

PUENTE PROJECT NEWSLETTER



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UC SANTA BARBARA TRIP!





UCSB

It was a beautiful day at UC Santa Barbara (UCSB). For all the Puentistas, it was their first time visiting UCSB and for some, it was their first time visiting a UC. Puentistas received a transfer panel presentation followed by a campus tour. Puentistas concluded the trip by having lunch in Isla Vista and walking on the beach. Maria enjoyed the trip, saying "It was big and peaceful with the beach around the campus " Alexa is considering applying to UCSB, she says " I really enjoyed seeing the campus. It's was a really pretty place and everyone that I met was nice. Honestly, just the view and atmosphere of the school is making me consider applying." And Domonic now considers applying to UCSB "Yes, I do plan on applying to UCSB because they are ranked 2nd and 5th in Chemical Engineering."

The purpose of this trip was to expose our Puentistas to another college and now students are considering attending UCSB. This trip would have not been possible without the support of President Dorado. Thank you, Dr. Dorado! We hope that we can continue more and more college tours in the years to come! See more photos of our trip on the next page.



UC Santa Barbara



THE PUENTE PROJECT CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

NOCHE DE FAMILIA

Wednesday, May 18, 2022



Via Zoom



6:00 pm - 7:30 pm



2021-2022 PUENTISTAS



*Sophia Cardenas
Daisy Enriquez
Ruby Esparza
Bryan Lopez
Mack Cabral
Maria Magdalena*

*Alyssa Martinez
Amaryllis Mejia
Domonic Monge
Sara Palarz
Yasmeen Pradolopez
Ricky Pulido bernal II*

*Mariflor Ramos
Esli Rodriguez
Kate Sanchez
Alexa Segura
Ally Standart
Antonio Vega*

Noche de Familia is an event to honor family, friends, and advocates who have and are supporting the Puentistas through their educational journey. It is also a time where we present the benefits of Puente.

Puente Stole CEREMONY



Class of 2022

Congratulations, Puentistas! You did it!

Please come pick up your
Puente Stole between 3pm - 5pm in
Tech 110 on Wednesday, June 1st

Group Photo at 3:30pm

Contact Mr. Cedillos for more
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For the first time. The Puente Project will be facilitating a Puente Stole Ceremony. Felicidades, Puentistas! You did it!
Si Se Puede, Si Se Pudo!

THE PUENTE PROJECT'S

End of Year Celebration

Thursday • May 12, 2022 at 6 o'clock PM
Virtual event: [Click here to join via Zoom](#)

ALL STUDENTS, FAMILIES, FACULTY & STAFF
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND



MUSIC by DJ PROFESSOR SHADOW

Dr. Rob Rubalcaba teaches math at San Diego City Community College, bringing math concepts to life through hip hop music to connect with students in a real way. He also brings students into the community space by inviting them to work on assignments while he spins records.

POETRY by SARA BORJAS

Sara Borjas is the author of *Heart Like a Window, Mouth Like a Cliff* (Noemi Press, 2019), winner of an American Book Award. Sara was named one of Poets & Writers 2019 Debut Poets, is a 2017 CantoMundo Fellow, and the recipient of the 2014 Blue Mesa Poetry Prize. She teaches in the creative writing department at University of California–Riverside and serves as faculty for the UC Riverside-Puente Writers Conference.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ

Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D., is the Chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), the largest community college district in the nation. Dr. Rodriguez has dedicated his career to high-quality public education and championing equity and inclusion, diversity, and outreach to under-resourced communities.

Dr. Rodriguez is a first-generation, English-language learner, and proud son of immigrant factory workers. He credits his parents for instilling in him a strong work ethic, faith and resiliency.

Chancellor Rodriguez!

NEW PUENTE LOGO



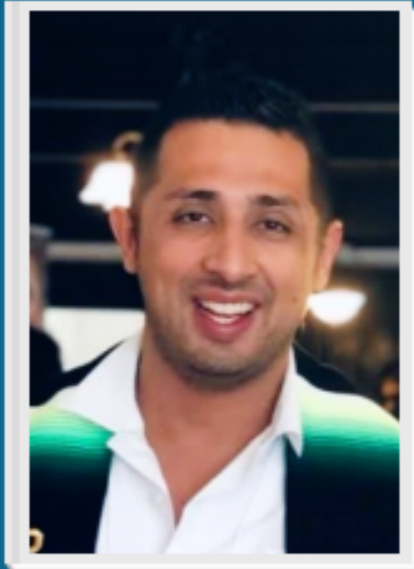
Our Logo

For more than 40 years, The Puente Project has created safe spaces, critical thinkers, dynamic leaders, community organizers, social justice warriors, life-long learners, and agents of change. Our mission continues to be to increase the number of educationally underrepresented students who enroll in four-year colleges and universities, earn college degrees, and return to the community as mentors and leaders to future generations.

As our Puente community has grown, we see more and more Puentistas returning. We see Puentistas as educators, as elected officials, as authors telling our stories, as scientists and researchers. And most importantly, we see Puentistas reaching back to lift as they climb. We see Puente's mission and purpose alive and thriving in our communities.

So, in 2022, The Puente Project logo has been refreshed for the first time since its inception. The font has been updated to a larger, bold typeface meant to symbolize a strong foundation that supports the iconic Puente bridge. The original bridge represented the connection between classrooms and communities. And now, we have added a second bridge to represent more than 40 years of Puente Project alumni who continue to return to their communities as mentors and leaders to future generations. These connections flow in both directions and support each other. We are truly stronger together.

Meet the Puente Counselor



Mauricio Cedillos

Connect with me!

Virtual or In-Person



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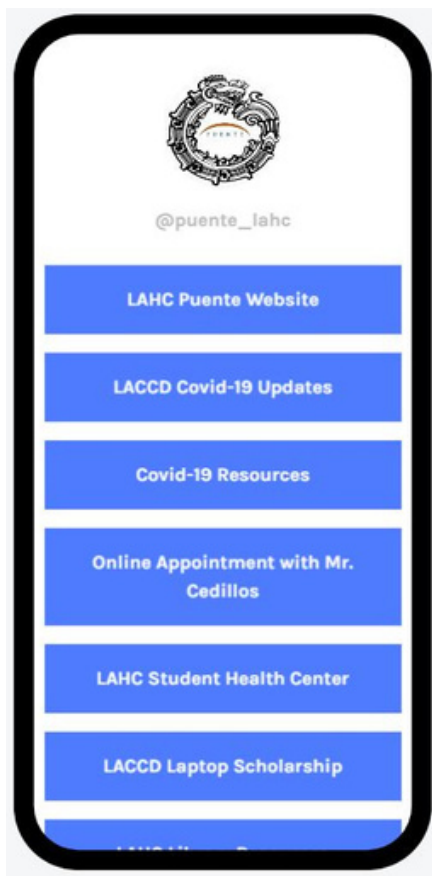
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*Connect with
Mr. Cedillos*

Mr. Cedillos is available for online counseling and in-person. Please email Mr. Cedillos to schedule an appointment.



The Puente Shell on Canvas has gone live! Students who are on phase 3 (post-Puente) have been added to Canvas. Puente Canvas will be utilized to support students virtually



To make this transition easier for students. Puente LAHC has created a LinkTree to access resources and services via Instagram. Resources and services include online counseling, LACCD COVID-19 updates, LAHC Student Health Center, and more. Please visit @puente_lahc on Instagram and click the bio page to discover the LinkTree. The LinkTree is updated monthly.

The Puente Project thanks you for your continued support

Please follow us via Instagram @puente_lahc to receive daily LAHC Puente news and activity.



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