

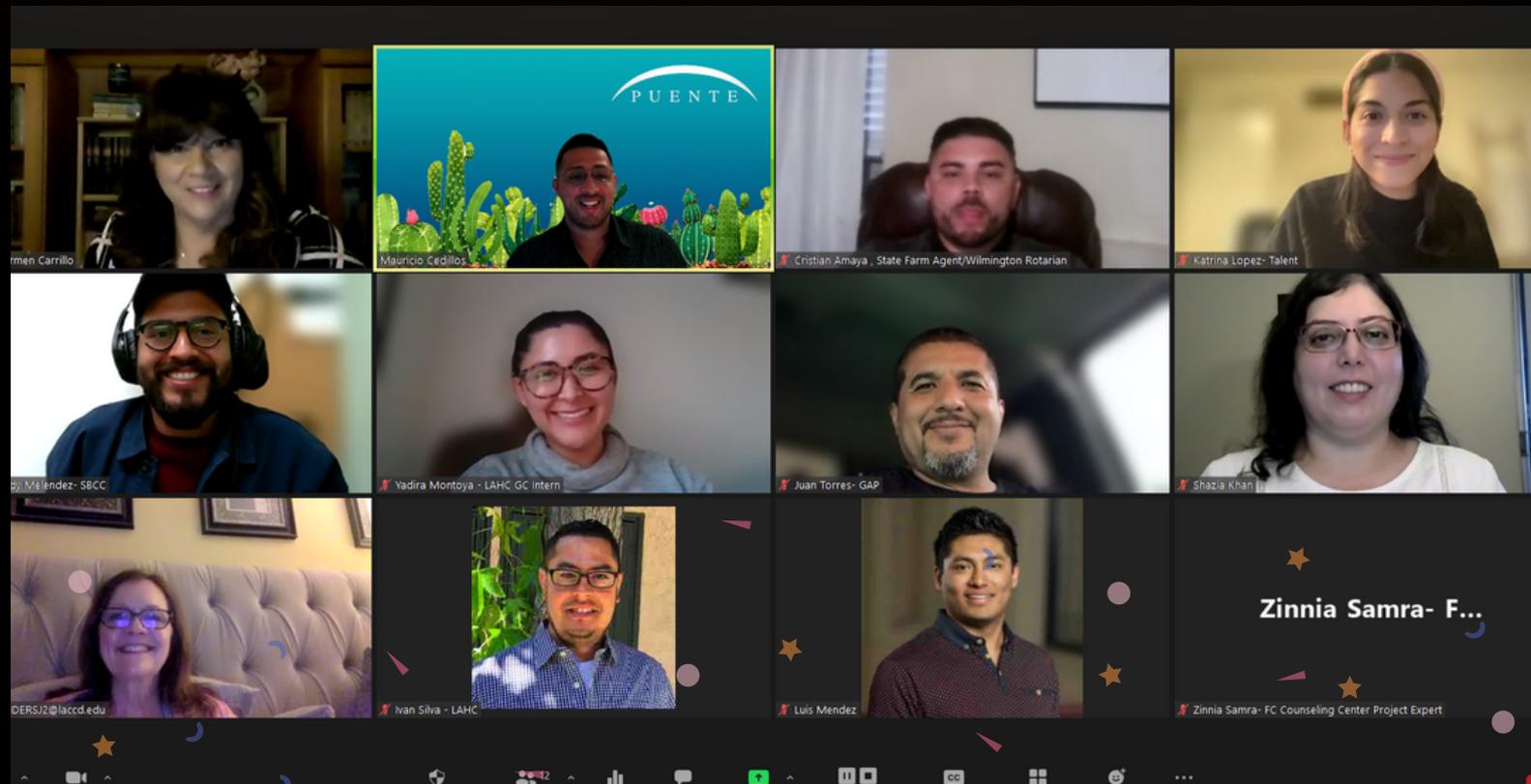
# PUENTE PROJECT NEWSLETTER



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## MEET THE PUENTE MENTORS



# MENTORING

The Puente Project launched their 3rd component Mentoring. Professor Carrillo and Mr. Cedillos facilitated a training to the the new and returning mentors. The goal of the mentor is to motivate the mentee to build the life skills needed for their future success as college students and ultimately can come back and give back to their communities.

