

Saludos, colegas!

10 days! 10! That's how close are to reconnecting with each other at the annual NASPA conference. With so much going on, we can't even describe how excited we are to host the many wonderful events we have in store for you. Our [LKC Program Guide](#) is officially out! We have a location set for our Mena/Valdez awards reception. We have a new Scholar's Corner post on the tenure track experience. Don't forget, there is still time to register for the LKC Pre-Con Institute. Seats are filling up quickly!

For those of you unable to attend our Mena/Valdez reception, we will Facebook Live the reception so you can cheer on our colleagues as we recognize them for their achievements. Stay up-to-date with us by following us on our social media accounts. We will be using the hashtags #NASPA19 and #LKC19. We encourage you all to tag us on your NASPA experience.

Remember, if you have any articles, announcements, job opportunities, recent awards, news to share, or want to give someone a shout out, please send these items to the LKC Communications Team, Leonel Diaz (ldiaz@unm.edu) and Rosa Hanco (hancor@stjohns.edu) and we will feature your information in next month's newsletter. Monthly submission deadlines are every 20th day of each month.

This month we feature:

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Make sure to scroll through the entire newsletter for all the updates for the Latinx/a/o Knowledge Community.

Follow Us On Social Media!

- Twitter: @tweetinglavoz
- Facebook: NASPA Latinx/a/o Knowledge Community
- LinkedIn: NASPA Latinx/a/o Knowledge Community
- Instagram: lkc_naspa

Enjoy!

The Latinx/a/o Knowledge Community

ANNUAL CONFERENCE LKC PROGRAM GUIDE AND PRECON

Join us for the NASPA Annual Conference in Los Angeles, California! March 9th is quickly approaching! Check out all the events we have prepared for you in our program guide: <https://www.naspa.org/constituent-groups/posts/latinx-a-o-knowledge-communitys-program-guide-to-naspa19>

If you need some encouragement, you should consider attending the LKC Preconference Institute. This year's theme is "Testimonios of an Intersectional Latinx Community."

Description:

Latinx/a/o higher education professionals and graduate students will enhance their knowledge of current Latinx higher education scholarship, hear about new trends and promising practices in the field, curricula changes, programmatic updates, revamping of trainings and workshops etc. This space will highlight mid-level administrators who are implementing, executing, and supporting Latinx students and professionals, provide frameworks to consider when working in the field, and connect research to practice.

This session is presented by:

- **Berenice Sanchez, *Ph.D. Candidate, Indiana University-Bloomington***
- **Janett Cordovés, Ed.D., *Co-Curricular Partnerships Manager, Interfaith Youth Core***
- **Maria Genao-Homs, *Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, Hamilton College***
- **Sandra Rodriguez, *Director, Center for Student Engagement, University of Nevada-Reno***

The PreConference rate has been adjusted **from \$130 to \$90**. If you already had registered for this, you should be receiving a refund for the price difference and will be notified by email.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT – 2019 NASPA CONFERENCE

This year, we have the unique opportunity to have TWO community service projects to choose from:

The first opportunity is to participate in the restoration of the White Point Nature Reserve garden for wildlife habitat including the Palos Verdes Blue Butterfly and California Gnatcatcher birds. White Point Nature Preserve features restored coastal sage scrub habitat, hiking and handicap accessible trails overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Catalina Island. White Point Nature Reserve hosts many environmental education events such as Nature Preserve Walks, Education Programs for schools and the public about our threatened plants and land, as well as many volunteer opportunities. Our work will include removing invasive weeds, watering native plants, and grooming trails for the next 100 years! We will be working outdoors, and need to wear closed-toed shoes, sun

protection and be sure to bring drinking water and a snack, all other tools will be provided to us at the White Point Nature Reserve.

The second opportunity is a collaborative effort with nationally known Homeboy Industries who provide hope, training, and support to formerly gang-involved and previously incarcerated men and women in the community. We have the opportunity to work alongside the Educational Service branch of Homeboy Industries on a conference which strives to provide: (1) comprehensive, holistic, and engaging workshops to Homeboy Industries students in the areas of financial aid, re-entry services, hidden curriculum, and navigating higher education, (2) mentorship station, where potential mentors meet and engage with students (3) and provide tools to students as to how shift deficit model systems while navigating higher education. In addition, Homeboy Industries has offered to provide NASPA Community Service attendees with the first ever Previously-Incarcerated student ally training workshop at the beginning of the community service day. The day is geared towards creating a high impact, community building, transformational experience for homies preparing to enter higher education.

We believe that your previous commitment to community service at the NASPA Annual Conference and your lived experiences will make you amazing participants in one of these opportunities. Join us on Sunday, March 10th and be part of the change you want to see!

As part of the community service experience you will meet amazing colleagues in your field, touch and engage with dedicated staff and non-profit efforts in their fields, and receive a cool t-shirt to commemorate the experience.

Please consider registering for the opportunity, since space availability is limited to 50 people each.

If you have any questions about the White Point Nature Reserve opportunity you may email Deborah Miller-Calvert at dmiller-calvert@lbcc.edu and need further information regarding the opportunity with Homeboy Industries please contact Maggie Muñoz at mamunoz@riohondo.edu

Cheers,

Maggie

GIVE TODAY

As we near the 2019 NASPA conference in Los Angeles, I hope we are all preparing for what is going to be a great opportunity to meet new colegas, reconnect with colegas who we haven't seen in a while, and of course attend sessions that will make a positive impact on our work!

Remember to schedule in our LKC sponsored events into your days - these sponsored events would not be possible without your contribution! As we look into the next few weeks before the 2019 conference - it is not too late to give!

Your donations assist in providing scholarships for conference, professional development, trainings, and so much more!

