 to 2:15 p.m. | Opportunity Drawing



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50th Anniversary Legacy Awards

Assoc. Dean Manuel Perez
Division of Student Affairs
CYC Founding Administrator



Manuel Pérez (classes of 1955 and 1971) was hired in 1971 to head Fresno State's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) amidst campus turmoil and brought stability to the program that thrives to this day before he was appointed Associate Dean of Student Affairs in 1984. He is credited with the development of many campus programs that service underrepresented student populations including the University Outreach Services Office and many professionals including a director he hired, Frances Peña Olgín. Among the many student projects the pair supported was MEChA's Chicano Youth Conference when it was created in 1973 while Frances was a student serving on the first CYC Committee. Dean Pérez provided administrative support to Outreach and the CYC throughout his career until he retired in 1994. The dean, who resides in Fresno, was a pioneer for the Chicano community on and off campus, a distinguished educator, an exemplary administrator and a dedicated husband and parent of seven children. His wife, the late Dr. Teresa Pérez, was also a huge supporter of the Chicano Youth Conference.

Frances Peña Olgín
Director of Outreach (ret.)



Frances Peña Olgín (Classes of 1976 and 1979) was a member of the Fresno State MECHA's original Chicano Youth Conference planning committee when it was founded in 1973 and later served as chair of the CYC in 1979. That year she also made the CYC her Master of Social Work thesis and generated funding from the Federal Employment & Training Commission (FETC) and the Associated Student Inc. (ASI) which subsequently provided annual funding for the CYC. She then started her 36-year career at Fresno State in 1979 working for the Recruiting Students Via Parents Program (RSVP) and in 1987 she was appointed director of University Outreach Services, where she served as CYC adviser and continued her guiding force in the development of the event through its first 43 years until her retirement in 2015 as Outreach director, a job now carried forward by one of her successors, Martina Granados, today's CYC adviser. Frances, who resides in Madera, currently serves on the Fresno State Chicano Alumni Club Board, one of the CYC co-sponsors. Her husband Manuel Olgín, founder of both the Chicano Alumni and the Chicano/Latino Commencement Celebration in the 70s, has also been a major supporter of the CYC.

Participating Student Services

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Lyles College of Engineering

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Career Development Center

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Cross-Cultural and Gender Center

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships

Dream Success Center

Fresno State Library

Early Assessment Program Office

Native American Initiative

Upward Bound Program

Thank You!

Keynote Speakers

Justice Rosendo Peña, Jr. was born in Fresno to farmworker parents and raised in Parlier, California where they lived, along with his eight siblings, in a modest two-bedroom home in the barrio La Colonia. The entire family worked the fields to help make ends meet.

Justice Peña graduated from Parlier High School in 1973, where he served as student body president his senior year. That summer, while working the fields, he joined Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers in a general strike for better pay and working conditions. This led to a short stay in Fresno County jail with his father and sister, Frances, for allegedly violating a civil work injunction, a charge that was later dismissed.

That fall he attended Fresno State graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science with the Class of 1977. As a student, he was a member of Los Danzantes de Aztlán and a founding member of the Chicanos In Law pre-law club. He also was elected to Pi Gamma Mu, a national social science honor society. He participated in Fresno State's first Chicano Commencement Celebration in 1977, an event founded by Chicano Alumni Fresno that observes its 47th anniversary this May.



He earned his law degree at the University of California at Los Angeles, where he served as a UCLA Student Bar Association representative.

Justice Peña began his legal career as a deputy in the State Public Defender's Office in Los Angeles before returning to Fresno as a research attorney for Justices George Zenovich, Hollis Best and Rebecca Wiseman.

In 2002, his career on the bench launched when he was appointed a Fresno Superior Court judge by Gov. Gray Davis serving 10 years before Gov. Jerry Brown elevated then-Judge Peña in 2012 to Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District.

Before serving as a judicial officer, Justice Peña was a member of: La Raza Lawyers Association, Central Valley Chapter, serving on its executive board including as president in 1988; the Latin American Business Club serving as president (1996) and chairman of the board (1997); and the board of Central California Legal Services. He volunteered to sit as a judge pro tem for the Small Claims Court and taught Advanced Legal Research and Writing at San Joaquin College of Law.

During his judicial career, Justice Peña served on the Fresno Superior Court executive board, including as chair of its Law Library Committee and a member of its Commissioner Evaluation Committee; and as a trustee and president of the Fresno County Law Library Board. He participates annually in the Fresno County High School Mock Trial Program including as program vice-chair. In 2016 and 2019, Justice Peña presided over the State Mock Trial Finals in Sacramento.

