



Transfer Symposium 2021

Championing Transfer Success for Mt. SAC Students

Friday, October 15
8:30AM-12:30PM

8:30AM Welcome

Lupita Jimenez & Dr. William Scroggins, President & CEO

8:45AM Transfer State of Mt. SAC

Lisa DiDonato & Jesse Lopez

This presentation will outline the transfer outcomes of Mt. SAC students, identify equity gaps, and prepare participants for a discussion on ways to best support the transfer aspirations of students, especially those historically underrepresented.

(10-minute break)

9:40AM Understanding the Mountie Transfer Student Experience

Elmer Rodriguez & Lupita Jimenez

Current and former Mt. SAC students will share the challenges and successes faced throughout their transfer journey to guide the future practice of faculty, staff and administrators as facilitators of student transfer success.

(5-minute break)

10:45AM Cultivating a Transfer Sending and Receptive Culture for Mt. SAC Students

Dr. Dimpal Jain, Santiago Bernal & Alfred Herrera

The authors of the Power to the Transfer: Critical Race Theory and a Transfer Receptive Culture book will engage participants in identifying the transfer-sending elements of Mt. SAC that can enhance collaboration across campus and external transfer partners with tangible next steps to establish future dialogue for connections between a transfer sending and receptive culture.

12:15PM Closing

Lupita Jimenez & Alana Bachor

Transfer Symposium Planning Committee Members:

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Meet the Panelists:



Ajana Orozco (She/Her/Hers)

First Generation Chiricahua Apache, Filipino, Mexican, Transgender, Transfer Student

Mt. SAC Class of 2019

AA-T in Art History, AA-T in Sociology and AA in Humanities

President, VP, and Secretary for the American Intertribal Student Alliance, Vice President: Culture Shock Club, Student worker in Sociology/Philosophy Department, Member of ARISE, Transfer Center, Honors Program, EOP/S, Phi Theta Kappa, and 2019 Student of Distinction for Personal Achievement.

UCLA Class of 2021

B.A. Gender Studies, LGBTQ Studies



Claudina Evans (She/Her/Hers)

Caregiver and Non-Traditional, First Generation College Student

Mt. SAC Class of 2022

A.S. Registered Veterinary Technology, A.S. Horse Ranch Management

Member of Honors Program, ACES, and LEAD; Transfer Application Bootcamp Participant; Club Officer and member of multiple Recognized Student Clubs and Organizations on campus; Mt. SAC employee and volunteer at the Randall Planetarium.



Alejandro Xipecoatl Juarez-Ugalde (El/He/Him/His)

Continuation High School Graduate and First Generation, Nahua Indigenous Xicano, Man of Color, System Impacted College Graduate

Mt. SAC Class of 2018

AA-T in Sociology, AA in Social Behavioral Sciences

Member of Bridge, MMI, ACES, Arise, MEChA Co-Chair, Inter Club Council Co-Chair, Inreach Ambassador, and 2017 Student of Distinction.

UCLA Class of 2021

B.A. Chicana/o & Central American Studies with Minors in Education and Arts Education



Shonnardo Bodie (He/Him/His)

First-Generation and Non-Citizen College Student

Mt. SAC Class of 2018

AA in Kinesiology and Wellness

Member of Arise, ASPIRE, Track and Field, EOPS, MMI, and Inreach Ambassador

Baker University Class of 2022

B.S. in Public Health



Ray Baines (He/Him/His)

First Generation College Student

Mt. SAC Class of 2020

AA-T in Communication Studies, AA-T in Sociology, AA in Social and Behavioral Sciences, AA in Communication

Member of El Centro, Arise, ASPIRE, MMI, Bridge, High School Outreach Peer Educator, and Promise Plus Peer Coach

ASU Class of 2022

B.A. in Communications

Meet our Guests and authors of Power to the Transfer:



Dr. Dimpal Jain is an Associate Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies and core faculty within the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership at California State University, Northridge. Her work centers on the relationship between community colleges and universities through a critical race framework, most notably how universities can develop and maintain a transfer receptive culture for students of color.



Santiago Bernal is the Assistant Director for UCLA's Center for Community College Partnerships. He co-founded and co-edited *De Ambiente*, the first Gay and Lesbian magazine in Los Angeles, completely in Spanish. He also co-founded UCLA's Student Transfer Outreach and Mentor Program (STOMP) and has worked extensively with community college students since 1994, launching a number of programs that focus on the transfer educational pipeline for undocumented students, men of color, queer, transgendered, Black, Indigenous, people of color; formerly incarcerated and system impacted communities and most recently for veteran students.



Alfred Herrera is Director of the UCLA Center for Community College Partnerships (CCCCP) and Assistant Dean for Academic Partnerships. Alfred is internationally renowned for his strong advocacy on behalf of transfer and undocumented students in higher education. Alfred and his CCCC team were recently selected (October 2019) by Excelencia in Education as the model program across the nation in serving Latino students to advance in higher education!