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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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 Nahuaecal

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 Martín 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-Guidice, 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, Chican@o and Low-rider Culture

Tlazocamatli to Our Sponsors!

Daisy Juarez, MEChA Vice President
Danza del Venado, Angel Carranza
Social Media Prizes, Carlos Robles
Civic Engagement Message, Stephanie Parra
Lalo Alcaraz, Closing Speaker