Justice Peña serves on: the Appellate Legacy Project Committee (Chief Justice appointee); the California Judicial Council's Language Access Plan Implementation Task Force; the Jury Selection Work Group; and the San Joaquin Valley Region of the Death Penalty Habeas Corpus Committee to implement Proposition 66, a recent death penalty initiative (chair).

He also served memberships on: a Central Valley Youth Institute for the Hispanic College Fund committee and was a Hispanic Heroes participant; the board of North Fresno Rotary (twice); the Fresno Unified School District Graduation Task Force; and the Fresno State Alumni Association Board (including executive committee).

Justice Peña received the Outstanding Leadership Award in the legal/justice field from the California 31st Assembly District in 2007 and the Fresno State Outstanding Alumnus Award as a "Top Dog" for the College of Social Sciences in 2018.

Keynote Speakers

Fresno State alumna Lizbeth De La Cruz Santana is the daughter of immigrant parents from Jalisco, Mexico, and the oldest of three siblings who is currently a doctoral candidate at the Spanish and Portuguese Department at the University of California Davis.

She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in Spanish Latin American Literatures and Cultures at Fresno State (Classes of 2013 and 2016). While at Fresno State, Lizbeth was editor-in-chief of the Chicano student publications *La Voz de Aztlán* and *Revista Literaria Austral*, and a member of MECHA and Club Austral. She served on the Chicano Youth Conference Committee in 2013.

Lizbeth grew up in Compton during her childhood and in Fresno in her late teens, graduating from Herbert Hoover High School in 2009.

Her upbringing as a member of a mixed-status family formed her consciousness of the immigrant experience in the U.S. As a first-generation student of color, she values her privilege in earning a college education and is working on paving the road for others like herself to pursue higher education.

In pursuit of her PhD., which she expects to complete this spring, Lizbeth is a researcher for the Humanizing Deportation digital storytelling project, a community-based digital storytelling project that documents the human consequences of contemporary regimes of migration and border control in the United States and Mexico. She has done fieldwork in Tijuana, Guadalajara, and California to support the production of stories of migrants who have faced and are vulnerable to deportation.

Her activist-oriented public scholarship includes the Playas de Tijuana Mural Project, an interactive mural on the Mexican side of the westernmost point of the US-Mexico border, which documents the stories and portraits of deported US childhood arrivals.

Other digital humanities projects include the Leave No One Behind Mural project and DACamented: DREAMs Without Borders digital storytelling project.



Workshops

Access To Higher Education

🕒 **Session 1: 10:15 to 11:00 a.m.**

🕒 **Session 2: 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

1. Pathways into Higher Education

Roberto Bustos and Harjot Sapral
Science 2, Room 109

Session Description: Learn about the systems of higher education available to students. This interactive and informative workshop will explore the potential for Latinx students to apply and attend the different institutions of higher education. In this workshop we will explain what Latinx students can do in high school to increase their access and opportunity to universities.

2. Fresno State Support Programs

Armando Santos, CAMP
Lilia De La Cerda, HCOP
Angelica Robles-Trinh, EOP
Science 1, Room 145

Session Description: In this workshop students will learn about the various support programs offered to students. Whether you're a migrant farm working family or from an underrepresented student population, there's support for you at Fresno State.

3. Si Se Puede: College is a Reality for Dreamers/ Undocumented Students

Diana Rea Flores, Dream Success Center
Science 2, Room 308

Session Description: The Dream Success Center at Fresno State is dedicated to serving AB540, undocumented, DACA students as well as students with mixed immigration statuses. Come to this workshop and learn about all the resources offered to all students and allies.

4. Fresno State Admissions: I applied, now what?

Fresno State Admissions and Recruitment
Science 2, Room 307

Session Description: In this workshop, students will learn about the next steps necessary to complete their enrollment at the CSU. This workshop is for seniors who already applied for fall 2023. Students will learn about the next steps necessary to ensure they are ready for fall 2023. Covered topics will include: Student Portals, Transcripts, Early Start, and Residency.

5. Financial Aid and Scholarships: Funding Your Future

Ludwika Lopez, Financial Aid Office
Science 1, Room 139

Session Description: Grants, loans, work study and more! The Financial Aid and Scholarships Office here at Fresno State is happy to help you navigate the financial aspects of your college career!

6. Physics Outreach

Don Williams, Physics Department
Front of Satellite Student Union

Session Description: Physics is a fundamental science that is the basis of all sciences from chemistry, engineering, to medicine. This workshop will be taught by future physics teachers who are current students at Fresno State.

