

PURSUING THE DREAM

CONFERENCE

"Pathways to Student Success"

AGENDA - APRIL 1, 2022

9:00AM-9:10AM - BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE WELCOME

9:10AM-9:15AM - OPENING REMARKS

SGA President Edith Mata, Bakersfield College

9:15AM-10:10AM - KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Dr. Angel Reyna, Madera Community College

10:15AM-11:10AM - WORKSHOP SESSION 1

Detanglement starts with kNow: Managing Time and Priorities with a Focus on Student Success

For first-generation students stepping into a new and challenging world, finding community, managing time, and understanding expectations all play a major role in academic success. However, stepping into a new world also entails stepping out of an old world. One of the most difficult tasks is shedding feelings of guilt when students necessarily prioritize their own needs on the pathway to student success. This candid discussion, hosted by California State University, Bakersfield's Educational Opportunity Program, will address common challenges while also highlighting opportunities and ways to reframe these feelings in pursuit of your dreams.

Presenter: Miguel Cuate & Steve Walsh, CSUB EOP

UFW Know Your Rights

Regardless of your immigration status, you have guaranteed rights under the Constitution. Learn about your rights as an immigrant, how to express them, and how to protect yourself.

Presenter: Claudia Lopez, UFW Foundation Legal

11:15AM-12:10PM - WORKSHOP SESSION 2

Becoming Community: Seeking Out Peer Support

An opportunity for prospective and current college students to hear from recent alumni and learn about their educational experiences. Panelists will share their advice and words of encouragement, as well as support programs and resources that contributed to their success as college students.

Presenter: L.U.P.E. Student Panel, Bakersfield College

Creating Cohesive Support Across Campus and Community Partners

With a return to in-person instruction the Titan Dreamers Resource Center is re-establishing a connection with campus partners and expanding its support to the outside community and creating a pipeline program that will support High School students attending local colleges and universities as undocumented students. This presentation will share information on how we have been undertaking this work and a discussion on how to make these initiatives work on your campus.

Presenter: Areli Castro

CSU Fullerton Titans Dreamers Resource Center

12:15PM-12:45PM - LUNCH

Raffle, Games, Announcements

12:50PM-1:45PM - WORKSHOP SESSION 3

Secure the Bag: Scholarship Workshop

Youth 2 Leaders Education Foundation will be covering the supportive documents needed for the Y2LEF application and beyond. Attendees will also be guided on initiating their personal statements. This is an opportunity to boost your scholarship-attainment probabilities and discover scholarships specifically for AB540/DREAMer/Undocumented students.

Presenter: Apryl Tovar & Erik Plata Torres

Youth 2 Leaders Education Foundation

Following the Dream: Finding Success in Creative Pathways

Students interested in the arts often abandon pursuing degrees when they don't see a clear pathway into a career. BC art professor Joseph Tipay, professional artist Donta Santistevan, and art major Gianna Villafuerte come together to share their experiences and how art has impacted their lives. This panel will discuss the importance of art education and professional opportunities that exist after graduation.

Professor Joseph Tipay, Bakersfield College Art Department

Donta Santistevan, Graphic Designer

(Chocolate Skateboards, Enjoi Skateboards,

Thrasher Magazine, Toy Machine Skateboards)

Gianna Villafuerte, Bakersfield College Art Student

1:50PM-2:00PM - CLOSING REMARKS

Presenter: Executive Director Imelda Simos-Valdez,

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Dr. Ángel Reyna is the first president of Madera Community College, the newest community college in the California Community Colleges system. Initially selected as president of Madera and Oakhurst College Centers, Reyna led the college in receiving accreditation and official college status.

Reyna came to the Central Valley from Renton Technical College in Washington, where he served as vice president of instruction. He served as dean of workforce education at Walla Walla Community College and director for Workforce Education and ESL adjunct instructor at Yakima Valley Community College. Reyna served as both mayor and city councilmember for the City of Mabton, Washington. He worked as a seasonal migrant farmworker in the state of Washington for 13 years.

Reyna completed his Ph.D. in organizational leadership at Northeastern University. He earned his M.A. in educational administration and B.A. in history and education from Washington State University.