



Concilio (NCCHC) Leadership Symposium 2025

Luz, Comunidad y Unidad: Iluminando Caminos Juntos

Symposium Agenda-At-A-Glance

(Subject to Updating and Change)

Thursday, September 25

3:00-6:00 p.m. Symposium Check-In, Exhibits

6:00 to 10:00 p.m. “Recepción y gran cena familiar” – Celebrating 2024-2025 Fellows Graduation

Friday, September 26

8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Breakfast and Exhibits

9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Opening General Session/Keynote (Fireside Chat)

Welcome: Dr. Mike Munoz, NCCHC President and Superintendent/President of Long Beach City College

Guiding Lights: A Charla with Dr. DeRionne Pollard, Incoming President and CEO of AACC, and Dr. Maria

Harper-Marinick, Senior Fellow with the Aspen Institute and former Chancellor of MCCCC

10:15 to 11:00 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions (3)**

1. Small Acts, Big Impact: The Caring Campus Approach – Georgia Flores, Cristela Garcia, Northeast Lakeview College, TX

2. The Comeback Class: Graduation Never Expired – Tina Garcia, Angelica Rueda, Community College of Denver, CO

3. Leveraging the Seal of Excelencia Framework for Institutional Transformation – Dr. Sonia De La Torre-Iniguez, Dr. Nohel C. Corral, Long Beach City College, CA

11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions (3)**

1. METAS Rising: Increasing Access and Aspirations for Formerly Incarcerated Students – Dr. Eric D. Becerra, Dr. Sonia De La Torre, Long Beach City College, CA

2. Transformación en Acción: Building Equity-Centered Legal Pathways – Dr. Vicenta Arrizon Maffris, Linda Thai, Santa Monica College, CA

3. Reentry, Resilience, and Reimagining: Personal Journeys Driving Change in Community – Giovanni Ochoa, Rodolfo Emilio Flores, Los Angeles Mission College, CA

12:00 to 12:45 p.m. **Networking Luncheon**

12:45 to 1:30 p.m. **Award Presentation/Members’ Meeting**

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. **General Session**

Luz y Justicia: A Conversation with Dolores Huerta on Leading with Courage and Unity

Join us for an inspiring fireside chat with civil rights icon **Dolores Huerta**, whose legacy as a labor leader, activist, and co-founder of the United Farm Workers has illuminated the path toward equity and justice. In this conversation, Huerta will share her reflections on leadership, activism, and the enduring power of *luz*, *comunidad*, y *unidad* to transform communities.

2:45 to 3:30 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions (3)**

1. A Call for Power, Pertenencia, and Purpose – Teresa Guia, City Colleges of Chicago, IL

2. Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers: Best Practices for Latinx Enrollment – Guadalupe Pasillas, Laura Zhang, Prejahle Williams, Long Beach City College, CA

3. Leading with Intention: Narratives that Spark Systemwide Success – Dr. Maria V. Boccalandro, Dr. Catherine P. Olivarez, Dallas College, TX

3:30 p.m.

Refreshment Break

DINNER ON YOUR OWN – In beautiful Long Beach, CA

Saturday, September 27

9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Networking Breakfast/Exhibits

10:15 to 11:00 a.m. General Session/Panel Discussion: Fellows Panel

11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Closing General Session:

Presentation: Authentic Leadership in Turbulent Times: Staying True to Yourself While Making a Difference – Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey, Superintendent/President, Palomar Community College District

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