



Bienvenidos!

Central High M.E.Ch.A proudly invites you to the 6th Phoenix Union High School District M.E.Ch.A. Conference. The theme this year is **Nocalquetzaliz Aztlán: Constructing My Aztlán!** We invite you to think about how you share the responsibility of insuring a bright future for yourself and your communities. Join us as we learn about *historia y cultura* while we plan how to construct our Aztlán.

El Movimiento Estudiantil

Chicana/o de Aztlán

M.E.Ch.A., established in 1969, is a nationwide organization that recognizes the central importance of higher learning and activism in the development of our communities. MEChistAs take an active role in advocating for relevant education and volunteering in community service projects. Our fundamental goals are to overcome historical prejudice and increase the number of graduates committed to social justice.

DEDICATION

We dedicate the 2015 PUHSD MEChA Conference to the *maestras* and *maestros* whose struggle to bring our issues and ideas into the classroom have made them a political target; in particular the teachers in Tucson. – You have helped us build *nuestro* Aztlán and we are grateful for the skills, knowledge and courage you have taught us. *Tlazocamatli!*



PLEASE REGISTER BY SEPT. 18

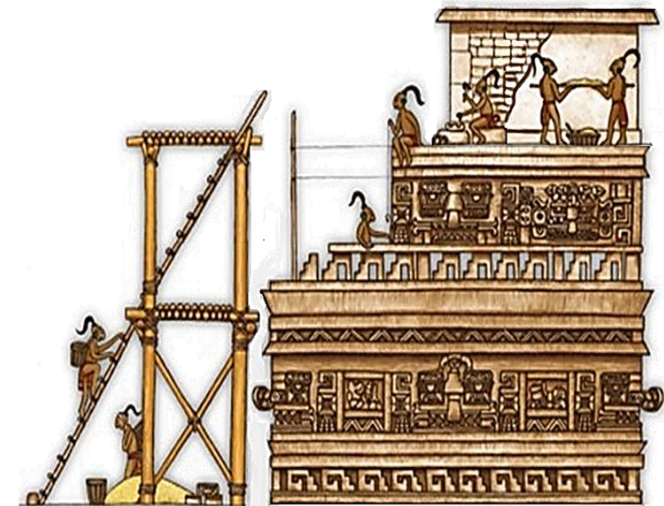
Students **\$5.00**
College Students &
Community Members **\$10.00**
Club Advisors **Free**



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Nocalquetzaliz Aztlán CONSTRUYENDO MI AZTLÁN CONSTRUCTING MY AZTLÁN



**6th PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL
District M.E.Ch.A. CONFERENCE**

September 25th 2015



Conference Schedule



Registration: 8:00 to 9:00

Morning Blessing: 9:00 to 9:15

Welcoming Assembly: 9:15 to 10:30

Social Media Break: 20 Min

Workshop Session I: 10:50 to 11:50

Workshop Session II: 12:00 to 1:00

Campus Lunch Caucus: 1:00 to 1:55

Closing Assembly: 2:05 to 2:55

WELCOMING ASSEMBLY

Maria Balanzar, MEChA President

John Biera, Central High Principal

Dr. Scribner, PUHSD Superintendent

MEChA Message, Congressman Ruben Gallego

Dr. Anita Fernández, Keynote Speaker



Dr. Fernández is the Director of Prescott College in Tucson, faculty in the Education Program and in the Masters' Program in Social Justice and Human Rights. She is also the co-founder and Director of XITO Institute, (Xican@ Institute for Teaching & Organizing) and the co-founder of La Tierra Community School. Dr. Fernandez is devoted to preparing activist teachers who are both compassionate and critical and put students' needs at the center of the curriculum.

Workshops

1. **MEChA 101: History, Regions, & Resolutions**
Cynthia Manjarez, Centro Aztlán Region Chair



2. **Doctrine of Discovery & Rights of Indigenous People**
Tupac Enrique, Director of the Tonatierra Nahuacali



3. **El Movimiento en Guadalupe**
Mayor Rebecca Jimenez, Guadalupe Town Mayor



4. **Nexus of Advocacy and Business**
Camen Conejo, CPLC Board of Directors Vice Chair & Lacey and Larkin Frontera Fund Program Manager



5. **Leadership and Student Power**
Supervisor Steve Gallardo, Maricopa Supervisor, District 5
Senator Martin Quezada, AZ State Senate, District #29



6. **Organizing for Immigration Reform**
Raquel Teran, Arizona State Director for Mi Familia Vota



7. **We Are Who We've Been Waiting For**
Lucero Beebe-Giudice, Director of the Latino Outreach Project at Arizona Education Association



8. **Cuitlacoche, Maiz, Chocolate y Nuestra Meza**
Chef Silvana Salcido Esparza, Owner of Barrio Café & Barrio Urbano Restaurants



9. **Xochipilli: LGBTQ Comunidades En Movimiento**
Alejandro Menchaca, Community Advocate
Cynthia Domenzain, Arcoiris Liberation Team



10. **Mobilizing Ancestral Knowledge Online**
Dr. Cueponcaxochitl Dianna Moreno Sandoval, Post-Doctoral Fellow in ASU's College of Education



11. **Transformational Solidarity: MEChA & #BlackLivesMatter**
Tia Oso, Black Alliance for Just Immigration National Organizer



12. **College Depot: Scholarships for our Scholars**
Silvia Valadez, College Access Advisor, College Depot
Robert Olmos, College Access Advisor, College Depot



13. **It's Not Graffiti: It's Our History!!!**
Angel Diaz, Arizona Muralist, Specializes in Pre-Columbian, Chicana/o and Low-rider Culture

Tlaxocamatli to Our Sponsors!

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CLOSING ASSEMBLY

Daisy Juarez, MEChA Vice President

Danza del Venado, Angel Carranza

Social Media Prizes, Carlos Robles

Civic Engagement Message, Stephanie Parra

Lalo Alcaraz, Closing Speaker



Lalo Alcaraz is the creator of the first nationally syndicated political Latino daily comic strip, "La Cucaracha." His work has appeared in the New York Times, Variety, NPR, and Rolling Stone Magazine. He is the co-host of KPFK Radio's "The Pocho Hour of Power," and co-founded POCHO Magazine and the political satire comedy group Chicano Secret Service. Currently Lalo is Consulting Producer and Writer on the Fox animated TV show "Bordertown" produced by Seth MacFarlane. Bordertown will air in January of 2016.