[Take a few minutes and give today.](#) Don't forget to designate your gift to the LKC.

See you in Los Angeles!

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

University of Illinois at Chicago

Director of New Student & Family Programs

<https://jobs.uic.edu/job-board/job-details?jobID=109176&job=director-of-new-student-and-family-programs-student-affairs>
CLOSES ON MARCH 4th

For questions, contact Reina Salcedo at rsalcedo@uic.edu.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking to fill in vacancies for the LKC Leadership team along with the Region IV-West and Region V representatives for the Latinx/a/o Knowledge Community.

The following positions are available on NASPA's Volunteer Central. For questions, please contact Maria Genao-Homs (mgenaoho@hamilton.edu) and Sandy Rodriguez (srodz@unr.edu).

Current board vacancies:

- Graduate Student Rep
- LKC Intern
- Undocumented Immigrants and Allies KC Liaison
- Region IV-West Rep
- Strategic Planning and Assessment Co-Chairs
- Public Liaison Co-Chair

Link: <https://www.naspa.org/about/get-involved/volunteer>

LKC SPONSORED EVENTS

We have a great line up of conference events this year. Make sure to add these to your list of conference session you'll attend.

1. ***Reconstructing the Self: Narratives of Queer and Trans Latinx Student Activists in Higher Education***

- Coordinating Presenter – Roberto Orozco, Rutgers University
- Monday, March 11, 8 – 8:50 am, 403A (LA Convention Center)

2. ***Familial capital across the educational pipeline: Centering the voices of Latinx parents***

- Coordinating Presenter – Angel Gonzalez, Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District
- Tuesday, March 12, 11:15 – 12:05 pm, 404A (LA Convention Center)

3. ***Guiding a Latino Student Veteran through the Higher Education Journey: Supporting the development of an underrepresented community***

- Coordinating Presenter – Leonel Diaz Jr., The University of New Mexico
- Tuesday, March 12, 10:10 – 11 am, 501B (LA Convention Center)

For more events, please take a look at the [LKC Program Guide](#).

MENA/VALDEZ AWARDS

Join us at the NASPA Annual Conference in celebrating the 2019 Mena/Valdez Award recipients. Place it on your calendar!

The Mena/Valdez Awards Reception will take place on March 12, 2018.

Location: Rosa Mexicano – 800 W. Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90015

Time: 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

We hope to see you all there!

NIGHT AT THE NOVO

The Novo, located in the center of one of the entertainment capital of the world: the L.A. LIVE complex, is the go-to venue for emerging musical acts and cultural shows, and NASPA is taking it over for its annual Tuesday Night Party (March 12). We are bringing back a talent showcase, and we need acts! The winning prizes for the grand champion team are **complimentary member registrations to the 2020 NASPA Annual Conference in Austin, TX**, so consider submitting an act (or forward this along to talented people you know).

You can sign up for this opportunity at this link:

http://apps.naspa.org/cfp/evt_frm_user.cfm?event_id=1081

SCHOLAR'S CORNER

The NASPA Latinx/a/o Knowledge Community (LKC) strives to support the research and share stories of colleagues who are engaged in scholastic work, especially those who focus on Latinx/a/o educational issues. This year, the LKC co-chairs are highlighting the strength, resiliency, and tenacious nature of *mujeres* in the field who deliberately and wholeheartedly embrace both motherhood and their professional roles as scholars (#LatinaMamiScholar). We would love to feature your story on the NASPA LKC Scholars Corner!

If you would like to share with our *comunidad*, please contact LKC Research and Scholarship co-chairs Claudia García-Louis (claudia.garcia-louis@utsa.edu) and/or Tracy Arámbula Ballysingh (tracy.ballysingh@uvm.edu).

I was introduced to the field of education at a young age since my mom was a high school teacher. Each year, my two younger siblings and I attended functions at her school, organized school paper work, and helped prepare her classroom. Growing up in my home, we had learning stations, reading time, and family field trips. These early experiences emphasized the importance of working hard, doing your best, respecting teachers and administrators, and finding topics to explore independently...Continue reading the blog post: <https://www.naspa.org/constituent-groups/posts/scholars-corner-when-life-happens-on-the-tenure-track>

Missed last month's blog? Don't worry. We have the link here for you: <https://www.naspa.org/constituent-groups/posts/scholars-corner-learning-to-do-it-all-with-grace>

SHOUT-OUTS

As we get closer to our annual NASPA conference, the LKC communications chairs would like to recognize the hard work of our LKC leadership team and all NASPA volunteers working to put on an amazing conference in Los Angeles. Without you all, the annual conference wouldn't be the same. If you have a NASPA volunteer at your institution, please thank them for their dedication.

Do you have something or someone you would like to send a Shout-Out to? Let us know and we'll share it in the next newsletter. Contact the Communications Co-Chairs, Leonel Diaz Jr and Rosa Hanco.

WHY I

Get to know Janett Cordoves and how she was chosen to be in the field of student affairs in her "Why I" post: <https://www.naspa.org/constituent-groups/posts/why-i-janett-i-cordoves>

Recommend a colleague!

The NASPA Latinx/a/o Knowledge Community is showcasing the LKC leadership team and all members of the Latinx/a/o community in this series that we call, "Why I." We want to share with our Latinx/a/o community who members of the LKC leadership team and membership are, our roles, and what inspired us to follow our career paths. Our goal is to increase the visibility of not just the LKC, but to the leaders who make the LKC what is to us all. For questions regarding the "Why I" series, please contact the Communication Co-Chairs, Leonel Diaz (ldiaz@unm.edu) and Rosa Hanco (hancor@stjohns.edu). To be featured on "Why I," fill out this form: <https://goo.gl/forms/gptkaS3tr6YdL17M2>