A week later, both Professor Carrillo and Mr. Cedillos facilitated a Mentor-Mentee Mixer. During this mixer, Mentors and Mentees met for the first time, exchange contact information and schedule a 1 on 1 session.



# 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.

# UC SANTA BARBARA HERE WE COME!



On Friday, April 15. Puentistas will be departing to the UC Santa Barbara for a College Tour and EOPS Presentation.



# PUENTE ACADEMY CONFERENCES

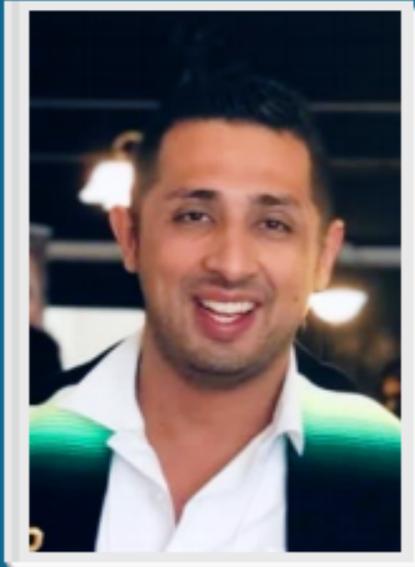


PUENTE SCHOLARSHIPS SUMMER PROGRAMS AT UC RIVERSIDE. OUR PHASE 2 PUENTISTAS APPLIED TO BE IN STEM ACADEMY WHERE FOCUS ON STEM DEVELOPMENT AND CAREER EXPLORATION WHILE BUILDING MATH AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS.

PUENTISTAS ALSO APPLIED TO WRITERS CONFERENCE WHERE FOCUSES ON BUILDING SKILLS THROUGH WRITING WORKSHOPS IN FICTION, POETRY, AND CREATIVE NON-FICTION.

THE CONFERENCES PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH CONNECTIONS WITH PUENTE STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, LEARN/PRACTICE VALUABLE SKILLS, AND EXPERIENCE RESIDENTIAL LIFE AT UCR AT NO COST TO PARTICIPANTS. UCR AND PUENTE PROVIDE ALL MEALS, TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, AND CONFERENCE MATERIALS LETS HOPE OUR LAHC PUENTISTAS GET IN!

# Meet the Puente Counselor



**Mauricio Cedillos**

Connect with me!

**Virtual or In-Person**



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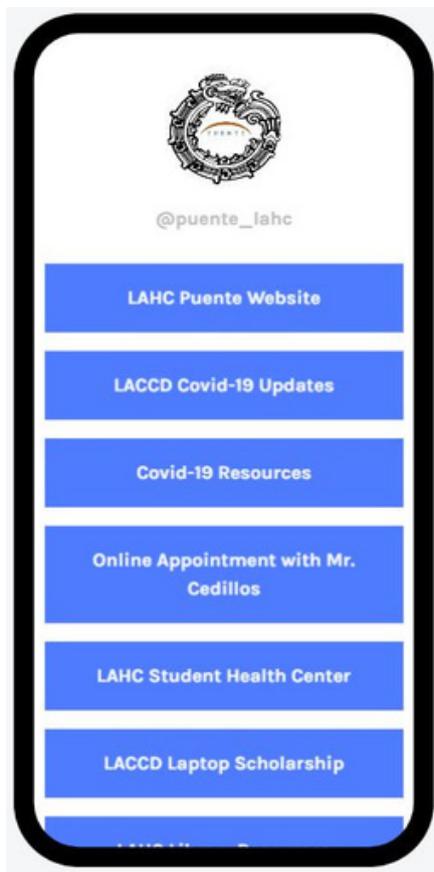
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*Connect with  
Mr. Cedillos*

**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.

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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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