7. Campus Tour

Outreach and Special Programs
Front of Satellite Student Union

Session Description: See and learn about all the services provided to students at Fresno State. Over 100 years of history.

Cultural Awareness

8. Bailando con Los Danzantes de Aztlán

Los Danzantes de Aztlán
Inside Satellite Student Union

Session Description: Learn some of the basic and intermediate steps in Mexican Folkloric dancing. This interactive and fun workshop is being taught by the national and international recognized group, Los Danzantes De Aztlán

9. Hip Hop Resistance, Pride and Self-Expression

Jairo "Agent" Lozano
Science 1, Room 147

Session Description: Learn about the impact of art in our culture and how it's been used to advance social justice. Our Fresno State Alumni will share with you the role and impact of the arts in higher education and our society.



10. Moreno Institute: Remembering where your ancestors came from.

Raul Moreno, Moreno Institute
Science 2, Room 107

Session Description: Understanding your background is critical to your success. Regardless of your career or style of life, your expertise and acceptance of your culture will make you a stronger leader. This workshop will review several role models that used their backgrounds to practice effective leadership.

11. LGBTQ+ Programs and Services

Estevan Parra, Upward Bound Program
Science 1, Room 143

Session Description: We seek to raise awareness of social misconceptions of sexuality/gender and create a safe space that allows self-exploration for all LGBTQ+ individuals. Our mission is to increase the visibility and awareness of the broad spectrum of identities represented by LGBTQ+.



Social Justice

🕒 **Session 1: 10:15 to 11:00 a.m.**

🕒 **Session 2: 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

12. M.E.Ch.A.: Embracing your history to embrace your future: How to get involved in your community.

Yolanda Solis, M.E.Ch.A. President
Science 2, Room 210

Session Description: Embracing your history to embrace your future: How to get involved in your community” is a workshop dedicated to educating students about the history of Chicanos on Fresno State Campus. By looking through the lens of the past students can enable themselves to get involved within their community and embrace their history through various activities and events that they will be able to participate and organize back on their campus.

13. Youth, Power, and Identity

Ralph Avitia, J.D.
Science 2, Room 209

Session Description: Students will learn the history and power of words as well as titles which youth are tagged. This includes both ethnic and curse words in English and Spanish. This is a hard-hitting and enlightening workshop that will blow your mind, anger you, make you laugh and most importantly... inspire you to be a better person. Finally, we will talk about the current events and the poem Maestro will be read and copies provided.



14. Agents of Change: The Power of Youth in Social Movements

Monserath Sanchez Rodriguez, Organizer
Science 2, Room 108

Session Description: Learn about being politically involved from regional leader and organizers. Faith in the Valley comes together with community partners to create a different and better future for Valley families and communities.

15. Family Comes First: Juggling family responsibilities while in college and it's impact on wellbeing.

Dr. Rosa Toro, Fresno State Faculty
Science 2, Room 309

Session Description: Balancing the many identities we have can be taxing. In this workshop, students will learn about balancing school and other roles they have.

16. Social Justice through film

Samuel Contreras, Film Maker/Faculty
McLane Hall, Room 161

Session Description: Learn from documentary film maker Samuel Contreras as he shares his educational journey and his work of films.



Careers and Leadership

17. Are you Green, Gold, Blue, or Orange?

Jose Daniel Gomez and Claudia Ceja
Science 2, Room 208

Session Description: True Colors is a 5-minute assessment with instant results for understanding yourself and others based on personality types. The core of the system identifies student communication styles, listening styles, causes of stress, and learning styles. True Colors works because it is based on true principles and easy to remember and use in all kinds of circumstances from personal relationships to professional success.

18. Bitwise: Planning for the Future

Stephanie Moreno
Science 1, Room 141

Session Description: Hear from an innovative tech leader, Bitwise Industries, and what are the skills necessary to be successful in the next decade of innovation.

19. STEM Panel

Christian Buenrostro, *Mechanical Engineering*
Vincent Rodriguez, *Electrical Engineering*
Sonia Yañez, *Civil Engineering*
David Villegas, *Computer Engineering*
Conley Art Building, Room 101

Session Description: Learn from current professionals in the industry about their educational journey through higher education and into the workforce. This workshop will offer a great networking opportunity for you to learn from professionals in careers that you may be interested in exploring.

20. GrowthPoint Technologies: Community-Based learning

Cesar Luevanos and Joshua Medrano
Science 2, Room 206

Session Description: Learn about new emerging career opportunities in STEM, ranging from multimedia and drone aviation, to coding, game



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Winners will be announced during the closing session.



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