

Comunidad

Los Rios Community College District Latinx/Chicanx Professional Affinity Group

Annual Newsletter

2018-2019 edition

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La Historia

There has been a long history in the Los Rios Community College District of Latinx/Chicanx employees who have organized a support system for new and continuing professionals in the district. A sense of *familia* is critical for Latinx/Chicanx individuals to thrive in the large and complex institution of education, for professionals as much as students. Below is a brief history of the various versions of this support system that has established a foundation for Comunidad today. We have a current 2018-2019 roster of 135 members.

- Early 2000's: Chicano/Latino Faculty and Staff Association (LRLFSA) formed at Sacramento City College
- 2013: District-wide Comunidad first met during UC Davis HSI (Hispanic Serving Institution) Summit



Mission and Vision

Vision: Comunidad de LRCCD strives to be at the forefront of research-informed, data-driven, and culturally relevant innovation to dismantle systems of oppression and build an environment that reflects the aspirations of our communities, colleges, and District.

Mission: Comunidad de LRCCD is a culturally based professional network that serves to enhance professional opportunities, advocate for students, and create a safe and welcoming environment for the Latinx/Chicanx and undocumented communities.

Interested in getting involved?

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Comunidad Activities 2018-2019

June 12, 2018

District Comunidad Chairs Retreat

August 24, 2018

District Comunidad Welcome BBQ Social
Hosted by Sacramento City College

September 2018

Campus Comunidad General Meetings
Hosted by each campus

September through October 2018

Latino Heritage Month
Hosted by each campus

October 2, 2018

“La Bienvenida” Latino Student Welcome
Hosted by Sacramento City College

October 3, 2018

District Comunidad General Meeting
Hosted by Cosumnes River College

November 2018

Campus Comunidad General Meetings
Hosted by each campus

December 7, 2018

District Comunidad Posada Social
Hosted by Folsom Lake College



January 2019

Comunidad Flex Activity
Hosted by Sacramento City College

February 2019

Campus Comunidad General Meetings
Hosted by each campus

April 1, 2019

District Comunidad General Meeting
Hosted by Cosumnes River College

April 2019

Campus Comunidad General Meetings
Hosted by each campus

May 17, 2019

Honrando a Nuestros Estudiantes
Latinx Student Recognition Celebration
Hosted by Cosumnes River College

May 23, 2019

District Comunidad End-of-Year Social
Hosted by American River College



Latinx Book Club

Tania Hernandez and Zelene Molina of Sacramento City College organized a book club that culminated with a spring group discussion during flex week. *The Distance Between Us*, by Reyna Grande, gave colleagues an opportunity to explore a true story about migration, complex family dynamics, and soul-searching. We look forward to reading another book as a community.



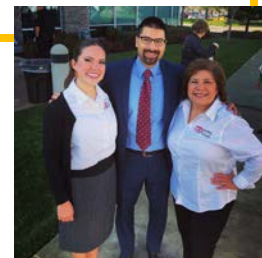
Hispanic Serving Institutions

Sacramento City College was federally designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) in 2015. The college has received two awards: the HSI Developing Institution Grant and the HSI STEM Grant. These efforts are supported by Comunidad and are a collaboration to support and enhance Latinx/Chicanx student success. Cosumnes River College and American River College are in the process of applying for the federal HSI designation.



Community Engagement

Members of Comunidad make sure that the Los Rios Community College District has consistent presence in valuable community events that target Latinx/Chicanx and historically underrepresented populations in higher education. "Feria de Educación" is in its sixth year at Sacramento State University, and occurs every October. "Steps to College" is hosted every February at the Consulate General of Mexico in Sacramento. The Cesar Chavez Leadership Conference takes place every March and in 19 years has grown large enough to move from a school in Roseville to the UC Davis campus.



Professor Jesus Limon-Guzman meets with Congresswoman Doris Matsui

English Professor Jesus Limon-Guzman of Sacramento City College met with Congresswoman Doris Matsui as an invited guest to the State of the Union Address in Washington, D.C. He is an advocate for DACA and speaks publicly about his experiences as an immigrant from Mexico, as well as the support that he has received through DACA.



Recent Hires and Promotions

A big welcome and congratulations to the Latinx/Chicanx colleagues who were hired or promoted into full-time positions in 2018-2019.

- **Andrea Gaytan**, Dean of the Davis Center, Sacramento City College
- **Augustine Chavez**, Vice President of Administration, Folsom Lake College
- **Karla Rojas**, Mathematics Faculty Instructor, Sacramento City College
- **Dr. Lorena Jauregui**, MESA Faculty Coordinator, Sacramento City College
- **Marisel Glynn**, HSI SESI Counselor, Sacramento City College
- **Dr. Miguel Molina**, Dean of Financial Aid and Student Success, Sacramento City College
- **Rosana Chavez-Hernandez**, HSI Grant Project Director, Sacramento City College

Recent Retires

Thank you to our recently retired colleagues who have provided a strong foundation to Comunidad.

Juan La Chica
Counselor
Sacramento City College
43 years of service

Manuel Ruedas
Counselor
American River College
30 years of service

Jeannette Solorio
Financial Aid Officer
Sacramento City College
+25 years of service