2022 Chicanx and Latinx Graduation Celebration
May 19, 2022
The Chicanx and Latinx Graduation Committee is excited to welcome the 2022 CSUMB graduates. We are proud of the hard work, dedication, achievements, and perseverance of the graduates of CSUMB. These last two years have created various challenges for college students. Nonetheless, you have done it! You have accomplished something that is incredibly difficult. You have earned your college degree. The road could not have been paved without the beautiful support of families, supporters, friends, and mentors.

This year we celebrate the brilliance, experiences, talents, and accomplishments of our Latinx graduates. We wish you joy, power, and the best on your journeys. You are the future, paving the road and shining in power and resilience. Si se pudo!

The “X” in Latinx and Chicanx:
The “X” in Latinx and Chicanx is an inclusive term that centers the stories and experiences of all within our community and asserts that not everyone identifies within the gender binary. This is an empowering alternative to a gendered and racialized understanding of identity that celebrates the power of gender non-binary, trans*, and queer communities.
AGENDA

Welcome
Presidential Welcome
Keynote Speaker
Cultural Performance
Student Keynote Speaker
Graduate Recognition
Closing

PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME

Dr. Eduardo M. Ochoa

Eduardo M. Ochoa grew up in Buenos Aires, Argentina, before moving to Portland, Oregon, with his family while in high school. He has earned degrees in physics, nuclear science, and economics from Reed College, Columbia University, and the New School for Social Research, respectively. He has worked as an engineer, as a faculty member and academic administrator, and as assistant secretary for postsecondary education in the Obama Administration.
Dr. Omar Murillo is the Vice President for Mission College. He is originally from Salinas, CA and an alumni of CSU Monterey Bay in Liberal Studies with a Spanish minor. Dr. Murillo earned his Master’s in Education from San José State University and his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from San Francisco State University.

He has over 15 years of experience working in various institutions of higher education, including CSUMB where he worked in the TRIO programs helping first generation, low-income students and their families navigate the college process. Dr. Murillo prides himself on being student-centered and facilitating authentic connections with students, staff, faculty, and administrators.

Aside from his educational work, Dr. Murillo has volunteered his time as a non-profit board member for the Alisal Center for the Fine Arts (ACFA) in Salinas, CA and as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).
Based out of East Salinas’ Alisal Center for the Fine Arts, Alma y Tradición dance program focuses on traditional and creative dances with historical context from Mexico. Instructors use performing arts training to enrich, inspire, and transform the lives of students.

Alma y Tradición believes that dance education is rooted with discipline, creativity, self confidence, and cultural competence that empowers individuals to improve their quality of life. Students performing this evening are in middle school and high school. Alma y Tradición’s students are passionate about dance and have been resilient in practicing their craft during these challenging times.
Trinidad Berenice Morales Garza was born in King City, California, a small town in Monterey County. She was raised among the endless rows of agricultural life that nourish and sustain so many in this country. Berenice is a proud Chicana daughter of a single mother, she is a little and big sister to five siblings. Berenice is an active campus leader, transfer student, honor student and will be a first-generation graduate majoring in Social and Behavioral Sciences with a concentration in Sociology.

Berenice holds various student leadership positions on campus including being a Residential Advisor, Peer Mentor, Club Officer and an Assistant to Associated Students. In her student leader roles, she is a constant advocate for her community. She is a strong believer in creating stronger support systems and educational access for other Latinx students and has committed herself to help support first year and transfer students as well as her own community.
Class of 2022
Graduate Recognition

An * indicates first generation grad

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

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Dr. Christine Rosales is an Assistant Professor at CSU Monterey Bay. She is a social-community psychologist, interdisciplinary scholar, activist, and freedom dreamer. Dr. Rosales received her PhD from UC Santa Cruz in Social Psychology. Her primary research interests concern everyday forms of resistance against oppression and other-world-making, especially as engaged in by women and Communities of Color. Her goals are to intertwine risk with others (i.e. solidarity) in social justice struggles, educate, build, and work towards realities outside of capitalism, patriarchy, settler colonialism, white supremacy, ableism, etc.
Dr. Renee Penalver is an Assistant Professor at CSU Monterey Bay. She is an amazing example of first-generation transfer success. Dr. Penalver received her PhD in Social Cognitive Neuroscience from the University of Texas at El Paso. Her love for STEM is exuded through her research in the areas of bilingual cognition, and community-engaged scholarship in Cognitive Psychology as she uses this data to empower others. Throughout her professional career, she has devoted herself to being an advocate for all and continues to support students through her teaching and research opportunities. As a person who is driven by her community, Dr. Penalver is known for her dedication in helping others reach upward social mobility and creating a more inclusive society.
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